

**M**unjal Rangwala, CEO of Harsha-Abakus Solar Private Limited, believes in fulfilling his obligations to society. He makes time in his busy schedule to pitch in with an NGO to help resolve power problems and provide solar solutions in the tribal areas of Gujarat. An animal lover, he also believes in treating animals with respect and supports several animal shelters.

After completing his master's in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University, Rangwala joined Accenture, a business consulting firm, where he advised clients on green supply chain management, product life cycle management and innovation management. In 1972, he joined the family business, Harsha Engineers Limited. Subsequently, he branched out and founded Harsha-Abakus Solar, a joint venture between Harsha Engineers and Abakus Solar of Germany. The company provides engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) services to the solar photovoltaic (PV) industry, and Munjal is responsible for business development and strategy.

So what attracted him to the renewable energy industry? "I had the chance to understand the crux of the sector while working on the green supply chain projects at Accenture. I wanted to be a part of the revolution that would not only transform large companies but also change single-family households," he says. "This is a budding industry all around the world and is an exciting field to work in. There is no set business model and we have to



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reinvent ourselves every couple of months."

Talking about Harsha-Abakus's growth prospects, he says the company is aiming to achieve 1-1.5 GW capacity per year starting next year. He also hopes to be able to invest more time and effort in creating innovative solutions for small-scale and rooftop projects, where he believes the future of the company lies.

Munjal has a high regard for Ratan Tata for having built a global company and admires tennis ace Roger Federer for his discipline and perseverance. He is yet to master the art of achieving a perfect work-life balance. He does take short breaks every now and then to spend time with his family. He also enjoys watching Twenty20 cricket, and follows tennis and American football.

Munjal misses the carefree lifestyle of his early days. "My fondest childhood memories are those of unstructured evenings, weekends and vacations spent playing endless cricket, riding our bicycles and doing things we liked," he recalls. ■