

# NEHA R. SHARMA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### RELIANCE JEWELS KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

#### Regional Head of Design | Aug 2021 - present

- Overall Regional Design responsibility in terms of Research, Design and Proto Development for East and North regions
- Overall responsibility of select Pan India Collections.
- P&L and T&D responsibility of Regional Design team in close coordination with HO
- Instrumental in conceptualisation and proto development of the Youth Format at Reliance Jewels
- Instrumental in introduction of relevant products for Regional Refresher Lines which has led to repeat orders
- Won Retail Jeweller India Award 2022 for Millenial Jewellery at Mumbai

#### **CONTRACT DESIGNER & DESIGN CONSULTANT**

#### 2015 - 2021

- Concept-Design Development- Manufacturing of Accessories for Dries Van Noten since 2015.
- Market ready Brand Development in the sustainable space for Arte- Alter, Calcutta (2018 -present)

#### THE JADE TREE KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

#### Partner & Head of Design | Sep 2010 - 2021

- In-charge of overall creative direction of the brand from its inception by balancing artistic innovation, profitability and nurturing sustainability-through design and management.
- Lead, manage and motivate a team of 16 artisans to achieve maximum efficiency from "design" to "shelves" in a lean mode.
- "Actively" listen to end users about recommendations and changes in designs and product and implement those changes for strategic growth of the brand.

## INTRODUCTION

I am a jewellery artist who has been conceptualising & creating statement pieces with semi-precious stones. My creations have received great admiration and acceptance from my clients, both local & global (including celebrities). I am adaptive, perceptive & confident and I can fit into the line of mainstream jewellery and accessories with ease. I am also a keen educator in my area of specialisation and take immense pride in the art of education and training.

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## **DESIGNER PORTFOLIO**

Available on request

## SKILL SET

- Conceptualising & Designing
- Product Development
- Gemmology
- Diamond Identification
- Jewellery Manufacturing Techniques
- Costume Jewellery
- Embroidery

## ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **DRIES VAN NOTEN-PARIS FASHION WEEK**

2017-2022 (Women)- Contract Designer for Jewellery, Bags and Capsule Collection

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY

Jury Member | Graduation Project-Jewellery 2018

#### **INDIA TODAY**

Cover Story- Sept, 2015 | Trinket Trove - By Malini Banerjee

#### CIMA-ART IN LIFE- 2019 & 2015

Participant | the only Jewellery Artist

#### **SALON DU CHOCOLAT - ZURICH&PARIS (2014)** Participant | the only Jewellery Artist

LAKME FASHION WEEK - WINTER FESTIVE (2012) SOLO SHOW-1st attempt

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY KOLKATA, WEST BENGAL, INDIA

#### Guest Faculty | Aug 2018 - 2021

- Jewellery Basics- Jewellery through the ages, Gem Identification, Diamonds- Basic identification and 4Cs
- Jewellery Design-Sketching and Rendering, Developing a theme based jewellery collection
- Costume Jewellery- Material Exploration, Basic Jewellery Manufacturing Techniques
- Couture Jewellery Project- Developing a jewellery collection based on client specifications. Exploring high-end fine jewellery
- Special Lectures MFM-Overview of the jewellery market in India and the world.

#### STERLING ORNAMENTS PVT. LTD NOIDA, NCR, INDIA

#### Design Consultant | Apr 2008 - Jul 2008

- Designed in accordance with International Market parameters.
- Pitched designs, both in-house as well as custom made, to international clients.
- Sold successfully 2 collections and advised the marketing team to achieve growth in secondary sales.
- Assisted the marketing team in making promotional material for pitching to clients.

## COLLABORATIONS

#### • IVORY HUES by MANJU SINHA (2013 - 2021)

Developed Jewellery Collections in collaboration with the renowned Porcelain Artist

• ARTE- ALTER (2018-2021)

Artistic collaboration with focus on brand building and social media/Online presence

#### • SHAMLU DUDEJA- Kantha revivalist, Chairperson of SHE

Developed Jewellery Collection for a show commemorating 30 Years of Kantha. (Oct, 2016)

## ACADEMIC PURSUITS

- 2009-2010 : PGD in Human Resource Management- Symbiosis University, Pune, India
- 2008-2009 : PG in Decorative Arts Nottingham Trent University, UK
- 2008: Certificate in Industry Oriented Design- Indian Institute of Gems & Jewellery, New Delhi, India
- 2006-2007: Diploma in Jewellery Designing & Technology -ENSIGN, KVIC, Government of India, New Delhi, India
- 2002-2005: Bachelor of Arts Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University, New Delhi, India

#### JEWELS OF INDIA NEW DELHI, INDIA

#### Design & Marketing Head- Project | June 2011 - Jan 2012

- Coordinated with various departments to ensure success for the project in terms of designing, marketing
- Supervised sales for the entire project and attained profitability.
- Trained the in-house design and marketing teams in understanding the project scope and its deliverables.

#### Designer & Store Manager | Jun 2007 - Nov 2007

- Supervised Store Operations which included maintenance, inventory management to sales and attending walk-ins
- Designed jewellery as per brief and inventory
- Visual Merchandising and in-store marketing advisory management

- GARO (Lakme Fashion Week: Winter-Festive 2016) Developed Earrings and Embroidered Cuffs for the show
- **KHEM** (*Lakme Fashion Week: Winter-Festive 2015*) Developed Necklaces and Bracelets for the show
- **GARO** (Lakme Fashion Week: Summer-Resort 2013) Developed Bib Necklaces for the show

## **OTHER INTERESTS**

- Music: Listening & Singing (Formally Trained)
- Travel
- Architecture

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
- HINDI (ADVANCED)