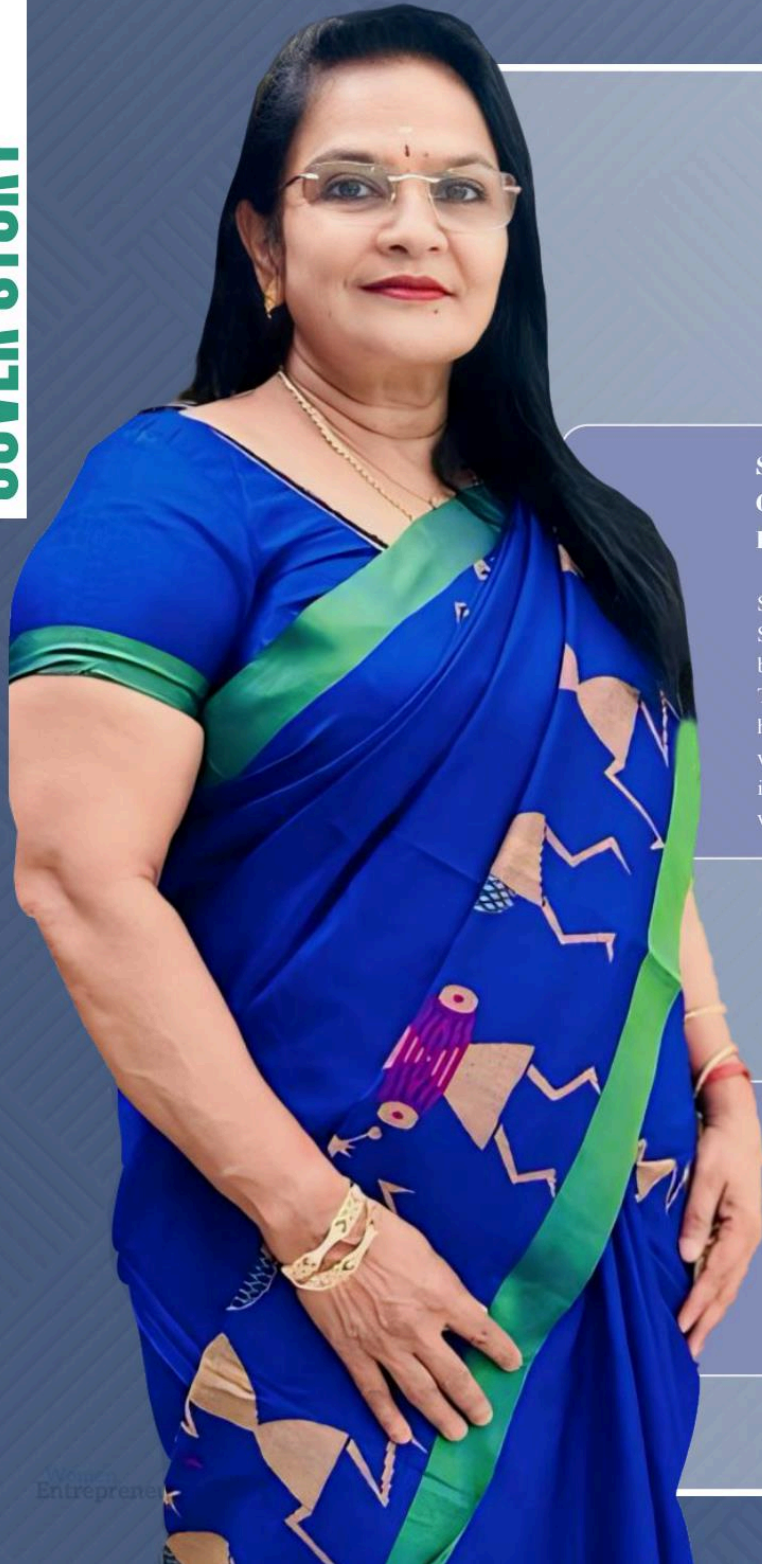


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**SUGUNA GNANA,  
CEO,  
BEST OF BREED SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS**

Suguna Gnana, CEO of Best of Breed Software Solutions, a visionary leader with a background in nursing and Indian Army service. Transitioning to entrepreneurship after her husband's passing, she drives BBSL's success with strategic leadership and a commitment to innovation, empowering women in tech along the way.

**Awards of Recognitions won so far:**

- *Business Women of the year, 2023, The CEO Magazine*
- *Implementation Partner Award*
- *Delhi APEA Award*
- *Infosys Partner Award*
- *Finacle SAAS Partner of the Year Award*

# SUGUNA GNANA

## A MAESTRO OF WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN TECH REALM

By Deepshikha Singh

**T**he ascent of successful women leaders across various industries marks a significant stride towards gender equality in the professional sphere. Among these remarkable individuals stands Suguna Gnana, a beacon of inspiration and resilience in the realm of business leadership.

Hailing from a typical Indian middle-class family, Suguna's journey to leadership was paved with obstacles. Despite being one of eight siblings, she defied the odds and pursued higher education, initially in nursing at a government institution. Her path eventually led her to serve in the Indian Military, where she retired as a Major, demonstrating her commitment and determination in challenging environments.

Her transition into the corporate world was through her business mentor and husband Gnanasekar when she was heading HR and Finance at BBSSL. However, it took an unexpected turn with the untimely passing of him led her to take the CEO mantle of BBSSL. Faced with adversity, Suguna found strength in the responsibility she bore for the livelihoods of hundreds of employees dependent on their company. Motivated by this realization, she embraced entrepreneurship, determined to carry forward their legacy and lead the company to greater heights.

Her decision to pursue a management course at the prestigious IIM-B was not only a testament to her resilience but also a tribute to her late husband's unwavering support and encouragement. The knowledge and skills acquired during her time at IIM-B have been instrumental in her journey as a business leader.