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GARGI MISHRA

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Country: South Africa

"My introduction to the industry was through the movie Jurassic Park. I wanted to study palaeontology so I joined geology, which was offered at only one college in Delhi. On my first day we were introduced to the magical world of minerals under the microscope. It was love at first sight, so mining was an obvious career choice."

After 16 years in mining and exploration, venturing to remote exploration camps and mine sites in Canada, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho, Australia, and India, Gargi Mishra knows a few things about multicultural work environments.

"I have learned the power of empathy, patience and respecting everyone's values through years of working in cross-cultural, multi-diverse settings," says Gargi, who has managed and trained teams on technology, digitalisation, and innovation.

These days, Gargi's focus is on enabling innovation in Africa. A field geologist and trained kimberlite petrologist, she draws on experience across the mining value chain to help clients innovate new and better ways to work. Like many people passionate about mining, she believes the industry is ripe for innovation, starting with the educational entry-paths that lead to mining.

"Our future workforce is in school or at university and if we aren't yet thinking about changing their curriculum to be future-ready, we've already set ourselves up for the major challenge," she says.

