

### **Mr. Aakash Nambiar**

Aakash Nambiar, 28, native of Kerala, settled in Bangalore is an engineer and MBA graduate. He works in a US based MNC as a social media community manager. Sports is his passion from childhood, having played for school, college, district and university in cricket. In 2013, he started running which he never dreamt of. Meeting the supermodel, actor and marathon runner was the turning point of his life. He introduced him to Pinkathon, India's largest women only run. He was appointed as the Pinkathon Ambassador in Bangalore in 2013. He ran his first 10km and 21km in 2014 and next year he was able to do his first full marathon (42.2km). They also started training visually impaired, hearing impaired women for running. Last year he took part in Mera Terah run, an initiative by Jagadish Damania. Mera Terah Run is a collective that picks socially relevant causes every year and combines awareness-building and fund-raising to support these causes via a novel and interesting method of running a half marathon on 13 consecutive days. In 2015, he celebrated New Year by running from Bangalore to Mysore barefoot along with Milind Soman and 5 other runners to promote Pinkathon and also to spread awareness about breast cancer. When Bangalore was affected by worst summer of the decade, he started a campaign called "MARK YOU BARK". The concept was simple where each person plants a sapling. With around 300 saplings planted, it created awareness among people. After all these learning experiences, he has decided to combine his knowledge on running and awareness on various social causes.

### **Mr. Abhishek Joshi**

Abhishek Joshi is passionate to create an impact and to change the socio-economic landscape of unexplored India, by connecting people with people. He is a traveller, thinker and founder of "Lets Travel for a Cause". With over twelve years of experience in corporate sector, he has successfully worked in leadership roles in the area of strategic HR, leadership development and Learning & Development in the corporate sector. In social sector he has worked passionately in the area of Micro-savings and financial literacy. He is following his passion to fulfil his mission "Spread Happiness Through my Actions (karma)" through his social entrepreneurship venture called "Let's Travel for a Cause". "Let's Travel for a Cause" is one unique solution or a start point to initiate change within the society. It is based on a fundamental question, is there a way in which humans can help humans by simply connecting with each other and generate livelihood opportunities for lesser privileged and increase overall socio – economic state of the community?

### **Mr. Abhishek Srivastva**

Abhishek Srivastva has a total experience of more than 16 years in Quality Management System and awarded for Business Excellence in Quality & Services from Future of India. Abhishek, holding a Mechanical Engineer degree and an MBA is an Auditor in ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001, TS 16949 & ISO/ IEC 17025:2005. He is also Certified Six Sigma Black Belt. In his 16 years carrier Abhishek has served national and international organizations such as LG Electronics, Rockwell Industries before coming to consulting and auditing field. He has applied his skills, developed and implemented Quality & Environmental Management System in Automotive, Engineering and Service Sector organizations. He is currently assisting in implementation of NABL, NABH, QMS, EMS, OHSAS, TS 16949, ISO standard apart from the consultancy. He has a good control over

training in different standards like NABL, PPAP, APQP, MSA, Lean, Kaizen, 5S, 7QC Tools, SFMEA, EFMEA, PFMEA and Process development. Abhishek has developed and implemented Quality Assurance system for a range of industries. He provides End to End Solution to come out from Quality Problems. He draws on a wide range of experience and is therefore able to swiftly deliver solutions targeted at client's specific requirements.

#### **Mr. Adit Mittal**

Adit Mittal is a student of 7<sup>th</sup> standard, studying in Kothari International School, Noida. He is theist, GOD fearing and firm believer of Karma mixed with Destiny. He is an animal lover and feels bad when he sees some old aged person/ small kids at road side begging. He wishes that God gives him that kind of power and makes him a good human being who can support everyone in need. Considering this as his social responsibility, he has got associated with his father's organization named ITCONS e-Solutions Pvt. Ltd. as CSRO while studying.

#### **Mr. A. S. Patil**

Patil believes in Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas with a sense of responsibility, honesty and reliability and service to needy people for better world and society. He believes in actions rather than words and appreciations.

#### **Ms. Aileen Savina Marques**

“Heal the world, make it a better place for you and for me and the entire human race” is the lyrics of Michael Jackson's song that Aileen grew up listening to. Indeed as social engineers and as social doctors, they are called to heal this world and make it a better place, if we care enough. She felt inspired by the cry that this song evokes, a cry for Justice. Fortunate to have socially conscious parents, the aspiration to serve society was enkindled from childhood. When she got admission to St. Xavier's College, the mission of the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) “I was born in an unjust society and I am determined not to leave it as I found it” seemed synonymous to her vision for a better world. Law seemed the most viable option for her. She felt it would help her look beyond problems and see the solutions and find ways to make those solutions happen and change something for the better. Her association with various governmental and non-governmental initiatives in the field of child rights and human rights since past 12 years has taught her that empowerment is the key to societal transformation. Varied experience of dealing with cases of spousal violence, child abuse, child trafficking, etc. has helped her evolve training modules based on the socio-legal analysis of abuse, violence and exploitation. Having conducted trainings for school principals, teachers, students, community-women, media personnel, government officials, advocates and judges, she presently associated with governmental agencies under the

Ministry of Women and Child Development for conducting trainings for the Western Region (India).

**Mr. Akhil Sharma**

Akhil Sharma is a seasoned digital marketer, strategist and innovator. He is a serial entrepreneur and is currently working on his two start-ups: Yoghurt, simplifying predictive analytics through innovation and disruption. MittiDi, start-up focusing on innovation around farming tourism and helping the farmers to earn more income without leaving their village. He had graduated from prestigious Marine College, Kolkata and served in Merchant Navy for quite a while. He has worked for more than a decade in industry from small scale to MNC's like Adobe in various Digital marketing and leadership capacity. He has created a new science and possibilities which will open up due to application of Laws of Physics and Chemistry to the mathematical data modelling. Currently he is working on advanced research level in Chaos Theory, Probability and Psychohistory field of Science. He loves working on future technologies and simplifying and making them accessible for everyone. He believes that real power and usage of any innovation or technology will come when they are available and simple enough for everyone to use. His passion is innovation, farming and helping mentor new age entrepreneurs. He loves helping new age entrepreneurs to overcome their fear of failure and start following their dreams. He has already given seminars on the "Art of Failure and Learning" across various places and universities in India. He loves acquiring knowledge from any possible source and is already a keen reader with books/ articles/ journals ranging from our Vedas/ Upanishads to modern science and journals by different scientific societies across the world.

**Mr. Aman Kumar**

Aman is an average 26 year old trying to find out the meaning of life. It might sound like a cliché but it's quite true for him! But he is just like us, like any 26 yearz old human on earth. He has done his schooling from Delhi Public School, Patna and engineering from SRM University in Chennai. He was placed in a software company called Capgemini and worked at its Hyderabad campus for 2 years in the Mainframe technology for an American insurance client. He prepared for MBA and secured 98 percentile and got a call from Narsee Monjee College but unfortunately could not convert the Mumbai campus. He got the Bangalore campus which is also quite decent but he decided to come back to his hometown when his doctor told him that he would have to undergo an open heart surgery in the next one or two years. He has started his life afresh and now planning to start up a new business in his hometown, Patna. This turn of events was not expected for him and he was not prepared for it. But he has made up his mind and he is ready to face any challenge that comes across his life and knock it down.

### **Mr. Aman Vaidya**

Aman is a B.Tech graduate from beautiful place Dharmshala (Himachal Pradesh) who is an eternal learner of life. Aman is co-founder of [idishoom.com](http://idishoom.com) with one motto that truth shall be delivered, no matter how hard hitting it is. Aman loves spending time with family and friends, listening to music and has a great interest in technology. He looks up to his father and his way of living life with truth and selfishness.

### **Mr. Amit Singh**

Idea that all human beings are equal in dignity and rights has propelled him on the path Amit is today. Inspired by the ideas of his mother, Smt. Vijay Laxmi Singh, advocacy for Human rights is Amit's passion and mission. His play ground is whole world. From jailed refugees in Thailand to discriminated minorities in Norway; from marginalized communities in India to political prisoners in China - all has been his concern. In the struggle for social justice and human rights, he stands for voiceless people no matter wherever they are. In India he is involved in NGOs working on human rights and social development. He provides free consultancy to them. Also, he regularly highlights human right issues through his opinion columns in news portals such as Oslo Times, Differenttruths.com, etc. He strongly believes that everyone has right to enjoy absolute health and a beautiful mind. This goal he has tried to achieve by promulgating the science of yoga among refugees, youth, sick and restless. Empowering people through human rights and energizing their minds through yoga has been his guiding light. He believes the world would be a better and healthier place if human rights are respected and yoga practiced.

### **Ms. Ananya Nanda**

Ananya Nanda, a student in Delhi University has aspirations of changing the world by pursuing International Relations, adding to her Political Science Honors degree. She is not only academically smart, but also towards others needs and liberal in her mindset. This sensitivity made her become the co-founder of [www.idishoom.com](http://www.idishoom.com) which is a whistle blowing website, the first ever, in India. Along with her passion for geopolitics, she is an avid debater, singer and writes consistently for her blog *Grey Matter Global*. A remarkable student and an excellent all rounder, she has everything that is needed to make an impact in the world today and goes on to exemplify the change she wishes to see is actually within her.

### **Dr. Anil Abbi**

Dr. Anil Abbi works with Tropical Research and Development Centre (TRDC) ([www.trdcindia.org](http://www.trdcindia.org)), a non-profit established in 1994. He is based out of Bangalore, India and has been with TRDC since 1998. He studied Hydro-Geology for his doctoral program in 1991 and worked with various international development agencies to support their Natural resource and sustainable livelihood programs. Currently he is involved with natural resource

conservation program in Western Ghats regions of Karnataka and their main focus is on water and biodiversity conservation in vast foliage forest or leafy forest lands which are highly degraded. They also restore lakes in Bangalore City. He is also involved in children education program in Haveri District of Karnataka since 1998 to till date and supported more than 30000 children in mainstreaming with formal schooling. His interest is in bird and wildlife photography and supporting wildlife conservation efforts.

### **Ms. Anjali Verma**

Anjali Verma is an HR professional. Having worked with multinational companies, she learnt a lot, made mistakes but fortunately had good bosses to support her and teach her the basics which has helped her a great deal. She has been a part of change initiatives in the organisations she worked with and attended international HR summits which gave her a lot of insight to the Human Resource Management. She loves challenges and loves solving problems. She believes in change and she is certain that if everyone feels that we all change for the better; we can create a better world with better mindset.

### **Mr. Ankit Kawatra**

After graduation, Ankit launched his career in a global business advisory firm where he was involved in research and communications for two years, until he witnessed food for 10,000 people being wasted at a single wedding in Delhi, the national capital of India. The thought of food going to waste in a country which has the highest number of undernourished people appalled him and left him wondering why no one had stepped up to take action yet. Being born on the World Food Day seemed more than a coincidence. And the next day he left his job to start Feeding India. Ankit was 22 years of age when he started and had no experience or professional training in the social sector. Over the next few weeks, he urged his friends and colleagues to help him rescue extra food and donate it. In late 2014, he was able to convince 5 people in his network to volunteer and that's where Feeding India took off. Starting with a team of 5 volunteers in Delhi, he started partnering with caterers in his city and donate their excess food to beneficiaries who could not earn for themselves. Today Feeding India gives needy people access to food, people who would usually not be able to earn for themselves including children, elderly and specially abled. Apart from feeding people through volunteer programs, the organization runs regular self-sustained feeding programs with the help of various corporate, and vans that picks and donates food.

### **Mr. Antonio Carmo Fernandes**

A postgraduate in Arts, Antonio is an Independent Human Rights Crusader who is working selflessly towards the betterment of the society. He strongly feels that good work should give self-satisfaction and a sense of fulfillment, rather than rewards and recognitions. His aim in life is to be the voice of the voiceless, marginalized and oppressed sections of the society. He shuns publicity as he believes that publicity is itself a reward for the good work done. He consistently works for the protection of environment and the fast depleting ground water

resources which are polluted due to the greed of developers and builders, in connivance with the local authorities. Faulty construction of septic tanks without following the norms and the consequent overflowing of the sewage is a major pollutant of ground water resources and ambient air quality and he has been actively struggling to rectify the anomalies. He also helps and supports the marginalized and voiceless individuals to protect their human rights. Faulty garbage and sewage management and disposal has become a major issue which threatens to pollute the water bodies and rivers. Due to non availability of proper collection and scientific management of garbage disposal by housing societies and local governing bodies, garbage is disposed haphazardly in water bodies, open spaces and roadside which is an eyesore as well a health hazard. He is highlighting all these issues as a human rights violation, as it is the responsibility of local governing bodies to provide clean and healthy environment to the citizens.

### **Mr. Anubhav Gupta**

Anubhav Gupta is a Delhi based media professional and social worker. He is a freelance writer and editor. Anubhav has been running Jeevan Trust since 5 years working to create socially responsible media. He has worked on the topics like rare genetic conditions, gender and environment. A published poet and an avid photographer, Anubhav loves to travel to spiritual destinations. His work has been published in international anthologies and papers as well as national dailies. He wishes to serve various social causes both creatively as well as in their ground level realities.

### **Ms. Anusha Ananthavalli V**

Anusha is the founder and principal architect of AV Associates Chennai, an architecture and interior design firm. Her passion to teach, share and learn has led her to teach design at various architecture colleges. She is an organised, creative and highly motivated and detail driven problem solver. Her drive to work for and with people made her work in the social development sector for more than 2 years as the center head of a national NGO Mitra, where she had proven her ability to work in unison with educational institutions, volunteers (national and international), and corporate. She is also a registered member of the Council of Architecture - New Delhi.

### **Mr. Arvind Mishra**

Arvind is a committed climate change activist, co-founder & president of Revive Climate - A non-government organisation based in India. He is currently heading few mass education programs and ethical awareness initiatives, working closely with educational institutions, climate research centres and business leaders. They aim to minimize the negative human interference and promote sustainable ways of living and restore the adverse effects on climate through mass education programs, field work and awareness initiatives. They work closely with educational institutions, climate research centres, local policy makers, business leaders and victims of climate change to gather necessary scientific evidences and help frame and discuss right policies for quick mitigation and adaptation. Their goals are aligned to support

actively and directly, to help achieve # Goal No 13. Before founding Revive Climate, he had a reasonably successful career in academics and worked as Asst. Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He is known for my marathon Guinness World Record for delivering the world's longest lecture, which lasted for 139 Hours and 42 minutes. He is an enthusiastic travel adventurer and public speaker and has been invited to several countries to speak on corporate platforms, TEDx talks and guest lectures. As an educator, he has continuously been a mentor to push students for pursuit of their dreams. Most of his speeches are part of his "Climate Literacy Program" or educational practices. As a climate change activist and author, he raises his voice for moral ethics in this warming world highlighting key variables and immediate solutions.

### **Mr. Mohammed Asadulla Umri**

Mr. Mohammed Asadulla Umri has over 25 years of professional experience working across the country in various positions. He has designed, setup and administered schools and presented training courses to School Management, Heads & Teachers at International School levels. He has devised an innovative methodology for improving education by engaging NGO's, Parents, Educators and Youths from Corporate World. Energy, describes his lasting capability. His major social entrepreneur work includes leading the setup of Interest Free Cooperative Societies for the upliftment of small vendors in Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Umri specializes in Gurukul system of education and also integration of Islamic Concepts into modern education. He is able to multitask, skilled at planning & organizing and delivers the best under pressure.

### **Mr. Aviram Rozin**

Aviram Rozin, Founder and International Director of Sadhana Forest is a resident of the experimental township of Auroville in Tamil Nadu. Sadhana Forest is an international volunteer based organization focused on land restoration and food security. Sadhana Forest's land restoration model addresses the challenge of private land owned by 133 million malnourished people globally, who do not grow food on it due to lack of water and of agricultural knowledge. The organization trains local people across India, Haiti and Kenya on the use of innovative, low cost, water-saving irrigation techniques and provides them with free seedlings to plant drought-resistant, indigenous, food-bearing trees around their homes. The resulting indigenous food forests are well protected by their owners from cutting and animal grazing. Through establishing long-term food self-sufficiency, these food forests reduce the risk of famine caused by natural hazards such as droughts and floods. Sadhana Forest also plants various oxalogenic tree species, which permanently sequester atmospheric carbon in the soil as calcium carbonate (Limestone). Rozin has recently been appointed to the distinguished Global Restoration Council, initiated and co-chaired by former prime minister of Sweden, Dr. Göran Persson. The council, supported by the World Resources Institute, aims to propel and sustain a global movement for land restoration. Rozin is the first council member living in India.

### **Prof. Avkash. D. Jadhav**

Avkash Jadhav is a Gold Medallist in History, studied and teaching in the University of Mumbai, India. Having Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights and Counselling has made him work in many Academic and Social areas. He was awarded the prestigious “The Asiatic Fellowship” to undertake studies on ‘Gandhian Philosophy’. As a professor in history in St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai for last 20 years, he has also been an activist and conducted many surveys in areas like use of skywalks in Mumbai city, depletion of mangroves, usage of metro subway, conditions of BEST workers in Mumbai, E-waste management in Mumbai and many more which are extensively being used at various policy making stages by the authorities. His campaign and Survey on National park in Borivli led to the park being declared as ‘No Plastic Zone’. As a scholar he has presented research papers in National and International conferences. He has received many accolades in the form of various awards like the Awards from Bhartiya Sanskar Ashram (Academic), National Award from Dalit Sahitya Akademi, Pragat Maharashtra Award for Social work, Manav Dharam Seva Rashtriya Puraskar Award, Yuva Gaurav Puraskar, MIT’s UNESCO World Peace Congress Trophy, Lek Ladki Puraskar, Trophy from “Sahas Foundation” as Visionary Leader of Mumbai 2016. He is a Nominated Councillor in BMC, a Representative of Academic section since 2012, wherein he has actively suggested various policies for the benefit of the Mumbaikars and for the administrative accountability. He conducted a study tour of 12 days to understand the issues of Farmer’s Suicides in Vidarbha, Maharashtra in 2009 and made a documentary on it, titled, “Mukti”. He was instrumental in fighting for the arts, aesthetics and decor of Marine Drive, the “Queens Necklace”. He has directed and guided more than 30 documentaries on various social, political and economic issues.

### **Ms. Avni Gandhi**

Avni Gandhi Varma is the founder of Transform with Avni a Finishing School, which provides complete Grooming and Etiquette solutions. Her Integrated approach on Being Beautiful in Body and Mind along with Practical Lifestyle solutions has made her one of the topmost pioneers in the industry. Avni is an expert guide on Grooming, Etiquette, Fine Dining, Diction, Soft skills. While she touches on the exterior image of your personality, she with her subliminal approach works on the internal aspects such as sub conscious mind, core belief systems and harnesses individuals inside out. Her strengths lie in creating customized modules and sessions, where you will have a complete makeover whether you are aspiring to be model, TV star, to be bride & groom or you are any individual looking for finesse and class. Avni, has been appointed as the Official Grooming consultant for Femina Miss India 2016 and has been consulting with the various other prestigious Times Beauty Pageants in the past. She has also been appointed to train and be a part of the jury for some reputed Pageants and Competitions. Not only these Beauty pageants but also many other renowned corporate, well known personalities, housewives and students have benefited by the structured and life style embracing modules. Transform with Avni welcomes clients from all walks of life to unleash the best potential in you within your existing resources. Avni has also been awarded the Best Woman Entrepreneur of the year for 2016 held by the INDO ASEAN SUMMIT in Thailand.



### **Dr. Awdhesh Singh**

Dr. Awdhesh Singh joined as an IRS (Customs & Central Excise) officer in 1991 and taken voluntary retirement from the service in October 2016 after working with Government of India for over 25 years. He was last posted as an Additional Director General of Central Excise Intelligence in Chennai. He did his B.Tech. from IIT (BHU) Varanasi and M.Tech. from IIT Delhi. He also acquired PhD in the area of e-Governance from ABV- IITM Gwalior after joining the government service. He is one of the most decorated IRS officers of the Government of India. He received the 'Certificate of Merit' instituted by World Customs Organization (WCO) Brussels, in 2011 and 'Presidential Award' from Government of India in 2015. Dr. Awdhesh Singh is the author of the bestselling books "Practising Spiritual Intelligence" (2013) and "The Secret Red Book of Leadership" (2015). He has written more than 500 articles on different forums and published seven books as compilation of these articles. He is the one of the most popular writer in India on Quora.com with over 40 thousand followers and over 23 million answer views. His answers on Quora are read by over 3 million readers every month. He is also a popular Educator of Unacademy, *India's largest free learning platform*, with several thousand followers.

### **Mr. Babar Mohammed Afzal**

A Hacker who quit his international corporate career to become a Pashmina Goat Shepherd in High Himalayas to save the Pashmina Goats and the Luxury Pashmina Eco-System of Himalayas. He is a **Luxury Pashmina Artist, Activist and a Shepherd**. He is the inventor of **Unique Luxury Pashmina Art** which he learnt and developed while he was living as a Nomadic in Higher Himalayas. He is the founder of the Pashmina Goat Project and is featured regularly in state, national and international media and referred many a time as "**the Most Credible Man on Luxury Pashmina in the World**". Babar was profiled by **TIME Magazine** in its "**Genius Issue**" where only 10 people have been profiled so far from around the world in the past decade. Babar is a proud recipient of the Shri. Rabindranath Tagore Award, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Award, Shri. Rajiv Gandhi Excellence Award & Bharat Gaurav Award. He is a public speaker and makes an attempt to talk and link the world to his real Heroes "**The Shepherds of Hiamlayas**". He holds a rich international experience of working as a senior professional for organizations including McKinsey & Company Inc. and Computer Associates in India, USA, UK, Middle East and Saudi Arabia as a Technology Analyst, Business Consultant, Information Security Architect and a Senior Project Manager. He is a graduate in Electronics and a Post Graduate in Business and holds over 25 High End International Business and Computer Certifications and is also a Certified CISSP and PMP from PMI (USA).

### **Ms. Beena Johny**

Beena is a person who loves to socialize and meet new people and acquire new perspectives. Her priority is her family and she sees herself as a leader who likes to take up initiatives and lead a group to a common goal without any glitches through the journey. Gardening is one of her primary activities which she does on a daily basis. As an individual she has a strong inclination towards art. She loves deriving perspectives out of art. She believes learning is a process that never ends; therefore she is a learner who is open to a variety of experiences. She likes taking up new initiatives both professionally and personally. Personally she loves being around children, therefore she goes over to various NGO's and spends quality time with the children there and in educating them, playing with them and counselling the children's parents as well. This is one such initiative that she and a couple of her friends have taken for the betterment of ailing children. She is also quite inclined towards art and its forms. She particularly appreciates Origami which she uses as a tool to serve the kids at the foundation.

### **Mr. Bhaskar Anant Prabhu**

Bhaskar, Convenor of Mahiti Adhikar Manch is among the leading campaigners of the Right to Information movement in India and a civic activist doing a sustainable effort in bringing transparency and accountability. Having a vision, mission and the definite belief that through RTI only the best utilization by equitable distribution of public resources is possible. He has done Social Enterprise Management from SIES Management Institute and is involved in social activism since his college days. Involved in citizens' empowerment from his youth, he has set up F-South Ward Citizens Forum in 2000, of which he is a Trustee. Through this trust he provided a platform to many public spirited NGOs to impart their capacities to the citizens. He participated in the agitation that led to the enactment of Maharashtra Right to Information Act in 2002 and from then on has been pursuing various issues under the State RTI Act earlier and through the National RTI Act 2005 thereafter. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 he launched Mahiti Adhikar Manch which networks with activists pan India with various state and nationally recognized organizations. Along with his volunteers he conducts and organises regular workshops on RTI for public authorities and citizens at large. Presently he has taken up the task of mobilizing citizens for Social Audit of Works done by Public Authorities, with involvement of grassroot public spirited citizens who form Social Audit Local Teams (SAL) and bring out "Empowerment Van" for giving awareness about various empowering tools. Through various RTI campaigns in Maharashtra, Mahiti Adhikar Manch has reached directly or indirectly a population of 7,00,000 and more. Because of his persuasion and efforts, the University of Mumbai started first University Post Graduate Diploma Course on RTI, which started in January 2016.

### **Ms. Binu Verma**

Binu Verma is an uncommon amalgam - For over 20 years her passion has been helping people, organisations and Governments build solution centric cultures. Binu Verma is currently the Director of Bal Utsav. Bal Utsav brings life-changing education to children living in poverty around the world. Binu has extensive practical on-ground experience of designing and delivering social change, with skills ranging from strategic innovation and design, to delivery and implementation of programmes and change across the world. She is on the Board of various non-profits and has spoken on Social Entrepreneurship at a number of Higher Educational Institutions. She grew up in Delhi (India) and has travelled most parts

of the country. She is into entrepreneurship, travel, language, art, architecture, photography, reading, music and swimming. Most importantly, she is a devoted daughter/ wife and a friend to many.

### **Dr. Brillian S. K.**

Brillian is a volunteer leader who has touched people through positive motivation, inspiring them to become better leaders and communicators. He is a thinker, change agent and a strategist. Brillian is passionate about volunteering, speaking and developing people. He has delivered more than 100 workshops, sessions and keynotes across the globe. Brillian is actively engaged in supporting the underprivileged students as an academic mentor for a Women's University in Mumbai. He actively volunteers for projects involving the disabled and underprivileged and was a volunteer with Teach India. He is currently a volunteer leader at Toastmasters International helping people become better communicators and leaders. Brillian was recognised amongst the world's top 10 volunteer leaders of Toastmasters for 2015-2016. He is featured in the list of 'Inspiring 101 Gentlemen in India on Social Media'. He has worked with various NGO's and voluntary organisations to groom future leaders.

### **Mr. Chandra Mouli**

Chandra Mouli is result oriented senior management retail professional with 17+ years of versatile experience across diverse organizational domains in Telecom/ IT/ Consumer Electronics/ Home Appliances in Retail & Distribution. He is well versed in Profit Centre Management, Sales Management, Product Management, Retail Category & Operations Management, New Business Identification/ Market Development, Competitive Analysis, People management/ Training. He built brand focus in conjunction with operational requirements; utilize market feedback to develop marketing intelligence for positioning of products. He has proven ability to provide a high level of Customer Service surpassing market standards and maintain healthy relationship with peers and competitors. He has proven ability in streamlining internal & external reporting processes and implementing latest practices in Retail operations.

### **Ms. Chrysolyte Sanamanda**

It was in Oct 2013, when Chrysolyte was desperately seeking God for an idea to invest back in the society, its then when He gave her this beautiful life changing idea to teach the kids at the construction area behind Mindspace. She started with 4 kids in November, later in 2 months through word of mouth almost 30 kids stormed in. She loved taking an hour or two from Monday to Friday to spend time with these brilliant and cutiepies. It was saddening to let go few of them as their parents were given a new project at another place, all that she could do is just hope for their brighter future. Their innocence, warm hugs, blithesome smiles and silly fights among themselves was something she looked forward during the day. It's been 1 year 9 months that God gave her this fabulous opportunity to sow in the little future transformers of India. Now that she had to move out of Hyderabad and a lot of constructions have begun in September 2015, she had to let it go. She is in regular touch with few of the kids. In November 2015 she had conducted free spoken English classes at Bethlehem peta,

Palacole. In December 15 she trained 20 teenagers on paper quilling - accessories like ear rings, lockets at Bethlehem peta, Palacole, and now all these teenagers have this as their hobby. From February 2016 she started freelancing as a soft skills trainer and conducted few sessions on communication skills in the local government collages. In May 2016 she trained 11 teachers of B.V.B, Palacole along with 10 other students on spoken English and on confidence building. Currently she is working on conducting workshops on "Prevention from Sexual abuse" and hopes to reach out to at least 90% of students locally.

### **Dr. Dayaprasad G Kulkarni**

Dayaprasad is a simple human with a passion to do as much seva as he can and fulfil his purpose in life. He strives hard to do justice to all his roles including that of a son, a brother, a husband, a friend, a doctor and above all just another human being on this earth with honesty, sincerity, love and respect. Each of these roles is equally important for him. By committing to them and fulfilling his responsibilities to the best of his ability is what keeps him grounded and energized. He has always loved to travel, meet new people and learn new cultures and languages. He is passionate about photography and theatre. He has worked on theatre projects which talks about community empowerment and engagement. He has done this with children, transgender community, scientists and doctors. He was part of a team that performed a play on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder funded by Wellcome Trust. He has managed to travel extensively both in India and abroad, in rural and urban areas. Every journey has been filled with lessons and new connections. He has used these travel opportunities to understand and connect with basic human needs and feelings. This has significantly shaped his work and the founding principles of Aarogya Seva. Photography has taught him important skills like observation, patience, attention to detail which he continuously translates in the medical work that he does. He now uses photography to tell stories of change in the communities that he works.

### **Ms. Deepti Nandkishor Hajari Sunita**

Deepti is a brutally honest and hard working person. She defines herself as a person whose hard work is her strength, a girl who if gets comfortable with anyone, will give her whole heart and soul to that person. She has started playing the role of a social worker since 3 years. She is working for an NGO and it has had a huge impact on her. While pursuing her career, she had joined NCC and she was part of it for 4 years. After completing her BA, to pursue MSW, she joined Bharti Vidyapeeth College in Pune. After that she is working for her NGO Drushti - Vision for Blind from last 3 years. 10 months back she was also selected for Gandhi Fellowship. She is happy to work under such amazing organization.

### **Mr. Devan Valecha**

Devan has 18 years of experience in automobile sales, training and transformation. He has trained more than 40000 participants.

### **Mr. Dhanraj H. S.**

Dhanraj is a practicing advocate with a vision and a mission to fight for the justice and equality in the society. Today when he looks back, he is happy that he tried his best with dedication to prove in getting social justice to the society by making a difference in lives of many people in giving back the justice to lead a peaceful life. In his personal life, he had undergone multiple struggles and the only way out was to work hard for minimum 16 hours a day which has given him the strength and confidence to overcome any difficulty and to win the legal battle for the needy. Once he takes up a case, he gives his clients especially the underprivileged maximum support & courage to face the society by giving them the confidence that justice will be rendered to them lawfully which gives them the hope to regain their lost confidence in judiciary and to fight for their right. He is happy that the underprivileged who approach him with ignorance of law are mostly misled by the opponents by taking advantage of their innocence resulted in suffering of hard earned money, time and respect, status in the society.

### **Mr. Dilli Babu T.**

T. Dilli Babu is a psychologist specializing in Human Resource Development and Management (HRD), an entrepreneur and business consultant. His areas of professional interest include counselling and training, coaching and public speaking. He is the founder and CEO of Win or Win Consulting- a pioneering Mental Health Clinic in Chennai, that focuses on building successful people and lives through innovative approaches in mental health intervention and training. He is also co-founder of TAP Chennai, a youth driven volunteer group through which he also has motivated his friends to take up humanitarian activities. He is also a guest faculty at university of madras and its affiliated colleges. His innovation in mental health promotion leads to greater heights. He has created and delivered program to promote mental health at all levels. The early struggles of Dilli Babu turned him into a highly motivated, positive, altruistic personality. All his endeavours transcend personal interests and create opportunities for his associates to evolve in their career path. He started his life journey in the year 1979. It was only at the age of nine that he could start his academic life. He obtained a graduate degree in Sociology from Loyola College, Chennai and went to complete post-graduation in Human Resource Development from Dept. of Psychology, University of Madras. He is a professional chess player, having played competitive chess at State level. Mr. Dilli Babu's motivational slogan is "EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE- try, try until you succeed..." This phrase instils individuals with optimism while stressing the need for perseverance and effort.

### **Ms. Divyaa Doraiswamy**

Divyaa has started a Shloka School called "GURUKULAM" which is more mobile at this point in time. It's been about 2 years since she started her Shloka School and the idea is basically to keep the traditional roots in place. Her past situations have got her closer to God

and that's where all her knowledge in shlokas and chanting comes from. GURUKULAM today has close to 50 kids. During 2016 GURUKULAM is planning to expand its services to many more Pre-schools, Dance-Schools and Blind Schools (For Blind Schools and Govt. Schools she plans to do this more as a Service activity than as something that gives her income). Gurukulam is situated on the outskirts of Bangalore and will be in full operation by end of 2016 or early 2017.

### **Mr. Divyansh Mahajan**

Divyansh is a law student studying in Ansal University. He has been doing a lot of social service throughout his childhood! He has been serving her guru since past 6 years and his sangat too! He has also helped various below poverty line people by providing them food and blankets. He contains a very sympathetic thought about the world. He thinks that it should be a place where people behave like people and try to cohabit not peacefully but at least practically! People shouldn't make an opinion about others before even knowing their situation. If we follow these 3 simple steps - No abusing, No blaming and No criticising, we will make this world a beautiful place!

### **Mr. R M Dumidu S B Ranaweera**

Dumidu is one of the well-known resources in the field of Lean Six Sigma and Business Excellence in the region and has been personally endorsed by the co-founder of Six Sigma Dr. Mikel J. Harry as one of the best resources available on Six Sigma. He is featured frequently as a speaker in many international and local forums and lately has been awarded the 'Lean Six Sigma Coaching Excellence Medal' by Six Sigma Management Institute, USA. He is also the first individual outside USA to be awarded the 'Executive Master Black Belt' status by Dr. Mikel J. Harry. Dumidu has guided over 50+ plus organizations both manufacturing and services across eight countries in their business process excellence journey and known for his avid skills in Lean Six Sigma deployment and credentials in multiple business disciplines. During 15+ span of his career he has mentored over 150+ process excellence projects across multiple domains and trained over 4000+ resources. Apart from EMBB certification he also holds three MBB certifications from BMG University, Indian Statistical Institute & Dialog Axiata, Black Belt certifications from ASQ & Motorola University and Lean Practitioner certification from BMGI. His other credentials include, MBA (USJ-PIM), BBA, Diploma in Quality Management (SLSI), ASQ CQE, ASQ CMQ/OE, ASQ CQA, Sri Lanka's 1<sup>st</sup> IASSC Accredited Training Associate, Lean Bronze, Lead Auditor ISO 9001 QMS, ISO 14001 EMS & ISO 27001 ISMS, PMP, PGDM (CIM-UK), ACMA (CIMA-UK), ACMA (CMA-SL), Senior member ASQ, HMM (Harvard) & NDHRM (IPM). Dumidu was also the recipient of IT-BPO Young Outstanding Professional Sri Lanka Award during the first ever IT-BPO award ceremony organised by ICTA in year 2007.

### **Mr. Dwarika Singh**

Dwarika is a creative social entrepreneur and worker with techno-commercial skill set. He is an Engineering graduate, Master in Technology, Master in Management and Master & PhD (in progress) in social work, PG diploma in Agriculture, PG diploma in Marketing. He started working to create a platform for talented poor and rural youth especially female for utilising their creativity and talent. This platform is now running and doing well and can be seen at [www.itscglobal.com](http://www.itscglobal.com). He started the activities of Skill, Innovation and Entrepreneurship in a well supported manner in this poor and rural youth are facilitated all around. Details of which can be seen at [www.isedindia.org](http://www.isedindia.org). He has started supporting the farmers through Farmer Producer Company. He has taken a challenge to show that farming is a self sustainable activity and can attract the rural youth better than any other disciplines. The farming activities can be seen at [www.acfpcl.com](http://www.acfpcl.com). He is doing all activities and interventions without taking any kind of support from government and any other sources. He is also promoting and mentoring assisted micro-startups (a new concept) among talented poor and rural youth.

### **Mr. Eswaran Thangavel**

Eswaran Thangavel is a Cinematographer. He likes to do anything and everything that makes him see the world through the rectangle (the view finder). He loves to do good films than good looking films. He did 2 shorts as a producer and cinematographed the same "June 12 and corNER". Both are of social concerns of the society we are living in. He always wants to be a part of films that has some social issues or causes attached to it. His debut feature film was "Railway Children" by Prithvi Konanur. The film explores various themes such as abuse, sexual abuse and addiction. It also explores one of the least explored themes in World Cinema: the transgender issues among girls. He hope this film would make waves in the international arena for its thematic subject and the way we have treated like documentary filming style with most of handheld works.

### **Ms. Feba Leela Peter**

Feba was born and raised in Rajasthan, working in Bangalore. She has completed BBM, MSW and Diploma in Counselling. She has served in a Human Rights organisation (SICHREM) for 1.5 years. Currently she is working in Hope Torch where they help kids to discover themselves. They make Kids teachers of a particular topic and ask them to explain it to their groups. After explanations the group is allowed to ask questions to the kid playing the role of a teacher. This situation helps the kid to understand the importance of discovering the topic instead of just mugging it for marks. There are many other programs which help them to understand tea spirit, fight with the fear of Math and to relate the subject to the real world. She is also working on separate project of biodegradable sanitary napkin. They are planning to set up a unit of sanitary napkins making which will only produce biodegradable sanitary napkins. Through this unit they are trying to employ transgender and women in the factory. They also want to address the issue women face while using synthetic sanitary napkins like rashes, itching and it also helps to eradicate garbage produced by the sanitary napkins.

### **Dr. Glory Alexander**

Dr. Glory completed her MBBS and MD from the Christian Medical College, Vellore. In 1998 when the HIV epidemic fears and stigma towards PLHIV was at its height, she resigned from her full time job as a physician to work for the poor and marginalized community of people living with HIV. She founded the ASHA Foundation, a Charitable Trust to provide a wide range of services in the field of HIV/ AIDS. The Foundation works for the upliftment of PLHIV and their families with special emphasis on women and children. Over the last eighteen years ASHA Foundation provides awareness, preventive services, HIV telephone helpline, HIV testing and counseling services, medical care including provision of anti viral drugs, educational and nutritional support, dry ration support, psychosocial intervention for CLHIV in the form of residential summer camp, empowerment of HIV infected and affected women, adolescent health education, capacity building and does research advocacy.

### **Ms. Harsha Zambani**

A 26 year old girl Harsha Zambani, with bigger dreams like many others moved to Pune from a small town Amravati in Maharashtra. A strong believer in karma failed a couple of times while taking a step towards her dream of being a fashion designer. After graduating in computer applications from Amravati University she chose to join Cognizant, a multinational company as a programmer. After working with cognizant for 18 months she resigned and took the first major step towards her dream and joined FAD international Pune in 2013 and started pursuing her career in design where the journey began and later started her own clothing line which cater towards Ready-to-wear, Diffusion and Haute Couture under the label ZAMBANI.

### **Dr. Hema Latha Jayapal Naidu**

Dr. Hema Latha, Retired Principal of Vijaya Teachers College, Bangalore has a teaching experience of 37 years in total. People around her say that she is dynamic, hardworking, dedicated, committed, disciplined, assertive in nature and outspoken. She loves to explore new adventures and handle many challenges in her personal and professional life which in turn makes her a strong personality. She always believes in 'Work is worship'. Teaching profession has been more than a profession for her, or rather she can call it her life. This is the profession through which she would like to be recognized. She would rather be called a teacher than being called anything else in life. She has an experience of being a teacher at various levels- right from schools to the post-graduate teacher education level. After serving at various levels she now identifies that the spirit of teaching is the same no matter what level one teaches. She has not only been a teacher but also an educator and an administrator, and has served the field of education at various capacities. Being an administrator was never



new for her, as she has been raised as the eldest of all the siblings. Taking responsibilities, managing difficult times, problem solving in crisis is what she has been induced to by her family.

### **Mr. Himanshu (Dobby) Goyal**

Himanshu is a passionate citizen who leads by example in working with all age groups including milinials to coach and mentor them for a better future in the emerging global world. Himanshu works in the Information Technology industry, which he says is about Innovation and Transformation. He has a track record of building and leading high impact and high performance organizations that identified and created new market and delivered growth. He has delivered and led 4 Product launch, 1 acquisition and 2 start-up's. He is quite focused on execution with continued learning and driving creativity with innovation. He is a visiting faculty in Business and Engineering schools, member of select board of studies in Engineering Universities and also a member of the Western Region Skills & Education Committee of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2008-17.

### **Mr. Hitesh Kumawat**

Hitesh belongs to a middle class family from Udaipur. He did his MSW from Udaipur School of Social work. At present he is working as a Management Trainee in Educate Girls. He worked for Gandhi Fellowship as PIRAMAL fellow on principal school leadership program. He has interest to serve people and now it has become his passion. He is working towards the betterment of the society. He enjoys challenges and believes in hard work and punctuality and better implementation of ideas and plans. He has also worked as ICDS and Aanganwadi, Hindustan Zinc Pvt. Ltd. which is working on child right and child education at Udaipur. There he worked in slums on drop out children. He has one year of experienced in MNJ Cancer Hospital in Hyderabad. During his PG in social work (MSW), he also worked as school social worker at Golconda Boys High School. He has also done awareness camp on education, health, polio and driving safe. During MSW, he also gained lot of knowledge from his field work. He wants to fight for girl education and wants to see a world where everybody will be educated. All Indian girls will be educated so that they can fight for their right, they can participate in every field; can achieve every goal which they want.

### **Mr. Ike Sinha**

Ike was born in Shillong, Meghalaya which is known for Music, Art and Culture. His mother encouraged all her children to pursue their talent and his home was full of this activity every evening with music and dance by children. His mother was also a soprano and had taken music lessons from her Guru at the age of 3 and 1/2 years. He was also made to participate in competitions held in Shillong and won awards as a child artist. His mother also gave him the

best education and put him in the best school, St. Edmund's School in Shillong. Along with education his mother taught him moral values at home and explained to him that true education begins from home. He could not pursue his interest on music as he grew up due to domestic reasons and financial constraints. So he realized that it was time for him to give back to the society in his own humble way, he decided that to serve God, he must serve the children. All that he could not do for himself as a child, is now putting in all efforts to work for children, picking up talented children, encouraging them to keep pursuing their field of work, finding out means to arrange platforms, encourage parents to take their children to concerts of both National and International artists performing in their respective cities but ensuring such children are guided well and emphasize that they do not compromise to education. Education alone cannot survive. It has to have another element of any of a cultural element such as music, art, dance which is a co- curricular activity and connecting them with Acts of Kindness and Compassion for the all round well being of the child and ultimately make him/her a good citizen and a good human being.

### **Mr. Imon Ghosh**

Imon has been writing and giving talks on Reducing Poverty to Accelerate Economic Growth since 1992. A paper he wrote on the subject was included in the syllabus of the National University of Juridical Sciences, abridged and published on the Editorial page of the Times of India and included in the records of the Indian Parliament. Imon is a senior professional with over 25 years of experience in the corporate sector and academia, and has headed the Learning and Development function in India for a Fortune 100 MNC, besides serving as Director of the Academy of HRD, India's premier institution specializing in human resources development for all organizational forms. He is a Life Member of the All India Management Association and the Indian Economic Association (among others), and is an Individual Member of Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations. Imon has served as Ex-Officio Member of the National Executive Board of India's National HRD Network, Chairman of the Board of Studies for Management and Finance at the Nirma University Institute of Law, Visiting Faculty at the Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi and is a NHRDN National Professor. Imon is an outstanding multilingual communicator, administrator, writer, corporate trainer, and invited speaker. He has also designed and delivered workshops on Leadership Development and other topics to several thousand participants of different nationalities in five countries and four continents over the past eighteen years. Imon is Founder of the Inclusive Growth and Financial Stability Forum.

### **Mr. Ishan Nadkarni**

Ishan is the cofounder of ImpactRun - an app where every run or walk raises funds for social causes. Ishan is leading a group of IITB techies whose collective vision is to create a community of change-makers. A community which will create products that solve humanity's

biggest problems - like inequality, drought, hunger and pollution. They create products which solve the biggest problems of humanity. They aim to create a community of change-makers who will, with them, solve the biggest challenges we face today.

### **Ms. Ishita Khanna**

Ecosphere is a social enterprise that began working in Spiti in 2002 with the objective to respond to the need for developing alternate and sustainable livelihood avenues that responsibly use available local resources (natural & cultural) and protect the environment. Close to 80 community owned and managed homestays were started in 6 villages of Spiti back in 2004. Homestays are now supplementing between 50 to 80% of annual household incomes, which forms a huge support now in the face of the ever changing climate and its impact on agriculture. Tourism is now used as a tool to address conservation concerns related to fading cultural traditions, identity and knowledge; addressing conservation concerns focused around the wildlife, ecology and geological wealth of these regions. Experiences and immersions in local culture, monastic life, wildlife, sharing traditional knowledge and ways of life on the one hand provide monies for communities and on the other become a reason to conserve, be it their culture or natural heritage or the wildlife and environment which are the very resources on which the tourism industry thrives. They work with the potter in Langza, Bhuchen of the Pin Valley, Folk dancers of Demul among many others. At Ecosphere, they carefully calculate the carbon emitted on their trips, which is then neutralized by investments in direct carbon reducing green technologies within the region enabling a more green and sustainable development in the region as well. Some of their initiatives include-Building of Solar Passive Winter Rooms, Solar Baths and Greenhouses to reduce carbon emissions in the Valley. They also work on immediate needs of villages such as healthcare, animal care and education.

### **Ms. Jasmeen Patheja**

Jasmeen Patheja is an artist based in India. She is the founder and facilitator of Blank Noise; a community of 'Action Heroes', citizens and individuals, united to eradicate sexual and gender based violence. Patheja founded Blank Noise in 2003, as a response to daily experiences of street harassment. Since its inception, Patheja has designed a range of interventions and projects that enable public discourse on sexual violence. Projects range across forms of media and communities (performance, videos, live action, t-shirts, installation, murals, posters) and are focused towards bringing attitudinal shifts. Blank Noise Action Heroes explore vulnerability, power, fear, empathy, trust, blame addressing gender based violence. All of Blank Noise is built on the lived experiences of its Action Heroes. Jasmeen Patheja is currently directing the I Never Ask For It project, a five year mission to arrest victim blame attitudes, as experienced across spaces and geographies of violence. It builds testimonies of clothing, by asking individuals to send in the garment they wore when they experienced any form of threat violence or intimidation. She is a TED and Ashoka Fellow. In 2012 Patheja was awarded the Citizen Journalist award by CNNIBN for Blank

Noise. Jasmeen's project "Talk To Me" was the recipient of the International Award For Public Art 2015. Jasmeen Patheja's work has been featured in the media extensively including NDTV, CNNIBN, BBC, The Atlantic, The Hindu, Salon, Elle, Vogue, India Today. Patheja is also a photographer and shares an ongoing photo performance project with her grandmother/collaborator.

### **Mr. Jay Harshad Shah**

Jay founded the Sports Gurukul in 2002. Absolute passion and love for sports drove him to enter the field of sports in 2002 to create one of the 1<sup>st</sup> private grass root sports company in the country. He always believed that sports in the country did not suffer due to lack of places or funds only but essentially lack of ideas and initiatives from people. One of his first achievements was creating India's 1<sup>st</sup> terrace tennis court. He is a sports person through and through and the best qualities of sports define his personality. As one of the master trainers in his company, he takes active part in training the coaches of tomorrow. He gives lectures on entrepreneurship to upcoming entrepreneurs and the best of him is when he is training children. While his profession helps him change thousands of lives in sports, his humanist work with the Humanist movement helps him bring about personal and social change in him as well as people around him. He is a people's man and believes in the potential of a Human being which transcends beyond this galaxy.

### **Mr. Jaydeep Vekariya**

Jaydeep is a Chartered Accountant by profession. He is working in one of the leading chemical company in internal audit department. His profession includes understanding process and provides suggestion to improve efficiency. He has adopted this approach in his personal life. He observes things, tries to learn something new out of it in his day to day life. As a person, he cannot compare his behavior with others so he cannot tell much about himself.

### **Ms. Jeny Verma**

Jeny is a working mother, and in between house, kids, work, school, crèche, finances, family and friends, she runs an organization that delivers humanitarian assistance to under privileged areas. As an individual, she is a firm believer in self-discipline, honesty, love and sharing goodness. She is the Executive Director of Lovedale Foundation, a non profit that works for the grave issues like sanitation, education health and nutrition across rural India. She believes life is a journey of constant improvements and as you move on performing various roles; you become a better person. As a Project Head, she is able to channel her passion of working with the community and handle various tasks associated with it. Working with the needy kids in the field of education and providing them with the skilled interventions through our foundation has been of great challenge and satisfaction. On the other side, her role as a

motivator for colleagues and youngsters has helped her shaping her professional goals as well. She believes that her role as a mother has kept her on my toes and given confidence to balance the two 'head and heart' to live the life she truly desired. Her role as a participating citizen and a community worker involves going out of the way for her society and country. She feels proud to participate in any social event concerning social-cultural welfare of the society. She is an active citizen and likes to share her viewpoints on various topics affecting the country today. For her, community has become a priority in values and life choice.

### **Ms. Juhi Ramani**

Juhi Ramani is currently working as Project Manager at Hewlett Packard (HP) and is Co-Founder of I Support Foundation (NGO). ISF is a registered non-profit organization started in January 2014, they work closely with the Autistic and Underprivileged Children's Education and Development in Lucknow and Bangalore. ISF has 100+ volunteers associated. They possess a vision to restore Children's rights by working towards encouraging Education, Functional Learning and their betterment; the aim is to give direction to their unique talents and help children's to reach their highest potential. The main motivational force for starting ISF is her brother Shivam, who is 20years now. Being a native of a small city Raebareli, UP those days hardly anyone, including her family, wasn't aware of Autism, she was too young to understand what her brother was going through. Just like Shivam there are other children's who are in the same, or worse situation. Rather than ignoring the problem, she thought of reaching out to the society through I Support Foundation. ISF has also opened inclusive school in Lucknow and Bangalore, having 2 admissions initially, now more than 60 kids have been enrolled. Few initiatives of ISF include Autism Fest, Autism Awareness and Acceptance, Musical Tea Stall, Autism Friendly Restaurants, Awareness and Confrontation of Child Abuse, Robotics, English Speaking, Career Counselling and Computer Sessions. Juhi believes every Child is born to blush in his or her own way, all have equal potentials and abilities, it just requires an indomitable will.

### **Ms. Jyothi Gosala**

Jyothi is a simple, down to earth person & lives life fully. She takes on her responsibilities with passion & leads by example. She believes that a good character is more important than name, fame & money. She has been a lovely daughter to her parents. Her family is proud of her accomplishments & her friends admire her as she turns out to be a role model to them. Her colleagues know she can handle challenges & come out successfully. She is fond of Counselling, Social Service & Compering in English for a cause. She supports youth organisations in moulding the challenges the youth encounters. Some of the youth organisations she supports are AISEC, Youth for Seva, Uniting for Peace, Loksatta Party, TEDx IIT Hyderabad, TEDx BITS Hyderabad. She is a Black Belt holder in Karate, won a Gold Medal in Malaysia for the International Championships.

### **Mr. Kamal Pruthi**

Kamal Pruthi popularly known as the Kabuliwaala, the pied piper of children, the Baadshah of stories and the founder of Kabuliwaala Storytelling Company, he is considered among the top five trendsetting performance storytellers of India. He revolutionized and redefined the old definitions and purpose of storytelling by packaging performance, theatre, training and folk styles together. With his unique styles and concept of "performance" storytelling with theatrical elements, he gave an eternal attire and character to the storyteller and differentiated a teller from a performer thereby bringing him/ her in the forefront and attempted to make it a mainstream profession for many and motivated thousands of performance storytellers to come forward and to take their art forms seriously.

### **Mr. M. Venkata Naga Kasyap**

Successful yet Happy! Achiever yet Composed! Youth yet Balanced! With ease, he was able to reach out to the poorest in the slums/ villages and to the senior managers in the banks and corporate, as well as his own lecturers! Be it ITC group in Delhi or Vijaya Bank/ Canara Bank at Bangalore, youth in Government Schools/ Colleges and in private professional colleges, the underprivileged in the slums/ villages and mentally/ physically challenged, or housewives at Buoyancee, he is able to motivate them all. He was happy when the youth in an underprivileged school formed a group to help those below their level. He had the privilege to head the training at Buoyancee, trained over 10,000 teens & youth in over 5 states, over 5000 executives and also teaching teachers, parents & staff at Institutes and at Buoyancee. He feels blessed & privileged to be able to empower them through his interesting and motivating classes making teens/ youth more responsible.

### **Dr. Kishora Shetty**

Kishora is a person who believes in simple living and high thinking. He is here to help others. He would like to hear about his contributions to society, technology and great work done to make society better. He is always ready to help those who are in need and mentors students and graduates on their studies & career. He also works with NGOs. He got first rank in his B.E & M.S and also got National Science Day award for an invention. But his most memorable achievement is when he succeeded in getting a huge amount for one of the NGO he supports from his Organisation under CSR.

### **Mr. Kulpreet Yadav**

Kulpreet Yadav is a bestselling author, motivational speaker and Founder-Editor of *Open Road Review*, South Asia's leading online literature and culture magazine. Kulpreet's

novel, *The Girl Who Loved a Pirate*, is India's first thriller based on marine piracy & hijacking. Passionate about creative writing, Kulpreet also mentors aspiring writers at schools and colleges and has spoken at many literary festivals in India & abroad. An ex-armed forces officer, his latest novel, *The Girl Who Loved a Spy*, was launched in 2016.

### **Mr. Kunal Kishore**

Kunal is a Digital advisor to the Minister for Rural Development - Shri. Ramkripal Yadav, Govt. of India and Member of Parliament from Begusarai Bihar. He is also presently employed with International Initiative for Impact Evaluation as the Digital Lead. Prior to this he was employed as the Head - Digital & Communications at WASH United handling the entire digital operation of the Team Swachh campaign and day to day web communications for WASH United. He was also employed as the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) & Head of Communications at Sampark Foundation where he was leading the complete Marketing, Digital, Advocacy and Communications strategy for the organization. Apart from creating and adhering to communications strategies he played key role in communications advocacy. He recently leads the Campaign/ event called 'Inspiring India' which brought all the stakeholders and thought leaders of Sampark to a common platform. He also leads the industry engagement for Vineet Nayar which means communicating with senior media and industry practitioners on a daily basis. He has also worked as the Web Communications Officer in the British High Commission, New Delhi. Working for the Digital Diplomacy Group of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UK, he had managed 18 country websites, playing major role in training, policy making, digital engagement, web strategy, CMS control, editorial check, digital content generation and website updates.

### **Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan**

Mahalakshmi has a passion to create better opportunities for women and she has been encouraging budding entrepreneurs. With her indomitable optimism and can-do spirit, she has become a role model for thousands of aspiring women entrepreneurs today. Driven by an inborn talent for entrepreneurship, Mahalakshmi Saravanan conceptualized and founded Women Entrepreneurs India, a firm established to encourage and support the endeavors of budding women entrepreneurs. She has been instrumental in creating collaborative business networks for women planning to expand and conquer new avenues. Mahalakshmi strives to create an identity and individuality for women. She works towards their betterment and livelihood, thereby, creating a positive impact in their lives. She has recently been selected as the "India Turns Pink Ambassador" by India turns Pink, an initiative dedicated towards breast cancer awareness. She was a panelist at the International Women's Day Celebration (March, 2015) at World Trade Centre, Mumbai She is also the founder of Kidzmasterpiece, a unique online art gallery for kids' ingenious artwork. A part of Kidzmasterpiece's earnings goes towards helping under-privileged kids in their education or other basic necessities. She has been invited as a motivational speaker at major National and International conferences, industry events, corporates, institutions and forums. Her interviews have been featured in leading south indian television channels. Her vision is to create opportunities for the under-

privileged in the field of education in particular, and in the overall society as well. On the personal side, she juggles being a wife, mother and proactive thinker, along with her professional roles.

### **Mr. Mahesh Patankar**

Mahesh Patankar is working in corporate sector as Deputy General Manager in Rural Finance. He is a post graduate in Business Administration. His keen interest lies in social service, spreading knowledge of yoga & Pranayama and health awareness among childrens. He found himself empathizing with people in problem from the very beginning in his childhood. His inner voice guided him and emerged as sole factor to follow his passion to serve others. He draws lot of energy from helping others in whatever way possible. He has boundless capacity and feels everything in his reach when it comes to his passion. With his persistent efforts he could teach Yog & Pranayama to under privileged school childrens, food & clothes distribution to those who are needy, blood donations, visiting government hospitals to serve the ailing people and most recently undertaken mass project of drinking water distribution in draught villages of Maharashtra state. He is very enthusiastic and aspires about his dream projects which can uplift the down trodden in big way. We wish him all the very best for all his future endeavours.

### **Mr. Manoj K Attri**

Manoj has always believed in "Deliver what you deserve", for his professional as well as personal life. While working towards his passion of leading a happy and satisfactory life, he has struggled, learnt and most of all got over many situations but on the same front he does not restrict his passion to himself or his family, he considers himself a giver whenever it comes to help someone in need. Which also leads him towards building an NGO named 'Keshav Education Society' for the less fortunate children who need help in their education. He travels a lot, as for him meeting and visiting new people and places is another way of discovering yourself in both personal and professional manner. After working with many big names he has learnt that it is very important to love what you do or else you will always find yourself trapped in unwanted circumstances. He tries to maintain a balance in his life by making sure that he is not turning into a workaholic, his family stands equally important to him. If he is a professional he does not make himself forget that he is a son, a husband, a father, a brother and a friend too and these parts of him build him as a human and keep him grounded.

### **Ms. Meenakshi M. Singh**

Meenakshi M. Singh is a rainbow woman. She is an author of two books "Soulful Symphony", "Aawaz" and her third book "I AM ENOUGH", a woman centric poetry collection, a statement of the strength of every woman is getting released in December'2016. She is a happy mom, an entrepreneur, a certified creative writer, theater actress, and an IT professional as well as a typical housewife, the feather she wears with pride. Meenakshi is



Masters in Software systems, an IT professional with rich corporate experience of 10 years having worked in various MNCs. Being a Deputy Manager in an IT firm, she got her ultimate promotion in being a mother of twin daughters. After a long stint as a software professional, Meenakshi found her true calling of life in writing and dared to quit the cushy job and chose the path of her heart. Despite mockery and difficulties in her way, she strove with perseverance and passion and carved her identity as a poet, as a mentor and as a conscious strong woman of expression. Without any lineage or background, in just the span of three years, she is a published author of two exclusive books "Soulful Symphony" & "Aawaz" and her body of work is published in various national and international anthologies and journals. Her journey is unique in writing having faced many adversities. She has been awarded for her contribution in writing and teaching, Magicka Women's achiever's award, Pride of Women award by Aagaman group and SashaktNariParishad - Pride of nation award in 2015. She has also won many writing contests and is well known for her strong and satirical style of writing. She is the founder and CHO (Chief Happiness Officer) of "creativeHappiness", an organization focused on fostering creative expression and has been polishing personalities by nurturing their expression through her self-designed course "FIND YOUR VOICE" and programs. At present, she is writing her fourth book, a romantic fiction novel to be published soon. Her mission is to elevate the society to lead creative lives, respect creativity and bringing society closer to being more true and humane. She is based in Gurgaon raising her daughters, herself and the society.

#### **Dr. Mohan Babu G.N.**

Dr. Mohan Babu is serving as the Principal of BMS Institute of Technology and Management (BMSIT&M), Bangalore which is a part of 70 years old internationally reputed BMS group of Institutions. He is a person with a positive attitude and an open mind, who always seeks good of the society, especially of the poor and underprivileged. He is a workaholic and does not feel tired when it comes to working for the betterment of the society. He was a research scholar at the United Nations University, Institute for New Technologies, The Netherlands. He was sponsored by various agencies of the Govt. of India to present his research findings in the USA and Japan. His research work was chosen in a nation-wide competition by the PD Agarwal - Transport Corporation of India Foundation, Jaipur, for financial support. He has served on various panels/bodies of the Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum and the All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi. In his dedicated 30 years of service in the field of education, he has been a part of various teams of academicians and practitioners working to infuse best quality and value-based education among engineering students. He is a strong believer of bringing change in the society through effecting improvement in knowledge, education, skills and attitudes of students, who constitute the next generation. He thinks educating young minds on the pressing problems of the society and instilling desire and confidence in them to take up the responsibility of addressing them is the key to resolve them. He is creating an environment of innovative education in the institution to enable both teachers and students to see the real-life problems closer than that

with a traditional education system. He is proud of all his students who are successful in life and have been valuable to the society.

### **Mr. Mukesh Kumar**

Mukesh was interested in creative arts, writing and cooking since his childhood. He always tries to put efforts to make small changes that can help him grow better as human being. He did very well in school, often knowing how to do complex math problems before the concept had even been introduced to their class. In high school; he began to tire of the pressure placed on him by his family and their high expectations. He gradually stopped his extra-curricular activities, including music and art lessons, and chose to work instead. He graduated at the top of his class, although he wasn't valedictorian—perhaps because he didn't want to give his overbearing family the satisfaction. And then he chose a large public university a lot farther from home than the small private college his parents hoped he would attend. He wanted to be a small fish in a big pond for a change. He started his career from a Government organization as technical Associate in Ministry of culture, but only after 9 months, he understood that that's not his inspiration of life and then he went to work for a large corporate firm. He became Digital Marketing evangelist with the rare combination of functional, creative and business skills and worked with business leaders in IT, Telecom, Manufacturing. But he realized that work is not just about fulfilling our responsibilities at work place. We all have to work towards making this world beautiful for everyone. And our act should align to bring small change that can help people around to live their life happily.

### **Mr. Murtaza Nargis Adenwala**

Murtaza Adenwala is the Digital Marketing Head of Mahindra Holidays & Resorts Ltd. He has about 16 years of experience in managing digital initiatives across various digital media functions. Currently he is steering digital duties for Mahindra Holidays & Resorts in UAE market. Prior to joining Mahindra Holidays, Murtaza was assigned role as G.M. Ecommerce of Go Air. Murtaza was responsible conceptualizing and implementation of online media strategy for distribution of products, promotions, driving traffic of [www.goair.in](http://www.goair.in) through different facets of online channels like search engines, social media marketing, alliances, affiliate marketing, email marketing and mobile marketing to meet the objective of increasing the web contribution of the total sales and reduce dependencies on OTA's. Murtaza is a post graduate in information Technology, EMBA in marketing, M.Phil. in business management with additional specialization certifications in system management and Microsoft certified solution developer and now pursuing Ph.D. in Business management.

### **Mr. Naga Sravan Kilaru**

Naga Sravan Kilaru started his social life as a volunteer during the Lokpal campaign and ever since then he has volunteered with many organizations as a volunteer and grew in the organization as leader. Volunteerism is something gives him an immense happiness and thought him responsibility. He always aspired to be independent and believed in social

innovation and today he is a part of a startup as Chief Operations Officer and co-founding member which is working towards creating a better political system. As a President/ Founder of an organization, it is a very big responsibility as he needs to drive his volunteers and motivates them in the hard times and has been successfully running a volunteer organization for 4 years now. He has showed exceptional leadership qualities and keeps to inspire his team time to time.

#### **Mr. Nagendrappa M. H.**

Industry recognized and award winning Trainer and Strategic Consultant for over 9 years for software firms that are designing and developing solutions and tools for Life Sciences, Healthcare and Pharmaceutical industry in FDA, EMEA, MHRA and DCGI regulated environments for GMP, CGMP, GAMP, CAPA requirements. Nagendrappa is a trainer and mentor for Ethics Committees, Clinical Research Professionals and researchers involved in Clinical Trials, protocol development, Bioavailability/ Bioequivalence studies, Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, Data Management and Pharmacovigilance operations. He is an active member and researcher and determined individual to do the best possible in life time to conserve and protect invaluable nature and environment by developing 'Energy Efficient and Pollution Control' devices for automobiles.

#### **Mr. Naman Sharma**

Mr. Naman Sharma (CEO/ Founder – U'th Time and Chairman at Catchr (Mobile app) is an Ex-Academic, Data Science Researcher and Honours Graduate from The University of Melbourne, Australia. At University of Melbourne, Mr. Sharma taught Accounting subjects while focusing on his preliminary PHD (Honours Research Degree) in the areas of Financial Accounting, Environmental Disclosures & Stock Market Valuations. Naman possesses vast work experience and background in MNCs like KPMG (Melbourne, Australia), ANZ Bank (Melbourne, Australia), Ernst & Young (Singapore), HSBC (New Delhi, India) within the areas of Audit, Risk Assurance, Strategy Consulting & Asset Management. Naman is the Founder/CEO of one of India's biggest Youth centric media platform (U'th Time) that reaches 5 million unique members per month. UT is involved in the business of creating youth focused short videos on Youtube, editorials and social media content. YTV network (Uth Time's Youtube arm) is one of the fastest Independent Indian Youtube channel to ever reach 100,000 Subscribers and over 20 million views in less than 12 months of channel launch.

#### **Ms. Namita Saxena**

Namita is a socially inclined conscious citizen, an entrepreneur, a seeker and a continuous learner. All these roles are extremely important to her as they not only make her life more meaningful, but they also give her an opportunity to evolve and improvise as an individual. Integrity, Honesty, Respect and Care (My IHRC as she prefers calling it!) are the few attributes she values the most. Unable to stand any Wrong, she believes in initiating and leading the Change, this change could be as small as a Change towards positive thoughts. She

is a passionate reader, enjoys travelling and loves writing poems. Namita has a special love towards children and is sensitive towards the fact that millions of children in our country are deprived of their basic rights and protection. She left her corporate job and got involved with various organizations working towards the cause of education and rights protection of the underprivileged children. Having realized the significance of this issue in her association for over ten years with various Non-Governmental Organizations, Namita decided to work towards protecting the first and the very basic right of life for the newborns. Further, understanding how the early postnatal period – the first seven days of life – is the most critical period for any newborn, her recent business venture 'Baby Essentials Private Limited' came into existence. BabyEssentials for the first time ever, introduced a revolutionary newborn clothing kit namely 'Néonatale Infection Guard Kit', made from scientifically developed, disposable and degradable materials called the 'Néonatale Tissu' Fabric. Free from disease causing microbes, this hypoallergenic Kit is a step towards ensuring a safe start for every newborn, by saving them from neonatal infections. Her endeavor is to incorporate this social innovation in the Government health care system so that it reaches out to the masses and can protect millions of neonatal at risk of catching infection in early postnatal stage. She believes that her biggest future contribution would be, if BabyEssentials with its unique product offerings would be able to fulfill its vision of taking care of newborn and maternal morbidity to an extent.

#### **Ms. Neelam Pandita**

Neelam is a believer, an optimist and a nature lover who loves to read and travel. She has a degree in environmental sciences and is passionate about sustainability which is addressing the environmental, social and economic issues of an organisation. She is currently working in the field of sustainability and would like to grow into a sustainability leader. When not working, she loves to make small sculptures.

#### **Ms. Neelam Tiwari**

Neelam is part of IT industry working as group manager and social worker for over 15 years. She has gained certificate for various skills - Body language, NLP, Handwriting Analysis and Graphotherapy by handwriting University USA. She is MCA & MBA by IGNOU. She has attended various softskill, behavioural courses and has good life skills. Coming from defence background, she easily adapts herself with new place, culture and mingles with any section of society. Since her school time, she was actively involved with activities saving earth, helping others. She has been associated with various social workers, NGOs who are working towards Women/ Kids empowerment, Education, conserving nature. As part of her social work, she has distributed school kits to thousands of kids across various section of society who needed this help. For last 10 years, she has been associated with Autistic kids via ASHA NGO & Apoorva School and has helped staff in their activities/ workshop. Her social work has touched thousands of life at various stages - old aged people, blind children, autistic children, slums, tribal, flood relief victims and orphaned kids. She also conducts Graphotherapy sessions for kids to enhance their confidence and develop personality along with teaching them importance of keeping themselves safe from Sexual abuse and maintaining hygiene

lifestyle. She has also worked with Rotary Bangalore West for last 11 years and has been conducting blood donation camps and is helping them with few projects- educate every kid and build toilets in needy government schools especially girls, WASH program for schools and orphanages including awareness programs on Cleanliness, Hygiene. She has also collaborated with CREST, under world famous Surgeon Oncologist Dr Jayanthi Thumsi, with aim of reaching and spreading awareness on Breast cancer and self-checkup workshop to maximum women. For next few years, her aim is to reach more kids and help them empower their life and become independent, safe, educated and positive. She also aims to work towards saving Earth, planting more trees, spreading awareness for waste segregation and contribute as much possible for better and healthy Bharat.

### **Ms. Neera Sareen**

Neera experiences and shares life through love, care, goodness and compassion. A post graduate from Delhi University, Neera began her career as an Interior Designer. But, being a Natural Healer with inborn Intuitive Instincts and an advisor all her life, she realised her mission to be an Expert in Intuitive & Predictive Sciences, Transformation Coach, Spiritual Therapist & a Holistic Healer practicing and teaching various forms of Predictive Sciences & Healing Modalities for over 20 years. This multi-faceted personality uses her all-embracing knowledge to empower people to achieve their full potential in their journey towards Personal & Spiritual growth. She is an Internationally Renowned Tarot Master, Transformation Coach & a leading consultant in Astrology, Lifestyle and High end Fashion events across the country & abroad. She has been actively associated with the Electronic & Print media past many years, presenting innumerable TV shows in her subjects in almost all the leading Channels and writing Articles & Columns in leading magazines. She conducts Interactive Seminars, Experimental Workshops & Training programmes. As a Holistic Trainer & Spiritual Teacher, Neera founded her centre –AUM KARMA, Centre for Holistic Studies, Meditation & Spirituality (New Delhi) in 2006, where various certified training courses & consultations are conducted in the field of Tarot Reading, Coffee Cup Reading, Angel Card Reading and Healing; Switch Words etc. The year 2012 has added another landmark for Neera has launched worldwide the first theme based Comprehensive Tarot Deck for Beginners & Tarot lovers, out of the series of three Theme based Tarot Decks & a Book on Tarot. Neera has been devoting her services towards Leprosy homes & under privileged children providing financial aid, education, meals & vaccinations.

### **Mr. Neeraj Shiam Kapoor**

Neeraj Kapoor is the Co-Founder and C.E.O. of GrowBrands Worldwide – Building India's No.1, Start-up Consulting Company. His focus lies in enhancement of performance and productivity using the new age technology in digital marketing for big & medium sized organizations. He is responsible for managing various strategic initiatives in marketing and brand communication initiatives for several brands and businesses and putting together

NGOs and Corporates. He has been adjudged as one of India's Greatest Brand Builder by CMO Council Asia at Singapore in 2010. Neeraj has been using E-Commerce technology and digital marketing to enhance the productivity and effectiveness of the organizational objectives. He was also a part of the brand launches of SANSUI, KENWOOD and TOSHIBA in India. He carries loads of passion and enthusiasm with strategic insights into the cross industry consumers. He loves latest tech gadgets & likes to spend his free time in pursuing his hobbies that includes travelling, music and reading.

### **Mr. Nikhil Sharma**

Nikhil is a systematic worker who tries to solve a problem with logical reasoning. With highly adaptable nature he is a good listener and can communicate with everyone convincingly thus motivating them to perform their task willingly. In dealing, being humane helps him to know a person well and helps him in times of need. He leads by setting personal examples and always strives to learn more and more about his profession. He always loves helping out other people and going out of his way to respect, help elderly people by spending time with them, hearing their tales and experiences. He loves to read technology related books/ journals and gather information about new gadgets which can be used in our daily lives to save time, energy and effort. After his office hours, daily he takes out time to sit at his computer and google latest trends in office and house related technological gadgets.

### **Ms. Nikita Sarah**

Not just a human right defender, activist, communicator and a brand strategist, Nikita currently holds a very dynamic portfolio as the Head of Advocacy and Communications at The Leprosy Mission Trust India. The Leprosy Mission Trust India, an international development organization, has the distinction of being the oldest INGO in India (140 years) working in the field of leprosy and other disabilities. Here, she is driven to create change through media, advocacy and communication that delivers sustained improvement and transformation in the life of those affected by leprosy and other disabilities. In this organization she is a senior level lobbyist, media and public spokesperson and has represented my organization at several National & International platforms. She acts as a communications advisor and strategist to management and colleagues. She feels she possess creativity, drive and passion to reach out for her dreams of living in a better tomorrow while representing The Leprosy Mission Trust India to advocate and promote organization's goals and vision, communicate out TLMTI mission and build, maintain and strengthen relationships. Her references will all say that she possess massive energy level. She has integrity, is a promoter, a visionary, a very fast mover, a big thinker, persistent, persuasive and I consider myself as a rare breed indeed - a bit of a social entrepreneur, a bit of a hybrid.

### **Mr. Nilesh Sadashiv Shinge**

Nilesh is actively involved with AksharBharati NGO ([www.aksharbharati.org](http://www.aksharbharati.org)) in setting up library in Zilla Parishad/ Govt. schools to cultivate reading habits among the children. He demonstrates as well taught scientific toys made from trash materials (based on Arvind

Gupta's concept, <http://www.arvindguptatoys.com>) in schools, orphan homes. He has distributed school kits, story books to the underprivileged children of rural and tribal area schools with the help of company colleagues and friends. The School Kit mission is dedicated to our former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam with the tag line "कलम से कलाम तक ... " is new and quality education aid to the children to encourage them to attend schools. A school kit contains a school bag with notebooks, pencils, eraser, sharpener, crayon box, coloring books etc. He has also donated old clothes in slum areas and has run blanket donation drives. Recently he is running weekly activity in 2 schools of 'Balmitra' for reading (Children supplement from every Sunday's 'Sakal' newspaper consists of Stories, Puzzles, Coloring activity). He has received 'Volunteer of the Year' award from AksharBharati NGO for 'Activities and Scientific toys' work.

### **Ms. Nisha Purushothaman**

Nisha Purushothaman is being recognised for her outstanding contribution as a Strategic Fundraising & Communications Consultant and a practising Humanist. She is currently working on an initiative to make Humanism, a life transforming experience for young adults. Nisha is the Founder of Think Strategic and has over sixteen years of experience in helping more than 4000 Civil Society Organisations with Local Fundraising, Communication and Strategic planning. Nisha uses her expertise to help the organisation strengthen its strategic focus, engage its donors and diversify its income base leading to enhancing its fundraising.

### **Mr. Nitin Soans**

Nitin Soans was born in Kodaikanal. He has done all his schooling at Kodaikanal and his bachelor's degree at Bangalore. He is currently looking after his family business in Kodaikanal. It is a budget hotel and they cater to all kinds of tourists; local and international. His hobbies include hiking and photography. These two hobbies are something that he is really involved in. As having grown up in Kodai, he is exposed to nature and its beautiful surroundings therefore the enchanting hills and valleys here are always a sight worth watching all day. Doing business here has become his passion. To him, the hospitality industry is more than just making money. It's more about helping his customer to get a safe and comfortable environment as he has travelled into an unknown land, thereby also creating a healthy friendship with each customer. His involvement in helping the flood affected victims during the Chennai floods was a very small and a need-of-the-moment role. But he felt it was his duty to help those who needed it even though all he had was access to Internet and social media. What we give matters more than what we get. And to him, having been a part of Chennai floods volunteer was something that made him realise that being a common man sometimes can offer the biggest form of help and each of us will always have a major role to play in helping our country move forward together as one! We just need to step out and take initiative.

### **Dr. Nitya Prakash**



Nitya Prakash is a versatile personality - a writer, a banker, a management expert, an investment consultant, software engineer, motivational speaker, media man, all rolled in one. He is the author of the much-hyped romantic novel 'Dear, I Hate You', thriller fiction 'R.I.P. In the Name of Love', popular fiction 'Little Lucknow', paranormal fiction 'Maya', self-help book 'The 9 Minutes Manager' and text book 'Banking: Principle and Practice'. He was born and brought up in the city of Nawabs - Lucknow, UP (India). He did his computer graduation from the University of Lucknow, Lucknow followed by an Executive Management Program from K.J.Somaiya Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai and also a Post Graduate Diploma in Banking Management from ICICI Manipal Academy, Bangalore. He has also done his Master of English Literature from Kalinga University, Raipur. Prakash has been conferred upon a Honorary Degree i.e. Doctor of Life Coaching for his contribution in the field of literature and life coaching by Los Angeles Development Church Institute, California, United States. He is NSDL and AMFI certified, which enables him to work as an investment consultant. He is a ferocious reader and a prolific writer and has been regular in writing many youth awakening articles in TOI and many other reputed magazines. He is the Co-Founder of Creative Ecstasy, Dronacharya and The School on Wheels India. He can be reached via his Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/nityacreative](http://www.facebook.com/nityacreative) or his email id i.e. [prakashnitya@ymail.com](mailto:prakashnitya@ymail.com).

### **Ms. Nureen Faiza Anisha**

Nureen is a researcher and activist in the field of climate change and water resources. Her work closely relates to the human dimension of climate change and water security. She is an engineer by training and has also been a national level award winning public speaker, debate coach and TV show host. Her TV show on national television, Projonmo Agami, which just successfully finished its 3<sup>rd</sup> season, advocates for social awareness regarding tolerance, communal harmony, civic responsibility and other contemporary social issues among the youth. In her professional life, she is a researcher in the field of climate change and environment. She has worked at the grassroots level in remote areas of Bangladesh, including remote villages in the Chittagong hill tracts in southeastern Bangladesh. Her experiences during the field works have motivated her to keep her research not just limited to technical boundaries and now her research broadly focuses on gender dimensions, socio-cultural and political dynamics of climate change. As a citizen of Bangladesh, the most climate vulnerable country in the world, Nureen believes in not just raising awareness regarding climate change issue, but making a real life effective contribution to climate change adaptation and hazard mitigation. Nureen is an environmentalist who has been a motivational speaker for youth in various national platforms. She has been a debate coach and public speaking trainer to several girls' schools in many villages of Bangladesh for 3 years during her undergrad life. A graduate from BUET, the most prestigious engineering university in Bangladesh, Nureen has won several national level public speaking championships, environmental case competitions and led debate clubs in her educational institutions. Nureen is committed to making her knowledge count in the building of a more climate resilient Bangladesh.



### **Mr. Onkar K. Khullar**

Onkar is an Artist, Philosopher, Consultant, Author and a Social Entrepreneur. He started his first company, I Impact India Partners at the age of 21, creating a niche for himself as the youngest Consultant in the Cause Branding & Marketing Industry Internationally. After 3 years he founded a presentation solutions firm called Presentation Ink. After researching on 500 Non-profits and Businesses, he developed an industry game changing process called Impact Thinking to help out non-profits around the world. In 2016 he is has pledged to spearhead India's Social Entrepreneurship Movement amongst the youth called 'Gandhi with a laptop' through his speeches across the nation.

### **Dr. P.K. Paul**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2003, Paul has given a vent to his heart's desire and started an non-profit NGO organization, involving in philanthropic and public charitable activity, by name & style INDIAN DISABLED LEAGUE; IDL FOUNDATION, a non-profit NGO with a difference, which was rolled out by the SOURAV GANGULY & SACHIN TENDULKAR along with Indian Cricket Team, Minister of Women & Child Welfare, The Commissioner of Police, Film Actors, Prominent personalities and celebrities. Ever since PAUL started the IDL FOUNDATION, he has successfully completed a completed several major service projects and has constantly been in news both in print and electronic media for his noble works. His desire to help the blind & visually challenged to live a relatively normal life, leading him to dedicate a fair share of his life to the organization for the betterment of the society and our fellow human beings who are in need, underprivileged & downtrodden. So far Paul has helped more than 50,000 beneficiaries, received State Award -2006, Distributed One Lakh+ eye donation forms, recipient of BBMP prestigious Kempegowda-2012, Also Limca Book of National Award for IDL Blind Band 500 shows.

### **Mr. Pankaj Bhatt**

Pankaj Bhatt is an engineer by education, but a writer at heart. After spending a year working for the IT sector, he quit his job to pursue a career in writing. He currently works as a volunteer and writes for Idishoom.com.

### **Mr. Vinod Khurana**

Vinod is a music teacher, composer, lyricist and a singer.

### **Mr. Patrick Rajkumar J.**

Patrick is a Gold Medallist and a Professor with 19 years of teaching experience in reputed private, professional and Government Colleges. He is a trained speaker and an educator who has presented papers at national and international forums, with representation in Boards of educational agencies at both State and National level; an award winning Coach of India's Blind Cricket Team, the winners of T20 World Cup, 4th ODI World Cup @ Cape Town South Africa 2014; a life skills coach and Counsellor, and social activist. As a socially concerned citizen, he is an active Member of a local area development group called "Chinnapanahalli Rising", Bangalore which is in the heart of the city's IT corridor. He also trains and supports a youth group, "Catalyst" and coordinates its activities in Bangalore. He has also donated blood to the needy over ten times. Apart from these, he is also an avid Gardener and very passionate about counselling people. His experience as a trained speaker at national and international forums, educator, trainer, life skills and sports coach, has proved to be useful to be a Counsellor where he can make a real and visible difference to people who are confused about life and in need of some practical advice.

### **Ms. Pooja Bohra**

Pooja loves to do everything in life with a passion. She is ardently devoted to her work and simultaneously she is involved in multifarious activities which help her evolve as a human being. She enjoys all the good things that life has to offer but remains steadfastly focused towards her goals. She is inwardly drawn towards the plight of the under-privileged people and wish to devote her time and money for their betterment. She wants to specially devote her energy for giving a dignified life to the old abandoned poor people and for providing education to children who have been denied this basic right. Above all, she cannot tolerate any form of violence towards women and children and many times she has openly come out in their support whenever she has come across someone being victimized. So in a way she can describe herself as a bold and contented person since she has been able to achieve a balance in the materialistic and spiritual way of living. She has realized that earning money for the purpose of bringing smiles on the faces of the deprived gives more meaning to life than anything else. We have got this birth for a purpose and I believe that this purpose is to nurture the creator's creation. She strives to contribute her little bit earnestly. If along the way she is able to inspire others to join her in my endeavours, then together, we all can bring a bigger change.

### **Mr. Pramod Sridharamurthy**

Pramod is a life form, part of this complex ecosystem in our universe who believes that he has the power to bring about a change without accepting status quo. He strongly believes in a level playing field. He believes that while the choice of capitalizing an opportunity is left to an individual, there should never be anyone, who misses out, because of lack of opportunity. The most disadvantaged, should ideally have the same opportunities as the most affluent. That is what drives him and he wants to do his bit to level the playing field. He is A Volunteer, holds the position of secretary for an NGO called India Literacy Project and drives a project called Multi-Dimensional learning space (MDLS), which is one of the most

important projects of his life. An Entrepreneur, he heads the India development centre for Glassbeam which is another important initiative of his life. He is also associated with a few start-ups in various roles. When he fails, he learns and comes back stronger, believes in leading by example, understands that learning is continuous and when he is at his low, family and friends give him strength.

### **Ms. Priti Jaswaney**

Every individual has more than one role to take on in life. Some roles are chosen by you and some roles choose you. What Priti personally believes in is that whatever the case may be; you need to fulfill all these roles with utmost sincerity, honesty, care and with full responsibility. That is what truly defines your character as to who you are at the core of your personality and what you choose to be in life. And she chooses to be something more and beyond just the roles she regularly plays in life. She believes she is a woman with compassion and passion; with strong values and determination for achievement. She believes in freedom, creativity, power of knowledge, hardworking and respects all human values. She believes in independence, love and human relations. She believes she plays important roles. Altogether, she is a combination of her mind with objective thinking, soul with strong values and a healthy body with important roles and responsibilities.

### **Ms. Priya Bhlla (The Optimist)**

A renowned HOLISTIC HEALER who always believed in OPTIMISM, which is a now as a Synonym to her name. She developed these skills almost since her childhood days. Her sayings & foresightedness always amused everybody around her. She has been dealing in Occult sciences from past 17 years, providing a Niftiest solutions to her clients.

A Tarot Card Reader

A Rune Expert

A Vastu Consultant

A Crystal Therapist

An Angel Card Reader

A REIKI Grand Master

A Spell Caster

A Numerologist

& a friend for all.

Her predictions are very up to the mark as it is being experienced by her Clients which according to her are like real Laurels. She is completely dedicated in serving mankind in many ways. She is working for Women empowerment through her NGO Kusum Daya Social Welfare Trust which is currently working for the education of Underprivileged children. She has been conducting Free Workshops of her courses for the needy females who can learn occult sciences & make some living out of it. She is staunch believer of this quote which says "a life lived for others is worth living".

### **Ms. Priya Naik**

Priya holds Masters Degrees from Yale University, The University of Michigan- Ann Arbor and Mumbai University. Her professional background has ranged from financial consulting to social entrepreneurship. Before founding Samhita, she helped incubate several social enterprises. She was also part of a team at MIT that won two awards for Ideas and Innovation in business. She started Samhita Social Ventures in 2009 as a means to answer a single question: how to get India's corporate houses to actively engage with social outreach activities by encouraging them to see the potential of aligning their CSR programs with their company's core values and strategic objectives. With her team at Samhita they are now helping companies, foundations, donor organisations, NGOs and other key development sector stakeholders.

### **Ms. Priyanka Shylendra**

CEO - Gift Your Organ Foundation, Director Operations - Astha & Proprietor – Genesis. Priyanka Shylendra holds a Masters degree in Forensic Science from UK and has worked in one of the best labs. She knew it was a cool job to be in, the attention she got was great but soon she realized that it did not give her fulfillment in life. Winston Churchill once said “You make a living by what you earn; you make a life by what you give”. She has had a chance to experience this. 5 years ago a project on introducing the option of organ donor on driver's license card changed her life. To be instrumental in making something happen for the first time in the country which has resulted in over 1.25 lakh people being educated on organ donation is a very fulfilling experience and at the same time realizing that thousands of people are dying due to non-availability of organs gives her the drive to continue to work in this area. She has conducted over 100 organ donation awareness drives at schools, colleges, MNCs, banks, clubs etc. She also plays an active role at Astha, a non-profit working towards empowering differently abled people. She thinks this community has as much right in leading a fulfilling, comfortable life as anyone else.

### **Mr. Puneet Gandhi**

Puneet is pursuing his graduation degree from Graphic Era Hill University, Deharadun. He was an average student in his high school as he was more into co curricular activities and volunteer programs across the city. He has past experience of working for a non-profit organisation namely People for Animal for 2 years. He had played a role of team leader twice in AIESEC (world largest youth run organisation) for 1 year. He was social development executive for an E-Commerce website named Planet for Growth. He started his own organisation named WINGS - World Integrated Network for Growth Supporters. He got a chance to represent INDIA at APAC4U at Malaysia in 2016 and was selected for Asia Pacific Summit organised by ASEAN & Asian development bank in 2017 at Bangkok.

### **Mr. Rahul Rajderkar**

Rahul has 14 years of work experience in the corporate world, also with that he has been doing social activities along with his work. He has worked in teaching poor children in Orissa, part of Robinhood Army in Pune (which collects fresh food and distributes the same to homeless and poor people, working on an NGO project wherein they are sourcing funds for a school bag which gets converted into a desk (that is primarily for school children in poor areas where even a simple desk is not available for the children).

### **Mr. Raja Ramaswamy**

Raja is the founder of New Ark Mission, a registered trust NEW ARK MISSION OF INDIA under which (Home of Hope), a hospice for the totally abandoned street dwellers who live by begging. Generally known as Auto Raja because his profession was running an auto for a living, He finished only 3<sup>rd</sup> standard in an English medium school. As a boy he fell into bad company and took to petty larceny and extortions that forced his parents to throw him out of home. His petty crimes soon landed him in jail. Perhaps God intended that, for it is here he had a mental transformation. Learning about Mother (now, Saint) Theresa, he decided to emulate her in his own small way. After seeing the plight of totally abandoned destitute during, driving his auto, he decided to do something for them, fulfilling all their needs, without any discrimination by caste, creed, sex, age, etc. Home of Hope functions, is the result. Only by God's grace and the help of friends, patrons, well-wishers & Donations the Home has been running close to twenty years. From 20 years 9000 to 10000 people Rescued from streets like destitute, blind, lame, leprosy, stroke, mentally & physically challenged, also HIV, totally rejected from family & society and given food, medicine, shelter, and transforming their life. 3700 people died in peace & dignity at our home. At present our Home has 680 residents, all living together like a cohesive family. God willing, he would like to open branches in all the states to serve the whole of India.

### **Mr. Rajan Chaurasiya**

Rajan is involved in saving the Mother Earth and its existence in order to stop the deforestation and bring balance to the ecological situation in India under the state government of Uttar Pradesh, District - Mau in Kopaganj town and villages along with his brother Ritesh. He is engaged in bringing social changes from the age of ten. They try to do the plantation by saving money from our daily livelihood. They plan to create awareness in planting trees in every nook and corner of India, to involve others to extend their helping hand for the existence of our Mother Earth, clearance for Ganga river side for tree plantation and treatment plants. They also plant tree in their area especially in the public places. They both brothers promote the protection of trees so as to conserve Earth but due to some reasons they are not adequately able to function such as deficiency of water and expensive plants. They try to preserve the existing trees by carrying water from faraway

places. They buy plants from private nursery at higher cost. Both brothers have been working towards pollution free environment since age of ten. They have been doing this without any help from others, so they need to spend a lot of money from their own pocket in order to plant trees.

### **Mr. Rajendra M.**

Rajendra believes that he is a person who believes in commitment, service, learning, innovation, change, and discipline. These roles are important in order to do something good to the society. His culture, thinking and approaches implement these values in his professional and personal life. These values help him in orienting his activities to benefit the end beneficiaries. He always does things in a different way. His commitment ensures that he never leave things in the middle. He is always ready to learn and to innovate in his working environment, be a change agent to the social causes, especially among persons with disability. All these are done by adopting a disciplined approach.

### **Mr. Rajesh Puliyanalath**

Rajesh is an easy going person and believes in living every moment of his life. He has completed his Masters in Computer Application from NIT Raipur in the year 1993 and since then worked with various organizations from programmer to Delivery manager. At present he is working as a Senior Principal Consultant with MNC based out at Noida which is working in the IT service industry vertical. He started his Volunteering journey with CRY as a volunteer and since then he has associated himself with various NGOs and various causes and it was all Pro Bono based. He is honorary member in some of the NGOs board and currently he is learning and promoting the Indian Sign Language so that we can dream of making a inclusive society.

### **Mr. Rajesh Nair**

Kite Life foundation founded by Mr. Rajesh Nair , a passionate kiter along with like-minded friends have floated this organisation to promote kite more as a serious leisure/ recreational sport by introducing kiteKraft™, a unique kite making workshop through a curriculum which teaches about kites and its heritage. This was a new breed of activity to students and alike who are glued to TV sets and indoor games. KLF raised the profile of kites and it runs kite clubs and chapters which hosts kite festivals and seminars/ forums in India and abroad periodically. By doing this, they gave a new dimension as far as kite as controllable flying object is concerned. Their kitekraft™ is a much sought after to world of enthusiasts towards achieving success to this direction. Moreover funds by the foundation in these activities have been used to meet the needs of community of deprived. One of their successes in this direction is Safe and clean drinking water initiative implemented at govt/ taluk hospitals in Kerala in the recent past other than beach cleanups in India on regular basis.

### **Ms. Rajeswari. C**

Rajeswari is a passionate change maker who wants to ignite young minds and educate all. She is driving more than 6000 hours of volunteering through impactful projects at Google, Hyderabad. She has motivated more than 1000 volunteers till date at her workplace. She is a digital marketing professional, who keeps internet safe for users. She is a multitasker, who supports work and family. She is a loving spouse and caring mom without whom the house will be a mess. A creative thinker who wants to introduce fun based learning to kids and a dreamer, whose vision is to bring the change. She would like to quote one of her colleagues who had given this citation:

This is the recent appreciation that she has got from her management -

*“Raji does an absolutely fantastic job as the office lead for the GoogleServe program. She is responsible for identifying opportunities, building and motivating the team and finally executing on office wide projects spanning 500 volunteers, multiple NGOs and education, poverty and strategic funding & CSR initiatives. Most recently, she spearheaded the 2016 program which lead saw an 33 % increase in office participation clearly demonstrating her drive and passion for making a change. She truly embodies the spirit of the 'Be the change you want to see”.*

### **Mr. Surendra Singh Rajput**

In recognition of Dr. Rajput Surendra Singh who exemplifies integrity orienting exceptional contribution in the cause of excellence in residential school education and community service. He is a self reliant, versatile simple human being; much in making. More specifically, a Committed - Proactive Principal , Creator of Institutions, Shooter, Tae – Kwon - Do Practitioner/ Coach, Leader, Teacher/ Students' Mentor, Research Scholar, Poet and above all a persistent learner. For the introduction sake, this invariably changes in the context of whom he meets. As a Learner, he follows value(s) like Character; *not reputation...*, Passion, Veracity Commitment to Service coupled with socio-environmental-educational consciousness. As a Sr. Sec. Principal at Amber Valley Residential School, Chikmangalur, he strives to raise the bar by taking actions which supports his passion akin to : \* Total Quality Management Systems{TQMS} \* Regular vivid training/ learning, Involving students & teachers in the sanitation, plantation & environment protection drive \* Usage of Non Conventional Energy Resources in School \* Association with Reap Benefit Program which conducts hands-on sessions for the students focused on optimization of energy, water & garbage management within the school and adopted *Aadarsh Gram* \* Association with *Aarogya World & Hriday* to enhance Diabetes awareness \* Enrolment of SAI scholars for the Talent Acquisition in Sports \* Raising Funds for the *Caring Souls & Smile Foundation*. Rajput's aforesaid efforts in the role of a Principal have successfully marked powerful impact

on the education spectrum in particular and the society in general in the finest traditions orienting the holistic education approach.

### **Ms. Rakshanda Tiwari**

A young motivated girl who has a burning zeal for knowledge is an active volunteer of Tvam. As a volunteer her roles are to actively participate in all the life skills/life coaching activities of Tvam. She is actively involved in gaining maximum knowledge from the life coaching material and life skills training sessions of Tvam. As a budding emotional intelligence trainer, Rakshanda cherishes the dream of creating a world where people are mentally and emotionally healthy. She wants to create happy and fulfilled homes in the world. Rakshanda is also very active in the rural empowerment activities of Tvam, such as organic manure cultivation and 3 - dimensional farming to mitigate hunger. She brings life to the organisation by her passion, dedication, punctuality, simplicity, humility and courage. She never misses an opportunity to learn and expand her horizon by constantly moving out of her comfort zone.

### **Ms. Ramaa Subramaniam**

Ms. Ramaa Subramaniam is a compassionate and family-oriented individual that believes in the social cause of the elderly. Her work ethic and responsibility is demonstrated through her active initiatives of Silver Innings Helpline (A search portal for senior citizens) and Pride Age (A Social Enterprise). She believes that for the betterment of a society, the change must come from within. She is an Effective Coordinator and a Trained Counselor.

### **Mr. Rambabu T. C.**

Rambabu is a simple living freak, who believes in Giving as God and Value of money is great when given, par when spent and zero when saved. Likewise he does not own any property nor has any savings. Also, he is a part time writer and a social activist. His last position was in 2009 with Helpage, India as a State In charge of Karnataka. Since then he is an independent Non Profit Consultant. He tries to work as a bridge between needy NGOs and generous Corporate. Presently he is focussing on promoting CST and Roof top solar to MSME. He loves to teach, travel and read in between. His passion and personal goals are to bring in a caste less society. He is married out of caste and encourages his children to do so.

### **Ms. Rani KT**



Mrs. Rani KT lost her mom when she was only 6 years old, instilling a growing value of the presence of mother in one's life. When she shifted to Bangalore many years later, she hadn't planned that that burning desire would grow into a reality which would impact lot of lives. She witnessed a few elderly parents being mistreated around her neighbourhood and others on the streets in unspeakably horrible conditions. She invited 2 such elderly women into her home and started to look after them. This is when "Ashraya Seva Trust" was born, when she was suggested to set up a trust as this would enable her to cater to the many elderly in future. In 2005, Ashraya Seva Trust officially opened as the place to stay for the elderly women. Ashraya has already rehabilitated close to 1000 elderly in a span of 11 years. Today, it looks after 60 elderly women in its residential care at Bangalore. Mrs. KT has incorporated activities like yoga & prayer sessions, spiritual/ religious trips to nearby places and celebration of festivals and birthdays. She ensures that these ladies get the best care in dignified manner. Not only that, they also receive regular health checkups and also the final rituals when they pass. However, she hasn't limited her work only to this. She travels to the rural villages of Coorg, her hometown every couple of months and conducts medical camps for the villagers. She does this with the help of volunteers and corporate who come forward to support the camps. She also supports primary education of children in the villages who are good in studies but can't afford.

#### **Mr. Reekrit Serai**

Reekrit is an Educationalist, Publisher and Strategic Advisor to Early-Stage and Scaling-Up Start-ups. Currently he is Managing Director of Rumour Books India. Rumour Books India is one of India's top publishing houses. He also chairs - Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & Young Indians (Yi), Chandigarh Area. He is also the Dean - External Affairs and Alumni; Vice - Principal of Satluj Group of Schools, Panchkula and Founding Director of Panchkula Art and Literary Festival (PALF). PALF is North India's highest attended literary and art festivals. He is also a Strategic Advisor and Mentor to Start-ups. He mentors and advises early-stage and scaling-up start-ups on strategic growth.

#### **Ms. Reena Raju**

Reena is a lady with an Angel's Heart. Having suffered with end stage heart failure (DCM) at the age of 25, she underwent a successful heart transplant after nearly four years to become the first female heart recipient in Karnataka. Ever since, she founded a registered charitable Trust "Light A Life - Reena Raju Foundation" that works towards making organ transplantation a viable option for patients in India. Hope is all one has when one is critically ill. She uses every medium, platform to not only create awareness on the cause but to also give hope to several patients/ patient families of what one can do post a heart transplant. She is adventurous and through an illness has conquered the fear of death. It has made her do things no one has ever done in India with a donor heart like a 15ft underwater sea walk and parasailing. She sings with her donor heart, participates in marathons, cyclothns, gives talk and does whatever it takes to make a difference in patient's lives. Her role as the voice of patients helps her show people that patients too can contribute, be productive and make a difference in society.

### **Dr. Renu Agrawal**

Dr. Renu Agrawal worked as Chief Scientist in the Food Microbiology Department, along with CSIR-CFTRI Rural development programme coordinator at CFTRI, Mysore, India and CSIR nodal coordinator for food science and nutrition to empower 800 million people around the nation. Being PI of many externally funded project received grants from DBT (Department of Biotechnology) and DST (Department of Science and Technology) Govt. of India and International with Bulgaria and Argentina. Her work on probiotic innovative functional foods has been successful in improving health by natural means. She guided students for M.Sc, M.phil and PhD (Biotechnology and Microbiology). She has 60 research papers, more than 160 conference papers, 20 patents and three microbial processes purchased by more than 100 industries presently in market. She has been honored fellowships as FAMI, FISBT, FNABS, FSAB, “Women Achievers award by the “International Guild of Women Achievers” and India International Friendship society. NABS conferred her with “Best woman scientist”, Rotary Inner wheel for scientific excellence with “Suguna Award”, Institution of Engineers, Mysore unit. She is serving society by running many fellowships for poor meritorious students, pre fixed auto stand in Mysore for public, teaching free one girl child every year, conducting Annual national level Novel competition on burning topics at Akhila Bhartiya Parishad, Rajasthan. She is co-chairing the Expert Committee on Scheme for Young Scientists and Technologists (SYST), and CODER DST, Govt. of India, New Delhi nurturing young scientists for projects of societal relevance.

### **Ms. Richa Singh**

Richa Singh is the conceptualizer and CEO of YourDOST - the first online platform for stress relief in India. YourDOST is an innovative online technology platform open to all users to get access to experts to deal with anxiety, stress and depression. She began this journey in December 2014 with a team of 2-3 people and grown it to a strong team of 25 now with ~ 400 experts who are psychologists, counsellors, career counsellors, relationship advisors, life coaches and more. In 1.5 years of operation, she has helped more than 4 lakh users and is managing the website growth of 40% month-on-month. She is an IIT Guwahati alumna with specialization in User Experience Design. Post this; she led product development in Webfluenz for 3 years (ranked among top 15 social media analytics tools). In March 2014, Webfluenz got acquired by Mu Sigma, leading Big Data and analytics solutions provider. She has been felicitated with several rewards and recognitions - Top 15 people of 2015 by Economic Times, Women of Worth by NDTV and L'Oreal and INK Fellow. She has been selected for Zone Startups Accelerator programme, first of its kind exclusively for women entrepreneurs and also featured in Times of India, Deccan Chronicle and social channels like BuzzFeed, YourStory, YouthKiAwaaz.

### **Mr. Ritesh Chaurasiya**

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by saving money from our daily livelihood. They plan to create awareness in planting trees in every nook and corner of India, to involve others to extend their helping hand for the existence of our Mother Earth, clearance for Ganga river side for tree plantation and treatment plants. They also plant tree in their area especially in the public places. They both brothers promote the protection of trees so as to conserve Earth but due to some reasons they are not adequately able to function such as deficiency of water and expensive plants. They try to preserve the existing trees by carrying water from faraway places. They buy plants from private nursery at higher cost. Both brothers have been working towards pollution free environment since age of ten. They have been doing this without any help from others, so they need to spend a lot of money from their own pocket in order to plant trees.

### **Prof. Dr. S. N. Chauhan**

Prof. (Dr.) Chauhan is Executive Director of S.D. College of Engineering & Technology, Muzaffarnagar. He has a brilliant career. He has keen interest in teaching and research. He is Ph. D. in Agro Industrial and Environmental Planning and also in Marketing Management. Dr. Chauhan started his career as lecturer in 1984 from Damoh, MP. He made various projects of Sanatan Dharma Group, Muzaffarnagar for establishing Engineering College, Management College, Pharmacy College, PGDM College, Law College, Commerce, Polytechnic, Paramedical Institution and Medical College. Dr. Chauhan has deep concern with teaching, research and administration. During his 32 years of service, he has attended 36 national and international conferences. He has written dozen of books for graduate, post graduate and academics. His latest two books are Industrial Psychology and Environment: Some Basic Issues besides 10 edited books published by Mac Million and Blooms Burry Publication. He has published 41 research papers in various books and journals. He has organized 12 international and national conferences. He is a teacher, researcher and administrator of high merit. He is Chairman of H.D. Charitable Society Ghaziabad, and member of Governing Bodies of several institutions of Higher Technical and Professional Education. He is recipient of several awards: Life Time Achievement Award by International Society for Agile Manufacturing USA, Life Time Achievement Award by Indian Medical Association, Shiksha Bhushan Samman at “Akhil Bhartiya Hindi Sahitya Sammelan”, recognition and award by Rotary, Lions Club and other organizations for Rendering Excellent Social, Administrative and Educational Services. He is also the recipient of Dialogue India Best Director Award among Engineering College of U.P., Life Time Achievement Award by Global Achievers.

### **Mr. Saanjay Sethi**

Called a ‘Change Agent’ by THE WEEK & PITCH (Marketing Journal), Saanjay is known for turning ‘Books into Tools of Marketing, Branding, Strategic & Tactical Communication’ & the idiom ‘BUILD YOUR BRAND through BOOKS’. Before becoming a serial entrepreneur, consultant, independent director, mentor & author he invested 27 years (1982-2009) with global market leaders in PUBLISHING, MEDIA, BROADCASTING & EDUCATION; Wolters Kluwer CCH (Managing Director & Asia Board), Macmillan (Chief

Publisher), Sony Entertainment (VP), Times Group (Chief Manager), Addison-Wesley (Country Manager) & McGraw-Hill (Product Manager). He founded MATRIX PUBLISHING GROUP in 2010. Today it is 'India's #1 Custom Publisher across Academic, Institutional, Corporate, Luxury & Lifestyle Markets'. He is also an Independent Director of UNSW Global in India, University of New South Wales, Australia and a Member of the prestigious Gerson Lehrman Group, (US) - Media Council. He is also active in managing 3<sup>rd</sup> party business strategy, funding, incubation, M&A, etc. He is Chief Mentor to two Tech Start-Ups. Keynote speaker, visiting faculty to B&C Schools, he received the 'National Scholarship' from Ministry of Education, Govt. of India after completing his UG studies from Delhi University; the Chancellor's Silver Medal for PGDM (Marketing) & the Hindustan Times Silver Medal for PGDC (Public Relations).

### **Ms. Sanno**

Sanno, when was just 13 used to work in the pant-hook making industry, sometimes even overnight to cover the household expenses, as her father was a drunkard and mostly used to stay away from the family. She always had a passion for studies and went to government school till class 5 but had to drop out due to work. While returning home, at lunch she used to see some children like her attending open classes at a contact point of Chetna Institute at a Cemetery and it always provoked her to go and sit in those classes but as it was a cemetery, she was prohibited by the family to go there due to her religion. Still, she secretly went to those classes and was even beaten up when caught. One day she was taken to the residential workshop by Badhte Kadam Federation where she learnt about the leadership qualities and children rights. She got to know for the first time that there were many more children who are struggling for their livelihood. That was the time when she got to know about the Balaknama Newspaper and got a chance to put up her writing skills to help the street children. She has played various roles in her personal and vocational life. She played the role of National Advisor of Badhte Kadam, role of a Reporter, Editor and the Chief Editor of Balaknama Newspaper (first newspaper of the world by street children for street children), and also of trainer in various training on child rights. She has also supported many of her neighbours to ensure their rights. She has also been a TEDx at Vishakhapatnam.

### **Mr. Pendyala Satish Kumar**

Satish is a Standing Advocate practicing at High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad. He was born and raised in Hyderabad and has two sisters. Since last eight years he has mentored about 5000 youth in this country on power of vote and motivational seminars in colleges and schools. He believes in generating administrative political awareness to common civilians of any country. With this he is sure that country will progress rationally. As a part of YBI, he coordinated Anti Corruption Movement in Hyderabad and when the bill got passed in both the houses of the parliament he was very proud of himself. To create awareness on endanger species, he adopted salt water crocodile and named it as "Bharat" He is a numismatist, loves to collect coins and stamps and he feels our culture, history is depicted in our coin. He is

inspiration to many youth and guides NGO's in Hyderabad on different subjects. When AP Reorganization Bill was passed, as a part of FDR they have sent few amendments and standing committee of parliament accepted it and changed the Act accordingly.

### **Mr. Shaju Varghese P.**

Shaju Varghese P was born in a devote Catholic Family in Thrissur District of Kerala. He joined the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) religious congregation in 1984. He was ordained Priest on December 30, 1998. His first appointment was as Vice Principal and Administrator of Chavara Vidya Bhavan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore. He has served in the education field as Principal at Christ Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Poonamallee, Chennai, Teacher at Don Bosco School, Kokrajhar, Assam, Teacher at Lisieux College of Education, Coimbatore. In 2011, he was appointed as the Principal of Christ Schools, Dharmaram College, Bangalore. At that time there were approximately 4000 students and 350 members of staff. It was during his tenure as Principal of Christ ICSE School, minority status and permanent affiliation was granted to the School. During this period he was selected as the "Best District Principal" by Science Olympiad Foundation and "Trend Setter in Education" award by Creativity 4 Children Organization. Concurrently, he was serving as the Parish Priest of St. Sebastian's Church, Anepalaya, Bangalore for a period of three years. Fr. Shaju Varghese P holds Bachelor's degree in Philosophy (B.Ph) from DVK, Bangalore, Bachelor's Degree in Theology (B.Th) from JDV, Pune, M.A in English and MA in Christian Studies, PGDCA and M.Ed from Universities in Tamil Nadu, B.Ed from Govt. College of Education, Kokrajhar, Assam and NET from UGC in 2010. Currently he is pursuing PhD in English from Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

### **Ms. Sherin Bosko**

Sherin Bosko is a medical sociologist, founder of Nakshatra, a rape crisis centre based in Chennai. She has completed her Masters from Loyola College in Medical Sociology. Nakshatra is a rape crisis centre. They as an organisation focus on sexual violence against women and children. They provide psychological, legal and rehabilitation assistance to sexually violated victims. She was herself a victim of sexual abuse as a child of 5 years. When she was almost lost, she learnt that there were children and women who were less fortunate than her, as she was always privileged and had a wonderful family. She started looking at herself not as a victim but she proudly said that she is a survivor and encouraged children and women to speak out and report crimes of sexual violence. She focuses to support and raise her voice against sexual crimes against women and children. Even though she focuses on prevention of sexual crimes, her intent is to work more on supporting the victims in the police station, i.e., from registering of the crime, supporting the victim throughout the

trial until the judgement is given. Whatever comes in the way be it a threat or any other form of humiliation, she does her best to fight for her client.

### **Ms. Shilpa Pandey**

Since childhood Shilpa has been a discipline child, quiet, always smiling and helping others. She has grown up to an adult who has realized that one has to live ones dream and with courage, perseverance and faith in self one can achieve the Dreams and Goals. She is a single parent of a 7 year old boy. She loves motherhood. She is in Mumbai but has lived in cities like Varanasi, Gwalior, Nagpur and Pune. She is a Hotel Management Graduate and her first job was with Jet Airways as a Flight Stewardess. This role took her to different cities and she loved the travel experience. She did her PG in HR and has 15+ years of experience in Business HR Support role in industries like Manufacturing, Consulting, FMCG and Retail. Her last assignment was with Future Group. She has bid goodbye to the corporate world and has taken the road of being an Entrepreneur and Being a Wellness & Life Coach supporting clients on transitions and transformation in their life.

### **Mr. H. Shivananda Murthy**

Dr. Murthy is Professor & Head, Department of Aquaculture at College of Fisheries, KVAFSU, Mangalore. He served as Director of Extension earlier at Karnataka Veterinary & Fisheries Sciences University (KVAFSU) and present Member of the Karnataka Biodiversity Board. He has did M.F.Sc., Ph.D., in Aquaculture from University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore and had Post Doctoral Research at University of Stirling, UK, for six months, at Texas A&M University, USA, for three months and at University of Santiago, Spain for one month. He has put in total service of 36 years in Education, Research & Development/ Extension in different capacities namely, Director, Professor, Associate Professor and other positions. He has procured and handled 16 major externally funded research projects as Principal Investigator funded by IFS Sweden, DBT, DST, ICAR, New Delhi and other organizations. He has guided 34 research scholars in Aquaculture and Biosciences as Research Guide. He has published over 200 publications including 145 research papers, books and other publications. He has organized eighteen national and international conferences/ symposia and sixty training programmes to officials of Development Departments and farmers. He has visited Spain, UK, USA, Denmark, Spain, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and other countries. He is the Recipient of several prestigious national/international awards for outstanding contributions in research and development in 'aquaculture & fisheries' including the 'Jawaharlal Nehru Award' of the Government of India, 'Sir C V Raman Award' of the Government of Karnataka and several other awards and recognitions. He was a Keynote speaker, chaired sessions and presented in 55 international and national conferences.

### **Ms. Shraddha Gautam**

Shraddha is an entertainer, a mother, a student, a mentor and a work in progress. Her job as a radio person has enabled her to touch lives and this has made her a more sensitive and a more positive person. Her work has also taught her the importance of humour in making an emotional connection with people. Thanks to her work, she meets amazing people and features their amazing work on her show which in turn inspires her to be better, do more at her work and to never stop learning. She did not know how much love she is capable of giving until she became a mother. Becoming a mother has also made her a more efficient person. She gets more out of her day today than she did in the past and in teaching her son she is learning, again, the importance of being good. Mentoring people at work has led her to discovering her teaching skills, the joy of sharing knowledge and the excitement of being a part of another person's pursuit of success.

### **Ms. Shruti Chaturvedi**

Shruti is 23, and a graduate in Psychology. She comes with 3 years of experience in media and advertising industry. Her first stint began at 19 as a news anchor in a media channel and since then there was never looking back. She started Chaaipani in October of 2015, a new-media platform to discover, share and act on positive, inspiring stories of people around us. Chaaipani reaches to over 2,00,000 readers every month and has built a community of 88,000 subscribers. They have told over 450 stories in a year. Their stories have impacted several people. Shruti is passionate about storytelling and wants to harness the skill to bring a positive change in the society.

### **Ms. Shruti Nagvanshi**

Shruti is the Founder of Savitiri Bai Phule Women Forum, Founding member and managing trustee of PVCHR along with convener of VOP. She is dedicated for rights of marginalized for their organizational building based on participatory activism, human dignity and hope. She has developed first model village Belwa from village of injustice into village of resistance and was proud to see the learners from marginalized communities of Baghawanala going for graduation especially girls.

### **Dr. Smita M. Dharmamer**

Smita is a woman, 49 year old, mother of two teenager kids, a wife, an oldest daughter, a daughter in law, a homeopath (this is what her degree says), a counsellor, a Head- Post harm, a listener, a healer, and so many things (she can write this list endlessly). It's getting really hard to get up in morning and have same spirit every day, this haunts her most of the time, It makes her ask herself what is she doing? Most of the time she feels why she does not go back to her respected job where she was a doctor and gives medicine to patients. She had a lot on her mind and a lot of those normal doubts about if she had made good or bad decisions about her career. For anyone in any career, whether you are pivoting or just doing well there is a

huge amount of risk. Some people believe it's financial. It's not. It's your friends and family. You do not have time for them, giving excuses, not taking calls sometime. Right now for her, it's not having a life outside of her job. She has committed herself to love what she does completely. She has invested 100%. Despite all her doubts there is always a small community (like you) that understands when she has risked so much. Her community of risk-takers are spread all over the world and she is grateful to all of them. She is happy to watch the documentaries, read newspaper articles, active on social media, where she sees her communities' glimpses on and off.

### **Ms. Smita Parikh**

Smita Parikh is a multitalented personality to say the least! As a radio jockey whose voice has serenaded millions, the young dynamic entrepreneur and director of India's leading event management company E-Bizz, an actor whose histrionics earned her a place on National Television or the vibrant anchor who has brought shows alive for various stars. She has established herself as a woman who defines diversity. What completes this multifaceted persona is creativity and imagination. Smita to her credit is an award winning poet and short story writer, winning first prize from Rajasthan State Sahitya Academy, first prize in poetry writing from Maharana of Mewar Foundation and of course the "Madhya Pradesh Gaurav" from her own hometown. She has penned down lyrics of three music albums of legendary singers. Smita and her team ensures a meticulous execution of any event, based on detailed planning, best in the class providers and years of experience. Smita Conceived India's premium Literature Art and Music festival Lit-O-Fest Mumbai, as the Festival Director of the Lit-O-Fest, Smita has ensured that in addition to hosting valuable sessions with recognized authors, the festival allocates an equal space and attention on young emerging authors as well as our National Language Hindi and other regional author's work. Smita Parikh has been raising funds through several events for writers and musicians, few of them are legendary musicians and writers of our nation and some are upcoming talent of the country.

### **Mr. S. N. Ashoka**

S. N. Ashoka is the General Manager Production, (Ministry of Social Justice) Government of India. He joined M/s. Bharath Earth Movers Limited, Govt. of India undertaking (Ministry of Defence) during 1992 to Purchase department as a Assistant Manager (Purchase), elevated upto Assistant General Manager in the year 2005 in the same organisation, served around 18 years i.e., upto 2010. During the service he came across serious deviations, lapses, discrepancies, corrupt practice in procurement of goods of high value especially defence related products. He raised the voice against these procurement alone as a whistleblower continuously from 1992 onwards still pursuing the cases with ministry of defence, Govt. of India. He took up these issues to the Govt. authorities at the highest level after thorough investigation as an individual whistleblower, taking all sorts of risks, strides, threats both from interested parties and govt. agencies and also compelled the Govt. of India to review their defence procurement procedure and investigate some of the defence scams unearthed and refer to CBI for further investigation. The life has been so challenging and the courage



and zeal has been perpetual to fight injustice still exposing scams not shaking or stopping his duties for any obstacles came through the reason being the optimism and a staunch patriotism. Presently he is investigating three other procurement scams related to Indian defence procurement and continuously digging the major procurement of Indian defence, purely in the interest of the nation and mainly for the safety of our soldier brothers who deserve to have right equipments and weapons to protect and serve the Nation.

### **Ms. Sneha Shah**

Sneha is a professional and honest hard working woman. She is a self made independent woman. Her father was a clerk in government bank as they have inherited nothing but honesty modesty and hardcore work. She by profession is an event organiser and also a choreographer, infact the only choreographer who took seniors aging from 60 to 78 years of age to all popular television dance shows. She also trained them in dance that they performed with full confidence in front of dignities from bollywood starting from Shahrukh Khan to Deepika Padukone to Kirron Kher to Karan Johar to Farah Khan and the list is still on. Her only desire is to now make them perform in front of Honorable Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi. She is also looking forward to start a dance academy where she can hire needy but talented boys and girls as dance faculties and appointing the retired but not tired senior citizens to manage the back office, thus giving a chance to both needy young Indian to stand on its own and a retired capable talented and experienced senior to earn a living. She personally is working with NGOs like PUSHPA Maa FOUNDATION, SILVER ININGS, DIGNITY FOUNDATION, PRIDE AGE, VADILO NO CHAAYDO, VADIL DARBAR.

### **Dr. Gurajada Sobha Perindevi**

Dr. Sobha wanted her writings to serve the society. Her mother wanted her to help the needy as both her parents were dedicated to the society. She has M.A. degree in Sociology, M.A. in Telugu literature, MCJ, P.G. Diploma in Journalism and Phd in problems of senior citizens. Till now 12 of her books are printed and few books received awards and almost all are sold and two books are ready for the third print. All books are about social problems in the form of short stories, poems, articles and research material. She is attached to all senior citizens associations, forums and old age homes in twin cities. She has taught school children academics, moral values, dramatics, public speaking and journalism to college students. She is the youth wing In charge of senior citizens, General secretary of Guiding light foundation associate editor of Ningi nela newspaper, joint secretary of Apnaghar street children's home, joint secretary of Bheemanna Saahiteepetham. Her husband is like a pillar behind her by supporting all her activities. She has donated blood 50 times till now and has counselled many people to overcome depression caused by various problems.

### **Mr. Srikanth Bolla**

Founder and CEO at Aasadeep Projects Pvt. Ltd formerly called as Bollant Industries, a fast growing packaging and consumer product manufacturing social enterprise in Telangana, Nizamabad, Andhrapradesh, Hubli & Bangalore mainly established to leverage employment

opportunities to uneducated and unskilled 80+ million disabled people of India. Within 3 years, Bollant has achieved significant traction in terms of impact, number of people impacted and the amount of clean products produced. Bollant's leadership team includes visionary social entrepreneurs, experienced special educators, and globally recognized best Chartered Financial Analysts. Blind since birth, Bolla knows firsthand the challenges faced by disabled individuals in India. He had to fight to become the first student in the country permitted to study science beyond grade 10. His pioneering success has made it today possible for any blind student to follow in his footsteps and now, it's his dream child that is going to change the way people perceive the capabilities of disabled people. Bolla cofounded Samanvai center for children with multiple disabilities, a four year old nonprofit organization dedicated in providing various support services to people with disabilities studying and aiming for professional career. Samanvai provides wide spectrum of support services to enable unconditional education through financial support and mentoring, computer literacy through tailor made computer courses, financial stability through main stream employment, vocational rehabilitation through one on one tailor made rehabilitation and intervention training for people with multiple disabilities with vision issues and much more.

#### **Dr. M. Srinivassn**

SRINIVASSN left a merit engineering seat and took up education. He trained students to join NDA. He also designed a course to teach English to students of Hindi Medium. He learned Gifted Education by teaching Gifted Kids. He studied Gifted Education at the National Center for Gifted and Talented at UCONN, USA and designed a Model of Gifted Education that makes everyone Gifted. He also Proposed a Model of Education - CIPE and a School Beyond Walls school Model accredited by LWF-UNESCO. Both CIPE and School Beyond Walls are being implemented at GEAR INNOVATIVE Intl. School, Bangalore.

#### **Mr. Srivyal Vuyyuri**

Srivyal runs Sphoorti Foundation; a Hyderabad based non-profit organization working for rehabilitation of orphan and destitute children. Srivyal started his journey 10 years ago, with 3 children; he built Sphoorti into a respectable organization in Hyderabad with more than 200 children. Under his leadership, Sphoorti Foundation has grown from a 'modest hostel' into a 3 acre campus with resources like computer lab, a 1000-book library and a huge playground. All Sphoorti children study in English Medium Schools, are given opportunities to hone their talents in academic and extra-curricular activities. He also attends schools and colleges as Guest Speaker on issues of social importance. His work has been featured in various newspapers and magazines and has been recognized by Rotary Club of Greater Hyderabad and Axis Foundation for excellence in Social Work.

### **Ms. Sujata Parashar**

Sujata Parashar is a novelist, poet, short story writer and social worker. She has written seven books so far. Her debut novel, *In Pursuit of Infidelity* (2009) was a bestseller. She also has a poetry book series to her credit, titled, *Poetry Out and Loud*. Her latest book is a collection of short - stories, titled, *That Woman You See* (2015). She has won awards for her first poetry book and her first short - story. Sujata has served on the planning board of a couple of prestigious literature festivals of the country; Kumaon Literary Festival & Delhi Poetry Festival. She has also co – created, conceptualized, and led a nature - writing initiative under KLF called *Fellows of Nature (FON)* to promote awareness about Nature. Sujata works on different social projects and is a founder member of *Empowering Minds*; a Delhi based NGO focusing on education and mental health issues of women and children.

### **Mr. Sumit Sehgal**

Flawed and human as he may be, he discovered some strengths within himself along the way, and for them, his greatest gratitude is for destiny and time. ‘Coz had it not been for the tough times he has been through in life, he would not have become the ‘individual’ he is today. His name is Sumit Sehgal and he wears many hats: a literary wizard, event organizer, communication specialist, visualizer, festivals curator and an author. These are the six most important roles that define his life and him. Personally, these roles also made him realize his aspiration in life is to be happy and further exert for worldwide peace and happiness.

### **Ms. Suneetha Prasanna**

Suneetha is a positive thinker with sunny nature who loves to spread that magic around her. She identifies herself as a work in progress who is continuously trying to improve in all the ways possible to be better than what she was yesterday. For her, life is a beautiful journey not to miss anything on the way. She is people friendly, a person who gets very well with others and who can see through them. She is an ambassador for Pinkathon, spreading awareness of breast cancer and fitness among women. She finds joy in making women realise their worth and potential and self awareness and love themselves. Recently she took part in OXFAM TRAIL WALKER of 100 kms in 48 hours and made herself and others realise that age is just a number. She has always gone on podium in most of the runs as a winner in her age group showcasing again age is just a number and it is always mind over the body and kindling the sparks in the mind of other women. She has travelled to many countries for teaching, counselling and in turn imbibing the culture of those people and extracting the goodness of each culture and using it to make herself better and in turn helping others to realize their capabilities to improve themselves. She just tries to show the mirror for the capabilities they already have but hidden behind their complexes.

### **Mr. Sunny Jorawar Singh**

Sunny Jorawar Singh is an Indian Entrepreneur, Business-Brand Consultant & Tech Geek. As a Creative Artist, he works as a Film-maker, Editor, Cinematographer & Graphics Designer. He has a background in Engineering B.Tech (I.T.) and Business Mgmt. from IIM-Lucknow. He is the Founder and Director of Partners in ART, which is the conglomeration of artists from around the globe, aimed at providing a platform for National & International Talent, for creating content with ART as priority. PIA's vision is to create visuals which can inspire & motivate...which can add a deeper value to the everyday life. He has made documentary films, music videos and media work for various social causes. His debut documentary film was screened at Free Tibet Festival in Taipei, Taiwan. Being a life hacker and avid fan of technology platforms, he is currently building an online social platform called MOODE which enables the disruption of passions & storytelling. Moode is a movement to push people to break-free and unleash passions & stories in a revolutionary way so that others can learn & get inspired! It is an expression, exploration & discovery tool for life. The idea to build it started from a simple question! WHY can the social expression of people not be converted into meaningfully organized Guides or Interactive Storyboards, from which other people can easily discover various things, learn & follow it for later use? This led to the forming of Moode, which transforms everyone into a natural storyteller, where anyone can simply express their passions, stories & moments in form of organized storyboards. The platform discovers, showcases and celebrates the 'crazy ones' and their storyboards so that others can get inspired and can save this information.

### **Ms. Sushmeetha B. Bubna**

Alongside working as Director/ CEO At ASCENT NETWORKS PVT. LTD. (Turnkey implementer for IT & BMS Solution) from 1996, she founded a non-profit called Voice Vision in 2000. Its focus is on empowering person with visual impairment via integrated programs. Propagating values of Independence, Inclusion and Dignity for the vision impaired. She has trained more than 100 students with computers and corporate skills. Most of them have gone on to setup or resurrect their careers. For instance: HR manager at IBM, CA at Reliance, Physiotherapist etc. She has organized around 45 soft skills trainings addressing 1500 participants, like first-aid, mobility, self-employment opportunities, unconventional career etc. She has created an online & offline platform facilitating persons with across disability find their soul mate. She has organised four across disability matrimonial get-together, enabling two marriage alliances and change in many mind-sets. She has initiated the Entrepreneurial Idea Award for persons with visual impairment, enabling them to start their own business and provide employment to other disabled or non-disabled. She has been a trainer, counsellor, motivator & guide to most of the students & participants of events & workshops. Alongside she played a key role as Accessibility Consultant while constructing the accessible, award winning website ([www.voicevision.in](http://www.voicevision.in)).

### **Swami Srikanthananda**

Swami Shrikanthanand is President of Shri Ramakrishna Arogya Sansthan-VivekanandDhyan-Yog Kendra situated at Nashik in Maharashtra. Swami Shrikanthanand has served selflessly educational institutions of Ramakrishna Mission in Karnataka,

Jharkhand, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, etc. Many of his students are students of IITs; IIMs; AIIMS New Delhi; AFMC Pune; JIMER Pondicherry etc. Many of his students are in USA, Canada, UK, Australia etc. for higher learning. Swami Shrikanthanand has been initiated into life of Sannyas means life of sacrifice & service at Belur Math, which is headquarters of Ramakrishna Mission at Kolkata, West Bengal. He has been serving the less privileged rural tribal population of Nashik, Thane & Palghar districts since many years independently by establishing organisation entitled Shri Ramakrishna Arogya Sansthan. Many generous individuals & institutions help him by contributions. He is always engaged in spreading life-giving, character-building, nation-building message of sacrifice & service found in ancient Indian scriptures means Gita & Vedant and advocated and interpreted by Swami Vivekanand in tune with modern context. He has been delivering these life building practical message throughout India. He has adopted many the less privileged rural, tribal students & families and helps them in the best way possible by fulfilling their medical, educational and other material needs. He works for women empowerment & youth empowerment. He delivers talks on Indian Culture, Science & Spirituality, Life Management, Personality Development, Gita, Vedant etc. He is always on move to raise money for his big family to provide better life to men & women, boys & girls from the less privileged rural tribal families. He always appeals to all to be part of Service activities of Shri Ramakrishna Arogya Sansthan.

#### **Ms. Swati Jain**

Swati Jain is a proud Indian with integrity as the base value on which her life is based. She plays different roles in various facets of life – daughter, sister, wife, mother, daughter-in-law, corporate leader, entrepreneur ... and the list goes on. She loves travelling and learning new skills. She gets bored by the repetitive tasks. Innovation, creativity and love explains her the best.

#### **Mr. T. V. Srinivasan**

Srinivasan is the Founder President of SRMAB working towards empowerment of persons with visual impairment. They were honored by the Governor of Karnataka for their self less service in the areas of education, vocational training and livelihood empowerment. He has received National Award for the outstanding performance in the field of welfare of disabled persons in the year 1989 by President R. Venkataramam and Rajyostava Award for the best social worker during the year 1992. He has served for the 5 years duration as a governing council member of the National Institute for the visually Handicapped and as the member of the General Body Council of the National Handicapped Council GOI for a duration one full term. Srinivasan was a member advisor for the rehabilitation program for the State Government of Karnataka. He has worked as a member for the selection committee of employment and services of GOI, at the special employment and vocational rehabilitation center at Bangalore for one full term and has been engaged in children development program of the community providing education and other social services for the disabled children ever since 1969 onwards and continues to work with zeal and more enthusiasm. He has received

National Award for the outstanding performance in the field of welfare of disabled persons in the year 2005 by the President Abdul Kalam.

### **Dr. T.V. Ramakrishna**

Ramakrishna is an engineer, a social entrepreneur and dreamer who was born the son of a poor farmer in a village in Karnataka. As a child he dreamt of going to college and seeing the world—but his widowed mother could barely make ends meet, and none of his older brothers went beyond high school. In middle school one day, a teacher recognized his achievements in front of the whole class. His belief in himself made him feel that he would be somebody. That lit a fire in him that led him to earn scholarship after scholarship, and eventually receive his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at the University of Cincinnati in the USA. His family became part of the community in the USA. But they always remembered the kids like them, who were left behind in India. Children who need someone to believe in them and to educate them so that they too can overcome poverty and contribute their talents to the world. They founded Sahasra Deepika because of that vision. For him, education is freedom, it is a springboard to confidence and the only way to move society forward. When combined with encouragement, education is a powerful tool in transforming the life of a child. With the help of his wife and the support of so many caring people, they have made a difference through Sahasra Deepika, and hope to touch many more lives in the years ahead.

### **Mr. Tharanath Gajendra**

Born to a middle class family in a small town Hassan, Tharanath always had a dream of making it big in life. He spent most of his time reading books and listening to inspirational stories. Books were his friends during his childhood and lot of time was spent in the library than in play ground. He finished his studies at Hassan and came to Bangalore in search of job. He had his stint in steel plants both in India and abroad and also worked in MNC IT Company. At some point of his career, he felt he has not done anything to himself and started feeling the vacuum, though he had everything he always wished for. This is when he put in his papers and then started thinking of next step. He found a way to make minimum earning to sustain himself and family at the same time to have more time for himself. This is when his volunteering life through Service Space started at Seva Cafe Bangalore. Now he is A Clown, A Pranik healer, A Lay Counsellor, Volunteer Teacher in a govt School and a Social Service activist. Through his activities he promotes Random act of kindness. He Smiles more and sleeps more. He is spending time to learn small, small things like baking, Violin playing. He Says “What more can I ask for in life” yes, Life can’t be more beautiful. Tharanath, a Mechanical Engineer who is married to Pankaja is a lecturer in an Engineering College. His son Sohan is studying in 12 Standard.

### **Ms. Vandana Tripathi**

Vandana is an impact facilitator, who has led multiple initiatives for social sensitization among youths in India. She is known for building suitable ecosystem for enhancing the outputs and creating value for money (for donors) in various volunteering efforts. Her major contribution lies in setting up the mechanism for youth volunteering (esp management graduates), creating a linkage with pool of social organisations pan India, and developing knowledge products (such as case studies, compendiums etc) while measuring impact of these interventions. She has a decade of experience in research and project management across NGO management practices, social protection for ultra-poor and modelling inclusive businesses working with national and global organisations. At present she works with the Institute for Technology and Management as Head, Centre for Social Initiatives, and construct participatory learning model for creating responsible and inclusive businesses. She is a certified leader from the National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) and mentors startup ventures on campus. She is an alumnus of The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, and has completed a Masters of Arts in Social Work from Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS), Mumbai.

### **Mr. Varada Murthy K.S.**

Varada Murthy K.S. is an Entrepreneur specialized in HR and Education Management. He is currently pursuing his research in Leadership and Management. With over 20 years of professional experience in the area of Human Resources and Educational Management in various MNCs within India and abroad, he has founded People First Leadership Academy, with a mission to Empower People. He is passionate in helping the youth unleash their true potential through life transforming Certification and Personal Excellence Programs designed by PFLA where the main focus is on Skill Development. He visits Educational Institutes regularly for various assignments. He works very closely with Teaching and Student Communities. He has personally trained over 35,000 people that includes, Corporate employees and Government employees, Teachers, College Faculty members, School and College students on Leadership, Goal Setting, Discover Yourself, Communication skills and various Employability Skills. He also got involved and handled a mega project, funded by the World Bank for Karnataka State Government Health Department Employees. He has been awarded as a “Star President” during 2009-10 for the performance of various Social Activities through Rotary Club. He has also achieved highest membership growth for Rotary Club during 2009-10 (300%) which has been recognized by Rotary International and he was the only person who was recognized and invited by R.I. for its Award Ceremony at Illinois under this category from R.I. District 3190. He is the winner of “Future of India Award” for Business Excellence Achievement for dynamic and promising Entrepreneurs under the category “Quality in Leadership Excellence”.

### **Dr. Vignesh Sornamohan**

Vignesh has more than ten (10) years of research, development and programme management experience in the domains of information and communication technology for development (ICT4D), education, skill development, e-Governance, social entrepreneurship, public policy,

health, and rural development. Vignesh has managed large development projects like National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM), Cybergram Yojana, E-Inclusion: IT Training for Rural SC/ ST/ Women beneficiaries, E-Vidya: Innovative Project for Rural Women, Women Digital Literacy Project, Child Labour Family Linkages Project, Financial Literacy and Investor Awareness, Legal Literacy, Tele-ophthalmology, Digital Diagnostic Kits and Telemedicine Centres. He has also conceived and implemented many innovative ICT-led policy initiatives for promoting inclusive growth in rural parts of India. He was the Content Editor of i4d, e-gov and telecentre magazines. Vignesh holds a Doctor of Philosophy from the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, with a Masters in Public Management. His research interests include public access to technology, technology enabled learning, governance, public policy, social enterprise development, inclusive growth, rural development, etc.

### **Mr. Vijay Ladha**

Born at Indore, graduate from Sydenham College, Mumbai and an FCA, he moved to Bangalore and put up a SME industry at Hosur, Tamil Nadu in 1983 and running business of handheld gas operated products. Joined Rotary in 1993, was President of the Rotary Club of Bangalore Koramangala in Rotary Centennial year 2004-2005. He is a trustee with Rotary Bangalore Koramangala Trust. Initiated the Bangalore Division as Hon. Program Director of Make A Wish Foundation of India in 2008, who fulfil cherished wishes of children with life threatening illnesses and have fulfilled more than 3000 wishes so far. He takes guest lectures on business subjects in various educational institutions. Currently is guest faculty with Symbiosis college of Media and Communication and am on their advisory body for entrepreneurship development cell. In 2012 he started doing business mentoring under the ISB Goldman Sachs 10000 women entrepreneurs program for all their Bangalore Batches. Continues to do business mentoring for budding entrepreneurs as a Mentor with National entrepreneurship Network, Her Entrepreneurship Network and Cherie Blair Foundation, UK. All this is done purely on pro bono basis. Committed to the cause of promoting entrepreneurship and devote and invest time in helping entrepreneurs in their business, management, commercial and legal matters. His goal is to give back to the society is a basic human responsibility, considers giving time as priority as it is limited and more precious as not recoverable. Based on skill sets, experience, and the need of the society, gives most of the time in promoting entrepreneurship, by being a probono mentor to entrepreneurs. Feels, if his time could be of help to a budding entrepreneur, he would invest his time, unconditionally.

### **Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi Ramakrishna**

Vijaya Lakshmi Ramakrishna is a resourceful, dynamic and giving woman who has made it her life's mission to educate and uplift children from poverty. Following a successful career as an entrepreneur in the USA, she and her husband returned to India and opened Sahasra Deepika in 1998. Each and every child touched through Sahasra Deepika inspires her to do more to help others. She is especially devoted to the education and empowerment of girls, whose voices have so often been ignored. Her greatest satisfaction comes from seeing a child



she's guided fulfill their potential and go on to become a productive member of society. In partnership with her husband, and with the support of so many who share their vision, Vijaya Lakshmi Ramakrishna hopes to make a lasting difference in the world, one child at a time.

### **Mr. Vishnu Soman**

Vishnu loves to define himself as a volunteer more than a social worker or an NGO employee. The reason is he believes a volunteer is a responsible citizen and he later matures to become a social worker. He is a mechanical engineer turned volunteer. He works on National Campaigns for Enable India currently, previously he was managing volunteer and Internship programs for Enable India. He founded Smileys India, an Organization which works towards creating an inclusive society through volunteering. He started volunteering at the age of 10 and has volunteered with many major Organizations in India and few abroad. Currently, he works extensively in the field of disability & employment. He loves drawing and painting and has initiated a social development project called Paint for a Cause in Bangalore. He doodles the walls of Non profit along with volunteers. Apart from this he also takes workshops on doodling and drawing for Govt School students and kids in the orphanage. Over a period of time he developed a pattern of ideating for needy and not for money. Now to support this passion he has chosen a job which involves ideation but it becomes very tiring by the end of the day.

### **Mr. Yashraj Bhardwaj**

Yashraj Bhardwaj, is a researcher, ideator, robocist, technologist, inventor and full stack developer, also Co-Founder at Zenith Vipers, a student of class XII at Indraprastha World School, Paschim Vihar. He along with his twin brother Yuvraj Bhardwaj who is also a Researcher, ideator, robocist, technologist, inventor and full stack developer, also Co-Founder at Zenith Vipers, and student of class XII at Indraprastha World School. Till now they both own 22 Projects and also have 7 patent applications that they have filed in a team. Their research projects include Smart Water Purifier, Drones, Portable Angiography Machine, All in one Medical Assistance Machine and much more. Out of all one of their major and first project/ research is, Bajra purifier: removal and extraction of toxic metals from the river and purifying the water by using Bajra (pearl millet). They have presented their research projects in multiple conferences and has also been interviewed by many news channels. They both have also spoken at TEDx and many summits.

### **Ms. Yogita Jainkar**

Yogita Jainkar wants to earn her Name and Fame in Social Sector. She believes Education is the only solution to all the problems prevailing in our country. That's why she needs to understand education system first and Gandhi Fellowship provided her that platform and today with this Great Experience. She works as a Program Leader at Kaivalya Education Foundation. She is managing the Principal Leadership Development Program in 27 schools while leading a team of 5 Gandhi Fellows supporting and mentoring Fellows in their intervention in schools with headmasters and in their skill building through regular school

visits, de-briefs and problem solving, documentation and workshops for enriching their school as well as personal deliverables.

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### **Mr. Zoher Doctor**

Zoher Doctor is Karmayogi / doers of good deed. He believes all are not born as privileged to have all resources available and if are born privileged it's our utmost duty to support our brothers and sisters and share the resources to uplift them for better standard of living. Love is the language everyone should speak and you share when u love each other. In this era where religion is highly misunderstood and spiritualism is nowhere, it's time to teach people the basic of spiritualism i.e. love. They through their projects set examples for uplifting the under privileged citizens by providing them training on skills, soft skills and life skills. This training helps them to change the thinking process and change their mind sets, i.e. remove mental blocks. Group is united as one unit and under the team work a Cottage Industry is established which produces the product. The uplink and down link is provided for smooth execution. Maximum efforts are put in to get the quality product. The efforts put in by beneficiaries yield them returns in term of labour charges and share in profits too. The financial independence gives them edge to listen to their teachings and practice life skills, which gives them upliftment in standard of living and thoughts. They feel content. The busy schedule keeps them from vices if any. This practice has changed the life of many and doing this brings smile to their face, which gives him satisfaction.

### **Mr. Aalok Sood**

Aalok Sood is a die-hard and disciplined soldier at heart. He has a passion for self-excellence and finds himself responsible and accountable for the contribution that he can affect his environment. He is a well-read individual and has been updating himself for understanding human behaviours and thereby tapping the areas of improvement of individuals to make them an effective and influential power house. He is a multi-faceted human resource professional and has varied approaches in tackling the issues of those who approach him. His client base is wide and comes from all domains of life. He is a prolific writer and an author too. His theme of objective remains to be a “Human Curator and Transformer!” His has been honoured as the *Architect of Excellence* Award for the category of Life Coach and Trainer in 2014 in New Delhi. A mentor, coach, trainer, facilitator, communicator and teacher, Aalok believes himself to be a human being first and strives to strengthen others and so that they can be independent.

### **Mr. Abhinandan Kumar**

Abhinandan Kumar is a Socio-technical innovator who is engaged in educational affairs, mostly pedagogical events with other innovative people. He has a strong preference for holistic, conceptual, original, spatial and metaphoric thinking processes and prefers working in an environment that is free from routine, where he is able to strategize and act independently. He constantly looks for alternatives and likes to challenge the status quo, eager to experiment with new ideas and concepts. He likes diversity and flexibility and enjoys multitasking at all times. He is a facilitator with Shiksha Yatra, a customized bus, equipped with computers, LEDs and laptops that aim to deliver technical knowledge to villagers at their doorsteps. He is a facilitator for Start-up Weekend Hisar and collaborates to create an environment for people to learn, network, bridge the gap between trades, expose potential and see actual results. Abhinandan was also the facilitator for Jagriti Yatra in 2013, where he shared the vision for 'building India through enterprise'. As an educator for Google for Education he strives to enhance Teacher-student learning and promote ICT in education, critical thinking, collaboration and communication through the balanced, intentional integration of technology. An organizer/ licensee for TEDx Youth Weekend (2016) and as a co-founder of EntraceZone, he works toward empowering the youth b helping them expand their visions for the future. He has been honored as the best artist by Camlin and Birla Education Trust, best innovative design by Rural Urban Development Authority RUDA Rajasthan and as the best curator by Prannath Parnami Universe Hisar.

### **Mr. Attupurath S. Narayanan**

Attapurath S. Narayanan is the General Secretary of the National Association of the Deaf or NAD. Being deaf, he has struggled throughout his life, the most difficult being the unaddressed gap in communication between the worlds of the deaf and the hearing. He realized that many like him felt unrepresentable and lacked the courage to come forward because of which their voices were being *unheard*. This realization inspired him to rise and fight for the rights of the deaf and make this country a disability-friendly nation. Being one from the community, he understood the plight of the deaf and has been working to strengthen the community for the past three decades. He aims to become a bridge between the people and their aspirations, a goal that has changed his life. He is a member of the Committee for Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) under the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Government of India, which aims to improve education for people with hearing disabilities. He had protested and fought against the Government of India's decision to merge ISLRTC with the Ali Yuva National Institute Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai (NIHH) and has successfully been able to stop the merger and retain the autonomy of the institute. Being a believer in the life and teachings of Jesus, he preaches to spread His message. This ministerial role gives him spiritual satisfaction and has taught him to be curious and read more. It has also taught him the value of patience and perseverance.

#### **Dr. Amarnath Paswan**

Dr. Amarnath Paswan is a teacher, writer, editor, ex NSS officer and a speaker. He is a social activist and a reformer who aims to help people and make a contribution to making a better world. A Ph.D from the University of Varanasi, he is presently an Assistant Professor-cum-Assistant Director at the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, BHU, Varanasi. He believes in integrity and courage and dreams to open a healthcare and a school, to address two of the issues key to his heart. In 2005 he was honoured by the Rajeev Gandhi National Fellowship Award (UGC) and received the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Financial Assistance from the UP Govt. He also received Financial Assistance under its Study Grant Scheme, National Social Science Documentation Centre from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi, in 2006. His contributions in the field have been recognized and honoured by the Shiksha Ratan National Award, "Yadunandan Seva Sansthan, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh" in 2012, Best NSS Programme Officer Award, NSS, Banaras Hindu University, Uttar Pradesh in 2013 and the Bhim Ratna National Award, "Ambedkar Chetna Parishad", Gadhwa, Jharkhand in 2014. A member of the Indian Political Science Association, Uttar Pradesh Political Science Association, Indian Journal of Dalit and Tribal Studies and Human Empowerment and Research Society, he has also earned the New Ritimbhara Munsh Premchand Award.

#### **Mr. Ankit Jain**

A young & dynamic entrepreneur who has been instrumental in creating best tech products with a social commitment to create a difference in people's lives and add value to the society with his expertise and vision. Hailing from middle class family of a small town of West Bengal called Kanki, Ankit is an alumnus of one of the top technology institutes from India, BIT Mesra. After his Engineering he spent couple of months while working with a Chennai based startup and then moved to Delhi to experiment his ideas of creating something new which ultimately brought him in Cloud Telephony business where he solves real problems of enterprises and consumers through MyOperator which is a popular brand under Voice Tree Technologies Private Ltd. He had to face many ups and downs in this journey on financial, mental and emotional front but he never succumbed to the hurdles and finally emerged as a winner who is leading a team of 120+ people team and serving to more than 2000 enterprises including biggest brands like Snapdeal, Mahindra, Lenskart, Canon and many more. Within 3 years his company MyOperator is being considered among top 3 cloud telephony companies of India which he started with a small team of 4 people. The credit for connecting millions of people with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Man Ki Baat' also goes to MyOperator that has been supporting this campaign as a tech partner. Ankit has strong commitment towards social issues and he has been part of many social activities to bring ground level change in the society including providing a Helpline Number service for NGO's working for disaster management scenario for free. Hundreds of NGOs across the Indian geography has been using this service to tender timely & efficient Help & Support to the victims of natural calamities in remote areas where communication is actual tool to save scores of lives. He is also instrumental in building many more tech products that can help solve daily life issues of people by integrating technology & services together. He is a self made success figure and an inspiration for millions of youth who have dreams to chase.

### **Mr. Aditya Basu**

Aditya Basu is a veteran Media Producer and Publisher with over 18 years' experience in various fields of the Film, TV, Radio and the Internet Industry like Indie Films, National and Regional Non-Fiction TV Productions, National and Regional TV News, National and International Radio Productions and A/V & Text News Publishing over the Internet catering to International Markets. An alumni of the National Institute of Film and Fine Arts (Kolkata, India), Aditya started his career in Documentaries, Corporate and Promotional films. In New Delhi, he worked with leading news and entertainment television channels like Zee, Tara, E TV and Sahara Samay Rashtria. He is presently based in Mumbai, catering content to Media Houses, Businesses and TV Channels, both in Delhi and Mumbai. He has been involved in production of 5 TV Documentary Series (consisting of 32 Independent Documentary Episodes) and over 16 Independent Documentary Films financed by various Govt. and Private, Non-Fiction TV Channels and TV News Companies in India. For three consecutive years, he has been a part of the Final Round Jury for the International Digital Emmy Awards (2009-2011) in the Non-Fiction Category, which is held in conjunction with the MIPTV Awards in Cannes, France. Aditya was also nominated to the list of Top 50 Thinkers of India

(2014), an initiative sponsored by MTC Global, a consortium of Management Teachers. He is also an avid sports person and he is an active Golfer and practices Rock Climbing and Rowing as a passion.

### **Ms. Anuradha Singh**

Anuradha Singh is an internationally acclaimed award-winning film editor, who is popularly known as *Hollywood's female editor from India*. Hailing from the small town of Gaya (Bihar), Anuradha's journey from an Assistant editor for the Bollywood blockbuster, *Mission Kashmir*, to an Editor for the controversial and critically acclaimed documentary film, *India's Daughter*, has been an inspiring one and she gives all credit to her grandmother for being the inspiration and support in her life. Realizing her love for mass communication and editing, she gave up medical school and joined an editing course in FTII, Pune. In her initial days, she struggled in Bollywood but her transition into Hollywood was smoother. Her first break came through her first documentary, '*Touching The Skies with Glory*', that gave her a chance to be introduced to film production manager, Alexander de Grunwald, and later to film producer, Tom Whilhite, who she refers to as her *Hollywood Godfather*. Today she has over 30 feature films, documentaries and short films, under her belt, including those with Walt Disney Pictures, Dream Works, BBC Storyville series. She has been honoured and applauded for her work in *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Marigold*, *The Hundred-foot Journey*, *Basmati Blues*, *Blood Monkey*, *Million Dollar Arm*, *West is West* and *Wings of Legacy*, to name a few. She has also won awards by NBC and UNICEF. Passionate about her work, she values honesty, commitment, discipline, respect, compassion and dedication and is inspired by the changes brought about by Mahatma Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, Nelson Mandela and Dalai Lama.

### **Mr. Anurag Chauhan**

Anurag Chauhan, a young pursuant of Bachelors in Social Work, began his journey of serving the society at a tender age of 16. He founded *Humans for Humanity*, to work on the social issues and aims to *spread happiness and smiles*. The organization works to engage the youth from different professions and geographic locations in the country, such as in Delhi, Bangalore, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. It also hosts volunteers from 14 countries, like China, Argentina, Spain, Afghanistan, Brazil, Bahrain, Lesotho, Germany, Indonesia, Columbia, Egypt and Italy, who work on different projects under an internship program. Some key projects undertaken by the NGO includes *WASH, women sanitation and hygiene, Street Smart, Each one teach one, Clean India Campaign* and *Promotion of Indian culture and heritage*. Presently, to fulfill his goal of providing clean and safe drinking water to slum dwellers, he aims to distribute low-cost water purifiers, made by autistic children that have been approved by the Delhi government. An ardent lover of Hindustani classical music,

Anurag volunteered and joined the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY), when he was in sixth grade. His compassion for others has earned him the *Bharat Nirman Award* in 2016, the *Social Workers' Award* and the *Youngest Social Worker Award of the year* in 2013 and the *Delhi Achievers Award for Social Work* in 2015. His interview was also featured in Asia News International (ANI) that was published by the Ministry of external Affairs, Govt. of India.

### **Mr. Arthav Patil**

Mr. Arthav Patil is a class 10 student from Mumbai, who loves reading and researching. His dream is to become a scientist. Two years ago, he launched the website, <[www.ihavereadthebook.com](http://www.ihavereadthebook.com)>, which is a free book review portal for children and YA, encouraging them to read and share their reviews for the benefit of others. He researched for a year to get information for the launch, including sending letters to 10,000 schools in India. Today, 55,000 schools from six countries are listed on the website. Last year, along with 21 other budding authors, he also published a book named *Adventure Stories*. His ventures have been cited and covered by leading newspapers and other media such as Times of India (Student Edition), Loksatta (Pune edition), Deccan Herald, Eenadu, Balabharatam and have also been published as a story by <Yourstory.com> . A topper in his school in International English Olympiad, Arthav enjoys experimenting with food, science and information technology. He was selected for National Level Marris Spelling Bee Competition and as a school representative for Inter School Science Exhibition for hydraulics. He also scored a brilliant 17.9 out of 18 in Cambridge checkpoint in class 6. In 2016, he won the Teen Tycoons Competition at IIT, Mumbai, Entrepreneurship Summit. Greatly inspired by APJ Abdul Kalam, Steve Jobs and his father, Kiran Patil, Arthav, believes in honesty, humanity, simplicity and humbleness and aspires to be a role model for his children like his father.

### **Mr. Arvind Singh**

Arvind Singh is a writer, composer and a self-taught musician. Music has been Nature's gift to him and from a very early age he could play any musical instrument without any theoretical knowledge or formal training on it. He started teaching music from when he was just 8-years old, a responsibility that motivated him to learn the theories of music by reading books and seeking help when required. He formed his first band, when he was in class VIII and was selected to perform for All India Radio. The following day, he and his friends in the band received accolades and were featured in The Statesman. Years and many awards and recognitions later, that day still holds special in his heart. Arvind is passionate about Blues harp and Ukulele, and has been spreading music both in India and abroad. He has been inspired by the works of Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, Deep Purple, Grand Funk Rail road,

Uriah Heep, Manowar, Judas Priest, Nazareth, The Doors, Hendrix, Pearl Jam, Alice in chains, Soundgarden, Collective Soul, Stone Temple Pilots and so on. Playing for his band, Hundred Octane that has been rocking since 1993, Arvind has played more than 600 gigs throughout the country. He believes in nurturing students to explore the depths of music to realize its essence and spread the wonders of the notes. He is also passionate about cooking, gardening, engineering and exercising and believes in journeying and learning through life's milestones rather than a destination.

### **Mr. Akash Bhardwaj**

**Akash Bhardwaj** is the founder and CEO of KHASH (meaning Special), a unique Tour and Travel Agency that provides employment only to visually impaired women and acid attack survivors. An encounter with an acid attack survivor, in Delhi, during Diwali one year, who had explained how she was abandoned by her family and employer and was forced on the street with the responsibility of two children, after she lost face value in the attack, inspired Akash to provide a platform to the visually challenged and acid attack survivors to regain their confidence and lead a respectable and independent life. With the help of the JAWS (Job Access With Speech) programme, he trains his special team with 'dedication enough to care and passionate enough to deliver.' He is determined and dedicates his life to seeking and implementing new ideas for women safety and empowerment and dreams of a world where every visually challenged or acid attack survivor will be included in the working module. His belief in inclusion rather than alienation or rejection of people, has also led him to start Parivartan, a training program that aims to train 'rejected interview candidates', preparing them for interviews in corporates. In addition, Akash also stands for animal welfare and civil rights and social action and believes in giving everybody a chance.



### **Mr. Babar Ali**

**Babar Ali** is an educationist, who at a tender age of 16, earned the title of being the *Youngest Headmaster in the World*. Hailing from the minority community dominated village of Gangpur in West Bengal, he was born the eldest of the four children to a small-time jute trader. Realizing the need for educating young minds, he taught his first class, under a guava tree, with eight children from the village, free of cost, at the age of just nine years. Today, after fourteen years, Ali has taught over 3000 children in the Murshidabad district of West Bengal. “Education for all”/”Education for poor children” is his life’s mission and passion. He regularly visits villages to inspire and motivate poor villagers to send their children to school. Convincing poor parents to send their children to school rather than work for a living has been one of his greatest challenges. But Ali has remained determined. His noble initiative has been widely appreciate and supported by other high school teacher, college lecturers, MLAs, Civil Administrative Officers and many others in the community. His initiatives and achievements have featured in BBC (The Youngest Headmaster in the World), CNN-IBN (Real Hero Award), NDTV (Indian of the Year), in Star Network’s Satyameva Jayate and in Forbes 30 under 30. He is also TED fellow and won the Literacy Hero Award by Rotary India Literacy mission. His biography is taught in many schools and pre-University course work across the globe as a personification of inspiration and passion.

### **Ms. Behrooz Avari**

Behrooz Avari works as the Education Outreach Specialist in the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai. Prior to this, she was the Alumni Outreach and Programs Coordinator in the same section. Behrooz has an undergraduate degree in Geography from India and an additional undergraduate degree in History and Environmental Science from Ashland University, Ohio. She went to the U.S. as a transfer student on the fully-funded Partnership for Learning Undergraduate Studies (PLUS) program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Academy for Educational Development (AED). She graduated with magna-cum-laude and was on the dean’s list throughout her years at Ashland University, as well as being an active member of the International Students Club. She was invited as a student member in the National History Honor Society – Phi Alpha Theta. On returning to India after her graduation, she served as a panelist for the Pre-Departure Orientation program and later joined the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) as an Education USA Advising Services Associate. Behrooz loves reading, writing, traveling, photography, and is passionate about conserving Mother Gaia. She enjoys being a spirit being, and sharing in the growth story of humankind.

### **Ms. Bindiya Murgai**

Bindiya Murgai is a therapist, entrepreneur, filmmaker, philanthropist, artist and writer who has been amongst the first in content creation for satellite TV in India. Her media company, created marquee shows for Discovery Channel, TLC, NatGeo and the Star TV network with the aim for a positive impact on society. Some of her works include *The Siddhis - India's Last African Tribe*, *Rural Education & Development* and *Credit for farmers or crumbling monasteries*. "Monk from Komik" – a documentary shot, edited & directed by her was showcased at Cannes and other film festivals and helped gather funds, food, clothing and provide for restoration of the monastery. In 2007, she was named among the most influential women in the TV in Asia at MIP in Cannes. She also entered the Limca book of records for creating India's first Filmmaking workshop & Festival for Children. Her interaction with people made her realize the desperate need for mental health solutions which led her into the realms of Therapy, Counseling, NLP and Life Coaching. She became a trained therapist and her communication experience gave her a unique unbiased perspective in helping people identify their issues. Her Therapy practice and workshops has helped numerous people and her wellness retreats have been rated amongst the "Top 10 retreats In Asia". Her writings on Wellness and Self Improvement has been published by leading publications across the country as well as syndicated into different languages. She is actively engaged in philanthropic projects in the areas of education, empowerment, conservation and animal welfare.

### **Ms. Carlyta Maria**

Carlyta Maria is an Indo-Brazilian fusion singer, performer, songwriter and international feature columnist with a degree in Media Communications. A graduate in English (Hons) with a B.Ed degree and Teacher's training certificate, she is also a columnist and has been honoured by the Young Communicator Award (2014) and the Women Achiever's Award (2015). A trained Flamenco-Salsa dancer and a Jazz and Blues singer, Carlyta, is known for her electrifying fusion compositions and performances. Some of her chartbusters include the Bollywood/Latin songs 'Le Le Mazale' and 'Senhorita' (Spanish lyrics only), that won the NBC Achievers' Award and nomination for the IIFA Award in 2011. Her other acclaimed works include the FIFA - World Cup (Brazil 2014) and Rio Olympic (2016) song 'Ola Ola Olay'. Her song, "Baila con Baul" (dance with the minstrel) also won a nomination for Grassroot Grammy Awards in the best fusion category. Although today, Maria is based in Mumbai, she lived in Spain and Brazil for a considerable period for her degree in music and research on Latin folk music. Today she tours the world to give her performances in music festivals and concerts. A major contribution from her concerts goes to *Hope Foundation* for which she is the Brand Ambassador for India. She is associated with anti-tobacco/cancer campaigns and is a patron member of *Healing Touch Foundation*, that works toward the wellbeing of HIV positive children in India and Brazil. She is also the patron ambassador of

the *Plants and Animal Welfare Society*, a Creative Core Head of Bombay Art Work, Head-Entertainment Vertical, IBG, and the Executive member of Brazil India Business Council.

### **Dr. Chandrashekar**

Dr. Chandrashekar holds a Strategic Leadership certificate from IIM, Ahmedabad and is an alumnus of IIM, Lucknow. He was conferred the prestigious Degree of Honorius Causa - Doctor of Philosophy in Education by the People's University of Milan, Italy. His persistence and interpersonal skills, has helped him rise from a Facilities Executive of housekeeping and security to a CEO of The Jain Group of Institutions. He believes that education is the foundation of life works to direct the establishment and management of the JGI Group K-12, accordingly. He also started the Jain Toddlers, an international play school chain, which has today spread its wings across 35 centres in the country. CSK is a valued advisor, mentor, and sought after speaker at various organisations that focus on strategic growth and education. His insights are regularly published in major dailies, magazines, association newsletters, and on [CSKspeaks.com](http://CSKspeaks.com). Presently, he serves as the Chairman for the Hyderabad Chapter of CII-Young Indians (Yi) and is also the District Director of Toastmasters International – Dist 98. He is a distinguished leader in the learning and development community and has delivered more than 150 presentations, sharing great strategies on personal success, mentoring, education, new-age leadership and communication. His charisma along with experience and knowledge make him a welcome speaker across the country. He has been honoured as the International Visitor Leader, the TOBIP award and the World Education Award in 2016. He was a distinguished Toastmaster in 2014 and won many leadership awards in 2012.

### **Ms. Farah Manzoor**

**Farah Manzoor** is an Executive Director of *Mother's Lap Foundation*, which is a member of the national sub cluster committee that actively lobbies and strives to provide protection against sexual and gender based violence. She holds a Bachelors degree in International Law and Masters degree in Peace and Conflict from the University of Nairobi and strives to empower Muslim women to defend their legal and religious rights. Through her organization, she works toward defending victims of sexual abuse, helping victims of gender based violence, campaigning against harmful cultural practices like female genital mutilation, early and forced marriages, defending against human rights violations, ensuring gender equity and non-discrimination and encouraging peaceful and harmonious co-existence between different cultural and religious communities. A Kenyan patriot by blood and soil, Farah, perceives herself as a mother by responsibility, a global citizen who is concerned about society and one who pursues simple, humble and practical solutions in her different roles. As a teacher she

strives to develop critical sense of self-actualization within society, as a citizen she aims to ensure good governance through the exercise of her voting rights and wishes to be purposeful to bring about the change for a better and safer world. She believes in being a bridge builder and not a wall erector.

### **Mr. Syed Faraaz**

Syed Faraaz is the COO for the NGO, *Farrz*, Chief Advisor to Explore India Initiative and Director of the Bangalore based start-up, Marketing and Developmental Solutions. A lover of his family, friends and country, he intends to find happiness in others. He dropped out of his MBA course at the American Heritage University in Southern California, to work on social problems, mainly *Clean India (Swachh Bharat)*. In line with his aspirations, he initiated *Farrz*, which has since its inception in 2013 been working in the fields such as children's education, *Swachh Bharat*, good governance and filling potholes for people's safety. Through the organization, he hopes to remind others of their *farrz* or responsibilities as citizens of the country and human beings. He hopes to show *beautiful India* to the world and wishes to garner international support and cooperation to help solve problems of garbage and child education in our country. He also wishes to promote the rich and diverse cultural diversity and heritage of India. The works of his NGO has been recognized and honoured as the Youth Oriented NGO in the ROSHNII-A Young India Conclave, Karnataka, in 2015. Faraaz loves travelling, making friends and remains committed *to making the change we want to see every day*.

### **Mr. Gaurav Mishra**

**Gaurav Mishra** is an entrepreneur who started his first venture at the age of 16. At the age of 18, it dawned on him that if he could start something then so could other youngsters, a realization that even today leads him to cherish a goal of creating 1000 startups by 2020. He has already successfully inspired 2000 students to initiate their own start-ups. Gaurav works to encourage young minds to become entrepreneurial, independent and grow to fulfill their dreams. He initiated his own entrepreneurship development Enterprise, *Navayuvak Entrepreneurs*, which promotes entrepreneurship education. I has organized upto 30 events in various colleges and hotel venues and organized the *Mumbai Startup Fest 2016*, which received a positive response from the audience and panel members. He collaborates with many international entrepreneurs who today are mentors and advisors for his company. He loves travelling, meeting people and watching inspiring stories. He wishes to spread

awareness on issues of climate change and promote women entrepreneurship through his talks and events across the country.

### **Ms. Hemant Panchal**

Hemant Panchal, popularly known as Hemangi Sakhi, is an actor and a transgender activist. A humble, goal oriented person, she believes in being the change to bring a change in society. A warrior against injustice, Hemangi, strives for the empowerment and upliftment of transgenders across India through her NGO, *Sakhi Right Foundation*. She believes in results and draws inspiration from APJ Abdul Kalam's saying that "Dream is not the thing you see in sleep but is that thing that doesn't let you sleep". Friends form a special and a very important part of her life and she tries to inspire them through Spirituality and yoga. As an actor, Hemangi has acted in many films in different languages, including the Hollywood project, *The Genius of Beauty* and playing the lead role in the Telegu film, *Third Man*, which was based on the rights of transgenders. She has also worked in many Bhojpuri, Tamil and Hindi movies such as *Shabnam Mausi*, *Downtown*, *Mumbai 125KM 3D*, *Baiography*, *Baap re Baap*. As a member of the transgender community fighting for rights, her life and accomplishments have been featured in media such as in *IBN7 Zindagi Live* and *Channel [V] AXE UR EX*. She leads her life with courage, endurance and respect, promoting simple ideas for actions, including love, acceptance and basic human rights such as education, food, government jobs, for the transgender community. She also helps senior citizens avail old age home facilities for which she has appealed to many political bodies for support.

### **Ms. Inika Chikarmane**

Inika Chikarmane is a tenth grader who lives in Bangalore. Aside from doing her regular schoolwork, she often immerses herself in issues that she finds socially relevant. Recently, she has found herself to be extremely intrigued by the topics of Life Sciences, Autonomous Systems, Artificial Intelligence, and the impact it will have on society as these fields begin to play out. She has also started a project called, 'Guts, Passion and Winning', where she interviews entrepreneurs to find out more about their stories and the areas they are in. She loves expressing herself in numerous ways, including writing, singing and public speaking. She describes herself as being a curious person that is never quite satisfied with the answers she has already been provided with. Inika aspires to take on bigger projects to truly begin making a change in this world and proving that anyone, including a 15 year girl from Bangalore, can make a change. A dreamer, a speaker, a doer, an avid enthusiast of groundbreaking ideas, an advocate of freedom, a listener, a teacher, she looks forward to facing the unknown.

### **Mr. Krishnan Khanna**

Krishnan Khanna, an IIT topper (B.Tech), specialized in Manufacturing Technology and has made significant contributions as an engineer, manager, President & CEO, Director, Vice Chairman and Chairman of various organizations in US, Europe and India. Some of his key contributions include development of Steel Wires as import substitutes, development and commercialization of modern day concrete Railway Sleepers and introduction of the concept of Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). He has played key roles for signing MOUs with Germany and Switzerland in areas of organic farming and skill transfer in manufacturing and service sectors. Currently, he is the Chairman of i2k Solutions, a company that offers a universal platform of an e-Teacher for one-to-one mentoring. In 1992, he setup an NGO, iWatch, with an aim to Transform India through Relevant Education & Vocational Training and works to facilitate educational technologies for classrooms and distance education. For his contributions, he was named amongst the top 50 people to have influenced Indian education by Education World in 2012. Throughout his career, Krishnan has been involved in many national and international ventures, including those in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. He has been a key member of the Prime Minister's Task Force, the Planning Commission, Ministry of HRD, FICCI, Parliamentary Committee on Industry and Labour, ASSOCHAM, EPSI, CII, AICTE, IGNOU and HEF. He has played an advisory role in various expert panels including those of CII, Ministry of IT & Communications, Ministry of MSME, PANIIT and has been a Board member for the Ministry of MSME. His illustrious career has been adorned by many awards and recognitions including the Social Business Pioneer Award 2010; the Rajiv Gandhi Award 200 and the National Citizen Award 1995-96.

### **Ms. Manasi Pradhan**

Manasi Pradhan is an activist and author, who has fought relentlessly against poverty and social ostracism to empower not only herself but also other women in the country. A tale of immense struggle and undaunted spirit, she has, from a very early age, worked to inspire women to pursue their own dreams. As a student, she led the famous 1980 Student Movement in Odisha and co-founded the Josodhara magazine along with Odisha's first Chief Minister, Utkal Harekrushna Mahatab. Presently, the publication has been transformed into a transnational media group by the name of Josodhara Global Media. An internationally acclaimed poet and author, Manasi has nearly a dozen titles to her credit and several books, such as Urmi-O-Uchchwas, Swagatika and Akashdeep that have been translated into several languages. She has also served on the panel of Central Board of Film Certification for India and Inquiry Committee of the National Commission for Women. Determined to fight for equality and justice for women, she founded one of Odisha's leading social organizations, the

Odisa Yuva Sanskrutik Sansad, popularly known as OYSS, in 1987, while she was still pursuing her law degree at Utkal University. Popular as an orator and student leader, she soon garnered the support of hundreds of youth that took on the task of educating women in nearby villages and organizing leadership camps for the women. The organization has since been in the forefront of spearheading movements against women atrocities and anti-liquor agitations. In 2012, she founded the “Honor for Women National Campaign”, another nationwide movement to end violence against women and make India a safe place for all women. The movement had recently constituted the “Nirbhaya Vahini” with over 10,000 volunteers across the country to take on the fight for women’s rights and oversee the implementation of its Four-Point Charter of Demand to tackle violence against women. Manasi is also recognized for organizing the first ever National Meet on Rural Women Empowerment and OYSS Women National Meet on Tribal Women Empowerment in 2013. Her contributions have been recognized and honoured by the ‘Rani Lakshmbai Stree Shakti Puraskar’ in 2013 and the ‘Outstanding Women Award’ in 2011, amongst others.

#### **Ms. Nivedita Desai**

Nivedita Desai is a Chemistry graduate with a Master’s degree in Marketing Management from Mumbai University and has diverse exposure in varied industries such as fragrances & flavours, office automation & direct marketing. She initiated her career in 1985 and has since worked across departments such as in sales, marketing, project management and category development. After more than 25 years of a professional career with international organisations, Nivedita realized the importance of philanthropy and her interest led her to explore various humanities-based online courses like ‘Giving with Purpose’, ‘How to Change the World’, and ‘Social Psychology’ offered by reputed international schools. She deeply cares about education and believes it to be one of the key factors that can reduce poverty in the country. She hopes that one day everyone will have an opportunity for education. Presently, as a managing trustee at *Animedh Charitable Trust*, her endeavour is to enhance the lives of underprivileged women and girls through empowerment and education. She dreams to build an institution that may spread its wings across locations, giving the needy an opportunity for admission to study and to stay. She believed that “doing the simple, little things add up to the big things in the lives of the needy girls and women, which inspires them to transform their future.” She draws inspiration from Mother Theresa (love and compassion), Sir Richard Branson (innovation and sustainability) and Mahatma Gandhi (truth and leadership) and strives for perfection.

#### **Ms. Preethi Srinivasan**

Preethi Srinivasan was proclaimed a child prodigy because of her diverse achievements. A swimming champion, a captain of the U-19 Tamil Nadu Women's Cricket team who led her team to victory in 1997 and an academic topper, Preethi excelled in all that she attempted. During a college trip, an unfortunate accident forced her into paralysis confining her to a wheelchair, but the spirits of this brave warrior still remains indomitable. She works as a full-time copywriter and is also an inspirational speaker, a poet, a mouth-painter and above all, someone who exudes positive energy and spreads love, light and laughter wherever she goes. Preethi's sheer verve for life makes her the most positively-abled person one can meet. In 2013, she started a public charitable trust, *Soulfree*, in Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, through which she has made it her life's mission to provide the severely disabled, a life of dignity and purpose. Her organisation aims to set up rehabilitation centres so that persons with spinal cord injury, especially women may receive training to become self-sufficient and become empowered through improved opportunities in education, entrepreneurship and employment. A true agent of change, Preethi's smiling example is proof that through determination, dedication, passion and perseverance anything is possible, and that we are all powerful, limitless beings with the ability to transform the world by being the change we wish to see!

#### **Ms. Raashi Aanand**

Raashi Aanand is the founder of Lakshyam, a non-governmental organization engaged in social welfare activities like child welfare, health, education and women empowerment. Since its inception in 2004, the organization has rigorously aimed at implementing effective and innovative solutions to improve quality of life of the not-so-privileged communities. Through its programs like *Rooh*, (awakening women's soul), *Butterfly* (child welfare and education), *Lakshyam Toy Library* and *Abhyaas*, Lakshyam has been focussed at improving employment for women through vocational training, spreading awareness on health, hygiene and women rights along with childcare and development and recycling of waste paper and distribution of free notebooks amongst students of Lakshyam schools. Raashi, is a dynamic person striving to do her best to create a change in the world. Her contributions to society through *Lakshyam*, has been featured in BBC in 2012 and has earned her many awards such as the 'Appreciation of Work' by the Lions Quest in India Foundation in 2011, the 'Social Entrepreneur of the Year' at the Entrepreneur India Summit 2013 (Asia based), the 'Nari Shashatikaran Award' for the Youngest Social Worker by the Navaratan Foundation in 2013, the 'Women of Vision' awards at the GTM Holistic Award 2014 and the Shaksiyat Award in 2015 for her Social Work. She has also been felicitated as one amongst the four *Changemakers of India* at the UTV Bindaas 'B for Change' awards 2014.

#### **Mr. Raghuram Ananthoj**

Raghu has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Osmania University. He is currently working in Dell computers as an IT Project Manager, based out of Hyderabad. He has worked



with people of more than 50 different cultures around the world in his 20 years of professional experience spanning 10 countries (India, Hong Kong, China, Dubai, Bahrain, Egypt, Germany, France, United Kingdom and United States) mostly in the space of information technology. Raghu enjoys sports and played cricket at junior state level, south-zone and all India universities during his college days. He was also part of Hyderabad state Ranji trophy team. He has also authored books *Leading Self* and *The Everlasting Leader*. His interests and hobbies include yoga, music, reading books, cricket, soccer & travel.

### **Mr. Sai Prasad Vishwanathan**

Sai Prasad Vishwanathan, recipient of multiple awards including the Helen Keller Role Model Person of the Year Award 2010 & I.S.B.'s Torch Bearer Leadership Award 2011, attracted the imagination of the world through his indomitable spirit and self-belief in dealing with physical disabilities. He is the first Indian with a disability to step onto the Antarctic continent and the first to skydive from 14,000 feet. He has been featured in the television program, *Satyameva Jayate*, which he says gave him the opportunity to raise the concern over our country's infrastructural disability. Sai was born with severe physical challenges, as a result of which, he was refused admission to several high schools. But he and his parents never gave up and today his achievements speak for themselves. A gold medalist from CBIT, a summa-cum-laude research scholar & M.S. Computer Science from University of Wisconsin, and an MBA from ISB, Sai began his career last year at Deloitte as a campus hire. "The number of times you are hurt, insulted and fail -- will not matter on the day you achieve that, which your heart most truly wants," he says. Sai is also an adventure lover. In 2008, while in the U.S., he became the first physically-challenged Indian to skydive from 14,000 feet, which earned him a citation in the *Limca Book of Records*. In 2009, he went scuba diving and in 2012, he explored the Grand Canyons and its billion year sediments in a chopper ride. 'The goal is to explore and experience all the five elements that constitutes life -- earth, water, fire, sky and air', he says. Sai also dreamt of becoming an entrepreneur and in 2009-10, he consulted Wadhvani foundation & the Home Ministry to create a business model that promotes employment for physically challenged people. He also co-founded a venture called 'Sahasra' that provides scholarships to meritorious and financially backward students, to help them pursue higher education. Sahasra, today, has helped more than 15,000 students.

### **Dr. Satendra Singh**

Satendra Singh is best described as a healer (medical doctor), a teacher, a crusader for the rights of the disabled, an advocate of medical humanities and a life-long learner. Even before he could celebrate his first birthday he was infected with the poliovirus, which although did result in his physical impairment, has also been key for shaping his determination to become a medical doctor. Today, he is an Associate Professor of Physiology at University College of Medical Sciences & GTB Hospital, Delhi. He is also an executive member of the Statutory Delhi Medical Council, Co-coordinator of Medical Education Unit, UCMS and the Associate Editor of *Research & Humanities in Medical Education*. His own life experience has led him to realize the need and has led him to become a crusader for the rights of the disabled. He set up the Enabling Unit (for persons with disabilities) and co-founded Medical Humanities Group at his institution. He also successfully persuaded the Ministry of Health to unlock 1,674 central posts for doctors with disabilities. His unrelenting efforts resulted in India's

2014 General Elections in Delhi to be *disabled friendly* and earned him a nomination for the National Awards 2015, by the recommendation of Mr. Vijay Dev, the Chief Electoral Officer. It is his advocacy that led the Medical Council of India to issue directives to all the medical institutions in India to be *disabled friendly* and UPSC to remove the discriminatory performance asking candidates with disabilities to attach photograph showing their disability. In 2013, he also received the NCPEDP Mphasis Universal Design Award for his contributions to bring about a change.

### **Mr. Sujith Kumar**

Sujith Kumar has over 17 years of experience in Human Resources, designing and implementing Employee Engagement Initiatives, Change Management, Performance Management, Employee Relations & Labour Law, Internal Communications, Branding, Corporate Social Responsibility and Training & Development. A Post Graduate in Social Work, with specialization in Personnel Management & Industrial Relations, he has worked with Infosys for over 15 years and is currently their HR Business Leader for global sales. He is a prominent speaker in various student and industry forums and spends his weekends speaking to young minds in colleges. Also, a regular speaker in business conclaves such as NAASCOM, NHRD, FICCI & CII, he has been featured in several TV and Radio Talk shows. He is the Founder and Managing Trustee of Maatram Foundation which provides free higher education to meritorious and underprivileged students that has benefited more than 337 students in the last 4 years. The foundation also aims to setup school libraries in select Government Corporation Schools. Currently, he is a member of several Academic councils of Engineering colleges, in steering committee of the NAASCOM CSR Chapter, NAASCOM HR Forum for Chennai and an Honorary President of the Chennai chapter of the National HRD network. In addition, he also offers his service to their National Board and writes for several magazines and newspapers. His accolades include the Infosys Award for Excellence for 3 consecutive years for his innovative initiatives in employee engagement and people management, the Young Achiever Award & ICON of Rotaract by Rotary International for his outstanding work with the student community, the NASSCOM Special Recognition award in 2011 and the Change Maker Award in 2014.

### **Ms. Kanksshi Agarwal**

Kanksshi Agarwal is a 23 year old electrical engineer with a post-graduation in power system. She is currently pursuing her second masters in urban policy and governance at TISS Mumbai. She is an exuberant and enthusiastic writer/ poet and an aspiring youth icon. She has been a founder of two entities, AIESEC and SAFAR, and succeeded to become the first president of AIESEC in Bhopal. She has been a content writer for a few forums, and wishes to write heart-touching stories all her life. She is a blogger and has contributed to your story, one framestories and other websites. She has hosted a few events like M.P. Youth parliament conducted by MIT, Pune and college events. She is a theatre artist. She is sensitive towards human settlements, women empowerment (worked for HeForShe UN women campaign),

mental disorders, sanitation and hygiene, skill development, entrepreneurship-incubators, creative space creations etc. She has keen interests in Financial analysis (economics), Business Development, PR and marketing. She is also an aspiring entrepreneur, however her ultimate goal is to become a policy maker, negotiator, and work on National and International fronts closely associated with peace talks, deliberating beneficial solutions. She has a deep seated desire to work with United Nations and bring its effect to reality for her own city and state.

### **Mr. Kartheeban C**

Kartheeban is the founder of Team Everest, an NGO which works towards promoting volunteerism and giving quality education to the under privileged. Through Team Everest, Kartheeban has touched the lives of more than 800,000 people through its 3000+ initiatives so far. He dreams of an India where every Indian volunteers at least once a month! To create awareness about body donation, Kartheeban donated the bodies of his parents to Theni Medical College. He donated his parent's home to the community. It is called 'Mom Dad Community Center' which is now a computer center, a yoga center and a study center, benefitting 500 children a year. After marriage, he added his wife's name to his name, changing it from 'Kartheeban' to 'Karthee Vidya'. He quit his high paid MNC job to spend his time to promote volunteering. He does part time jobs to earn his living.

### **Mr. Kevval Liladhar Hariya**

Kevval Liladhar Hariya is the founder of Udaan entertainment Asia LLP and Udaan entertainment group. He is the major driving force and the reason behind the growth as well as the current status of the company. Having lost his eye sight at the age of six, Kevval's life has been full of difficulties and challenges. His parents found out a special school for him soon after he lost his sight. He settled down in the school after few initial hick ups and concentrated on constantly improving his academic performances. He passed SSC, HSC and the graduation years with fairly good results. Since the formation of his company, he, along with his team, has accomplished many things like getting opportunities to be a part of many television shows, releasing an instrumental album through t-series and so on. As a leader, Kevval believes that honesty, loyalty and sincerity are the most important human values and without them one can't achieve anything in life. He has empowered the people with disability by nurturing and flourishing their innermost talent and compelled the world to recognize them as real wealth. He advocates and promotes good qualities, thoughts, talent etc which he believes are essential for the betterment of the mankind.

### **Mr. Kumar Shanu**

Kumar Shanu is a lawyer by profession and an activist by passion. He is the founder of Whistle for Public Interest-WHIP, an organisation representing public spirited law students. He had fought for the Rights of more than 50 Lakh students who appeared for the exams conducted by CBSE to access their evaluated answer-sheets under RTI. The apex court of the country, in response to his petition, held that answer scripts be made available to students via the RTI Act, if a request is made within the period of three months for which the answer-books are maintained by the CBSE. He has been consistent in providing legal assistance to public at large in the matters of RTI, Consumer Protection, PILs and have appeared and argued before the Central Information Commission, Consumer Foras, Delhi High Court and Supreme Court of India during his stay at law school. The Delhi High Court in the year 2016 oversaw the amendment of its own RTI Rules after a writ petition was filed by him and other members of WHIP. The RTI fees in the Courts of Delhi, have been harmonised with the RTI Act and a provision to make information free for BPL applicants has been inserted. In second year of law school, Kumar along with his fellow batch-mates, established Legal Aid Cell, through which they organized several legal aid and awareness camps in juvenile homes, factories, government schools, aaganwardis and different village panchayats of Noida and provided legal assistance to several Under-Trial Prisoners and Juveniles. A theatre artist, Kumar has also been using his skits and plays as medium of spreading legal awareness.

#### **Ms. Lovita J R Morang**

Lovita J R Morang is a professional filmmaker, artiste, writer and a poet. She has written twenty-three books, Anthologies of poetries and short stories that she shares with renowned poets of the world. Her work has been represented on international and National film/literary festivals. Her book, "Discovery of Rhododendron Forest of Eastern Himalayas", is a well researched book launched by His Excellency Governor of Nagaland Shri P.B. Acharya and Shri. Shanmugunathan. She started filmmaking early at the age of Twenty in the year 1996-97 and have made more than Twenty Documentaries, Travelogues, Tele-films. She has acted in a number of movies and TV serials and has been casted as a princess in a docu-drama on massacre of Royal dynasty of Nepal, produced by BBC Channel, London directed by Clive in 2005. In 2011, she graduated from Girls Handique College and Guwahati University and also did a Short-term course on film appreciation from FTII, Pune. LOVITA J R MORANG FOUNDATION is a pocket money initiative, to help unprivileged children and anyone in need, without any support/donation. She has represented the state as an artiste at the age of 17, on Republic Day, World Grassroot's Comic Society, Canada under Sir Rouf, in Guwahti2010, Delhi Poetry Festival.2012 and Kumaon Literary Festival 2015.

#### **Mr. Madhusudan Das**

Madhusudan Das works for peace building, voluntarism and youth Entrepreneurship. Currently he is the convener of National Youth Project, Odisha Chapter. He organizes motivational camps in schools, colleges, universities for developing thought leadership

among young activists. He also helps in organizing National Integration camps in areas of left wing extremism to expedite peace and harmony in the disturbed areas, providing placement linked skill development programme for the young girls from poor socio economic background. He has been instrumental in setting up of 16 NYP centers across Odisha. During last 15 years more than 250 state and national level youth camps have been organized successfully with the direct involvement and under the guidance of Dr. S.N. Subbarao. He is the founder secretary of Abhiyan - an initiative to bring in rural entrepreneurs through skill training programmes. It has developed hundreds of young professionals in the field of development sector. It has its own structure cum training centre, presently, garment training centre for women workers. He is the Chairman of Youth Development Foundation (organisation working for the advocacy of interest of young people), Youth in Governance Programme called Campus Pulse and education support programme.

### **Mr. Manab Misra**

Manab always believed in the important role a school plays in moulding young minds for a better society. As a globe-trotting Transformation Consultant, Manab saw a need to bring excellence into this noble profession, within our country. From the platform of Institutional Excellence Forum, Manab set out to bring Excellence to School Education. This gave birth to the Career Excellence Centre – a program addressing the challenge of school Drop-Outs in India. Currently focused on gathering the best minds from India and abroad, Manab aims to bring International best practices to traditional wisdom and in the process make Excellence a tangible asset in India.

### **Mr. Manik M. Jolly**

Manik M Jolly, Founder and CEO of GRID India, has been working for five years to provide solar based micro grids in rural and un-electrified areas, which enable electricity not only for domestic but commercial and water provisioning solutions also. He started his career in Military. He has been awarded twice for gallantry and took premature retirement in 2011. An Alumni of National Defence Academy and MDI, Gurugram, he started his corporate career with global leader in Solar, SunEdison and was heading Rural Electrification business for SunEdison for South and SE Asia region. Post SunEdison, he has been a consultant with World Bank on Sustainable Development - Energy access, for South Asia. He is also a visiting faculty as Great Lakes Energy Management Institute, Gurugram. He was one of the co Authors for Global Status Reports 2015 by Paris based research organization called REN21. He was instrumental in launching Eradication of Darkness campaign in India with Ministry of Power and IFC. He electrified a remote tribal village through Solar Micro grid, which was covered globally by TIME, MIT review etc as a unique business case. He was selected as 10 leading Global Green game changers by WWF in 2012. He has been a consultant, panelist, trainer with UNDP, CII, MNRE, MoP, World Future Energy Summit, Singapore International Energy Week etc. He consults and writes on Data security and Social

Engineering under Cyber crimes and is certified trainer on Counter Cyber Terrorism. He moved his base to India in 2015 to focus on Indian market. He was awarded the Echoing Green Fellowship in US in 2016 for his work in Solar Micro Grids for Rural areas. Recently, he was also selected as Finalist for in Small Business Big Impact by SalesForce in US.

### **Ms. Meenakshi Uberoi**

Education Evangelist Meenakshi Uberoi, founding director of De Pedagogics, is passionate about coaching, teaching and learning. She designs curriculum and trains educators to equip and assist them in creating innovative, challenging and enriching classroom environments that are conducive to students becoming life-long learners. Meenakshi drives programs to accelerate technology benefits in education with a scope of activities that cover the full spectrum of learning scenarios, including: student programs, teacher PD programs, K-12 learning technologies, 1:1 personal learning infrastructure and supporting educational content. She is a certified Microsoft Innovative Educator Master Trainer and is a resource person for Pearson & for Shri Ram New Horizons. Her focus lies in addressing the diverse interest and abilities of the students by presenting information in a variety of ways using technology as a vehicle and emphasizing relevance of class material to the world beyond the classroom. Her publications focus on technology-empowered teaching and learning in schools, flipped and blended learning, teacher development, mobile learning, and integration of devices into schools. Her work has been recognized for its impact with international awards. Her innovative practices are acknowledged by Microsoft, she is awarded status of Microsoft Innovative Educator Fellow 2015- 16; Microsoft Innovative Expert Educator 2014-15 and 2005. An authentic presenter and an engaging and knowledgeable speaker Meenakshi has delivered powerful messages around transforming education in Digital Age and about learning being student-led. She has spoken on a variety of topics both globally and within India at many leading events and occasions. Meenakshi believes that it is imperative to innovate, create and integrate to succeed in a rapidly changing world of education and that innovation and the ability to collaborate is an investment in the future where technology provides the tools for us to meet the 21st century goals.

### **Ms. Manu Gupta**

A management graduate from Delhi University, Manu Gupta is an advocate for social change and is passionate about driving positive social impact in the country. Her contribution to bridge the educational gap in the country, including her work with Teach for India to spread awareness about education inequity is inspiring. As a team leader for Community Impact projects, she has assisted S&P Global in its community service initiatives and has been associated with Non Governmental Organisations such as Make A Difference and Maitri India. She was elected as the President of the Finance Society of her college and headed the Public Relations Department for a national level student run conference called Delhi University Model United Nations. Her roles have equipped her with strong leadership, management and communication skills. Recipient of the International Award for Young People by the Duke of Edinburgh, she personifies determination and perseverance and is keen

on applying her excellent problem solving and analytical skills to solve some of the most pressing socio-economic problems faced by the country today.

### **Mr. Mukutdhan Gupta**

He is a simple and straightforward man with great ideas with the most important goal of helping the stray animals and the poor peoples of the society by encouraging, motivating and making others learn about valuing their lives also.

### **Ms. Nadira Chaturvedi**

Mrs Nadira Chaturvedi is a science graduate, followed by an MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad in 1975. She comes from a large family with lots of sister, is married to her class fellow and has two children and two grandchildren. She is a home maker first and career woman second. She loves cooking, gardening, travelling and watching films. Her husband and children have always been and remains the centre of her universe. Her marriage has withstood the test of inter religious diversity and several personal tragedies which came in life. The solid friendship with her spouse is the bedrock of her existence. Juggling family life with a demanding management career comes easy with lifelong practice. She attributes this talent to her parents' upbringing and values of hard work and ambition and self- belief. Her emotional intelligence has aided her success. Professionally she has worked in various capacities in a corporate career spanning 35 years, both as an entrepreneur and as a professional manager. As CEO she has headed export oriented and manufacturing industries. At present, she is a professor of business studies, teaching post graduate MBA students. But her most passionate application of management acumen is applied to social work in the field of health care and education as a volunteer. She is engaged in the field of non-formal education to underprivileged children in the form of Aseems Libraries which the family has set up in various orphanages and homes in Delhi. She feels most alive and spiritually gratified when doing voluntary work with socially underprivileged children suffering from lack of education or opportunities, ill health or abuse.

### **Dr. Nanditha Krishna**

A historian, an environmentalist and a writer based in Chennai, Nanditha Krishna has a Ph.D. in Ancient Indian Culture from Bombay University. She is a Professor and a Research Guide for the Ph. D. programme in History and Environmental Studies of the University of Madras. She was the Honorary Director from 1981 of The C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation and was elected President in 2013. She is the Founder-Director of its constituents: C.P. Art Centre; C.P.R. Institute of Indological Research; Saraswathi Kendra Learning Centre for Children; The Grove School (Chennai); Shakunthala Jagannathan Museum of Folk Art and Rangammal Vidyalaya (in Kanchipuram); Sir C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Memorial Nursery;

Primary School, Kumbakonam; and C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre. She has restored 53 sacred groves in the states of Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, bringing green cover to several hundreds of hectares. She has designed curricula and books for children, to teach them about nature. By setting up Saraswathi Kendra, several thousands of children with learning disabilities, dyslexia and autism have been helped to cope with the world around them. She is the author of Deva Pratima; Sacred Plants of India; Sacred Animals of India; Paintings of the Varadaraja Perumal Temple, Kanchipuram; Book of Demons; Book of Vishnu; Its History and Environment; Balaji Venkateshwara; Ganesha; Painted Manuscripts of the Sarasvati Mahal Library (Govt. Of Tamilnadu); The Arts and Crafts of Tamilnadu; The Art and Iconography of Vishnu-Narayana (Taraporevala); Folk Toys of South India.

### **Mr. Narinder Singh Bedi**

Born into a rich Bedi family of Kolkatta, Narinder Singh Bedi went to Doon School and graduated in 1955, four years junior to him were Rajiv Gandhi and Mani Shankar Aiyer. Then he left for the states and did his chemical engineering. He resigned his job in October 1969 and along with his Dutch-Indonesian wife and his two sons returned to india to do work with the rural poor. In 1975, he settled on 20 acres of land given by the government and started his work with the rural poor. In 41 years he has developed his approach to fight for the rights of the rural workers and that is what he is doing now.

### **Ms. Neha Arora**

Neha Arora is liberated by free will and trust, which leads her to explore simple speculations for their sake. She can move beyond the fear factor, at times she doesn't know where she is going, and she doesn't care where she has been. She only knows that, as the protagonist of her own story, it's for her to find out. The blissful frailty of unwritten conclusions and unguarded access sweetens her desire. So despite familiar warnings, irresistible promise draws her eyes wide open and away from domestic comfort zones, with only certain inquiry, hope and faith to recommend her course. She'll never know until she tries. She broke all societal norms and followed her heart to do what felt right. From never utilizing her engineering degree to changing the course of her career often to leaving the comfort of a well-paying job altogether one day to start something which was totally unheard of, Planet Abled. Her personal travelling experience with her parents with disabilities, invoked in her the desire to create a solution to an unattended problem, of accessible travel. A one of its kind in the world, Planet Abled is the only organization which is working indigenously towards making people of all disabilities travel together to experience different places and cultures around us. Giving them an avenue to experience the world freely and confidently, leaving behind social inhibitions and apprehensions about their capabilities. Just following the mantra of getting it done, no matter what it takes, she believes that Our Planet is Our Common Inheritance – Everything Is for Everyone'



### **Mr. Nipun Malhotra**

Nipun Malhotra is co-founder and CEO of the Nipman Foundation that works in the area of health and advocacy for Persons with Disabilities. He is a visiting Research Fellow at World Enabled, a Pineda Foundation initiative. He is the brand ambassador of Umoja Travels, India's first accessible travel company and is on the board of Directors at Vishwas, a non-profit working on disability and development. Malhotra is also the Executive Director of Nipman Fastener Industries - a leading automotive fastener manufacturing company in India. Nipun is an alumnus of St. Stephen's College and the Delhi School of Economics. He is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper. Since 2015, Nipun has been at the forefront of numerous efforts to ensure access for the disabled. The wheelchair access filters in restaurant listings on Zomato, the availability of wheelchairs at the recent NH7 and the Jaipur Literature Festival, are direct results. He also lobbied with the Delhi Government to get the Disabled exempted from the Odd-Even car rule. An avid tweeter, Nipun writes regularly on Disability issues. His writing has appeared on Scroll.in, the Indian Express, NDTV Blog etc. He has also authored a comic titled 'No red card for the disabled'. Nipun was born with Arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder. He is a wheelchair user.

### **Mr. Pramod Minocha**

Pramod Minocha has been an Initiator of change for making Greater Faridabad a liveable and prosperous place. Holding multiple portfolios as President - Greater Faridabad Residents Welfare Association, President - Rotary club of Faridabad Green, MD - Domarp Pharmaceutical private company, Pramod has painstakingly brought revolutionary changes in Greater Faridabad by fighting for people's rights with the corrupt top players, introducing basic sanitation measures, amenities, environment friendly drives, healthcare facilities and many more. He fights for a noble cause and is the fearless voice of the people. An unparalleled leader, Pramod measures his happiness with the smile of gratitude on people's faces.

### **Mr. Pravin Sanjay Nikam**

Pravin Nikam, a young change maker whose vision was clear right from the start that girls have a self-evident right to education. He abandoned a promising career as an computer engineer and dropped out in 2011. At grass-root, level he has educated and sensitized more than 50,000 women and adolescents on sexual and reproductive health. It all happened in 2011, when Pravin was 18, still a student of engineering when he got the chance to go on a study tour to Assam, in the remote village of Shuklai, as a young do-gooder and was exposed to the travails of the rural underprivileged. He was moved by the plight of a girl who was

made to drop out of school by her father because she was menstruating! Four women in that family used the same cloth during their menses. All this fuelled by poverty, and a lack of awareness about health, gave Pravin Nikam his Mission for Life. This made him to start ROSHNI an organization by the name of the girl he met in Assam, via which he started providing education to children and improving health conditions of teenage girls and women. He empowered them on issues around menstrual management and reproductive health rights, working for disability rights, prevention of alcoholism and substance (drugs) abuse and working for citizen's rights, also motivating the youth to actively participate in smooth functioning of democracy. Pravin Nikam was awarded the Highest Youth Award given by Government of India i.e National Youth Award for the Year 2014-2015 for his great contribution to Humanity. Pravin Nikam is global youth activist, community mobilizer and strategist advocating for democratic sustainability, youth and human rights, gender justice, accountability, transparency and youth engagement in the development discourse, championing global and local (GLOCAL) change.

### **Ms. Priyanka Tiwari**

Priyanka Tiwari is Co-Founder of India's first & only online expert advice platform AdviceAdda which has helped more than 18 lac people in last 2 years in finding expert help from authentic & reliable experts for free. AdviceAdda.com achieved many unprecedented milestones and became most trusted online platform to seek expert advice in hardly 2 years under her regular guidance and exceptional leadership as COO of the company. She played crucial role in taking AdviceAdda to the masses at ground level which was recognized by 70+ National and International media houses including BBC, HT, India Today, Tehelka, PTI, The Pioneer, Business Standard, Aaj Tak, Zee News, FirstPost, Big FM etc. She was awarded by ezetap as most inspiring Women Entrepreneurs in India and was featured in many publications. Priyanka is an alumna of Indraprastha College for Women (Delhi University) where she studied Mass Communication. Prior to creating AdviceAdda, she worked with reputed brands like Greenpeace & Hindustan Times in different roles where she proved her caliber. She is an avid reader, spontaneous writer, photographer, traveller and filmmaker. She wants to bring real changes in the world at ground level by experimenting with her innovative ideas.

### **Ms. Richi Sood**

Richi is first generation fashion entrepreneur from Chandigarh and an active supporter of social issues. Her key experience lies in social media marketing, Instagram selling, fashion tips and ethnic clothing. She not only understands technology platforms effortlessly but holds a strong fashion and business acumen as well. Richi Sood started Rich Charms is fashion website where she retail apparel and accessories under her own label. Her product line ranges from tops, dresses, skirts, shoes to jewellery and bags” She has also partnered with LGBT community, Stop Acid Attacks and few restaurant chains for social and business campaigns of

Rich Charms. She has started new initiative "Beyond gender" Beyond Gender is a campaign to uphold rights of third gender. This campaign has started with the aim of creating better society beyond the judgement based on gender. Richi is always open to new ideas, ventures for making world a better place.

### **Ms. Rupa Dash**

Rupa is an entertainment entrepreneur based in Los Angeles. She is the Co-Founder & CEO of World Woman Foundation, a global stage for women voices and Dash Global Media, a leading entertainment company in Los Angeles. She is also associated with Brillstein Entertainment Partners, an organization regarded as the premier entertainment management group in Hollywood. An ardent advocate for social entrepreneurship and leadership development for women in business and entertainment, Rupa, is involved in UN Women, Hollywood Film Festival and TED advocating Gender Equality in Film and Entertainment Industry. She also serves on the board of Indywood Film Festival in India promoting Bollywood on an international forum. Rupa attended the Anderson School of management at UCLA, Los Angeles and focused on Entrepreneurship. She is the first Indian American Managing Director of the World's Largest Women Entrepreneurship Network recognized by White House and the first women to receive the International Telecom Union Award from United Nation. She was recently awarded the Best Entrepreneurship of Los Angeles by BIBO Awards, 2016. She has also been honored as the Best Managing Director (Make it to Million), International Femtor Award (2015) and has received the National Award for Best Telecom Brand Marketer, by International Telecom Union, United Nations (2012), Percept Media Annual Award for Best Debut in PR (2010) and the Brave Heart Award, WPP Group of Companies (2009).

### **Mr. Suresh Rathore**

Suresh is a media professional who started his career from Doordarshan National Channel and a video editor in 2007. Two years later he joined Zee News as a video editor and producer. In 2012, he partnered with two others to start Blue Marine Mediaworks Pvt. Ltd. Unfortunately, the struggles of a start-up dissuaded his partners for continuing but Suresh never gave up. With the help of supportive clients and hardwork, he has been able to lead the company to its glory. Currently he is a Director, leading all media production activities for the company. He aspires to be a flimmaker and open offices in his dream city, Mumbai, and operate from there. He wishes to write scripts, both fiction and non-fictional and pursue an acting career.

### **Mr. Santosh Narayan Garje**

Santosh is the founder of *Sahara Anathalaya Pariwar*. Currently he is the president of AAI Foundation and is responsible for the planning and execution of its different activities related to running the orphanage (Bal-gram). Born to a family of poor sugarcane farmers in Maharashtra's remote village of Patsara, Beed district, he lost his elder sister during child delivery. This "motherless" niece became his inspiration to become a parent for other underprivileged orphans, when he was just 19 years old. Today, almost 85 children, between 4 to 18 years of age, are part of the family, living with emotional, spiritual love and affection with no barriers of caste or creed. He aspires to increase the capacity so that more and more children can become part of the family. However, the lack of government funds has been a deterrent to his dream but Santosh remains determined. Presently, and for the last 12 years, the finances of the *pariwar* have been supported through donations made by generous members of the community. He has been honoured by many awards such as the Mahamanav Baba Amte Manavta Puraskar (2011), SAKAL vardhapan - dinanimitt Sevagaurav purskar (2011), Sva. Chimanlal Govindas seva-gaurav Puraskar (2010), Youth Kranti Award (2012), MGM Sakshama Sanman (2013), Sarvottam Seva Puraskar (2014), Shaskiy Tantraniketan Sanman Chinha (2014), Vedh Foundation Jiwan Gourav award (2014), Rajystariya Kaamgar Bhushan (2014), Marathwada Bhushan Puraskar (2015), Tyagmurti Maharshi Dadhichi award (2016), to name just a few. A believer in love, kindness and equality, Santosh aspires to spread love, peace and harmony in society.

#### **Ms. Sanya Chawla**

Sanya is an enabler who enjoys working at the concurrence of business, government and non-profit sectors to drive social impact— from working as a Sustainability Consultant at Deloitte to working with the Harvard Evidence for Policy Design Group in some of the most backward rural districts in India. Her diverse experience includes projects that cut across health, education and rural development. A socio-development enthusiast, Sanya, is passionate about market based solutions to social change and keeps tinkering social business models so that they are impactful as well as sustainable. Currently working with the Strategy and Operations team at Cipla Foundation, Sanya has provided crucial support to many health and education projects that the Foundation supports and is now driving Shared Value projects within Cipla. A Young India Fellow, she believes that to tackle the issues at the base-of-the-pyramid, it is important to understand the smaller simpler aspects that make the largest impact. Her passion has been greatly appreciated and won her many sponsorships including the Business Entrepreneurship and Middle East Policy course and the Graduate course in Public Policy. She was also honoured as the Reserve Bank of India Young Scholar (2011) and the Woman Techmaker, Google (2014).

#### **Mr. Satwik Mishra**

Satwik is an engineer by education, an entrepreneur by experience and an author by chance and a social worker by choice. Hailing from Purnea (Bihar), he holds a B.Tech degree from

VIT University, DEBM degree from Entrepreneurship development Institute of India and PGDRD degree from IGNOU. He is a 'SBI Youth for India Fellow' and also groomed by 'International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology ea. He got his primary education in Sainik School Goalpara (Assam) and DAV Public School, Rohini (New Delhi) earlier. Satwik has got many of his poems and fictions published in national as well as International anthologies. He has been awarded by Schneider electric, International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology, SAM Global Foundation, SBI YFI, Govt. of Bihar, IYONS etc. for his extraordinary work in the field of entrepreneurship and engineering. He founded Mechjunction Eduservices Pvt. Ltd. in 2013 and running it successfully as CEO of the company. He has been rewarded as a budding entrepreneur by Bihar Government in March 2014. He got his first book 'HEARTFALSH' published in Canada in April 2014 and second (Take Dil se) and third (Andhere ka Aadheera) published in India, both in 2015.

### **Mr. Shanoo Raghuvanshi**

An entrepreneur and a social activist with key experience in planning and managing marketing strategies. He is the founder of *Rayons-Enlightening Humanity Society*, a social organization working on youth policies, an advocacy & co-founder of Diligence Group, IT Company that provides digital solutions and a co-founder and Director of Square Creators, an event management company. Believing in the creation of a more responsible and humane society, Shanoo, works on several issues related to environment, preservation of water and natural resources, poverty alleviation, electoral reforms, corruption, child rights, animal rights, gender rights, gender crimes, environment, cyber security, etc. He believes in changing the overall attitude towards philanthropy and social justice. He has initiated movements for engaging youngsters in social selfless service and has also started campaign against polythene in city. He has also participated and is doing a series of story on *Swachh Bharat* Campaign in Bareilly, for an online Magazine to report accountability of the campaign in the city from citizen, civic bodies and other stakeholders. Shanoo has worked in the field of community mobilization for rehabilitation of Slum Areas in Bareilly (UP), organizing awareness festivals and conduction of workshops. He has also worked on communication and outreach programs for slums and serves on the board of a few organizations like Vision Rohilkhand, Stop Acid Attacks, Mercy For all, The United Souls, Poetry Society, I-Tech Club, India against Corruption (Western UP).

### **Mr. Shorya Sood**

Shorya suffers from a case of Cerebral Palsy. He is physically challenged, dependent on others for all his physical activities and is on a wheel chair. However, despite these challenges, he pursues his studies and is competing with normal children. He is currently in his final year studying political Science Honours in Sri Venkateswara College, New Delhi. His determination has made him compete with others and he has scored above 90% in his XII

class board exams. Despite his physical challenges and dependency on others, Shorya travels independently to his college and is a source of inspiration for others. His hobbies include debating, reading and playing chess. He was the general Secretary of his department, a member of his college debate and chess teams and has represented his college in inter-college debates and chess competitions. He is the co-founder of I-Kiran foundation that works for the marginalised sections of the society, looking after the education of poor and underprivileged children. He aspires to work for the upliftment of poor and differently-abled people and for women empowerment, fighting inequality, corruption and injustice. He hopes to involve himself in the education of the underprivileged and differently abled and spread awareness against the archaic patriarchal mindset of society, especially in rural India. He also hopes to educate people about the rights as a citizen and ensure speedy justice to all sections of society.

### **Ms. Sonal Giani**

Ms. Sonal is an LGBTQ activist and actor. She is known for her pioneering work in Lesbian and Bisexual women's issues as well as LGBTQ youth work. She co-founded one of India's largest LGBTQ youth initiatives "Yaariyan" (friendship) and Umang (Joy), an LBT initiative in Mumbai. In 2016, she was awarded the Diversity Leadership Award by the World HRD Congress and featured in 'India's 8 LGBT role models under 30' by Gaysi. In 2013, she was listed by Bombay Dost as one of the 'Top Ten LGBT Turks to watch out for'. While working as the Advocacy Manager at the Humsafar Trust she was also part of film projects, theatre productions and represented the Indian LGBTQ community globally. She is best known for featuring in 'Connected Hum Tum' in the year 2013, the extremely popular and first of its kind documentary TV Show on Zee TV. In it, she shared her real-life experiences and struggles as an Indian bisexual woman with the host, popular Bollywood actor Abhay Deol. She acted in a Bollywood Film, W, directed by Tarun Chopra that released in the year 2014. She is currently working with Paromita Vohra, a well known Director and screenwriter. She believes that it takes only honesty to be who you are and that she has been the "most constant sense of support" to herself.

### **Ms. Sonal Singh**

An Indian-Canadian is an accomplished management consultant, social activist and coach and mentor, training individuals (especially young women) in the areas of confidence building, communication and positive thinking. She is known for her initiatives against domestic violence in the community and runs workshops for low-income young women in partnership with the NGO, Udayan Care. She is a graduate from the London School of Economics (Master's in Public Administration, MPA), is fluent in French and has lived and worked in several countries. She published an article with the director of UNDP in Brazil, worked with the Ministry of Health in London UK and Deloitte Consulting and lived in rural

Gujarat improving women's access to healthcare with the Aga Khan Foundation. An all-rounder, Sonal was recently crowned as Mrs. Universe - Beautiful 2016 among 71 delegates from over 40 countries in China. She was already reigning as Mrs. Universe Asia 2016 before this competition and previously was also a finalist in Miss Universe Canada. She now lives in Delhi because of her love for India and strong belief that is her duty to make a valuable change in her birth country.

### **Mr. Soumen Bhowmick**

Mr. Soumen is a strong believer of Jean Clay's saying that "Art should change man". He believes that through art, humans can become immortals and their creations will be left behind even after time erases their bodies. He started his journey into the world of art way back in 1980, when he was a school kid. He was born in Kolkata but later moved to Delhi, due to his father's professional commitments, but since then has been based in the city with his soul and body. His early interest in art was encouraged by his parents and he gradually climbed the steps of artdom formally in 1997, when he graduated with BFA, from College of Art, New Delhi. He was honoured with the Vice Chancellor Award in 1997, for his academic performance at BFA in the final year, in College of Art New Delhi. Since then he has not looked back. Soumen believes that every footstep he takes will lead him to new vistas in the art world. He is an eternal learner from heart. He is involved with several NGOs as a freelance Illustrator, doing creative work for books, magazines, posters, cover design for Pradan, PLD, Nirantar, Ankur and Aga Khan Foundation. This creative pursuit gives him immense satisfaction although the challenging part is to make it financially successful for him and his family.

### **Dr. Sumeet Ponda**

Dr. Sumeet can be termed as a change agent in the education sector. Through the Red Rose Group of Schools, he has successfully blasted the myth that the score on the mark-sheet guarantees success in life. He has also successfully propagated the idea that parents are the best counsellors for their children. He believes that if teachers were to succeed, they must assume accountability with responsibility and teaching can never be a profession but a vocation. Through the Group's M K Ponda College, he has been able to prove that creating job-givers is easier than chiselling job-seekers. If India were to progress, India must stress on entrepreneurship. Therefore, by motivating more than 300 first-generation entrepreneurs, Sumeet has created an unparalleled record of sorts.

### **Mr. Sushant Divgikar**

Sushant is an Indian model, actor, performer, singer and video jockey who appears in television shows and films. He represented India at Mr Gay World 2014 where he won various special awards. He has been the only delegate from India to win the three sub awards (Mister Gay World Congeniality 2014, Mister People's Choice & Mister Gay World Art 2014) since, although he failed to win the title. He is widely known for participating in India's most popular TV reality show Bigg Boss 8. He started his TV career with UTV Bindass's Big Switch Season 3 directed by Rohit Shetty, after which he did Atyachaar Ka Punchnama for UTV Bindass as a host. He will also soon be seen in an online series 'Love, Life and Screw Ups'. He has also worked in TV commercials for brands like Maruti Suzuki, MTV India, Channel V India, Idea mobiles etc. Alongside acting and TV, he took notice of his singing talent and won several awards and titles between 2011 and 2013. In 2015, he was the guest in Colors TV's India's Got Talent and Zoom's Style Pang.a He was also the guest in the grand finale of &TV's Killerr Karaoke Atka Toh Latkah. Two documentary films, both based on his life have been nominated and screened at various national and international festivals. A positive guy, who loves to spread positivity around, Sushant represents the LGBT community of India. He holds double Masters in psychology and is now pursuing a PhD in the same field. He aspires to work for Women Empowerment in addition to supporting the LGBT community.

### **Master Ved Chikarmane**

Ved is a 4th grade student at Mallya Aditi International School, Bangalore. He is an avid sportsman with a special liking towards cricket. He is part of the school Under 12 team, has a lot of friends and does well in school. He was diagnosed with partial bi-lateral hearing loss for which he wears hearing aids in both ears and leads and enjoys life. Initially, he was silent, withdrawn, frustrated and an overactive kid, who needed his family by his side to interpret anything anyone told him. But a trip to the US when he was 4 years old, became his turning point. During his visit, he met Dr Bernstein, head of Paediatric Audiology at Columbia, who fitted him with paediatric aids (the ones he had on was for geriatrics). He was also introduced to Lois Heymann, a speech therapist, who went on to turn Ved into a bubbly, enthusiastic, sociable and confident boy. Through her research and sessions, she helped Ved learn strategies and gave him confidence to dream and believe that he can become anything he so pleases. Having learnt from his own experience, this little boy now wishes to spread



awareness about this disability in India and open Lois' centres in India to help kids with partial hearing loss become part of the mainstream.

### **Mr. Vijay Pentareddy**

Vijay is a 15 year IT Professional, who worked with fortune 500 companies globally providing his consulting services through Wipro and Accenture. Realizing how fresh graduates from college lacked the skills required in the professional world, he quit his job to start his organization, Last Mile, where he aims to bridge this gap. Today, Last Mile has a 70% placement record with 500+ placements. However, his initial days were full of struggles. He used social media platforms, like facebook, to create his group KAIZEN which now has 25,000 members to revolutionize the approach of reaching out to student and mentoring them in their careers. He started his training in his garage and today has influenced 4000+ youth in getting. Majority of his students are from financially underprivileged background and from villages. Vijay believes that everyone can get through interviews irrelevant of their background as long as they have the will. Vijay also made a short film "Road of Spero" which has revolutionized the approach of inspiring youth. He used the concept of flipped class training model, by giving more time to students for hands on approach in training so that they can excel at work and yes they have. He expand and reach out to more student, he approached the State government, who was also impressed and approved a pilot project to train students in one district, fully funded by govt. with only marginal costs to youth from rural areas. The success of this pilot project earned him a spot amongst the Indian Express list of top 16 people who will influence India in 2016.

### **Mr. Vineet Chikarmane**

Mr. Vineet left his profession to join his wife to start a clothing business in Bangalore, despite his background in Computer Science and a career in Silicon Valley in the US. Today, they work extensively with artisans in Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The result has been the building of an organization that showcases the best of Indian artisanship to the world. His work converts Art into Science and while meaningfully impacting the lives of the artisans who uphold heritage skills to this day. He makes time to play sports and stay fit, and enjoys his role as a trustee of the environmental NGO, Snehakunj, in his home district of Uttar Kannada. The trust operates in the areas of health care, livelihood and environmental protection. It was a leading influence in the withdrawal of the state government's decision to start the coal-fired thermal power plant at Tadri, which given its close proximity to the eco sensitive areas of the Western Ghats, the plant would have been an ecological catastrophe.

### **Ms. Deepa Chikarmane**

Ms. Deepa has a background in Business Management, she moved back to India to start a clothing business in Bangalore with her husband. The result has been the building of an organization that showcases the best of Indian artisanship to the world. Her work is focused on creativity and design while channelling the craft of the artisans who uphold heritage skills to this day. When she is not working, Deepa does all a mother should, while championing the cause of hearing impaired children in a system and society where the support for this disability is lacking.

### **Mr. Yashveer Chaudhry**

Yashveer has gone through a lot of personal struggle and strives to become a better human being everyday from the learning that he received from pain. From being a child who never spoke for years due to trauma, he went on to become the NIOS Representative, a member of the Student Council. From being put in a class of children with special needs in childhood, he went on to top his class in his class 12 boards, and has received an academic scholarship from his university. Today, he voluntarily helps out underprivileged patients at a charitable health care centre in Himachal Pradesh every year. He also counsels students with special needs as an alumnus of his school. Yashveer is there for everyone who needs him and seeks to better himself as well as society to the best of his ability. Having gone through emotional and sociological problems, he thinks the greatest role that he could play is when he interacts and tries to help people with special needs such as autism, asperger's syndrome etc, a responsibility he especially fulfilled during his tenure as National Institute of Open Schooling Representative at The Shri Ram School. A proud Indian, he hopes to make his country proud by doing good to society.

### **Master Rishabh Bhatnagar**

Rishabh is a student. Food blogger, dreamer. Sports, wildlife and photography enthusiast, traveller. Dreamer? Because dreaming is as important as anything else, you do. Rishabh is a keen learner and quizzier. Pursuing journalism, his dream course, Rishabh looks to make it big. He loves sports, and takes special interest in Indian football. With a keen interest in start-ups and current affairs, he aims at making India a better country through his learnings and experiences.

### **Mr. Rajiv Soni**

A seasoned entrepreneur, chartered accountant, with 25+ years experience in teaching academics and soft skills is currently working on an internet based solution for mentoring

students on higher study in India and overseas and career options. After a decade with ITC Hotels, his extensive experience in setting up a software company and then in the US as a consulting professional equips him to extend a helping hand to students planning to pursue higher degrees in the US both at the undergraduate and graduate level. As head of the DPS Alumni Association, he is responsible for managing its philanthropic and outreach initiatives and works voluntarily at DPS World Foundation- an ambitious, noble, productive experiment to enrich the world with excellence in education and a transparent commitment to equity for all. He has authored three novels and the on-line, instantly graded TUTOR prep <sup>(c)</sup> for Commerce students with 50,000+ Questions and Answers. Rajiv Soni earned his school diploma from Delhi Public School, Mathura Road and Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi and was articulated at Price Water House Coopers for his CA internship.

### **Ms. Suraksha Gulati**

Ms. Suraksha Gulati is a retired school teacher. After serving in a government school for 36 years, Mrs. Gulati is currently doing social service for the last 8 years. Being retired, she believes in helping the poor people. She is an Artist, Musician, Writer, Poet and a Public Speaker. She believes in selfless service rather than for a position, name and recognition. She provides voluntary service for the association and the colony. Ms. Gulati is BA, B.ED and ART MASTERS. She conducts free classes to teach Art, Craft, Drawing, Music and Hindi Literature to the neighbouring children. During her employment, she happily imparted teaching outside her profile. She used to voluntarily give moral teaching in the early morning assembly which is normally not the part of any study curriculum. She used to Anchor all the cultural programs of the school. She has written poetry books (Dil se Dil ki Baat) on the reality of life and how to improve the quality of life. She has also written books containing bhajans (Bhajnamrit) which she published at her own cost and circulated free of cost to various people. Currently she is writing a novel. She likes to read dharmik books like Sukhmani Sahib and Guru Granth Sahib, Bhagavad Gita and Ram Charitra Manas. She doesn't distinguish between religions and values all religions equally. She has a hobby of reading about saints of Sikh Dharam and Hindu Dharam.

### **Mr. Rahul Narvekar**

Mr. Rahul is an entrepreneur and investor who wants to use the power of entrepreneurship to transform India, specifically the tier 2, 3, 4 and 5 cities and later reach out to the rural areas too. Beyond these 2 roles of entrepreneur and investor, he is also looking at being a mentor and Teacher to individuals to help them “think” scale and reach for the stars. He would want to use his life journey to help individuals from low and nil income group to “Think “ and “believe “ that they too can achieve whatever they dream of. The 5<sup>th</sup> role that he sees as a goal is to act as a catalyst to bring together mentors who are achievers in various domains to help

mentor individuals through his community. He wants to act as a bridge between government and startups to help build and scale the entire ecosystem at the grassroots level.

### **Mr. Rahul Yadav**

Rahul is the founder of Yoddhas-Indians Fighting Against Cancer. He is an MBA graduate from Symbiosis Institute of Management Studies (SIMS), Pune. As every other MBA graduate, Mr. Rahul also started his career and went on to working with HCL Technologies, later he joined in Society Generale – A French Investment Bank in Bangalore in 2013. A stable job, newlywed, Rahul Yadav was just starting on with his life. At 28, he found out he had cancer. Rahul's initial efforts to understand Myeloma only led to more confusion as the internet failed to deliver authentic information on the disease. While undergoing medical treatments, he looked for other ways to take control of the disease, and his life. Advice on diet, medicine side effects, and psychological and emotional support for cancer patients in India was nearly non-existent. Rahul could not come to terms with not only the lack of information but also support for cancer patients in India. During the 15 rounds of chemotherapy, he met fellow cancer patients at the hospital with whom he initiated a small patient support group. Today, his initiative, known as 'Yoddhas' or warriors is a one-of-its-kind online support group where cancer patients in India can connect with each other and find the information and support they need. For Rahul, it is all about providing a cancer patient with all the support she/he needs. In its short existence of less than 1 year, Yoddhas has enabled people battling cancer to come out of their shell, shed social stigma attached to their condition and find a place to voice their experiences and help each other along this tough journey.

### **Mr. Rakesh Verma**

Rakesh comes from a modest background. He is a self made man and he had started to work on social cause early during his studies only. During his life his encounter with the government officials was painful and he encountered corrupt people and he then decided to open an NGO to help the poor and fight corruption. He formed Jaihind Anti Corruption Social an NGO. He has automated the complete process where the person with a complaint is not required to go from office to office. As an accountant he has been able to provide justice to most of his clients. He is doing a great work for the poor.

### **Mr. Dharm Prakash Karn**

D. P. Karn is an acknowledged Human Rights Activist and he has championed the cause of human rights protection in Bihar through its education. He has academic expertise in Human Rights, Social Development and flagship programmes of the GoI. He has had his professional engagements with Pharma Company - Cadila, NGO-Bachapan Bachao Andolan, international agency-Handicap International, UN Agencies- UNDP / Unicef /WHO. He has his professional expertise in Child/ Women's Rights, Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change, Disability issues and Health. Presently he is practicing as an independent Development Consultant, heading a human rights organization named "**Centre for Development Studies**" based at Madhubani. Mr. Karn also has the credit of publication of his two articles. His work has been appreciated from different corners i.e. the President of the USA, Unicef's State Representative of Bihar, Vice Chancellors/ Academicians, Legal Luminars, Media, I /NGOs, Administration, Police, Civil Society and many others. He has a cadre of human rights activists in Bihar. His services have been rated as outstanding by bureaucrats also. He has carried out several major studies that have impressed the policies of GoI. He is a born activist.

### **Mr. Rajendra Kulkarni**

Rajendra Kulkarni was an industrialist in packaging industry for 20 years. To serve the community, he closed down his business and started an NGO called 'Manav Charities' in 1999. Manav Charities is working in the area of health, education, empowerment and community services in 10 states of India. Besides having industry experience, he has also been past President of Rotary International Bangalore, Peenya. Having served 15 years in Rotary at various levels, he joined LION'S International Club and was the past President of LION'S International Bangalore - North Club. Besides this, he is presently a judicial member of Child Welfare Committee Bangalore Urban. He has been awarded with various awards from many organizations.

### **Mr. Rajeev H. Goankar**

Rajeev Goankar is dedicated to the development of the unprivileged section of the society by establishing "Aashraya Foundation" a NGO at his native village Hiregutti in Kumta taluk, Uttarkannada district, Karnataka. He has been a social activist for last 26 years. His core areas of working are Providing Education and shelter to poor students by adopting government schools and colleges to provide them basic infrastructure like Computer lab, Sports kit, notebooks, band sets, water filters etc. Through Aashraya Foundation Eye Collection Center in his district they create awareness about eye donation to the rural people. Aashraya Foundation Women Counselling Center is established to empower rural women and help them to fight against injustice caused to them. He has played a very vital role in protecting Environment of his district. He has also been working hard on Railway Development in his district.

### **Mr. Dhanraj H.S.**

Dhanraj a dynamic and enthusiastic advocate with a difference who takes up the cases of innocent victims who are financially poor and fights for their legal right from the courts of

law. His sincerity and dedication is very much appreciated by the seniors in law. He has brought justice to many innocents and won many complicated cases in women's & children's and human rights and the underprivileged out of his own expenses.

### **Mr. T. K. Thulsi Babu**

Thulsi Babu has 50 years of experience in Pharma and Healthcare industry. He has conducted training all over the country since 3 decades to Pharma professionals. He has trained around 30,000 medical representatives and around 5,000 Senior and Junior managers all over India right from 1986. He has attended workshops in Singapore and Bangkok in 2007 & 2008 when he was selected as Best Performer in India for highest sales performance for a leading MNC & sent abroad. He is a corporate trainer on Personality Development and gives training of soft skills to teachers. His expertise is in faculty management, basics of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Pharmacology & Microbiology for medical representatives & managers along with updated latest selling techniques to gain the competitive edge & become profit centres for the organization. Other areas of expertise are Hospitality management, Customer Relationship Management, Time management, Classic Motivational slides presentation to inspire youngsters & elders. He also writes articles on Personality Development in pharma magazines. His hobbies are travelling to places, reading books on management, training and Marketing. Cricket is his favourite sport.

### **Mr. Anand Varadaraj**

Anand is the Co-founder and Managing Partner of yogamrutha wellness, NamNatverkstan and EcoForge and has a background in marketing with mathematics, economics and statistics as major academic pursuits. He also works as the Chief Development Officer at Hydrox - his family business of construction chemicals. Every year, he works with a Bangalore International Film Festival as their Deputy Artistic Director and is the secretary Suchitra Film Society - 40 year old organisation on a volunteer basis. He is also the founder and Creative Director for the Bengaluru International Short Film Festival. Earlier, he worked with GE in Business Market Intelligence and with Palador, a film distribution company, as a Strategic Marketing Consultant and used to head their South India operations. He is on the Board of Vidyanikethan, a non-profit group working on social and economic issues, Interfaith Declaration on Climate Change, attends UN sessions as an observer, Israel-Asia Center and is regularly involved in media projects including news reports for NHK. He helps as a volunteer for US non-profit Yoga Gives Back.

### **Ms. Nirmal Amarnath**

Nirmala Amarnath resides in Bangalore. She did her graduation, Masters and MBA in Education. She is a qualified Woman and Children Counsellor. She also did her Diploma in special education. Basically she is a creative, dedicated and ambitious person who is working to support women and children. After the death of her husband and her sister in law, she started a school for young children in their memory and named it as AMARA SOUNDARYA VIDYALAYA, wherein they provide stress free education in a homely gurukula environment. Later she changed the name to Aryaa Academy and made it as an integrated school wherein

admission was given to the children with special needs. Along with the school for the benefit of women ARYAA VOCATIONAL TRAINING ACADEMY was established to provide training for women in many courses such as teachers training, beautician training and soft skills. The academy was recognized by Government of Karnataka and provided the women with the recognized certificate as well as placements to make them financially independent. So far they have trained 1,250 women. Aryaa women academy started to identify the skills in women and provide them opportunity to train the same skill to other women and by doing so they will earn and at the same time many others will also learn the skill. Vocational skills included tailoring, knitting, making stuffed toys etc. To encourage arts and culture ARYAA CULTURAL ACADEMY started and every year organized many cultural programs, competitions and debates for children. Apart from above the heartfelt project started ANTHARMUKHA the silent victims started 2 years back with the objective to prevent , protect and heal children from child abuse.

### **Ms. Vidya Aithal**

Ms. Vidya Aithal is basically from South Karnataka, she has worked with children from all backgrounds, be it slums, tribal, labourers, children with cancer, abused, villages, schools or any other vulnerable section of the society. She has always reached out to thousands of children in need with great zeal to enrich their lives. Whether a child is mentally challenged unable to express his/ her feelings or an adult college-student in distress or a family in split or a child counting his last days due to cancer or a five year old kid unable to complete his puzzle, the list goes on; she is there for them. Ms. Aithal has acquired qualifications in the fields of Rehabilitation science, Psychology, Sociology, Counselling, Child Behavior and Life skills. She had run a school for children from vulnerable background and also with adults by creating awareness about health and hygiene. She has been working for many years with renowned institutions. At present she heads Sambhav Foundation which caters for the children with special needs as well as learning disability. She also has been selected by the government as CWC (Child Welfare Committee) member. She had received “women achiever of the year 2015” by Vidyaranya an NGO in Bangalore working towards sustainable change for Women, Children & Old aged people by providing Education, Healthcare, Food & Shelter. She has conducted training and workshops in the areas of Life skills, and empowerment training programs for parents and teachers.

### **Mr. Sarvesh Kishore**

Sarvesh is a humble and adventurous loving person who always works for a cause and loves to travel and explore the ends of this globe and spread the love for a happy living “INSPIRE-TRAVEL-LOVE”.

### **Ms. Madhavi Mallavalli**

Ms. Madhavi is a social worker and has impacted lives of over 4100 women and children with disabilities since 1998 and is the Secretary of AshaJyothi Handicapped Welfare Society, an NGO based out of Hanuman Junction, Andhra Pradesh. Her key activities include Special

education, Micro Enterprises, Medical, Health, Rescue and Rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. She has been instrumental in facilitating Cochlear Implants and Polio Corrective Surgeries, community based rehabilitation measures, distribution of aids and appliances, promotion of toilet constructions, installation of ramps, health camps for destitute women and orphan girls, advocacy meetings and also more recently Stem Cell Therapy Initiatives. She also serves as a Core Committee member, Forum for Child Rights for West Godavari District. She has been instrumental in providing thought leadership and partnering with US based nonprofit organization “Save the Child Foundation” in executing projects to benefit special needs and underprivileged children. Madhavi has played a critical role in providing relief operations post HudHud Cyclone in Visakhapatnam district.

### **Ms. Poornima B. S.**

Poornima is a compassionate Social Activist, Development Professional, a Confident Woman and a Concerned Citizen. Academically experienced in field of Science, Sociology and Environmental Studies, she stands herself successfully both at professional and personal fronts. Since 2001, she has been serving in the developmental field with her work for Child Labourers later on with underprivileged and marginalized communities like Female Sex Workers, LGBT, People Living with HIV-AIDS & ASHA workers. Currently working for vulnerable street girl children, she has also provided consultancy to the Government departments of Health at NRHM and BESCO and facilitated several community processes. She is a caring mother, a loving wife, loves to cook herself for her family and sometimes for her colleagues too at office Apart from being bold and straightforward, she likes to travel, read leadership literatures, Kannada literature and watch suspense thrillers & comedies. She is proud to be a Kannadiga and more prouder to be a woman. She believes learning curve never ends and always seeks opportunities for learning more. She believes that the job of a leader is to grow more leaders.

### **Ms. Anita Gupta**

Anita is from Bihar. She lost her father when she was a kid. Her family was not very well to do and therefore she has grown through poverty as her mother was a house wife. Due to financial crunch, she was not able to go for training in any particular field. She started making small jewellery items, paintings, soft toys, etc. Apart from making these, she also participated in dramas though her family opposed it. Due to the financial crunch she opened an institute where she taught women making small art to earn money. There was an unused sewing machine kept in her home. On 1<sup>st</sup> June, 1993 with this machine, she opened a training centre and kept its name as ‘Bhojpur Mahila Kala Kendra’. Since that day, she never had to look back. She has provided employment to lot of women. Today, almost 150 women get associated to her centre every year and provide them with the employment. She has also been awarded in the field of art and social service at state level.

### **Mr. Sujay Sarkar**

Sujay’s love for social work started way back during his childhood days. He can explain this better from one instance of his childhood when he was in class II. All the children living in his neighbourhood, once decided to do something in order to help the needy. In this effort they all once decided to conduct a month long activity/ campaign. The activity was going door to door, in order to collect medicines. We fall sick, we take medicines but some



medicines remain unconsumed, if not used, they will become a waste once they cross their expiry date. They moved a campaign in order to collect those medicines. After coming back from school, they made handmade banners/ placards and went each household collecting medicine. Finally these medicines were handed over to a nearby hospital for the poor & needy patient.

### **Mr. Akhaya Kumar Sagar**

Akhaya Kumar Sagar (Akshay) brings more than 15 years of professional experience in Corporate and Non for profit Sector. He started his career with an NBFC at the age of 20 and now spearheading Reaching Hand's operation. A social worker by nature, loves social adventure which he started during his college days and continuing thus far. His journey is to make social equity and equality reachable to the poor. He believes in creating opportunity rather than doing charity as he understands that the people of India do not want any more charity now. He plays a leading role in scaling up the programmes of Reaching Hand across India through partnership & collaboration.

### **Mr. Rana Yashwant**

Rana Yashwant is a well known TV journalist & currently working as Managing Editor with India News. He has been part of mainstream journalism since last 20 years and worked with reputed organizations like Zee News, Aaj Tak, Mahuaa News in different editorial capacities including Output Head, Group Editor etc. His programmes 'Ardhsatya' & 'Sangharsh' are among top popular shows on national TV news channels. He belongs to Chhapra district of Bihar. After completing his High School from his native place and later on went to Banaras for higher studies and finally landed at Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC). He has been among very few TV journalists who have reported/ produced thousands of stories/ shows on humanitarian issues. He is a well known Hindi poet and he was in news for his recently published poetry 'Andheri Gali Ka Chand'. He has been awarded dozen of awards for his contribution in journalism including Rajiv Gandhi Global Excellence Award, Red Ink Award & Bharatiya Manvadhikar Samman.

### **Ms. Lagani Vyas**

Lagani Vyas is a Psychology graduate, singer, calligrapher and Founder of Syahee.com, a leading blogging and social networking platform.