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Abhilash Sam

**Coordinator,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Born in Kerala and brought up in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, Abhilash has completed a Bachelor of Business Administration from Madras University and Masters of Arts in Natural Resources and Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. He has also completed a Diploma in Corporate Social Responsibility from Boyd Business School, Madras Christian College, Chennai. For the last two years, he has been working with Kotak Education Foundation as a trainer and a facilitator for the school reforms project in Mumbai.



Aditi Jadhav

**Associate,
Bhumi**

Aditi was born and raised in Pune, Maharashtra and has completed her M.A. in Development from Azim Premji University, Bangalore, Karnataka. She has worked as an educator with WhiteHat Jr, and has gained valuable experience in education & employee volunteering in the Ed Tech industry. Starting as a volunteer with Bhumi she eventually joined as an Associate in Corporate Volunteering at the same Foundation. Aditi brings over three years of work experience in the development sector.



Anup Kumar Pandey

**Assistant Officer, CSR
Ultratech Cement Ltd**

Anup was born and brought up in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. He has completed his M.B.A. in Human Resources Management from Sikkim Manipal University and has seven years of experience in the CSR field. Presently he is working as an Assistant Officer, CSR with Ultratech Cement Limited (Vikram Cement) at Neemach, Madhya Pradesh. His CSR portfolio includes skill development, drinking water and watershed management, amongst others.



Chandrakant Badgajar

**Senior Facilitator,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Chandrakant was born and raised in Mumbai, he did a Masters of Arts in History from the University of Mumbai and an MBA from Sikkim Manipal University. Currently, he works with Kotak Education Foundation as a Sr. facilitator and his work entails creating training programmes for school teachers in Mumbai and helping them in goal setting and development planning. Chandrakant brings 13 years of diverse experience in the education space and has worked with multiple organizations, including Sandip Foundation and Nandi Foundation.



Gulshan Bhatt

Programme Specialist, Aga Khan Rural Support Programme

Born and brought up in the Bageshwar district of Uttarakhand, Gulshan has two years of experience in enterprise and youth development. He finished Bachelor's in Commerce from Kumaun University, Uttarakhand and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Development Management from The DHAN Academy, Madurai, Tamil Nadu. His work entails extending support to rural youth and enterprises and contributing towards their development. While working in the field of livelihood, he has promoted more than 200+ enterprises and has been successful in providing dignified job opportunities to more than 250 tribal youth.



Jaydeep Bakshi

Proprietor

Born and brought up in Mumbai, Jaydeep has done his Masters in Management Studies from Vivekanand Education Society Institute of Management Studies and Research, Mumbai. He has over 27 years of experience in real estate and finance and also volunteers with some Mumbai-based NGOs as an educator. After completing PGPDM, he wants to switch to the social sector focusing on education.



Kumari Sonal

**Programme Coordinator,
Gramin Vikas Parishad**

Born and brought up in Deoghar, Jharkhand, Kumari has completed her B. Tech in Electrical Engineering from Krupajal Engineering College, Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. She has five years of work experience in biodiversity and skill development. Currently, she is working with Gramin Vikas Parishad in Deoghar as a Programme Coordinator. Her work includes working with Biodiversity Management Committees and preparation of the People's Biodiversity Register.



Manish Dwivedi

**Finance Controller,
RoundGlass**

Born and brought up in Patna and New Delhi, Manish is a Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi. He has 22 years of experience in finance & accounting with Fortune 50 companies, MSMEs, etc. in India, Nigeria, Mauritius and USA. During his long career, his roles included investor relations and strategic finance and his areas of work included solar renewable energy products, social and rural well-being and sports, amongst others. He has also completed MBA in Finance from Amity University, UP and TinyML from HarvardX and is now looking forward to shifting his focus to sustainability & social impact after completing PGPDM.



Prachi Salve

**Trustee,
ACAR Trust**

Prachi was born in Nagpur and brought up in Pune, Maharashtra. She has completed her M.S.W. in Urban and Rural Community Development from Bharati Vidyapeeth Deemed University, Pune. She has nine years of experience in the social sector, focusing on the development of marginalized communities and the promotion of social equality. She is currently working as an Advocacy Fellow with NCDHR, Delhi and also a Trustee in ACAR Trust based in Pune. Her work includes health, education and special component, tribal sub-plans, and gender budgeting.



Pravallika Lanka

**Academic Advisor,
Bryt Technologies Pvt. Ltd.**

Born and brought up in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Pravallika has an M.Sc. in Microbiology from St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad. Having worked as a Teach for India fellow in Hyderabad, she strives towards envisioning a future where equal opportunities are given to all and education is used as a tool to empower everyone. She has five years of work experience in the education and agriculture sector and currently works as an Academic Advisor with Bryt Technologies.



Rinkal Parmar

**CSR Officer,
Birla Cellulosic, Aditya Birla Group**

Rinkal was born and brought up in Bharuch, Gujarat. She completed her Master of Social Work at J.M. Patel Institute of Social Work and Applied Art, Sardar Patel University, Anand, Gujarat. She has four years of work experience in the CSR field and currently works with Birla Cellulosic, Aditya Birla Group, as a CSR Officer at Bharuch, Gujarat. Her work involves education, women & youth empowerment.



Santu Adhikari

**Programme Manager,
Abhivyakti Foundation**

Santu was born and brought up in Medinipur, West Bengal and has completed his five-year Integrated Masters of Science in Agriculture and Rural Development from Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), Ranchi, Jharkhand. He has eight years of experience in the development sector and works with Abhivyakti Foundation, Giridih, Jharkhand. He has worked on the issues of livelihood, food and nutrition security and natural resource management in Jharkhand and Bihar.



Sapana Bawner

**Director,
Sahjivan Foundation for Sustainable Development**

Born and brought up in Amravati, Maharashtra, Sapna completed her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Social Work from Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati. She has 15 years of work experience in the social sector in the field of education, livelihood and empowerment of marginalized communities, especially Tribes in the Fifth Schedule area. Currently, she is the Director of the Sahjivan Foundation for Sustainable Development, Yavatmal, Maharashtra. In the past she worked with Gramin Samashyha Mukti Trust and People Rural Education Movement.



Shailendra Kumar

Social Sector Professional

Shailendra was born and brought up in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He has finished his M.A. in Urban Policy and Governance from the School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai. He has over seven years of work experience in the development sector. In the past, he worked with the Sightsavers India and World Resources Institute India. Drawing on his experience in the field of health and urban transportation, he is looking forward to honing his skills and making strategic contributions to the social sector after completion of PGPDM.



Shakshi Agarwal

**Consultant & Programme Coordinator,
Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan**

Born and brought up in Bansur, Rajasthan, Shakshi has done her M.Sc. in Forensic Science from Sam Higginbottom University of Agriculture, Technology Sciences, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh. She was also an India Fellow at Kutch Mahila Vikas Sangathan, Bhuj. Sakshi brings four years of experience working with grassroots-level organizations in areas of women empowerment. For the past few years she been trying to understand the systems and power structures and their relationship with self, society and culture.



Shruthi J

**Project Coordinator,
Quess Foundation**

Born and brought up in Tamil Nadu, Shruthi has completed her Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Master of Social Work in Clinical and Community Practice from Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka. She has volunteered with several NGOs in the past and currently works as Project Coordinator with Quess Foundation, a CSR initiative of Quess Corp Limited, Bangalore. Her work involves education and health of children in government schools across Karnataka and TamilNadu.



Surapu Naidu Chandaka

**Deputy Manager,
UltraTech Cement Limited**

Born and brought up in Gushini Village, Vizianagram, Andhra Pradesh, Surapu has completed his Post Graduate Diploma in CSR from IGNOU University and Master of Arts in History from the University of Hyderabad. He has over 16 years of experience in CSR, focusing on education and skill development, healthcare and drinking water. He currently works as a Deputy Manager with Ultratech Cement Limited, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh.



Toral Bakshi

**Design Architect,
FinerEdge Architects**

Born in Ahmedabad and brought up in Mumbai, Toral has completed her Bachelor's in Architecture (G.D. Arch) from L.S. Raheja School of Architecture, Bandra, Mumbai. She has 28 years of experience in planning and design in the architecture field and has been involved in the design of many educational institutes and residential projects. She is passionate about helping others and seeking to bring positive change in society. Toral has been volunteering with several organizations, including Toy Bank, Project Mumbai and Samaritans and is keen to switch full-time to the social sector after completing PGPDM.



Yajnaseni Dasmangaraj

**Chief Executive Officer,
Tanta Gatha Women Weavers Producer Company Limited**

Born and brought up in Balasore, Odisha, Yajnaseni has completed a Master of Social Work from Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, Orissa. For the last four years, she has been working as the CEO of Tanta Gatha Women Weavers Producer Company Limited. Passionate about women's empowerment and an expert in natural dyes, Yajnaseni has been instrumental in teaching natural dye-based handloom weaving to rural women artisans. Her other areas of expertise include livelihood, training and skill development.



Yashwant Thakur

**District Mission Manager,
Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission**

Born and brought up in Dhule, Maharashtra, Yashwant has done his Master of Social Work from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College of Social Work, Dhule. He has 14 years of experience in social sector areas such as livelihood, education, and skill development. He currently works with Maharashtra State Rural Livelihoods Mission as District Mission Manager in Nandurbar district, focusing on the empowerment of tribal women. Previously, he worked with Deshbandhu and Manju Gupta Foundation and Swades Foundation.

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Aditya Bagde

**Project Coordinator,
Shri Ganesh Gramin Vikas Sikhsha Sansthan**

Aditya was born and brought up in Dongargarh, Chhattisgarh. He completed his Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics from Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Chhattisgarh. One aspect of his work relates to NGO Shri Ganesh Gramin Vikas Sikhsha Sansthan, where he has been working for four years in the education and agriculture sector on diversified projects. Another aspect of his work involves working with a construction firm Anmol Construction which works on the implementation of government projects such as the Jal Jeevan Mission and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna in the rural areas in Rajnandgaon district in Chhattisgarh.



Akanksha Inani

**Monitoring Indicators (MI) Officer,
Ambuja Cement Foundation**

Akanksha hails from the Bhilwara district of Rajasthan and is a commerce graduate. She has over three and half years of experience in the field of community and skill development. In her current role, she is responsible for the documentation and analysis of information related to various projects, including water resource management, agro-based livelihoods, health, and education, with the Ambuja Foundation at Nagaur, Rajasthan. She also works for income generation initiatives of women federations and farmer-producer organizations.



Amit Gautam

**Founder,
Savitribai Phule Village Library & Resource Centre**

Born and brought up in the village of Allahabad (Prayagraj) UP, Amit has completed his Masters' in Rural Technology & Development from the University of Allahabad. Since 2019, he has initiated Savitribai Phule Village Library & Resource Centre, a community library project in his village, which works on the education of children and the empowerment of women from marginalized communities. He is also a member of the Steering Committee of Free Libraries Network (FLN), India & South Asia, which strives to build a free library movement in India. In the past, Amit has interned/worked with the Ministry of Women and Child Development and Samajik Ekta Parishad.



Amit Thanvi

**Manager Social Connect,
AU Foundation**

Born in Dombivali, Mumbai, Amit has completed his Bachelor of Arts from Mumbai University. A self-trained social sector practitioner, he has more than 11 years of experience in the development sector and, for the last three years, has been working with AU Foundation, Jaipur. In this role, he is responsible for CSR activities and engaging employees in Individual Social Responsibility initiatives across various multiple locations. Amit is a committed volunteer and is a part of a team of Daan Utsav- Joy of Giving Week and Robin Hood Army. He loves trekking, traveling, and food.



Amruta Shinde

**Change Facilitator,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Born and brought up in Amravati, Maharashtra, Amruta has completed her Master's in Chemistry from Amravati University besides completing her Diploma and Bachelor in Education. For the last four years, she has been working for Kotak Education Foundation at Mumbai on teacher empowerment and school strengthening to enhance quality and equity in education. In the past, she taught for more than five years and researched and presented her work in the field of chemistry. Amruta loves traveling and dancing.



Anindita Deb Sarkar

**Manager CSR,
Narayana Superspeciality Hospital**

Anindita completed her Master's in Microbiology from Calcutta University. Born and brought up in Kolkata, she has been working in the social sector for over a decade. Currently, she is heading the CSR wing of Narayana Superspeciality Hospital at Howrah. As a part of her work, she supports underprivileged patients from the cardiology and oncology departments, the majority of whom are children and young adults. Previous to this, she worked for NK Realtors, Smile Foundation, and Child in Need Institute. Besides healthcare, her work has been in the area of education of children, malnutrition, and woman empowerment. She is an avid reader, a trained vocalist, and a habitual trekker.



Avani Gurjar

**Senior Officer,
Shantilal Muttha Foundation**

Born and brought up in Pune, Avani has completed graduation in Psychology from Symbiosis College of Arts & Commerce, Pune, and M.A. in Education from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. After she completed her graduation, she worked as a teacher with The Akanksha Foundation for over two years. After having worked with The Foundation, she began to feel the need to strengthen her practice with a solid theoretical foundation, and that is when she decided to pursue her M.A. in Education from Azim Premji University. Currently, she is working with The Shantilal Muttha Foundation as a part of their design, development, and capacity-building team. In her free time, she enjoys baking and designing her own clothes.



Bharathi Palanisamy

**Head CSR,
JSW Foundation**

Born and brought up in Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu, Bharathi is a graduate in Agriculture from Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore and a post-graduate in Agriculture Operations from Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Telangana, during which he also received a gold medal. He has more than 17 years of experience in the social sector and worked with the CSR wings of organizations like Indian Bank, Vijaya Bank, and Dalmia Bharat. Currently, he is working with JSW Foundation as a CSR Head and based in Tamil Nadu. His expertise includes sustainable development and rural development. He has also completed multiple certificate courses from premier institutions in his area of work and received Dalmia Star and Dalmia Ratna awards.



Bhoomika Badlani

**Assistant Professor,
Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur**

A teacher by profession, Bhoomika was born and brought up in Bhilwara, Rajasthan. She is a post-graduate in Sociology and has qualified for UGC-NET in Women's Studies, and is currently a Ph.D. student. At present, she is working as an Assistant Professor with Vivekananda Global University, Jaipur, and has four years of teaching experience. Bhoomika intends to make a significant contribution to social sector practice and loves cooking and dancing.



Chella Subbu

**Senior Project Manager,
Hand in Hand India**

Born in the small town of Kandanur and brought up in Chennai, Chella has completed her B. Tech. from Anna University and MBA from Herzing University, Atlanta, USA. She has more than 12 years of diverse work experience in for- and not-for-profit sectors in India and abroad. Since 2019, she has been associated with Hand in Hand India at Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu and works on alleviating poverty through women empowerment and job creation. Hailing herself from a humble background, Chella is passionate about the upliftment of underprivileged communities, especially women and children. She is a State level Champion in Badminton and loves reading books and listening to Ilaiyaraja's music.



Clyde Castellino

**Head Training Social,
Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Private Limited**

Born and brought up in Mumbai, Clyde is an experienced professional in the hospitality industry with 22 years of experience as a product and soft skills trainer, bar specialist, and coffee connoisseur. Currently, he is working with Impresario Entertainment & Hospitality Private Limited as Head Training Social. Clyde is a trainer with a proven track record of channeling significant improvements in productivity, quality, and customer delight while lowering costs and attrition. One of the achievements Clyde loves to talk passionately about is the initiation of India's first restaurant, which employs only speech and hearing-impaired staff. Clyde loves cooking and traveling.



Dinkar Patil

**District Project Manager,
Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation**

Dinkar was born and brought up in Maharashtra and has completed his Bachelor's in Perfusion Medicine from BJ Medical College, Pune, and his Master's in Development from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. He is currently working with Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation at Pune. Dinkar has over half a decade of experience in the development sector and has worked in the field of health, education, livelihoods, and women empowerment. In his personal life, he is a travel enthusiast and loves to talk about his travel adventures.



Dola Deep

**Teacher and Administrator,
Nalanda Academy**

Dola was born and brought up in the Kalahandi district of Odisha, and has completed his B. Tech. from Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela, Odisha. He has been working with Nalanda Academy, Wardha, Maharashtra as an educator and administrative personnel for the last six years. Currently, he is looking forward to establish his own non-profit educational institute in his home state on the lines of Nalanda Academy. Dola is passionate about education and development of the marginalized students.



Indrajeet Mahato

**Program Manager,
Mauna Dhvani Foundation**

Indrajeet was born and brought up in Seraikela Kharsawan district of Jharkhand. He completed his BA in Mathematics from North Odisha University and a Master's in Development from Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. He has over five years of experience that includes working on Farmer Producer Organizations, land rights, the Slum Dwellers Act and financial inclusion. Indrajeet has worked with organizations like Vrutti Livelihood Resource Center, Center for Advanced Studies of India, Tata Trusts, and Bakdil. For the past two years, he has been working with Mauna Dhvani Foundation at Mayurbhanj, Odisha, where his work involves creating a supportive environment for handlooms operating in that region, including training, partnership with different weaving societies and material procurement.



Jyoti Poojari

**Operations Manager,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Jyoti was born and brought up in Mumbai and completed her B.Com. from Mumbai University. For the past 13 years, she has been working with Kotak Education Foundation, Mumbai. She started her professional journey as a spoken English teacher and currently works as an Operations Manager. Her work involves project-level budgeting, implementation and monitoring. She loves traveling and music.



Kartikeswar Sahoo

**Assistant Manager CSR,
Utkal Alumina International Limited**

Born and brought up in the Keonjhar district of Odisha, Kartik completed his Master's in Anthropology from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar. He has 23 years of experience in the social sector and worked with organizations such as MS Swaminathan Research Foundation, CARE Odisha, The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad and Lutheran World Service in the states like Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Assam. He has been working with the CSR wing of Utkal Alumina at Rayagada, Odisha, a unit of Aditya Birla Group, for the last 15 years and currently working as Assistant Manager, CSR responsible for the implementation of livelihood projects along with MIS portfolio for the department.



Kushavart Patil

**Senior Programme Executive,
Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation**

Kushavart hails from the state of Maharashtra. He has completed his Master's in Agriculture from Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Currently, he is working with Lupin Human Welfare & Research Foundation at Dhule, Maharashtra and has worked on projects such as the Better Cotton Initiative, livelihood promotion and natural resource management in Dhule & Nandurbar districts of Maharashtra. Kushavart also completed a Diploma in Mass Media Communication & Journalism from HPT Science College, Maharashtra and enjoys reading, traveling and, exploring new places.



Meha Dalvi

**Senior Program Manager,
Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust**

Meha was born and brought up in Mumbai. She has completed her Master's in Clinical Psychology from SNDT University, Mumbai. She has over eight years of experience in the field of development. That includes working in the area of livelihood and education in the different regions of Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. Currently, she is working as a Senior Program Manager at Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust in Mumbai. Meha is a foodie and a travel enthusiast.



Neeraj Pandey

**Program Manager,
Vikas Bharti Bishunpur**

Born and brought up in Gumla, Jharkhand, Neeraj has completed Bachelor's in Electronics and Communication Engineering from Vinayaka Missions University, Tamil Nadu and a Master's in Social Work from IGNOU. For the last nine years, he has been working in education, watershed, sustainable livelihood and empowerment of marginalized sections with organizations such as Pratham Education Foundation and Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society. As a part of his current role at Vikas Bharati Bishunpur, he manages a CSR project of HDFC bank "Parivartan," which works on sustainable livelihood in Jharkhand. Neeraj is a travel enthusiast who loves reading novels and solving Sudoku puzzles while on the move.



Pamchingla Kumrah

**Program Coordinator,
Volunteers for Village Development**

Pamching was born and brought up in Nungbi, Manipur, and has completed her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Don Bosco College, Maram, Manipur. She has over ten years of experience working with the tribal community in the area of sustainable livelihood. Currently, she is working with Volunteers for Village Development, a non-profit organization in Manipur, on springshed-based watershed management programs and income-generating activities with Self-Help Groups. Pamching is a practitioner of permaculture and loves adventures.



Santosh Kumar

**Regional Manager,
Swadhaar FinAccess**

Born and brought up in the Patna district of Bihar, Santosh holds Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management with a specialization in Rural Management from the Institute of Rural Management at Jaipur and also completed a certificate course in CSR (Community & Social Development) from the Institute of Rural Management, Anand. Currently, he leads the Financial Inclusion Program of Swadhaar FinAccess in Bihar & Jharkhand. Santosh has more than 15 years of experience in financial inclusion, livelihood, rural development and related advocacy in multiple states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. In the past, Santosh worked with INDCARE Trust, Development Alternatives, APMAS and Aga Khan Foundation.



Sapana Purandare

**Manager,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Sapana was born and brought up in Mumbai and has completed her Master's in Education from Mumbai University. She has more than 27 years of experience in the education sector. Past 12 years she has been working with education-based NGOs. Currently, she is working with Kotak Education Foundation as a Manager in the LEAD project, which supports the head teachers to strengthen their leadership and managerial skills to bring sustainable change in their schools. In the past, she worked with Akshara High School as a Principal and Muktangan School (formerly Paragon Charitable Trust) as a school coordinator. In 2013, Sapana visited and studied eight schools run by KIPP (Knowledge is Power Programme), a famous charter schools system, in Houston, USA, for one-month internship program as a part of the Indian School leadership Fellowship. Sapana loves singing, dancing and traveling.



Shankar Subramanian

**Founding Director,
Ninedots Corporate Training Solutions Private Limited**

Born in Erode, Tamil Nadu and brought up in Bangalore, Shankar has finished a Diploma in Hotel Management from the Institute of Hotel Management, Bengaluru, Karnataka. He has more than 30 years of work experience, including ten years in the Hospitality Industry and 20 years in Corporate Consultancy and Training. He is the Country Chairperson for the Rotary Action Group Against Multiple Sclerosis and has committed himself to the cause of people affected with Multiple Sclerosis. He is an active Rotarian and a past president of the Rotary Bangalore Raj Mahal Vilas, where he has been instrumental in executing close to 60 socially relevant projects, especially during Covid and was awarded the best president award for 2021-22. Shankar is an avid travel photographer, has won multiple international awards and uses his photography to bring awareness about social issues.



Shilpa Guradwar

**Center Manager,
Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation**

Born and brought up in the Nagpur district of Maharashtra, Shilpa completed her Bachelor in Arts from Seth Kesarimal Porwal College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Kamptee, Maharashtra and Master's in Social Work from Tirpude College of Social Work at Nagpur. For the last eight years, she has been working with Lupin Human Welfare and Research Foundation at Nagpur, which works to provide better livelihood options to underprivileged families. Shilpa loves music and food.



Shilpa Gandhi

**CEmONC Nurse Mentor Supervisor,
Care India**

Shilpa was born and brought up in Yamuna Nagar, Haryana, and graduated in Nursing from B. D. Sharma University, Rohtak, Haryana and started her career with Max Hospital, Delhi. Currently, she is working with CARE India at Bhojpur, Bihar. Her current work focuses on strengthening maternal and neonatal services at the district-level hospital in Bhojpur (Bihar). As a part of this work, Shilpa also coordinated the emergency services strengthening project of Harvard University, which focused on building the emergency skills of doctors and nurses. She has recently completed her certificate course in Hospital Administration from the Indian Institute of Public Health, Gandhinagar and is also a Quality Assessor for hospital accreditation in Bihar.



Shirish Mishra

**Section Head CSR,
UltraTech Cement Limited**

Born and brought up in Chitrakoot, UP, Shirish completed his Masters of Social Work from Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya and a Ph.D. from Dr. Hari Singh Gaur University, Sagar, MP. He works with the CSR function of UltraTech Cement Limited, an Aditya Birla Group company, in the Sidhi district of MP. Shirish has 16 years of experience in the social sector and is responsible for the implementation of CSR projects. As a part of this work, he has organized multiple programs for the empowerment of marginalized women, youth and school students in the area of skill development and health.



Smita Singh

Social Sector Professional

Smita was born and brought up in Lucknow and residing in Delhi for more than a decade. She has done Master's in Social Work from Amity University, Noida, and has nine years of experience in the social sector in a diverse range of issues such as mental health, menstrual health, life skills education, sexual & gender-based violence, refugee assistance under the mandate of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and adolescent empowerment with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). She has worked with various social sector organizations such as Goonj, Action Aid Association, Naandi Foundation, Human Rights Law Network (HRLN), and Medanta, Medicity Hospital. Smita is also a volunteer with Isha Foundation and loves traveling, Yoga, and spirituality.



Soujanya Veguru

General Manager CSR, Cummins India.

Soujanya hails from Hyderabad and has been brought up across multiple cities in India. She completed a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Savitribai Phule Pune University and has over 15 years of work experience with Cummins, Pune. At Cummins, she held multiple positions in operations, including shop operations and supply chain management, before moving to CSR in 2015. In this role, she is responsible for energy and environment programs along with the gender equity initiatives as a part of CSR at Cummins. She also completed Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management in 2013 from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, under the company-sponsored education program from Cummins. Soujanya is a certified Six Sigma Green Belt and Sponsor.



Dr. Sujata Yadav

**Monitoring and Evaluation Associate,
Americares India Foundation**

Trained as a doctor, Sujata was born and brought up in Mumbai and has completed a Bachelor's in Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore. Passionate about the health sector, she is a believer in universal access to affordable health care for all and has been working for seven years with Americares India Foundation at Mumbai, including strengthening of the local health system for the last one and a half years.



Vikas Bhatia

**Deputy General Manager CSR,
Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited**

Vikas was born and brought up in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. He completed his Post-Graduation in Agriculture Sciences from G.B Pant University, Uttarakhand. For the last 22 years, Vikas has been working in the social sector to enhance the living standards of needy communities by connecting them, among other things, to education, skill development, agriculture and livelihoods. Currently, he is heading the CSR division at Chambal Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited in Kota, Rajasthan. He was awarded by the Government of Rajasthan for his contribution in Education and is also instrumental in getting more than 30 awards for his organization.



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