

### **Dr. Aabha Chaudhary**

Dr. Aabha Chaudhary is an alumnus of Lady Shri Ram College, United Nations International Institute on Ageing, Malta and Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. An internationally renowned expert in gerontology and gender issues, she has completed her Doctorate degree on old age care. She is consultant with UNESCAP, UNIC, UNFPA, FAO and other leading international agencies. She is Honorary Chairperson of a national Non – Government Organisation (NGO) - ‘Anugraha’ - working in the areas of – poverty reduction, networking & advocacy, health care, legal aid & counselling, corporate social responsibility and age care and women empowerment. She is implementing several skill generation projects focused on providing caregivers and bed side assistants training to hundreds of school dropout girls. She is also working as a Key Collaborator with Ministry of Social Justice, Govt of India, a member of State Council for Older Persons, Govt. of Delhi NCT, visiting faculty in Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan, an expert member on age care in National Human Rights Commission and Research Advisory Committees of various Ministries. She has been awarded with National Silver Karmaveer Chakra award for her outstanding work on senior citizens.

### **Ms. Abha Maryada Banerjee**

**Abha Maryada Banerjee** is India’s **first internationally acclaimed woman motivational speaker**, rated as one of the **Top Ten Life, Business and Success Coaches in Asia Pacific**. An expert at Leadership, Human Peak Performance and Emotional Intelligence, Abha has been the Peak Performance/ Mental Strength Coach for Indian Olympic Athletes. She has coached and consulted top CEOs, Media personalities, Sports Stars, Business people, leaders in the making and has been closely associated with the spiritual aspect of Leadership. A sought after Speaker at prestigious forums globally, she is called ‘**Asian Oprah**’ and the ‘**Asian Woman Motivator**’. Author of the watershed super-manual and international best seller on Leadership for Women, **NUCLEUS: Power Women lead from the Core**, Abha has combined four different disciplines – Law, Leadership, Personal Development and Universal Natural Laws to re-define Women’s Leadership. A diehard expressionist, humanist, humorist, thought leader, experience innovator and quasi mentalist, she found iconoclast connections between ideas from the world of law, universal laws of growth, leadership and personal development, to create the ‘Power Woman’ from the universal human perspective. With the undeniable background of gender issues across the World, **NUCLEUS** will lead women from ‘ordinary to effective’ and from ‘effective to excellent’, not as an academic treatise, but an ‘EXPERIENTIAL’ one. Abha was awarded the Top Business in Asia Award, 2016 by the International Business Federation, Singapore. She also launched a Leadership web series called **BREAKOUT** (based on the Mental Freedom Movement she spoke of at a previous REX Conclave). She also became the Stake Holder Coach with Marshall Goldsmith.

### **Ms. Asha Batra**

A lawyer by profession, Asha is the co-founder of NHP Centre, a not-for-profit body engaged in the development of a framework of diverse, creative and integrated initiatives that aid in cultural progress and social consciousness of communities which form essential indicators for measuring the happiness quotient, growth and success of its members. She is also the co-founder of Fellows of Nature (FON), set up in partnership with French Institute in India, to build a community of nature writers and revive interest in nature writing and reading and, through this form of literature, bring the critical issue of climate change under spotlight. Under this project, the first international FON South Asia Short Story Award on Nature Writing has been started. As co-founder of NHP Centre, Asha is also involved in the

planning of Kumaon Literary Festival – a unique literature festival held in the villages of Kumaon. The festival promotes new talent and helps the economy of the villages in it is held. Another project she is leading at NHP Centre is Literary Bhagidarito mentor the youth of the country so promote leaders who excel in the field of art and literature with the objective that the cultural development of the country is no less than its economic growth. Having grown up in the mountains of Uttarakhand and North East, she has deep and sensitive understanding of the problems faced by the people living in the villages of the hilly region. To work for their welfare and the ecology of the hills is one of the key driving spirits behind her motivation to co-found the Centre.

### **Mr. Ashok Arora**

Ashok is a well-known lawyer and former secretary of Supreme Court Bar Association (India). He is a Rotarian, Motivational Speaker, Law Teacher, Author and Marriage Counsellor. He is an Ex Student of Harvard & Oxford Summer Schools. He has 37 years of experience in the arena of spirituality, law practice, teaching, motivation, personality development, stress management and communication skills. He has been teaching law and has delivered hundreds of free lectures for the benefit of students, teachers, parents, judges, army, police, doctors, corporate and professionals on a wide range of subjects like blissful living, stress management, parenting, complete personality development, life/ communication skills, leadership, matrimonial issue, corporate training, team building, family law, constitution etc. Feeling concerned about the falling standards of physical and mental health of students world over, students undertaking violence at an early age and the stress they go through, he resolved to renounce a lucrative law practice at the peak of his career and gracefully refused the offer to become a high court judge to dedicate his life to guide the students. Ex Law Minister of India named him Buddha of twenty-first century & many termed him 'A Monk Who Sold His Ferrari in the real sense'. He has also authored many books like Simple Tips For Sure shot Success, Meet Your Soul, Road To Professional Excellence. The Chief justice of India twice felicitated him for his books on Law Day functions held in Supreme Court (India). He shared his experience of more than three decades of dealing with matrimonial cases in his book, 'A Guide to Man Woman Relationship'.

### **Ms. Bindu Singh**

The spirit and enthusiasm of Bindu's father experienced by her at an early stage of her life left an indelible imprint upon her mind that further proceed her to work for the social cause while creating a new awakening among women, poor & marginalized in order to live a life of dignity. For the women's empowerment she worked with the socially excluded groups comprising of schedule caste, Muslims and utmost focus was given to the women coming from these communities taking support from PACS, a DFID programme. Around 1295 women joined into vibrant 93 women's group called 'Mahila Manch' in locale where 168 women's leaders are emerging as 'Change Makers'. She has been associated with several national and state level networks i.e. AALI, INSAF, WHARP and others. Earning livelihood is a basic need of the communities she works with in the remote villages & challenging area of district Chandauli, U.P. For this, training in sewing and beautician were initiated by own resources. District administration appreciably joins the organization i.e. Gramya Sansthan headed by Bindu Singh through Small Scale Skill Development Programme. Support was sought in mobilization, beneficiary's selection and certification of the trainees for their economic upliftment. Bindu has hands on experience to work on women's issues on the ground that is evident in her work

and cases studies as well. She worked on this aspect for her social cause and significantly helped to many victim women seeking assistance on all sort of violence and injustice and for their emancipation.

### **Ms. Dipinder Kaur Bhagtana**

From the very beginning as a student Dipinder had this flair and a deep rooted interest to be a teacher and a communicator in her life. And ultimately she lived up to her passion. On completion of mandatory qualities of being a teacher, she completely dedicated herself to this noble cause. Her journey of teaching started about 23 years ago at her maternal grandparent's village school in Punjab, where she had gone for a short holiday. This turned out to be her abode for 7-8 months and today she is the headmistress in one of the prestigious schools of Gurgaon that is DPS Gurgaon. All these 23 years she has multi tasked as being a soldier's wife, moving on frequent transfers, rearing 2 naughty children and following her passion of teaching religiously at various stations. Today when she looks back, it convinces her that any hard work put into furthering our passion gives one great rewards and ultimate happiness. Today she feels very grateful to God for paving her path to achieve what she aimed at.

### **Ms. Eitu Vij Chopra**

Eitu is an inquisitive enthusiastic learner of life. She has been lucky that the spirit of 'Never say Never' has been engraved in her by her parents. She grew up in a joint family and that was an added learning platform that aided in heightened emotional quotient and made her people's person. She began her career as a teacher and later as a corporate trainer but the restless spirit made her find a place in the NGO world which opened plethora of opportunities to learn and grow. She considers herself a professional who can manage end to end development and implementation of Development sector CSR across India and South Asia. She is adept at strategic planning, development and implementation of development initiatives, with a focus on environmental issues, education, community relations and community development. She has been responsible for supporting the organizations in site, regional, and corporate management in improving their management of sustainability issues. She has worked for the development and implementation of strategic programs designed to position partnering corporate, funding agencies, Government Media and advocacy and policy makers with TERI, Hand In Hand India and HelpMeSee as a leader in Head Partnership and International Sales/ Director Business Development and Head Fundraising/ PR Media/ CSR partnership/ Brand Building and Visibility.

### **Mr. Hariharan Iyer**

Since receiving the Silver Chakra, Hariharan Iyer has been engaged with his continuing journey to make a difference to people's lives through training, speaking, writing and teaching Reiki. He has been addressing people from different walks of life on aspects like success, sales and living with happiness. As a true Karmaveer, he has also been engaged in training students as he believes we must

build the youth to build the nation. He is also offering his speaking services to voluntary organisations. He conducts his training business too with a spirit of service.

### **Ms. Jagriti Rahi**

Jagriti started a campaign to fight against violence with girl children and sensitized more than 800 rural and urban populations. She helped 18 victims of violence of different age groups without any project or financial support from any agency. She is working as a member of Vigilance Committee chaired by Commissioner for the Implementation of Children and Women rights. She organised campaign for environmental issues especially for the rivers Ganga, Varuna and Assi at Varanasi. She worked for Swachh Bharat Abhiyan in 10 wards and 83 ghats of Varanasi. Her article was published in news papers like Aaj on the issues like say no to child marriage. She has attended training programmes on human rights issue, access to justice delayed and denied and removing the barriers ensuring the justice. She started a national process of Yuva Samvad with the youth to start a dialog with youngsters to understand their perception about development of the country. She has conducted several programs and activity for communal harmony and peace of the society with Sajha Sanskriti Mancha. She helped to organize World Blind Walk at Varanasi. She is also working for small farmers and organized several meetings and a training camp for promoting natural farming with the concept of zero budget kheti. She worked on Kisan Karigar panchayat and land rights issues and organized a series of workshops for voter's awareness during panchayat election which is a part of Teesari Sarkar Abhiyan. A campaign for grievance redressal was started at grassroots level in 100 villages of Varanasi named Jan Samvad Yatra to understand development issues of these villagers. She also worked for flood relief at Varanasi.

### **Mr. Jeeva Prabhu**

Jeeva is an aspiring entrepreneur and a software engineer by profession. He established a media company "Village Talkies" for promoting social messages like organ donations for the welfare of the public and society through Digital Video Production and 2D-3D Animations. He has also organised various fund raising events for NGOs.

### **Ms. Jurismita Puzari**

For consistent and dedicated service to the Society, Jurismita Puzari is an active lady from North-East Assam, presently developing her private dream on Curriculum Development Project for Children with Special Needs. Undergoing Gandhi Fellowship Program, she is working with Municipal schools of Surat with a common motive of creating model schools in India. She also has been involved with community/ tribal development programs of North East India.

### **Ms. Leeza Dutta**

Leeza Dutta is a passionate educator and an engaging communicator who has been inspiring and guiding students for the past 22 years. A post graduate from Allahabad University, her expertise in the subjects of English and History are unparalleled. Her work has been recognised and rewarded by the CBSE for content development of the curriculum and books. She is also a keen writer and an avid traveller who believes that knowledge gained by travelling is far superior to the one gained through the books. She has been actively involved in social work for the upliftment of the underprivileged students of the society and contributing generously towards the Shiksha Kendra, an initiative of Delhi Public School, Sector - 45. As the Head of Department she gets ample opportunity to guide and motivate students towards academic excellence and their goals. She inculcates in students good values and the spirit of willingness and to go beyond the call of duty and become a global citizen. Leeza has been awarded meritorious certificates from CBSE and DPS Society for excellence in teaching and board results.

### **Dr. Manjiri Prabhu**

Dr. Prabhu holds a Doctorate in Communication Science and is an independent film-maker for Television, a Writer/ Novelist in English and also the founder/ director of a Literary Festival. She has directed over 200 children's TV programmes, more than 50 short fiction and travel films and has authored 9 books. Her unpublished psychological thriller novel was adapted into a Hindi feature film by NFDC, titled Kuchh Dil Ne Kaha. Her thesis, converted into a book, titled Roles: Reel and Real, has become a rare reference book for students of Hindi cinema. Prabhu has been acknowledged as a pioneer in India among women writers of mystery fiction and she has a diverse global fan following. She is also the first female mystery Author to be published outside India and has been labelled as the 'Desi Agatha Christie'. She has been invited to reputed International Literature Festivals like the Agatha Christie Festival, UK and International Women Fiction Writers, Matera, Italy. Her novels 'The Cosmic Clues' was selected as a Killer Book, by Independent Mystery Booksellers of America and 'The Astral Alibi' was honoured as a 'Notable Book' in the Kiriya Prize. As the Founder/ Director of Pune International Literary Festival, Prabhu has brought Pune city on the International map of Literature and Arts festivals. She believes that literature heals and is a prerequisite to a peaceful society. She is leading the festival very passionately and with utmost commitment to make it better, more vibrant, unique and different from other festivals in the category.

### **Ms. Maya Menon**

Maya considers herself in the very small minority of people in Indian education who work tirelessly to do the most complex job in education today - that of improving the quality of teachers and teaching in India. She began her career as a high school teacher in New Delhi and in 1988 set up the Newspaper in Education Programme for The Times of India in Bangalore. But since 1996 she has been a full-time teacher trainer conducting professional development programmes for heads and teachers of schools across India. Her areas of professional experience include conceptualizing, designing and implementing a wide range of school and teacher-related projects and services – including the Wipro Applying Thought in Schools Teacher Empowerment Project initiated in 2001 and Safe & Sensitive Schools initiated in 2009 and currently research on a framework of Standards for Social & Emotional Learning for Indian schools. Her interests include school effectiveness research and whole school improvement, teacher development, collaborative approaches to teaching and learning, interpersonal communication in the classroom, leadership and strategic management of schools and actioning whole school improvement. She is the sole Accredited Teacher Trainer for

Jenny Mosley Consultancies (UK) for training teachers on Whole School Quality Circle Time across schools in India. Maya has written on issues concerning educational practice and management in leading publications like The Times of India, The Economic Times, Education World, Teacher Plus, Mentor, etc. She has recently written a chapter on *Addressing Teacher Quality and Training* in a book titled Accelerating Access to Quality Education, a Brookings India 2015 publication. She has also been a member of the British Council India's Policy Think Tank for Continuing Professional Development and has contributed to a chapter on BC's 2013 publication; Continuing Professional Development – *lessons from India*.

### **Mr. Praveen Aggarwal**

After successfully leading the CSR for 6 countries at Coke between 2002-2011 he joined as Head and COO of Swades Foundation in Mumbai and transformed Swades into one of the largest and most upcoming NGO, creating a unique model of Rural Development covering over 2100 villages through a team of over 350 full time professionals delivering over 70 unique programs. During this stint, he was able to serve more than 1300 rural schools with over 20 educational programs at each school, built close to 15000 toilets, delivered drinking water through taps to over 1000 villages through revival of over 600 springs and laid pipelines of nearly 5000 kilometres. He created a cadre of over 1200 community health volunteers and helped in free state of art cataract surgeries for over 5000 villagers. He lead the team in creation of rural livelihoods for over 5000 villagers through back yard poultry, gar rearing, cashew growing and processing, rural BPO, rural vocational skilling centre and formation of over 2000 women SHGs. In the process he instilled best systems and processes of world class MNCs into the grass root NGO and build equity through highest standards of governance, transparency, communications, accounting and delivering programs through well laid out SOPs. He launched one of the largest skilling partnerships between NGO and Corporate valued at Rs 500 million with HSBC and other partnerships of over Rs 2000 million spread over 4 years with various corporate and foundations. Currently Praveen is serving on the Advisory Boards of NGOs- READ India, FUEL and FORCE while continuing as Advisor to Trustees at Swades Foundation.

### **Mr. Rakesh J Dashpute**

Rakesh J Dashpute, a Software Engineer, Yoga Consultant & Social worker (Just another Volunteer) for the past 20 years has done M.Sc. in Yoga and Computer Science. He has succeeded in enriching the community by yoga and other means to around 10000+ people in last 15+ years. He has conducted Yoga and health awareness camps in corporate, government schools, slums, orphanages, public sector, etc. In last 20 years he has participated in social activities and organized numerous programs in the areas of **EDUCATION, LIVELIHOODS, COMMUNITY, HEALTH and ENVIRONMENT**. He started his social work at the age of 15 when he started teaching underprivileged children free of cost and has never seen back. He is able to touch the life of 5000 plus orphan kids, old aged people, blind children, street children, disabled people, widows ,village women self help groups, etc. He planted 12,000 plus trees in last ten years and plans to plant 1,00,000 trees in next five years with the mission of green planet 2020. He has got numerous awards in field of social work, study and yoga including prestigious I Volunteer and Karmaveer Chakra. He is on the advisory committee of Surbhi Foundation and Varna Foundation, Founder member of Donate Aid Society (DAS) and associated with 250 plus NGOs in India and Abroad. With Oracle Volunteer team, he is committed to improve the overall well being of communities throughout the globe specifically within slum communities with added mission

to achieve environmental sustainability. He is one of the top most leaders globally in Oracle Volunteer team in terms of number of projects and number of volunteer hours contributed in last seven years.

### **Mr. Rakshit Tandon**

In the pursuit of his Passion Protecting Young Netizens from Online Crimes, he has completed 1.7 million children across the nation sensitizing and training them how to be safe online. Also this year he added to training our Defence Officers, Army and Airforce officers, conducting sessions for complete Western Command with all senior officers and Jawans on Cyber Safety Awareness. He contributed to UNICEF for preparing report on Child Protection Online in India. With his summer Internship with Gurgaon Police this year, he had 85 brains from across the country who were trained in Cyber Security who further are brand ambassadors to millions of other students at their colleges to promote Cyber Safety.

### **Mr. Ram Sundar**

Ram Sundar popularly known as HumouRam is a passionate volunteer who has been in the field of volunteering especially in hospitals for the past two decades. He has saved many youths from committing suicides & in reaching out to the road accidents victims. Being a professional counsellor, he has helped many families overcome emotional issues through counselling. Ram is not just an educator, he is an entertainer, a motivator and his enthusiastic and powerful approach through wit and humour has entertained and educated students across India. He has been mentoring many reputed Civil Society Organisations in supporting people with various types of disabilities and senior citizens. He has been associated with various corporate and corporations in training and volunteering through Corporate Social Responsibility.

### **Mr. Raman Kant**

Mr. Raman Kant is an environment enthusiast who initiated an organization named NEER Foundation in year 2004. Through his positive outlook and strategies, NEER gave life to numerous programs. Kant has undertaken numerous projects in different work areas. His efforts have paved way for number of projects under his leadership. In partnership with Water Collective U.S.A., water filters are being installed at each household of Dabal village to provide clean drinking water. Along with IGSSS and CEE (UNDP), LR compost pits are being established at 60 villages to bring about a climate change by ending burning practice of crop residue. A detailed water sample study and test have been conducted of waters of east Kali river by his team. Through his efforts towards east Kali river, the river has been included in the "Namami Gange Scheme" of Govt. of India successfully. Now along with Ganga, its tributary will also be revived. Like every year, the fair at Makhdoompur was made plastic free by NEER team. NEER is constructing a modified Jaggery unit at Meerut district which will produce organic jaggery and many by-products with minimum pollution. NEER has also become an active member of India Sanitation Coalition with participating in its ABC task force agendas. Nearly 100 ponds have been rejuvenated and constructed in rural areas of Meerut District. Also regular tree plantation drives are undertaken by his team, this year counting to 1500 trees so far. Raman has always strived towards his goals with all of his enthusiasm every time!

## **Ms. Santvna Thadani**

Santvna Thadani is an alumna of Air Force Bal Bharati School. She did her Bachelors in Home Science from Delhi University and her Masters in History from Himachal University. As a child she was always passionate about teaching. To continue this passion she did her B.Ed. and NTT. She joined the teaching fraternity after graduation. She has 20 years of experience in teaching. At present, Santvna Thadani is the Vice Principal of Delhi Public School, Sector - 45, Gurgaon. She has been associated with the school since its inception in 2002. As the Vice Principal of the school, she looks after the academics in the senior school. All the academic and enrichment programmes for the school are coordinated by her. She handles all work related to CBSE, DPS Society and the Administration.

## **Ms. Sapna Dhawan**

An alumna of Kendriya Vidyalaya, Jammu, she is a Post Graduate in Chemistry from the University of Jammu. An army wife, she has travelled not only the length and breadth of the country but also world over, which has enriched her as a teacher, a mentor, a guide, an artiste, Dean..... some of the roles this woman of substance plays. A founder teacher of the school, she has also shouldered the responsibility of Headmistress of the middle school. Presently, as the Dean, Student Welfare, she has transcended the divide between all stakeholders in the school, striving towards building lasting relationships. She works tirelessly for the community outreach programmes and all new initiatives undertaken by the school. She takes the initiative of ensuring the various student exchange programmes undertaken by the school run smoothly. She is a true blue people's person. Her innate sense of responsibility towards the society at large and the school have for posterity established her as a corner stone of the school. She is passionate about social causes and is a motivating force in all related school initiatives. Nurturing children's sense of self-worth and value systems, never doubting their innate wisdom and capability, stimulating their curiosity and encouraging them on their journey of self-discovery, she zips through each day. She believes that as an educationist she holds the key to shaping characters and hence the world. Her sense of responsibility therefore does not sit lightly on her shoulders. Her mind is filled with endless possibilities, possibilities in her efforts that ensure transformations are bound to happen. A storehouse of creativity, she is forever raring to face a challenge in her own signature style.

## **Mr. Sayantan Sinha**

Rotarian Sayantan Sinha, REX Karmaveer Global Fellow of 2014 is a self motivated Facilities Management technocrat of 22+ years experience who had nursed his passion of innovativeness in social good leading the change globally prudently juggling with his profession as a Director on Board with reputed pan India conglomerates which he had led from scratch. An avid passionate Rotarian with RI District 3011, he advocates Fellowships and Networking for win-win social good and Sustainability in his models eg. initiating the World of Arts into win-win collaborative models for social good or modelling out Media to publicise commendable achievements by the Individual and Corporate Social Responsibility sectors. For leading the change and his humanitarian activities, he has been globally recognised which includes the Rotary International President's significant achievement

award for projects during his leadership of the Club and various other recognitions at the District and RI level. He is the Chairman, Board of Trustees PRESDA Foundation of Japan; also led as Life member on Council with the Cancer Foundation at AIIMS; Member on Board with MWEHS City Hospital at Nuh; Founder Vice Chairman of the Jaiswal Foundation; Founder of the benevolent Sayantan Sinha's Art World; Founder of Maadhyam, etc. He has globally networked extensively for collaborative Community projects and has been recently selected also for the prestigious Global India Achievers Award 2016.

### **Mr. Sumant Batra**

Sumant lives his dreams, thinks through his heart and works hard. Aiming for big is important to him as much as staying firmly on his feet. He has been a visionary - thinking at least twenty years ahead if not more in what he does. He has interest in diverse spheres. He champions cultural initiatives, is a collector and writer and founder and architect of a number of innovative creative projects to promote Indian heritage, culture, art and literature. He has contributed extensively to reforms in insolvency systems around the globe, including in India. He has been part of development of the architecture of global best practices, benchmarks and guidelines after the Asia financial crisis.

### **Dr. Y. Suresh Reddy**

Dr. Y. Suresh Reddy is an Aspiring Fellow and Head of a Not for Profit Organization namely SRF Foundation ([www.srf-foundation.org](http://www.srf-foundation.org)). He took his Ph.D. in Public Administration from SV University, Tirupati (India) in 1995. He has registered 23 years of experience by associating with Academic, Government, Not for Profit and Corporate Foundations. He has so far worked for Byrraju Foundation, Hyderabad; Dr. Reddy's Foundation, Hyderabad; CARE India International NGO, New Delhi; State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), New Delhi. He is a specialist in education and a very practical CSR leader. He has skills in the entire Project Cycle Management and building institutions. He authored couple of books entitled "Co-operatives & Rural Development" and "Child Labor in India" and has many research papers to his credit. His areas of interest include CSR, School Education for deprived, ICT for development, Public Private Community Partnerships for Education, Child Labor, Vocational Skills and Rural Development.

### **Mr. Vishy Teki**

Vishy Teki, a development short film maker has significantly contributed to bringing voices of poor and marginalized to policy debates cutting across education, health, environment, urban planning, human rights and women rights. Dream Cities a dream video project helped Vietnamese civil society in bringing sexual violence and discrimination suffered by women in public domain. In run up to the India's smart city campaign, Vishy's efforts in bringing inclusion of children in urban planning through his video campaign has positively contributed to Bhubaneswar city winning the number one position. His documentation work on 'Unpaid CARE work' of women helped in policy debates at National level on gender equity and injustice. He also closely worked with John's Hopkins University (JHPIEGO) at National level to pilot India's challenges and successes in reducing infant and maternal mortality from a gender perspective. Vishy's work during last year 'Small Children Big Cities', influenced National government with respect to bringing changes in public policies. Vishy is currently working on mobilizing public opinion on child sexual abuse and gender discrimination with

Government of Telangana. Vishy is also directly involved in rescuing children in collaboration with an NGO Aide et Action from brick kiln who were continuously raped and abused by the owner in Choppdandi, Karimnagar. The case is booked under POSCO and is in courts.

### **Ms. Uttara Singh**

Uttara is an educator who has been in this field of education for the last 25 years. She has taught children of all ages from 3 years old to 17 years old and she connects equally well with them. She likes to think that children recognize that she understands them and she loves them for what they are. Today as she heads a school, her children are her pride. She has tried to instil in them a confidence and awareness of themselves. They are asked not to fear any individual figure of authority but to fear the consequences of wrong behaviour. She loves listening to their suggestions and thoughts and they have implemented many a change thanks to their inputs. The children speak their minds and value and respect their elders. She believes that her team is the most important factor in the creation of their beautiful institute – they have educators who believe in the children and she is very proud of the environment that they have created together. She is definitely a team player who leads from within the team – not from the front! Her main job description would be- to keep it all together with the team moving towards a common goal, with a common purpose, feeling valued and contributing to the success achieved, meeting personal goals along with the common mission.