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Abid Hasan

Social Sector Professional

Abid is from Buxar, Bihar and holds a bachelor's degree in Computer Applications from Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic and Persian University, Patna and an MSW degree from the School of Social Work at Shri Khushal Das University, Rajasthan. In the past he has worked as an IT Associate for the media house, Kalamlok, Buxar. He has also worked with the Department of Health, Buxar wherein he had made pivotal contributions to Bihar's COVID-19 vaccination initiative. Abid aspires to combine his training in social work and computer science for impactful outcomes.



Ajit Sharma

Senior Officer, Lend a Hand India

Ajit, originally from Vaishali District, Bihar and raised in Kolkata, holds a BCom degree from Bhawanipur College, Kolkata and a master's in Economics from IGNOU. He was a Gandhi Fellow under Piramal School of Leadership in Mumbai wherein he focused on improving government school education. With over seven years in the social sector, his experience spans education, skill development and women's empowerment. He is a Senior Officer in the State Project Management Unit at Lend a Hand India, Mumbai where he actively implements vocational education programmes aligning it with the National Education Policy, 2020. Previously, while working with LetsEndorse, Bangalore as a Project Officer, he spearheaded community development programmes in Bihar, focusing on sustainable livelihoods in six districts.



Ajithkumar K

**Project Executive,
DHAN Foundation**

A native of Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Ajith holds a bachelor's degree in Automobile Engineering from RVS College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Community Health Management from The DHAN Academy, Madurai. With over two and a half years of experience in the social sector, he is currently making contributions to DHAN Foundation as a Block coordinator in Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu. His primary focus revolves around women empowerment through Self-Help groups and health initiatives. He played a pivotal role in establishing a health-based federation in his block which integrates various health interventions. Ajith's vision is centered on enabling women to actively participate in community decision-making and establish an open platform that enhances their skills and voices.



Akshay Bansode

**Research Assistant,
Pragati Abhiyan**

Akshay is from Pandharpur, Maharashtra. He completed his BE from Bharatiya Vidyapeeth College of Engineering, Kolhapur and then pursued a Postgraduate Diploma in Development Management from The DHAN Academy, Madurai. With over two and a half years of diverse experience in the social sector with a focus on livelihood, he has worked on agriculture, water and soil conservation. He started his social sector career with DHAN Foundation as a Project Executive in Karnataka and is currently working at Pragati Abhiyan in Nasik, Maharashtra with small and marginal farmers where he is responsible for documentation, reporting, and data analysis.



Amit Kumar

**Project Executive,
DHAN Foundation**

Hailing from Nawada District in Bihar, Amit holds a BSc degree in Physical Science and Applied Computer Science from Deshbandhu College, University of Delhi and a master's degree in Development Studies from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Amit has also completed a unique 2-year fellowship with DHAN Academy, earning a Postgraduate Diploma in Development and Community Health Management. With over two years of experience in community health, mental health and women empowerment, he now serves as a Project Executive at DHAN Foundation in Koraput, Odisha. He is committed to community development for equity and harmony, striving to implement impactful measures that enhance the overall well-being of society.



Anju Manikpuri

**Senior Program Manager,
Piramal Foundation**

Originally from Sakti, Chhattisgarh, Anju is a seasoned education professional with a PhD in Chemistry from Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore. With fifteen years of experience in academia and the social sector, she has been associated with Azim Premji Foundation in Chhattisgarh as a subject matter expert in Science. Her diverse career spans roles as a chemist, analyst, and faculty, contributing significantly to core chemistry, chemical research, and education. In her current role with Piramal Foundation, Anju collaborates with state education stakeholders, leading impactful strategies for science education, curriculum development, and learning outcomes. Her vision is to bring about systemic change and effective program delivery in education.



Ara Babu

**Social Development Officer,
Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd**

Ara is from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. She received her master's degree in Social Work (Community Development) from Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala. With over six years of experience in the social development sector, she is passionate about fostering positive change. Currently associated with Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited, Ara's expertise spans across various sectors such as education, health, livelihood, and environmental conservation. Her focus is on promoting societal well-being and empowerment, with a particular emphasis on marginalized communities.



Bhalchandra Salve

**Project Officer,
AROEHAN**

A native of Palghar District, Maharashtra, Bhalchandra, holds a postgraduate degree in History from the University of Mumbai. With fifteen years of dedicated service in community development in Adivasi-inhabited villages of Palghar, he is actively engaged with AROEHAN, contributing to various developmental domains such as education, health, livelihood, and governance. Currently, Bhalchandra focuses on enhancing governance in the Gram Panchayats of Mokhada and Jawhar blocks in Palghar District by strengthening local leadership. His vision is centered on empowering local leaders to facilitate holistic development in tribal communities, reflecting a steadfast commitment to community advancement and well-being.



Bikash Pandey

**Zonal Sales Manager,
Kheyti Tech Private Limited**

Bikash was born and raised in Giridih, Jharkhand and Rourkela, Odisha. He has completed his Post Graduate Programme in Management from Indira School of Career Studies and accumulated thirteen years of experience in market development, sales, and operations. Currently serving at Kheyti, he specialises in agriculture and farming, passionately supporting sustainable practices to empower farmers in Madhya Pradesh. While working for Kheyti, he discovered his passion for the social sector. Fueled by a belief that those daring to change the world succeed, Bikash is driven by responsibility and a passion for positive transformation.



Cyril Gaikwad

**Project Coordinator,
United Way Mumbai**

Cyril, a Mumbai native, holds a BA in History from Wilson College and a master's in Social Work from College of Social Work Nirmala Niketan, Mumbai. With a rich six year background in the social sector, he is currently associated with United Way Mumbai and oversees diverse programmes in road safety, education and environment. Through successful collaboration with government departments and corporate donors, he has effectively implemented CSR programmes, fostering positive community transformations. Adept in project management, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning, he strives to drive impactful social change.



Devashish Pandey

**Assistant Program Manager,
Aasraa Trust**

Devashish is a social activist from Dehradun, Uttarakhand. He completed his Bachelor of Science degree at Shivalik Institute of Professional Studies, Dehradun. He has been working in the social sector for the past four years, particularly focusing on education. Fueled by a passion for self-exploration and societal betterment, he currently contributes at Aasraa Trust, Dehradun with an aim to empower the underserved through education. His vision is to foster an inclusive society through innovative initiatives, collaboration, and empowerment to create lasting positive change in the social sector.



Dheeraj Dubey

**Assistant Manager,
Tech Mahindra Foundation**

Dheeraj, a native of Bhilai, Chattisgarh, holds a master's degree in Media and Cultural Studies from TISS Mumbai. With a background spanning over six years in the social sector, his primary focus has been on education and skilling initiatives deploying his learnings from media and cultural studies. Throughout his career, Dheeraj has made significant contributions to various renowned organizations, including the National Skill Development Corporation, Pratham Education Foundation, Samhita, and he currently serves at Tech Mahindra Foundation. Dheeraj's vision extends beyond conventional approaches, as he aspires to harness the potential of media as a powerful tool to address societal challenges.



Harshdip Dupare

Senior Program Manager, Raah Foundation

Hailing from Kundi village in Wardha District, Maharashtra, and raised in Nagpur, Harshdip is a dedicated social sector professional with a master's degree in Social Work from Tirpude College of Social Work, Nagpur. With six years of experience in the development sector, he has been associated with several organisations like Navya Disha Trust, Grameen Foundation and Smile Foundation. He currently works with Raah Foundation, Pune. Harshdip focuses on key areas such as women empowerment, livelihood and skill development. His vision is centered around catalyzing impactful change in the social sector by fostering sustainable solutions and promoting equitable opportunities for all.



Hemlata Andola

Social Sector Professional

Originally from Almora and currently residing in Garur Bageshwar, Uttarakhand, Hemlata is Post Graduate in Agribusiness Management from G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar. She comes with seven years' experience in the development sector with a focus on rural livelihood. She last worked at Aga Khan Rural Support Programme India in Dang, Gujrat. In the past, she has also worked with Reliance Foundation, Navi Mumbai. Her vision centers on sustainable livelihoods, incorporating technology for efficiency and inclusivity, especially for women and vulnerable sections.



Jitendra Rai

Project Manager, Sustainable Green Initiative

Jitendra is a native of Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh, and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Development and Management from TATA-DHAN Academy, Madurai. With over eight years of experience in natural resource management, institution building, and agribusiness, he currently serves as a Project Manager at Sustainable Green Initiative, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. His current role and expertise focus on agroforestry, biodiversity, and climate change, aiming to enhance sustainable agriculture and income for small/medium farmers.



Laxmi Parkhe

Deputy General Manager, Magic Bus India Foundation

Laxmi is from Mumbai and holds a BCom degree from Mumbai University. She has seventeen years of experience in the development sector, specialising in training and skill development. She is currently serving in Mumbai as the Deputy General Manager in the training department of Magic Bus India Foundation. Committed to fostering gender inclusion, Laxmi strives to create secure environments and educational avenues for women. Her vision revolves around empowering adolescents to lead fulfilling lives while embracing and celebrating diverse gender identities.



Manish Karpe

**Project Executive,
DHAN Foundation**

A native of Satara, Maharashtra, Manish holds a postgraduate diploma in development management from THE DHAN Academy, Madurai. He has worked in various locations as a Project Executive for the DHAN Foundation, including Munger, Bihar and Osmanabad, Maharashtra. He has made pivotal contributions to community-driven governance and federations of Self-Help groups. Committed to empowerment, his vision is to contribute knowledge and skills to uplift the lives of the marginalized and promote lasting positive change.



Manjappa Megalageri

**Assistant General Manager,
Grasim Industries**

Manjappa is from Kumarapatnam Haveri and holds an AMIE(II) in Electrical Engineering from the Institution of Engineers, India. With a rich experience of thirty-three years in both engineering and the social sector, he currently serves as the Assistant General Manager at Grasim Industries, Kumarapatnam, Karnataka. Actively engaged in diverse sectors, including engineering, administration, and CSR at Grasim Industries, Manjappa is dedicated to improving rural schools, health, infrastructure, and livelihood for fostering positive social change.



Manjeet Kanojiya

**Deputy Manager,
Coal India Ltd**

Born in Ghazipur, UP, and raised in Daman, Manjeet graduated as an Electrical Engineer from NIT Rourkela. With over eleven years of experience across multiple underground coal mines, he serves as Deputy Manager, Engineering and Maintenance (E&M), at the Eastern Coalfields of Coal India Limited in Raniganj, West Bengal. Inter-alia his work includes with dealing with organised and contractual labor and their welfare, safety and skill development. Besides, Manjeet also acts as the Nodal Officer for SEBC employees in the company, fulfilling responsibilities as a Liaison Officer. Looking ahead, he plans to establish an NGO with a vision is to bring about constructive, innovative, and transformative changes in the social ecosystem.



Minal Mehta

**Consultant,
Centre for Advocacy and Research**

Minal hailing from Kishangarh, Rajasthan, holds an MSW degree from the Central University of Rajasthan. With experience in education, women empowerment, and child rights, Minal has collaborated with diverse stakeholders, implementing community development programmes and using research tools for policy-level impact. Her motivation to work in the social sector arose from firsthand experiences in problems in the management and delivery of health services. Minal envisions leveraging technology for effective collaboration among government, non-profits, businesses, and communities, aiming for lasting positive change and overall well-being.



Mohan Rathod

**Coordinator,
Kotak Education Foundation**

Hailing from Satara, Maharashtra Mohan holds an MA in Education from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. He has four years of experience in the social sector primarily in school education. Currently associated with Kotak Education Foundation, Mumbai, he works with leaders from government-aided private schools, aiming to enhance their leadership and management skills for schools and learning improvement. Motivated by a desire to address societal imbalances, Mohan envisions contributing as an Educator in the Indian formal education sector.



Mousumi Das

**Assistant Officer,
Aditya Birla Group**

Mousumi is a native of Kendrapara, Odisha. She has completed her master's and MPhil in Anthropology from Sambalpur University, Odisha. She has been working as an Assistant Officer in the CSR Department of Utkal Alumina International Ltd, Rayagada, an Aditya Birla Group company, for over four years now. In this role, she takes care of community relations, sustainability and social enterprises. She is driven by her commitment towards the betterment of society through empowerment of women.



Narendra Barik

Subject Matter Specialist, PRADAN

Narendra is from Sambalpur, Odisha, and has an MBA in HR and Marketing from Sambalpur University, Odisha. He brings over thirteen years of experience as a development practitioner in the social sector, specialising in livelihood. Throughout his career, he has worked with organisations like WASSAN, OXFAM India, and BAIF Development Research Foundation and is currently associated with PRADAN, Sambalpur, Odisha as a Subject Matter Specialist. His extensive experience spans community mobilization, institution building and sustainable livelihood. Eager to contribute, he is driven by a vision for a just and equitable society with zero hunger.



Neha Yadav

Head, Capacity Building Partnerships, We The People Abhiyan

Neha was born in Chandigarh and brought up all across the country. She earned a bachelor's in Science in Biosystems Engineering from Clemson University, USA, and then went on to pursue an MBA from the School of Inspired Leadership, Gurgaon. Neha brings more than four years of experience in the corporate sector and eight years of social sector, specialising in training and skill development in the area of constitutional rights and government entitlements. Coming from a defense family background, her disciplined life across diverse cities ingrained an innate appreciation for diversity. Aligned with democratic values, she believes that an informed and active citizenry, equipped with skills, is significant for strengthening of democracy.



Nikhil Ambekar

Co-Founder, Foundation for Participatory Development Communication & Research

Nikhil was born and brought up in Bhandara district, Maharashtra, and holds an MA degree in Media and Cultural Studies from TISS, Mumbai. He has more than six years of experience in the media and development sector including in his organisation, Foundation for Participatory Development Communication and Research. He leverages the power of media and education to foster creative expression that encourages diverse ideas and representation of marginalized voices. His expertise includes research, writing, and documentary filmmaking as well as education and skill development in the development sector. He presently manages the Equity Media Collective at his foundation as its Co-founder and Director.



Niraj Singh

Founder, Youthology International

Hailing from Bihar, Niraj holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Tamil Nadu and a diploma in Youth Leadership for Social Change from TISS Mumbai. After working for twelve years in the education and skill development sector, he has founded Youthology International, Delhi and is currently its CEO. In the past, he has worked with Plan International, Delhi and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sanghathan (NYKS), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India engaging with diverse communities, including youth, women, and marginalized groups. Niraj is keen on building global partnerships for youth development and advocating for inclusiveness.



Nitu Pandit

**Assistant Block Manager,
Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission**

Nitu is from Khargone in Madhya Pradesh and is an MBA from Jiwaji University, Gwalior. She has twelve years of experience in social sector, focusing on livelihood. Hailing from a rural farming background, Nitu exhibited resilience by walking long distances for higher education, defying societal norms against girls' education, and, despite family opposition, displayed independence and perseverance in her career choices, supported by her father. Currently serving as the Assistant Block Manager at Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission, she leads initiatives in sustainable livelihoods, financial inclusion, and capacity building for self-help groups.



Pankaj Sonune

**Project Manager,
Vowels of the People Association**

Pankaj was born and raised in Buldhana, Maharashtra. He completed his masters in English Literature from Padmashree Vikhe Patil College, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. With three years of experience in education sector, he focuses on teacher training and school transformation. Currently, with Vowels of the People Association (VOPA), Pune, Pankaj passionately works to provide free digital learning solutions, emphasizing social equity in education. Leading a project catering to 3200 students in Pune, he is dedicated to serving underserved students. His vision is to strengthen foundational learning and address the challenge of learning poverty in India.



Prateeksha Sharma

**Chief Operating Officer,
Green and Grains**

Born and brought up in Bhopal, Prateeksha holds an MBA in Banking and Finance from ICFAI, Indore. She has fifteen years of work experience, of which nine years was dedicated to banking and six years in agriculture. She is currently the Co-founder of Green and Grains which is a Farm to Fork initiative dealing in organically grown food. The initiative's vision is to empower the farming community by making a sustainable agri-tech model that not only boosts farmers' income but also addresses nutritional deficiencies in our food. Prateeksha's vision is to create a socially responsible and ecologically conscious agri-tech model that serves as a beacon of positive change.



Raghavendra PY

**General Manager,
Head-Held-High Foundation**

Raghavendra is from Mysore, Karnataka and he comes from an agricultural family background. Raghavendra holds a Bachelor's degree in commerce from Shridhar University, Pilani, Rajasthan. He comes with over twenty years of work experience, with more than six years of it dedicated to the social sector. His expertise lies in training and skill development. Transitioning to the social sector exposed him to the opportunity of improving conditions for the marginalised sections of society. Currently serving at the Head-Held-High Foundation at Bangalore, he has deepened his commitment to addressing social issues and creating a substantial impact on society.



Rahul Dandge

**Co-Founder,
Lokparyay Foundation**

Rahul is from Panwadod village near the famous Ajanta caves in Aurangabad, Maharashtra, and holds a bachelor's degree in Computer science and Engineering from Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Aurangabad, and a master's degree in Sustainable International Development from Brandeis University, USA. He began his career as a Research Fellow in Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. Rahul brings five impactful years of experience in the NGO sector, including his association with Jan Sahas Foundation as a Programme Manager, focusing on crucial areas such as land rights, safe migration, worker protection, and human rights. Rahul has co-founded Lokparyay Foundation and is passionate about transformative initiatives in the development sector, with a commitment to empowering marginalized communities and ensuring equity.



Rameshwar Walkikar

**Co-Founder,
Technoshala Foundation**

A first-generation graduate from Ranjangaon Devi, Maharashtra, Rameshwar holds a bachelor's in Instrumentation and Control Engineering from the Government College of Engineering and Research, Pune. With over six years of experience in education, he is currently the CEO of Technoshala Foundation, a non-profit he co-founded in 2019. Having navigated challenges in accessing quality education, Rameshwar's journey includes a transformative two-year-long Gandhi Fellowship with the Piramal Foundation. Passionate about digital inclusion, he leads Technoshala's governance, growth, and strategy areas. His work emphasizes technology-led transformation in the rural government schools.



Rohit Thakur

District Executive Officer, Vowels of the People Association

Rohit is a native of Jalgaon District, Maharashtra, and holds a BSc in Chemistry from A.R.B. Garud College of Arts, Commerce & Science, Shendurni, Maharashtra. With over four years of experience in rural development & education, he currently serves as the District Executive Officer for three districts in Maharashtra at Vowels of the People Association (VOPA), Pune. Starting as a farmer, Rohit transitioned into the social sector as a CM Fellow working at the panchayat level in Nandurbar District of Maharashtra, focusing on all aspects of Sustainable Development Goals. Now dedicated to education, he works towards uplifting underserved students, aiming to ignite positive change through education.



Sachin Bhambore

District Project Manager, Language and Learning Foundation

Hailing from Bhandara District, Maharashtra, Sachin holds a master's degree in Education from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. With over ten years of experience in the social sector, specialising in education, he began his journey as a teacher and progressed to the role of a district lead, overseeing the interventions for the entire school education system at the district level. He is currently working with Language and Learning Foundation in Chhattisgarh. Sachin finds fulfillment in contributing meaningfully to enhancing the learning levels in government elementary schools. His vision is to bring positive transformations in the lives of the underprivileged through accessible and affordable high-quality education.



Shital Hiwale

**Field Officer,
Shreemati Malati Dahanukar Trust**

Hailing from Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra, Shital holds a master's degree in Social Work in Urban and Rural Community Development from Savitribai Phule University, Pune. With a robust nine-year-long background in health and nutrition, she is currently serving as a Field Officer working in the domain of maternal health and infant nutrition at Shreemati Malati Dahanukar Trust, Srirampur, Maharashtra. Shital envisions a society where every child is healthy. Her transformative approach in the social work sector prioritizes healthcare, education, and economic opportunities, aiming to create a more just and inclusive society.



Shubham Jain

**Junior Project Officer,
MetaMeta Research**

Shubham hails from Neemuch, Madhya Pradesh and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development from the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad. He is a professional in the field of rural development with over three years of experience and is currently serving at MetaMeta Research. Shubham's journey in the development sector began as an experiment but has since evolved into a full-fledged career. His passion lies in policy-making and actively engaging with communities to bring about positive change.



Shubham Kharat

**Team Leader,
Aga Khan Rural Support India**

Shubham has a bachelor's degree in History from Chhatrapati Shivaji College, Satara, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Development Management from The DHAN Academy, Madurai. He is a development professional with three years of experience in agriculture and farming. He currently serves at Aga Khan Rural Support Programme, Bharuch, Gujarat. His journey began in Songaon village, Satara, where he faced financial challenges during his teenage years, leading him to become a newspaper distributor to support himself. Co-founding Mauli Social Circle in Satara with his friends, upon completion of his bachelor's degree, he contributed to creating a platform for channeling the passion of youth like him for impactful social activities and inspiring their careers in the development sector.



Sivaram TV

**Proprietor,
Vaidyanath Estates**

Sivaram was born and raised in Kannur, Kerala. He has a bachelor's degree in Physics from Calicut University and a master's degree in Computer Applications from Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu. He has also completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from XLRI (Online) and has extensive experience in the for-profit sector. His diverse career includes eight years' experience as an IT developer, and seven years in HR and training management. He also has his own real estate consulting venture based in Chennai. He wishes to transition into the non-profit sector, aiming to work with NGOs and CSR initiatives that focus on the holistic development of children. Aspiring to set up an NGO of his own, he trusts that the PGPDM course will help him establish a strong foundation in the non-profit sector.



Tanvi Shah

Associate Consultant, CSRBOX

Tanvi is a native of Ahmedabad and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ahmedabad University. Her expertise lies in the field of education, and she has accumulated over four years of experience in the social sector. Currently, she is contributing her skills and knowledge at CSRBOX, Ahmedabad. Tanvi is credited to initiating 'Voice Without Noise,' a venture dedicated to transforming schools for the hearing impaired individuals in Ahmedabad through skill training. A distinctive aspect of her life is that she considers sign language as her first language, significantly influencing her mode of expression. Tanvi's goal is to create a place for delivering quality education and livelihood opportunities for the hearing impaired population.



Thungbeni Murry

District MIS Officer, BAIF Institute for Sustainable Livelihoods & Development

Thungbeni is from Wokha, Nagaland. She began her academic journey with a bachelor's degree in Political Science from St. Joseph College, Kohima and her passion to make a positive impact on society led her to pursuing a master's degree in Social Work, from IGNOU. Thungbeni brings over two years of experience in the social sector and her experience spans working with the Government, CSR initiatives and NGOs. Thungbeni's focus lies in making a positive impact through livelihood and enterprise opportunities, rooted in her belief that providing equal opportunities and access to basic needs is the inherent right of every individual.



Vikas Gadade

**District Coordinator,
Jan Sahas Foundation**

Vikas is from Sangli, Maharashtra and holds a master's degree in Social Work from Shivaji University, Kolhapur. With a six-year track record in urban and rural community development, Vikas specialises in empowering marginalized people sectors and currently serves at the Jan Sahas Foundation, Pune. His current work includes Migrants Resilience Collaborative Project, which is focused on ensuring safety and welfare of vulnerable migrant laborers and their families across Pune city. In the past, he served as a field coordinator cum master trainer at CRISIL Foundation Ltd, Mumbai. He has also been associated with Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Pune and Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal, Mumbai showcasing proficiency in project management, capacity building, and liaising.



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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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