

Akshay Chaturvedi, Founder & CEO, LeverageEdu

*Akshay* is the creator and driving force behind one of India's fastest growing startups *LeverageEdu* - which empowers students across India to choose the best-matched career & higher education options, with one-touch access to personalised mentors and leading global universities.

The company initially began as a higher education mentorship marketplace in Silicon Valley's Draper University's 2015 cohort, & formally launched in early 2017. Leverage Edu's technology-powered higher education & career guidance ecosystem includes a full stack service, using AI to help students work with best-matched mentors from around the world in personalized career workshops. It's product suite includes the LeverageEdu information platform that gets over a million unique users every month (www.leverageedu.com), Univalley - which helps Universities with a host of student engagement solutions (www.univalley.com) & gives students access to vetted programs, UniConnect - world's leading online education fair platform that helps 100+ universities and students connect with each other to find best matched higher education options in a virtual setting (www.uniconnect.leverageedu.com), & LeverageLive - which is democratising access to best teachers in a live classes format for GMAT, GRE, SAT, IELTS & TOEFL exams (www.live.leverageedu.com).

As Leverage Edu's Founder & CEO, Akshay leads a spirited 100 people+ team spread across 5 cities Delhi, Bangalore, Bombay, Hyderabad & Ahmedabad, with its HQ in Defence Colony, New Delhi.

Fellow of Draper University in Silicon Valley, MBA from ISB Hyderabad & a commerce graduate from SGGSCC, Delhi University, Akshay has worked across multiple spokes of the business/tech ecosystem in the last decade. He has strong views on democratization of

education, careers and mentorship, and is missionary about being able to transform millions of families' lives by doing that.

## Recognition:

- Forbes India 30Under30 (Jan 2020)
- Forbes Asia 30Under30 (April 2020)
- CNBC Young Turk (August 2019)
- Winner of TiE Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards (October 2019)
- Winner of BusinessWorld Techtors Award / Top Tech Entrepreneurs to Watch Out For (March 2020)
- Selected as Prime Minister's Champions' of Change; worked closely with Niti Aayog on Higher Education policy framework
- Speaker at prominent events:
  - FICCI,
  - PHD Chambers of Commerce
  - WEF
  - EdtechX Europe
  - WISE
  - & more across technology & Govt ecosystem.
- World Economic Forum 'Global Shaper', represented India in Kazakhstan
- TEDx Speaker (two-time)
- ISB Hyderabad MBA > part of top 1% of graduating class, given Young Leader Award
- Draper Fellowship in Silicon Valley selected by Tim Draper of DFJ Ventures (famous for its investments in Hotmail, Skype, Tesla, Baidu)

Leverage Edu & it's founder Akshay Chaturvedi, identify with India's vision of democratising access to learning and education for its 130 crore population. The company counts marquee investors like DSG Consumer Partners, Blume Ventures and prominent entrepreneurs & business builders from India & Silicon Valley amongst its backers. It's work has been widely featured across top media outlets including BBC, WSJ, Forbes, CNBC, Business Insider, Voice Of America, Mint, Business Today, Economic Times, Entrepreneur, Business Standard, Business World, Rajya Sabha TV, India Today, Financial Express, and others.

