



WINNERS OF BRONZE KARMAVEER CHAKRA 2014 - 15

Shri. Pradeep Mohapatra

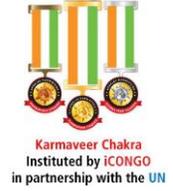
Saritsa Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Individuals Working to Impart Life Saving Education at Local Levels for Minimising Risks from Disasters and Climate Change in Rural Areas

Pradeep is Founder Secretary of UDYAMA. He has envisioned evolutionary ways to serve the most vulnerable people of Odhisa by empowering them to cope with disasters and impacts of climate change including environmental degradation since 1997. His innovative ways of capacity building at local level for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change involves providing access to information, education and practical training to people at local level. His indomitable spirit and demonstrated selfless service has impacted lives of 2232 Women Self Help Groups, 50 village youth, 12000 older people and 10000 families of 250 villages. He has promoted a mindset amongst local people for collective actions to respond with developed skills to minimize loss of lives and livelihood in disasters by promotion through setting up Information Communication & Technology (ICT) linking community disaster resilience process where people learn to protect. Pradeep Mohapatra's selfless service to empower people to be self reliant and resilient to cope with disasters and impacts of climate change sets an outstanding example for the communities.

Shri. Prakash M. Patel

Saritsa Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Individuals Working to Impart Life Saving Education at Local Levels for Minimising Risks from Disasters and Climate Change in Urban Areas

Prakash is Hon. Secretary General of Monters, Nauka Talim Kendra. He is an Alumni of J J School of Arts where he took his education to become a Cinema Photographer and a Movie Maker. However, he was inspired by his father, a Gandhian to render selfless service to the society. He left his studies and launched Monters, Nauka Talim Kendra in 1970. He envisioned a mission to encourage and inspires youth to develop the spirit of adventure and leadership amongst them to organize and participate in River and Sea expeditions. He has led many expeditions in country boats and vessels where members of Monters trained and motivated by him took part successfully. This innovative indomitable spirit in him guided him to launch Nauka Talim Kendra which is an institute under aegis of Monters, where, flood disaster management training camps are organized in association with Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority, Government of Gujarat and UNDP and other social and religious organizations since year 2002. About 45,000 participants belonging to rural and urban Gujarat like State Home Guards, Fire Brigades, Fireman of Gujarat Electricity Board, State Reserve Police, CRPF, Employees of Municipal Corporations, school and college youths.



Ms. Guna Selvi Amma

PAPCP Karmaveer Chakra for Caring For Others

Ms. Guna Selvi Amma aged 64 yrs is a resident of Bangalore and started going to PAPCP from January 2013 to accompany her sister's son for rehabilitation. She does not only what is assigned to her as her job but also does anything & everything that needs to be done, on her own without prompting. She helps in moving the wheelchair of boys and girls, assists in feeding the children and even does the washing of cups and saucers. She was adjudged as the Best Caregiver and was awarded with the PAPCP Meritorious Award Trophy in December 14. She is very pleasant and dynamic.

Sri. Chethan Sharma

PAPCP Karmaveer Chakra for Caring For Others

Chethan, aged 30 years is a student of PAPCP for the past 2 ½ years. He is fluent in Kannada, Hindi and Telugu and can read & write English. He is trained in computer Data entry on MS Word, Excel and customized software. He is also trained in back office work and in making different types of newspaper bags. During the course of stay with PAPCP, he was found sincere, honest and of helping nature. He assisted voluntarily to wheelchair boys and girls in their movement in the Center without hesitation and did all the assigned jobs to satisfaction. PAPCP Merit Award was also given to him in December 2014 for being the Best Volunteer. He is independent and mobile today. PAPCP has no hesitation in recommending Chethan Sharma in any repetitive job/ collection/ delivery job.

Ms. Geeta Sahai

Dhoon Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Parents of Special Children for Creating Awareness about the Therapeutic Effect of Music and Dance

Geeta is a writer, documentary film maker and a radio professional. Her short stories have won international awards. She has been working in the field of Mental Health, particularly Special Children, since last 10 years. She began a media campaign by starting a weekly show on Special Children, particularly the problems faced by the parents of a special girl child on FOCUS TV. She has been continuously writing articles and making documentary films on Special children. In 2012 she received an international Scholarship to make a documentary film on 'Changemaker – profiling the life, times and work of a change maker in the area of Special Children.' In near future she hopes to bring out a book on her journey, experiences and achievements of Special Children.



Ms. Madhureeta Anand

Dhoon Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Parents of Special Children for Creating Awareness about the Therapeutic Effect of Music and Dance

An independent filmmaker; she goes between documentary filmmaking and directing narrative feature films. Extremely prolific, she has directed two feature films, written five feature films, directed many documentary films and series, spanning an array of genres. Her documentary films have been telecasted on international channels such as BBC, Channel 4, Discovery and National Geographic. Many of her films have won national and international awards. Madhureeta's second feature film is titled "Kajarya", premiered at The Dubai International Film Festival. Madhureeta founded and is the festival director of the only Digital Film Festival in the country; the O110 Digital Film Festival. In 2006, she was awarded with the Silver Conch at the Mumbai International Film Festival for her film 'Walking on a Moonbeam'.

Mr. Dinesh Dayal

The Dipsites Association Karmaveer Chakra for Alumnus Taking the Most Significant Social Initiative

Dinesh Dayal MBA '84, is Chief Operating Officer at L'Oreal in Mumbai. Dinesh has been working at L'Oreal for 21 years, since his graduation from INSEAD. He has been based in France, Thailand and now India. Choosing to take an MBA at INSEAD in particular he preferred the European alternative to the stereotype of Indians going to the US as he was looking for a complete "life" experience and not merely a business education. As Alumnus of DPS Mathura Rd. he has contributed richly to the DPS Alumni Association by encouraging the Western India Chapter, Mumbai of the DPS Alumni association to grow to 250 in a short period of time. Heading the INSEAD National Alumni Association based in Mumbai, the regional representatives being developed in Delhi and Bangalore under his guidance. He completed his college from St. Stephens, Delhi University in 1979. His hobbies include snorkelling and off road motor biking.

Mr. Vipul Sachdev

The Dipsites Association Karmaveer Chakra for Alumnus Taking the Most Significant Social Initiative

Vipul Sachdev is an alumnus of DPS Mathura Rd., 1977. He is the CEO and Managing Director of Zara International - a leading ferrous and non ferrous metal manufacturer and supplier globally. He has faithfully attended the Alumni events over last 30 years and spearheaded many eg. blood donation camps, tree planting, sports day and annual dinners. He has been a key contributor in building an effective service to the ever increasing DPS alumni - helping them effectively network and improve careers. He has made significant investment of his time in service to the first ever Career Growth Workshop with alumni from around the globe sharing their experience with DPS students at High School level, 'the element of personal discovery', truths about capacity for achievement, balance, and fulfilment, in some defined professional areas. He is also leading the initiative to include alumni from 140 plus DPS schools into the Alumni Association. He is a global traveller, and enjoys playing the violin.



Mr. Rajat Tandon

The Dipsites Association Karmaveer Chakra for Young Samaritan Alumnus' (Under 50 years of age)

Rajat is an alumnus of DPS Mathura Rd., 1987. He graduated from Hansraj College, Delhi University in 1990 and is now Associate Director at Investors Clinic, Noida, a premier real estate consulting organization with more than 75000 satisfied customers. His contribution to the DPS Alumni Association has been outstanding, including his key contribution being cosponsoring DPS Alumni events and assisting in strengthening the association team. He has given personal time and attention in encouraging alumni from 140 DPS schools in India and overseas to join in, helping the association expand the profile. He has spearheaded reformatting the Annual DPS alumni dinner event wherein versatile, eloquent, charming, mesmerizing Dipsite musicians, singers, performers, dancers, comics, ventriloquists & Puppeteers entertain us. This becomes an opportunity for young Dipsites to showcase their passion, aspirations, talent. Henceforth this will be a Melodious Musical Extravaganza celebrating the spirit of excellence and this will form the theme of the evening bringing together various age-groups. He has been a National level skating champion and is extremely regular in his visits to the gym.

Mr. Rajesh Chugh

The Dipsites Association Karmaveer Chakra for Young Samaritan Alumnus' (Under 50 years of age)

Mr. Chugh is an alumnus of DPS Mathura Rd. and Bhagat Singh College of Commerce, Delhi University. He completed LLB, and then switched careers into Food production and service, now heading the famous family venture M/S NIZAM'S KATHI KABAB, a multi unit restaurants chain with a 7 city footprint in India. The success of the first Career Growth Workshop at DPS, Sector 45, Gurgaon in 2014 is a testament to his relentless dedication, commitment and outstanding service to the initiative. 25 Dipsites got together to provide an illuminating inside into the journey of their careers including three beamed in via video conferencing from Tokyo, USA and Dubai. In a world buzzing with endless advice on which career to choose, what to do after school, this Workshop created a quiet space where High School DPS students can hear senior Dipsites about their journey; and begin to think differently. He has been a National level Swimmer, having participated and excelled in various competitive aquatics events.

Mr. Rakesh J Dashpute

Omashram Karmaveer Chakra for Corporate Trainer & Motivational Speaker

Rakesh, born and brought up in Maharashtra, is a Software Engineer, Yoga Consultant and Social Worker. For the past 15 years, Rakesh has done more than 27 Certifications in Yoga from reputed institutes such as Yog Vidhya Dham, Kaivalyadham, Pune University, BKS Iyengar, Bihar School of Yoga, etc. He has done



M.Sc. in Yoga from Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (Svyasa) Yoga University, Bangalore. He has also done M.S (Computer Science) from Pune University. He is certified PLR (Past Life Regression) Therapist. Currently he is pursuing Ph.D. in Yoga. He started doing Yoga at the age of 13. He has been practicing Yoga asana, Pranayama and Dhyana for the past 20 years. He taught around 1000+ people in last 15 + years and also conducted Yoga training for corporate such as Intel, Wipro, Uniworld, IBM, Infosys, AUDI, etc. He bagged lot of awards in the field of study and yoga. Rakesh has written several articles on this subject in various magazines and journals. He started his social work at the age of 15 by teaching underprivileged children for free and he is able to touch lives of almost 1000 of needy children, old aged people and disabled. He planted 10,000 trees in last ten year and plans to plant another 100,000 trees in next five years.

Mr. Ajay Mittal

Rice Bucket Challenge Karmaveer Chakra for Ideas Bucket Challenge

Ajay Mittal has started the #15From2015Challenge for blood donation in his hometown Kolkata on the first Sunday of 2015. A budding social activist who also runs an educational consultancy start-up says that his #15From2015Challenge seeks to create awareness and actively engage the youth to become regular voluntary blood donors to bridge the supply-demand gap in India. "India has an estimated annual shortfall of 30 lakh units of blood. All it takes is 15 minutes of one's time in 2015 and this little noble act can save lives. When I did my first blood donation, it felt like I was gifting life to someone. I felt that this act helped me transfer life force into someone somewhere in need." So far, he has motivated 90 people to donate so far. He uses Facebook and his own network to spread the message.

Mr. Akshay Gunteti

Rice Bucket Challenge Karmaveer Chakra for Ideas Bucket Challenge

Akshay Gunteti, an entrepreneur from Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh, is into building a clean and green India through a national organization which will have volunteers in every city. He says "Our volunteers will go in and around their city to check for public places which are unhygienic. They will click pictures, shoot videos and estimate cost to clean that area. Our core team will collect data from volunteers and the upload the info in our portal. Corporate and individual contributors across the country will then select any area of their choice and pay through online/ offline modes. Our volunteers will go to the area, clean it and use the funds collected for painting, arranging benches, a small garden, etc. After the work is done, that place will be named after the contributors. This will ensure places are cleaned and credit goes to volunteers and contributors." He has begun this initiative online by launching a Facebook page in January 2015.



Sheikh Altaf Hussain

CEEO Karmaveer Chakra for Social Work

Sheikh Altaf Hussain, a dedicated social worker and founder of (CEEO) Cultural Educational and Environmental Organization (NGO) which works in Jammu and Kashmir State including Ladakh and Kargil region. His main aim is towards strengthening the roots of national integration and communal harmony in the state. It is his hard work that connects nearly about 15,000 volunteers and 32 District coordinators across the state working voluntarily for the organization. His main activities are Free Education, Women Empowerment, Ladies First, Computer Must, Go Green with CEEO, Skill Training, TB care and Control awareness, Condensed course for women, Art, Music and Theatre Training.

Mr. Mujeeb Ali

CEEO Karmaveer Chakra for Women Empowerment

A young Graduate from University of Delhi, working voluntarily for people in Jammu and Kashmir state, especially connecting with youth, who are willing to study and earn their livelihood. He is hardly in his 20's, believing to change the picture of Kashmir division of state by making youth to utilize their capabilities. Carrying everyday activities like awareness programs, community meetings and opening up of skill centers for women and much more. The main aim of his life is to connect people with natural resources with a sense of sustainable development. The main concern is to utilize technology and innovate something new for the empowerment of people, he believes in schooling, where environment would be an ideological teacher rather to mug up the facts, a human being should understand the philosophy and could share the human values throughout the world. The main aim is to empower people of Jammu and Kashmir State both socially and economically. His battle is continuing in reforming the state.

Mr. Chandramani V. Yadav

PAWS – Mumbai iCONGO Karmaveer Chakra for Animal Welfare and Environment Protection

Chandramani from Mumbai is a coaching class teacher and an animal lover, associated with Plant & Animals Welfare Society - Mumbai (PAWS-Mumbai) as rescue team member since 2002, taking active part in animal welfare activities like feeding strays; rescuing and rehabilitating wildlife; taking part in first aid and vaccination camp for stray; collecting documents under Right to Information - RTI regarding animals and environment issues; Inspecting Zoo's and Circus. He is Hon. Animal Welfare Officer of Animal Welfare Board of India - AWBI, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India and Committee to Monitor Animal Welfare Laws in Maharashtra, Appointed by Hon. Bombay High Court. He is also a volunteer of Wildlife Crime Control Bureau - WCCB. He is also the Founder and Secretary of Parivartan Pratishthan, a registered organization working for Social, Educational, Health, Medical, Sports in Mumbai.



Ms. Farhana Saifi

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Creating Social Change through the Medium of Art

Farhana lives in Okhla slums of Delhi. She is a student of class 12th and has been making Tagore's reproductions for last couple of years. She is busy in making a series of PICTORIAL CALLIGRAPHS telling the stories of the heroines of Tagore and plans to exhibit her work in Delhi on the death anniversary of Tagore this year. She has made a calligraph which shows the life of DAMINI from the story of CHATURANGA. Farhana tries to show the temperament and moods of Damini. She also catches the details of her desires and frustration through this pictorial calligraph. She also experiments in Surrealistic style by making a huge hand with huge fingers like dancing fire. She has created and documented Sufi and Tagore stories through her creative style of painting to bring social change. She has also painted the female characters of films by eminent film director Mr. Shyam Benegal after watching his famous women oriented films. She leads the art group and inspires other girls from their community to bring social change through arts.

Ms. Adeeba Saifi

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Creating Social Change through the Medium of Art

Adeeba lives in Okhla slums of Delhi. She is a student of class 10th and has been making Tagore's reproductions for last couple of years. Adeeba shows story of a woman whose name is KUMUDNI from 'JOGA-JOG' written by Rabindranath Tagore. Her pictorial calligraph shows a clash between two antipodal concepts of marital love & sex as represented by an affluent, Madhusudan and a very sophisticated, refined and sensitive 19 year old woman - KUMUDNI who firmly believes in Hindu ideals of womanhood and traditional concepts of wifhood. Adeeba boldly chooses very vibrant but sophisticated colors to show the mood and temperament of KUMUDNI. Her approach and tones are feminist because she also relates to the stories of Tagore with their surrounding which is male dominated and patriarchal in nature. Adeeba has created and documented Sufi and Tagore stories through her creative style of painting to bring social change. She has also painted the female characters of films by eminent film director Mr. Shyam Benegal after watching his famous women oriented films. She leads the art group and inspires other girls from their community to bring social change through arts.

Ms. Kiran Rai

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Bringing Social Change through Media

Kiran has been a regular anchor presenter of Aseem Asha Foundation's 20 UDAAN COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVALS. She has been the assistant producers of many short films produced by Flying Birds of India and Aseem Asha Foundation. She has inspired several girls from Muslim Community in spite of being a Non Muslim. She is a good example of Communal Harmony. She encouraged many young students from community to study further and regularly counseled them. After getting a full time job she has been helping in her own way to some of the neediest students of the Aseem Asha Foundation.



Mr. Aviral Joshi

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Bringing Social Change through Media

Aviral is pursuing BJMC from IP University. His journey through these 1.5 years has been a great experience that has brought a sense of self confidence in his life. It commenced with "HOLY WATER" where he met a wonderful person Mr. Aseem Asha at St, Mary's School, Dwarka in a film making workshop who has been his inspiration of getting into Film Making .The movie was about water problems of Dwarka where they went to religious leaders and requested them to guide the devotees not to waste water. Then he got admission to IP University and took an initiative of making his production house "The Artist Enclave" which has been followed and subscribed by few people on Facebook and Youtube. He also made few movies on some social issues like respecting differently abled citizens, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Anti Ragging, obeying traffic rules, etc.

Ms. Samedhika Datt

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Youth Empowerment

Samedhika was born and brought up in Delhi and her schooling was from Welham Girl's School, Dehradun. She came to know about the social problems while studying with some girls on special scholarships from marginalized communities of Dehradun. She worked with Flying Birds of India team of Aseem Asha Foundation for couple of days and learned the art of making short films. She visited slum communities while shooting for her films in Delhi and got an opportunity to understand the problems of urban slums closely. She was determined to make her career in Media to bring social change and to empower the youth especially women from socially, economically, educationally marginalized communities. After filming the problems of urban slum & mainstream communities, she applied to study film and production overseas. Fortunately she got a chance to study 3 years under graduate course of film production in Brighton University in UK last year.

Mr. Shoaib Kureshi

Aseem Asha Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Youth Empowerment

A workshop helped him find a part time job at YMCA center as Choreography instructor. He has been running a dance studio in the heart of Savda Ghevra for last couple of years. Girls and boys both are learning different kinds of dances under his guidance in spite of facing challenges from conservative community.



Mrs. Vanaja

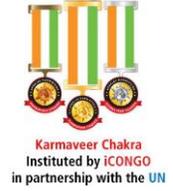
NFED Karmaveer Chakra for Women Empowerment

Mrs. Vanaja is a family counselor at Thiruvallur Women Special Family Court and adolescent girls of Juvenile Home run by Child Welfare Community, Thiruvallur. She has worked as a practicing counselor since 2002. Her background is in the area of solution-focused counselling and family therapy, as well as de-addiction of affected women. In her illustrious 12 years of career as a counselor, she has counseled hundreds of adolescent girls and women from the juvenile homes and prisons to lead a transformed life and brought them to a path of recovery from stress and low self-esteem. She has boosted self-confidence, guided in goal setting and future aspiration. She has helped them out of suicidal thoughts/suicidal attempts, loneliness and withdrawal syndrome. Just to name a few, she is involved with IRCDS (Integral Rural Community development service) in tie up with TN Social Welfare Department & TN District Child Protection Office that deals with reconciliation of split families, dowry harassment and domestic violence cases referred by Collectorate; All Women Police Station referred cases with Family conflicts, maladjustment with in-laws, illicit relationship and broken family with extra-marital affairs, chemical dependant/ addiction affected broken families; Thiruvallur Women Special Family Court and Puzhal jail. She has MPhil (Psychology), MSc (Guidance & Counseling), MSW, and BA (Psychology).

Prof. R. Rajan

NFED Karmaveer Chakra for Community Development

Rajan is an Industry Professional with an overall experience of 24 years from a wider cross section of industries such as Manufacturing, Networking, BPO, KPO, Software Development, Software Testing, IT Networking, SAP, Consulting and Health Care. He is currently working as a Chief Technology Officer for M/s Cura Health Care Pvt Ltd, a company focused on Designing, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation and Servicing of Medical Devices, located in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. His positions include Chief Executive Officer at Cherrytec Intelisolve Ltd wherein he managed the entire Business for Indian Operations and Middle East with SAP, IT Infra and IT GRC practices. He was with Thinksoft Global Services Ltd, a Software Testing Organization for Banking and Financial Services Industry wherein he played multiple roles as Chief Information Security Officer, Chief Data Privacy Officer, Head of Process Engineering, Head of Training and Compliance & Audit Management. He has taken the organization to the highest level of IT Infrastructure and information security Maturity levels. He has then worked as Chief Technology Officer and Process Head for Apcom Group of companies where in he has managed the entire Technology portfolio of all the four companies under the umbrella. He was a Strategic Business Unit Head in TVS Group of companies, wherein he has managed the entire defense & white goods segment with an overall P&L responsibility.



Mr. S. Ramachandran

NFED Karmaveer Chakra for Community Development

Poet Sura has a teaching experience of over 14 years. He is the editor of 'Desiyam' a monthly magazine for past two years and 'Desiya Valimai' since eight years. He is the founder of "Senthamil Trust. He keeps on donating books the government schools and libraries. He actively participates in the blood donation camps. He has several publications by his name. He also gives stage performances and participates in TV programs.

Ms. Shobha Reddy

Marg Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Volunteers Doing Exemplary Work in Spreading Smiles

For the last several years Shobha has been actively associated with the activities of the Orphan children organised by Marg Foundation. At the same time she is happy that she is able to give back something to the society. She is actually a Nutritionist but could not take up a full time job due to family responsibilities. She was happy to cater to the needs of her Children and Family and involving herself in family business. But the urge to do something for the children, especially orphans was so strong that Marg happened to her at the right time. To give her Time, Energy, Resources for the less privileged and in return she has evolved as a better person. Being the mom of 3 children has indeed guided her in structuring, sharing, organizing the events for these wonderfully talented children. She is happy to say that she is at the forefront of all these activities involving children and elders and her humble request to everyone is to give some time to the orphan gems as they really are valuable to us.

Mr. Taashif Iraib

Marg Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Volunteers Doing Exemplary Work in Spreading Smiles

Taashif is a mechanical engineer and is preparing for IAS exam. He has been associated with Marg Foundation, speeding smiles from 2008 and has had a wonderful experience. He was working as a volunteer for the spreading smiles since he was doing his Engineering. He feels privileged to be a part of the spreading smiles to the orphan and unbelonged children. Sharing their experiences has taught him a lot and is always thankful for the blessings he get from them.

Dr. Lakshmi Mohan

D.O.R.A.I. Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Educational Institution with Social Consciousness

Dr. Lakshmi Mohan, Deputy Director of Institute of Technology and Management, Chennai has been a very strong supporter of Student Sensitization programs initiated by D.O.R.A.I. Foundation. She is a strong



willed lady who has acted upon effectively inculcating the acumen of social consciousness and social change amongst the B-school fraternity. D.O.R.A.I. Foundation is happy and proud to confer the Award upon Lakshmi Mohan from the educational sector to be a standing example of what a positive being ought to be!

Mr. Fairoz Malla

D.O.R.A.I. Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Outstanding Service in the Face of Natural Disaster

Fairoz Malla, a mental health professional who looks at people beyond the lens of just a Psychologist. He is an effective communicator during crisis situations that arise out of conflicts. A very Concerned Counselor in times of Rescue and Relief Operations during the Natural Calamity - Disaster Management Program. It's a great support to have someone as dedicated as him in the Valley to ensure productive and fruitful completion of all endeavors of D.O.R.A.I. Foundation. D.O.R.A.I. Foundation is proud to confer the Award upon Fairoz Malla for his selfless contribution in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

Ms. Vaishnavi Srinivasan

Bhumi Karmaveer Chakra Award

Passionate about education of children and the environment, Vaishnavi was one of the first volunteers to join Bhumi as early as 2007. She has always put organizational requirements over personal preferences and made immense contributions to the development of almost every project in Bhumi. She started off as a coordinator in the Computer education programme, moved on to establish the English programme, initiate the environment project and support the Mathematics programme over the next few years. She has also been constantly supporting Bhumi's other projects like Joy to the World, Nakshatra and bring smiles in various capacities. Since 2012, she has been volunteering full-time, enthusiastically contributing to every aspect of the organization from volunteer orientations, finance and public relations to the most mundane administrative tasks. She has been an evergreen inspiration to fellow volunteers for her dedication and contribution in making Bhumi one of India's largest volunteering organizations.

Mr. Prakash Selvaraj

Bhumi Karmaveer Chakra Award

With his effervescent ideas and indomitable spirit Prakash has been associated with Bhumi since 2006 as a part of the community development and English programmes, and has played a vital role in diversifying the organization's efforts beyond education. He ideated and led the execution of Bhumi's first inter-orphanage talent festival in 2009. The event has now transformed into Nakshatra, one of the largest of its kind, national festivals for identifying talent in arts and sports, benefitting several thousand children living in shelter homes each year. He was also instrumental in starting the Nakshatra Reach Out programme for



children in shelter homes that nurtures the discovered talent through the year. He is a role model for his sportive nature, perseverance, leadership and has made immense contributions in shaping Bhumi's volunteer focused processes. He continues to volunteer for the organization in various capacities helping Bhumi scale new heights and touch more lives.

Mr. Raju Mondal

New Light Karmaveer Chakra Award

Raju joined New Light in 2002 as a Teacher. He is a dedicated and committed worker for New Light. His positive energy and enthusiasm makes a difference to the children of the centre and puts a smile on their face. He looks for ways to help the community with great enthusiasm. He is a dependable worker and manages to adjust his life whenever unexpected situation arises. He adjusts well to changes in the work place. Raju has good organizational skills and manages to get work done on time. Over the years he has taken on additional responsibility like the Annual Sports and Greeting Card sale of New Light. Raju is ever willing to help not only the children but also his co-workers and seniors. He is an asset to New Light!

Ms. Shakhera Bibi

NISHTHA Karmaveer Chakra

Shakhera Bibi, wife of a very conservative Muslim family had well realized the situation that her family is heading to owing to erratic, irregular and insufficient rainfall. She decided to start a business but as she belonged to a minority community, going outside home, moving around here and there and talking to other males in particular is treated as a sin and crime. Shakhera slowly but steadily overcame all barriers for entering into a venture. She started preparing lemon water with sugar and salt, plain water with salt and sugar, water with salt sugar with added scent, etc. She started preparing those manually and purchased a machine to pack certain quantity in polythene tube shaped packets and sealing those. She started carrying those in an ice box and selling those 'cold drinks' in markets etc. This has now become quite popular and now she is supplying these in different shops. On 15th Aug'2014, Doordarshan Kolkata (Government sponsored TV channel) organized an event on status of women in India. The story of Shakhera Bibi was shared and it touched the heart of many.

Dr. Madhumita Banik Roy Choudhury

Porosh Karmaveer Chakra

Dr. Madhumita is a pediatrician by profession and popularly known as 'Kolkata's didi among her patients. She is very popular among her patients, not only because of her affable and friendly disposition but also because she often sends them packing with a 'No medicines' prescription! She has associated with Porosh to carry on the good work and has now taken on the role of chief mentor of health related activities of Porosh. She has helped them to design both the preventive and the curative aspects of Project Aarogya,



the health project of Porosh. Before joining Project Aarogya of Porosh she had collaborated with Children International's SAHAY project, under which she used to run a health clinic for underprivileged children and Hope International where she used to work with street children. Currently she is also associated with another NGO, LIFE, who are working in villages around Bolpur, Birbhum.

Mr. Pradip Mitra

Porosh Karmaveer Chakra

Pradip Mitra has been an integral part of Porosh Society for the Underprivileged since its inception. Mr. Mitra is primarily responsible for the facilitation of the two flagship health programs, Project Aarogya and Project Amrita at our beneficiary sites. The hardest part considering the various health projects is the steady availability of qualified medical personnel who would travel to the interiors of remote villages and provide their medical services. Mr. Mitra can be often found convincing and cajoling doctors to be a part of our initiative. He meticulously oversees the availability of doctors both for our routine health checkups and for our specialized health camps. Apart from his cardinal responsibility Mr. Mitra maintains liaison with various health organizations and fellow NGO's working in the field of preventive and curative health care. Joining Porosh Society for the Underprivileged, Pradip Mitra was associated with New Alipur Prayaas Welfare Society, Birbhum, Sainthia chapter. The organization apart from providing academic guidance and career counseling also provides education scholarships to 100 students across state.

Mr. Debraj Chowdhury

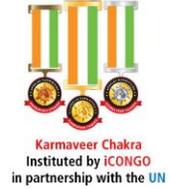
Sacred Heart School Karmaveer Chakra

Mr. Chowdhury joined the institution in 2008 and is continuing with us till date. He is entrusted in teaching classes VI - X in the Arts subjects. He has done his schooling from Don Bosco School, Park Circus. He has graduated in Commerce (B.Com) from St. Xavier's College. He has completed his B.Ed. in 2014. He is extremely talented and dedicated to his profession. He untiringly assists the management and is a patient listener to the students who face any difficulties in their day to day studies. He also counsels the students and provides them the correct guidance in their lives. His performance in the field of profession is commendable.

Mr. Curtis Joseph Rosario

Sacred Heart School Karmaveer Chakra

Mr. Rosario joined the institution in 2008 and is continuing with us till date. He is entrusted in teaching Class I and Computer Application in the Junior Section (I - V). He has done his schooling from St. Anthony School and done a professional course in Computer Application. He is extremely talented and dedicated to his profession. He untiringly assists the management and is a patient listener to the students who face



any difficulties in their day to day studies. He also counsels the students and provides them the correct guidance in their lives. His performance in the field of profession is commendable.

Ms. Shampa Roy

Trinita Karmaveer Chakra

Shampa has been working to enable the most vulnerable adolescent girls to cope their schooling and stop school dropout. She has promoted quality improvement in enhancing the self-confidence and creating awareness on the consequences of early marriage which was rampant among the minorities Muslims girls in the operational areas.

Ms. Rubina Quaiyyum

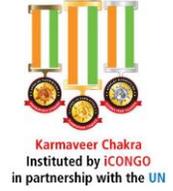
FOCUS Karmaveer Chakra

Rubina Quaiyyumis a very favorite and popular teacher in the slum school situated in Ward No.61 & 64 Wards of KMC. She is dedicated towards her mission to teach the poor children of marginalized section and become a responsible citizen. She joined FOCUS in 2004 as a Community worker and very successful in mobilizing local community and stakeholders. She organized two people Slum Committee for proper implementation of Government schemes and facilities in the ward. She regularly organizes Parents meetings makes aware them about their rights, duties towards their children and community. Community knows her by name share their sufferings and problems at personal level.

Mr. Ramesh V

eVidyaloka Karmaveer Chakra for People who have Contributed to the Cause of eVidyaloka, Voluntarily, Leveraging their Professional Capacity and within the Legal and Ethical Framework

People with a blend of hard work, technical expertise and integrity belong to a rare group of species. Ramesh is an epitome one such personality. Broadband connectivity is one of the life line of eVidyaloka operations and Ramesh has been there for us at every step of our journey since 2011. His contributions varies from sharing possible connectivity and plan options from BSNL, advising on technical expertise, to connectivity status and not limited to connecting with the appropriate engineers and technicians in as remote as Bero in Jharkhand, sitting from Kannur in Kerala. And most significant part is, not an inch outside the official framework of BSNL as an organisation. We now have explored a range of telecom solutions right from Landline Broadband to Smart WIFI and everything in between. And make the classes at eVidyaloka. We can't imagine being where we are without Ramesh's volunteering contributions well within his professional capacity without an iota of conflict of interest, at any point in time.



Mr. Karthik Bala

eVidyaloka Karmaveer Chakra for People who have Contributed to the Cause of eVidyaloka, Voluntarily, Leveraging their Professional Capacity and within the Legal and Ethical Framework

Technologist at heart, an Entrepreneur by Nature, Karthik, aged 31 is the CEO of a Software engineering firm, Headrun Technologies in Bangalore. Karthik was engaged with eVidyaloka initially, with Headrun as a technology service provider. We recall making a commercial conversation only at the first meeting in 2012 and never ever after that. Apart from his engineering working on My eVidyaloka platform, Karthik works with enthusiasm, to make the technology work for eVidyaloka every single day. His contributions vary from surplus server capacity to his surplus mindshare to give shape to the Technology platform of eVidyaloka. Today it is difficult even for him, to stop thinking and caring about eVidyaloka and its cause for the deserving children in rural villages. What is most invaluable is not the tangible resource support or funding, but his unwavering belief in the success of eVidyaloka, always with a smile and never with even an iota of obligatory tone. It's his eVidyaloka, today!

Mr. Arunopol Seal

Tiljala Shed Karmaveer Chakra

Arunopol Seal is a Project Officer for Tiljala Shed working for the underprivileged sections of the society. He is currently involved in capacity building of community leaders. He helps in establishing contacts with the people of the community and helps them form co-operative groups. He conducts training sessions in seven districts of the state. He is currently involved in a self-initiated research on 'various meaning of mountains' to those people who live in the Himalayas as well as in the West.

Mr. Ashok Kumar

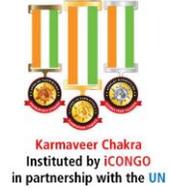
Literacy India Karmaveer Chakra

Born to a farmer family in West Bengal, Mr. Ashok Kumar - a Meritorious Ex-Service man from Indian Air force is presently associated with Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal. He has dedicated his life to elevate & inspire the tribal groups like Birhor in Purulia so that the next generation are able to learn education and can involve in the flow of technology. He on his own initiative mobilised the parents in order to send the children to the school.

Mr. Ajay Kumar Choudhury

Literacy India Karmaveer Chakra

Mr. Ajay Kumar Choudhury teacher - in- charge in Sastri Shiksha Sadan School at Liluah Howrah has devoted his life to bring out the change among the scavengers' community in Howrah Belgachia.



Graduated from University of Calcutta in the year 2002, he had got job in Govt. Primary School in the year 2003 at Howrah Liluah. He had faced real challenge to mobilize the children of scavengers' toward school. He along with team of teachers regularly visited to track children from dumping ground where heaps of garbage laid down and where children are working for sorting out the garbage with Rs.100. The school is now running with 450 children.

Dr. Bappaditya Mondol

Prantakatha Karmaveer Chakra

A renowned psychiatrist by profession is currently associated with Bangur Govt Hospital in Kolkata. A passionate mental health activist, compassionate and deeply connected with mental health movements & HIV/AIDS care. Dr. Mondol has been consistent with providing free psychotherapy and support to many youngsters in their personal and profession strive. He has been consistently supporting the fight for mental health. He has also been associated with several organizations which work with children and young patients with terminal illness. Since the starting of Prantakatha, Dr. Mondol is with Prantakatha and now is at our board.

Advocate Suman Ganguly

Prantakatha Karmaveer Chakra

Mr. Suman Ganguly is a young and dynamic lawyer, currently practicing at different courts in Kolkata including High court. He is passionate on gender justice and also in bringing justice to every one's door step. Mr. Ganguly has been continuously helping people who are from economically or otherwise marginal sections of population free of cost. At the same time he is passionate in spreading legal awareness to many people who need it.

Dr. R. K. Agarwal

DI Karmaveer Chakra for College Principal Maintaining Most Green Campus

The Director, Dr. R K Agarwal, is B.Tech from I.I.T Kanpur, M.S. from Cranfield Institute of Technology, UK and Ph.D from Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. Having studied at these eminent institutions, he possesses a thorough understanding of the functioning, resources and processes involved in achieving academic excellence. In addition to the excellent academic background, the Director has vast teaching and research experience including over 10 years of pioneering Research & Development work on the AWACS project at Center for Airborne Systems, DRDO, Bangalore. During his more than ten years tenure at AKGEC, he has been persistently working towards setting new bench marks in academic excellence and industry-academia collaborations to make the students globally competitive and employable.



Ms. Shefali Raj

DI Karmaveer Chakra for College Principal Maintaining Most Green Campus

Shefali Raj had been associated with Pranveer Singh Institute of Technology (PSIT) & PSIT College of Engineering as the Director Corporate Relations for about 5 and half years now and has been instrumental in completely transforming the Brand Image of the institution. She has been able to position the college amongst corporates as an institution of Choice as far as recruitment is concerned and amongst parents/students as a place for great academic learning. The college today can take pride in the fact that it has produced successful engineers who are recruited by Top Corporates. She has also been a Trainer to reputed Organizations and industrial houses like PepsiCo, Pantaloons, STEP-HBTI, Kanpur University, and Institute of Chartered accountants, etc.

Ms. Shilpi Choudhury

Veer Kathakar Karmaveer Chakra for Performing Arts and Scriptures

Shilpi Choudhary is known as HAUTE COUTURE (high fashion) designer, stylist and fashion historian. Her brand is called SHILPI CHOUDHURY HAUTE COUTURE. Her work is experimental, innovative and progressive. Her work is the hallmark of modernism and post modernism. She promotes radical social reforms with a gothic touch. She spreads education and social awareness through her designs. With themes like anti-narcotics, ethical treatment to animals, wonders of women (women's empowerment) peace and tolerance (sufi) anti-terrorism and being eco-friendly. Her area of interest and specialization is the promotion of Virgin tribal weaves and embroidery of India. She uses tribal weaves, embroidery and fabric to create an international haute couture look. She has worked with tribal weaves and block prints from kutch, lambani, toda, naga, mizo, manipuri, sambhalpuri, pipli, bagru, sanganeri. Classical weaves and embroidery like benaras, brocade and zardozi, tribal bhutanese fabric is her new couture line. Her effort is to create an international awareness about the wonder weaves of incredible India. She considers the revival of Indian tribal weaves as her social responsibility.

Ms. Abhishikta Bhattacharjee

AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Educational & Awareness Programme

Abhishikta Bhattacharjee, a Masters in Commerce and a teacher by profession, has been working as a social activist since 2011. She teaches students who have been denied education due to shortage of funds. Besides teaching, she helps in collecting funds for AIBF for smooth functioning of their activities, gives the students dresses, stationeries and even food for the well-being of the students.



Mr. Souvik Roy

AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Educational & Awareness Programme

Souvik Roy, MTech in Computer Science, started working with AIBF in 2011 for promoting education and spreading the awareness for need of education. He conducts ICT & IEC programmes in remote areas of West Bengal where computers are looked upon as a phobia. His main work has been to spread the awareness about usage of computers among the uneducated youth of our country.

Mr. Rajat Sanyal

AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Cultural & Motivational Program

Rajat Sanyal started working with AIBF since 1998. A theatre person by choice, he writes plays based on moral values and uses them as a medium to teach children of slum areas studying in local municipal schools the values of life.

Ms. Soma Sanyal

AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Cultural & Motivational Program

Soma Sanyal, a school teacher by profession, has been working with AIBF since 1998. She has so far staged around 50 plays with her students. She has been teaching underprivileged children for more than 12 years and imparted free coaching to rural and destitute children. She also conducts weekly classes between 6 – 14 years on the Bal Bikash project where she imparts value education along with meditation storytelling.

Mr. Amit Datta

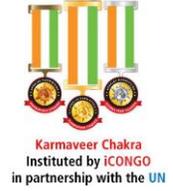
AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Social, Economical & Youth Awareness

Amit Datta, a banking professional, has been associated with AIBF since 2009. His main work has been to create an alcohol free society by running campaigns on perils of drug & alcohol addiction. His other key work is to preserve ecology and biodiversity in rural areas, saving ponds, tanks, lakes and rivers.

Ms. Surupa Datta

AIBF Karmaveer Chakra for Social, Economical & Youth Awareness

Surupa Datta, a housewife, has been contributing in her own little way for treatment of poor patients suffering from heart diseases and other ailments which require huge amount of money. Apart from this, she also collects funds for buying garments and winter wear for the poor and needy of her community and inspires her children to do the same.



Ms. Kalpana Singh

Parikrma Karmaveer Chakra

Kalpana Singh was born and brought up in Bangalore. She began her teaching career in 1985 in a school in Hyderabad. Life's challenges brought her back to Bangalore where she began life all over again with her three children. Fate brought her to Ms. Shukla Bose and Parikrma Humanity Foundation. Kalpana joined Parikrma Humanity Foundation as Head - Academic Administration since Parikrma's inception. Coming from a family of journalists, she has always enjoyed writing. In 1995, she authored a series of five textbooks on moral values called 'The Light of Wisdom' published by Arkbird Publishers, Hyderabad. Her stories have been inspired from life and people she comes across. She is also a poet whose words flow from the inspirational students and adults that she works with in Parikrma. An accomplished compere, she has worked for the Department of Tourism, Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Indian Council of Cultural Relations as an announcer.

Ms. Chethana Murthy

Parikrma Karmaveer Chakra

Chethana Murthy is a social worker who joined Parikrma in 2006 as the Co-ordinator of the Community Development Services Department of Parikrma Humanity Foundation. In her role as the link between the community and the 4 Parikrma schools that the Foundation runs, Chethana has been very proactive in working with the community. She has been co-ordinating the self help groups for mothers, de-addiction programs for fathers, counselling for the families, nutrition programs for mothers and other community improvement initiatives. Chethana has been an inspirational social worker who believes in a no-nonsense approach. She is direct with the parents and community telling them of the pros and cons of a problem that they are facing and comes out with doable solutions for the same. Parents believe in her words and share all their problems with her.

Mr. Sanjib Dey

Apeejay Shipping Karmaveer Chakra

An ex-Navy personnel, Sanjib Dey took voluntary retirement from Indian Navy after having served the nation for 15 years. He fought at Kargil from the Western Fleet and was a major member of the rescue operation at Kandla port when earth quake hit the port for 26 days. Having joined Apeejay Shipping in 2011, he has ever since been involved in ISR™ activities of the Group be it teaching children of hawkers living around Governor's House, teaching children from minority communities living around Park Circus area of Kolkata to teaching students living in remote areas of Jharkhand over SKYPE. Passionate about bringing about a change in the lives of the less privileged, Sanjib Dey is more than eager to devote his time to the benefit of society.



Mr. Surinder Gill

Apeejay Shipping Karmaveer Chakra

Mr. Surinder Gill has been working as a technical manager in Apeejay Shipping Limited for the past two years and had previously been sailing on board in ships. Having an inclination towards community services, he has been donating money for the treatment of handicapped children under New Delhi based NGO **Handicapped Children's Rehabilitation Association**. He has also sponsored one year's educational fee for one underprivileged school girl. During a visit to St. Paul's cathedral, he saw the names and pictures of some bright students who were not financially sound and were unable to pay their school fee. The cathedral was seeking help from people and hence, he decided to sponsor the child's education.

Mr. Baputi Handique

Apeejay Tea Karmaveer Chakra

Baputi Handique is an office clerk at Hilika Tea Estate of Apeejay Tea Limited. A black belt in Tae Kwon Do and a Gold Medalist in Tae Kwon Do in 23rd Assam State Taekwondo Championship, he has been actively involved in relief programs for street dwellers. He has extended help to Kakopathar handicapped Society by Donating Cloths, Blanket etc. as an active member of Ray Foundation. He has also undertaken relief programs for recent NDFB affected Dhekiajuli people as an active member of Ray Foundation. An avid lover of nature, he has organized World Sparrow day 2014, at Borhapjan High School and generated awareness among students and local people about the importance and status of diminishing population of sparrows. He has also organized plantation programmes on roadside at Kenduguri village (Digboi) as an active member of Ray Foundation and has been involved in tree plantation program at Hilika Tea Estate to improve the habitat for birds.

Mr. Konda Hoo

Oxford Bookstore Karmaveer Chakra

Konda Hoo, an employee of Oxford Bookstore Bhubaneswar, has a story to tell which is worth the pages of a popular novel. Having suffered a troubled childhood, he lost his parents at an early age and was brought up at an NGO called Future Hope. Thereafter, he joined Oxford Bookstore Bhubaneswar. Having seen poverty at close quarters, he has decided to bring about a change in the life of poor children who has no one to look after them. Along with his friends, he has decided to use his small savings to start a school for such children.