


PADMA SHRI

**DAMODARAN. S**

FOUNDER, GRAMALAYA

 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

 (1983 - 1986)



## Established 6 Lakhs Toilets

Mr. S. Damodaran founded Gramalaya in 1987 and worked towards the development of women and children in rural areas. Soon, he found the problem of open defecation which polluted the water bodies, especially drinking water sources. Mr. S. Damodaran installed with water facility through hand pumps and individual taps (Sanitary house hold toilets) for hygiene education, “Gramalaya formed SHE (Sanitation and Hygiene Education) Teams and AWASH (Association for Water Sanitation and Hygiene) committees for sustainable sanitation practices. Thanda-vampatti, a habitation of 62 homes in Tamil Nadu, Tiruchirappalli district, India's first open-defecation free village (ODF) 2003, and Kalmandhai slum in Tiruchirappalli (2002) are his greatest achievements. His initiative is the SMART (Safe / Sustainable, Maintainable perfect toilet concept was appreciated country wide Other NGO's approached him to provide training Gramalaya also promoted cloth pads. This reached more government school girls and also women in villages. Mr.S.Damodaran successfully executed scaled operation for making an OD-Free India. As a result, Mr.S.Damodaran's work through Gramalaya was published in the Twelfth five year plan (2012-2017) and was honored by with a **Padma Shri** in 2022.



## Dr. P. Sethu

**Executive Trustee & Director**

**Indian Hilfe- South India Director**

**B. Sc. Maths**

Is the Director of Indienhilfe, India - a charitable organization that empowers children belonging to economically and socially weaker sections in different states of India. Analysing and finding solutions for empowerment of communities especially among children, youth and women has been his passion for the last three decades

Besides serving on the Board of several organizations and institutions, he renders consultation on administration, finance, and project launching. Dr. Sethu has organized national and regional events, seminars and conferences, and has also led international and national delegations in India and abroad.

Indienhilfe is a child care and youth development, non-profit organization registered as a Trust in 1993. It provide opportunities for primary, secondary university education. The main objective is to give hope, protection, care, Education, safeguarding the childhood privileges, child rights and empowering to achieve progress in life.

Residential care homes for primary, secondary education. Provides food, shelter, clothing, recreation and health care and ensure proper growth and development. Hostels for University education and Educational assistance for professional and job oriented courses. Day care centers for Pre-School children.

Dealing with the challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. Indienhilfe emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. Established in 1993, we're an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of support



# K. Senthilkumar

## Director

IMPA-Integrated Marketing & Producers Association, Bengaluru

**B Sc Chemistry (1992 – 1995)**

By his efforts local indigenous tribes in Singampathy, Sarkarporathy and Kalkotipathy are transforming *Lantanna Camera*, the unwelcome weed into something positive by creating furniture, crafts, toys and other products which is exported around the World. 1500 Unemployed youth were trained and employed by his programme for which he was honoured with the Prime Ministers' Award. He is now the director of the Integrated Marketing & Producers Association under the Skill India.

## EXPERTISE

- 25 years of experience in R&D, Sales, Marketing, Psychometric Assessment, Talent Acquisition, Executive level Recruitment, Training and Development, Soft Skills Training, Behavioural Training and Social Development, HR Operations
- Business Consulting, Mentoring, Coaching and Advisory services to the start-up company's, green field projects, entrepreneurs
- Professional Advisor for Governments, Social and Industrial Sectors.

## FORMER ADVISOR

- The Tamilnadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Poompuhar The Tamilnadu Handicrafts Corporation Ltd., Government of Tamilnadu

## MENTOR

- Atal Incubation Centre, Anantapur under the aegis of NITI AAYOG of Gol
- Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME), Bangalore
- Y.D.Mane Research Centre, The Kagal Education. Society, PureMe Organics Pvt Ltd., Kagal, Kohlapur, Maharashtra

## ADVISOR

- Dr.R.Arunachalam Charitable Trust & IMPA Charitable Trust, Tamilnadu & Karnataka
- Krishnamurthy International Agriculture Development Foundation, Coimbatore

## PRACTICE HEAD

Model Career Centre A PPP project of The Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, Titan and CII, Chennai



# Dr G Govindarajan

## Founder & Director

Society for Education Village  
Action & Improvement (SEVAI)  
B.Com

K.Govindaraju, M.A. B Ed , FME(UK) PGDJ, Mentored by noted Social Scientist Prof.M.A.Windey, from Belgium, Founder of St.Xaviour Institute of Social Work, Ranchi and Village Reconstruction organization for 10 years in cost effective Building Technology and Rural Development.

Society for Education, Village Action and Improvement (SEVAI) was founded in 1975, by Shri.K.Govindaraju in Trichirapalli District in Tamilnadu. SEVAI works towards attaining the rural renewal and the value and dignity of the human individual, the possibility for the individual to develop within and through a community with a focus on peace, social justice and quality of life, SEVAI works with the poorest of the poor and helped these people to improve them socially, economically and culturally.

Society for Education, Village Action and Improvement (SEVAI) aims for Development through Education to all. It must be remembered that with a humble beginning, SEVAI team has been active and attuned to the deeper aspirations of the common people for justice for true service to society.

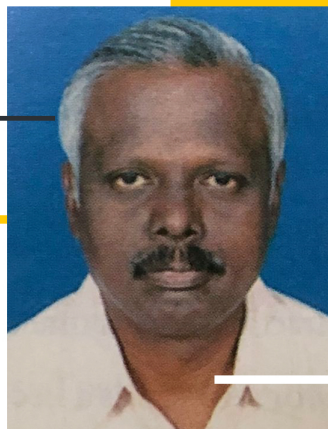
Educating the public that its economy should be vibrant enough to provide employment to most of its inhabitants and it should be enabled to bargain with the larger world, one day the world is bound to discover that the village offers a pattern of life, more sane, sustainable and humane than what modern cities have to offer today.

# MR. PAULRAJ

FOUNDER

HOPE OF THE HOPELESS, TRICHY

MSW (1983-1985)



Life is a journey of discovery, providing the platform to grow in self-consciousness, social consciousness and divine consciousness. The successful self-discovery is of great help in realizing who we are, what we are and why we are. The discovery of society is helpful for us to relate and to respond to each other in a meaningful way. The more we learn the more we know how God helps us to achieve the purpose of life. Bishop Heber College provided a number of ways and means to grow at the conscious level.

It was a dream for me to continue my higher studies. I was not only helpless but also hopeless. How I found a place in Bishop Heber College and the CE Hostel was a miracle. An unknown person guided me to study in Bishop Heber College when I was sitting in the Thanjavur Head Post Office, after completing my Pre University Course in Rajah Serfoji Government College, Thanjavur. By God's grace and guidance I got a place in the beautiful Bishop Heber College.

With gratitude, I remember Prof. J.D. Samuel, Principal who gave me admission in Bishop Heber College: as well as in CE Hostel. It was God's choice that I had to study B.Sc

Zoology and later MSW in Bishop Heber College. Whenever I meet Prof. Swamiraj (the Architect of Bishop Heber College as well as the Shaper of my life), he would call me "Thanjavur Paulraj". I always wonder at his ability to remember and recollect the names of the students. With gratitude I recollect the encouragement and support extended to me by Prof. Soundarapanidan and Dr. Suseela Appadurai. They offered me value-based education. I found humanity and humility in the lives of the professors. Their words and deeds were never contradictory.

I used to be very weak and meek during my college days. I was the only one to bring my mother for my MSW admission. The Department of Social Work provided me plenty of opportunities to overcome my timid nature. The Department made me a confident and courageous person. Prof. Selwyn Stanley inspired me by his enthusiastic and energetic teaching. Similarly, Prof. Fatima Vasanth and my immediate senior Prof. Sheela Christopher used to correct my field visit reports and they helped me to improve my communication in English. I completed my MSW with a first class and with the first rank in the class. I started my career in Tamil Nadu Family Development Centre. I got my position in the Department of Criminology as Research Assistant. I served in the Department of Social Work, Cauvery College for women as a Lecturer to satisfy my hunger for teaching.

In the beautiful Bishop Heber College, I started learning not only subjects but also the love of the Lord Jesus Christ. There were many prayer cells like sand prayer, terrace prayer and chapel prayer. I used to attend prayer cells, which enabled me to meditate on the word of the Lord. My association with the Evangelical Union also added color and flavor to my life. I found there the real meaning of life.



# Mr. SHANTHA KUMAR .C

FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

TN BEST SOCIAL WORKER AWARD -2019

MSW (1982-1984)

**The Spastics Society of Tamilnadu [SPASTN] was started by a group of philanthropists in 1981, the International Year for the Disabled. Initiated by Ms. Shanthi Sadiq Ali, wife of the then Governor of Tamilnadu, the purpose of SPASTN was to have a special school for children with Cerebral Palsy. It was first located in a room, provided by Mrs. Nandita Krishnan, at the C.P.Ramaswamy Iyer Foundation.**

Ms. Sarah Chanda was the first secretary of SPASTN and was closely involved in its administration for over a decade. She was instrumental in getting the 5-acre plot of land allotted in Taramani. Since 1989, SPASTN has been operating across Old Washermanpet, Ayanavaram and Taramani (Headquarters).

Today SPASTN has grown into a centre for excellence empowering persons with Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Disabilities, Intellectual Impairment, Autism and Deafblindness. SPASTN's programs and services enable persons with disabilities to realize their full potential and lead a life of dignity.

At the core of everything that SPASTN undertakes, is the passionate belief in the dignity of human life. It is for these underpinning values, SPASTN champions the rights of disabled persons, the right to life, to information, education, health, employment, social security and recreation leading to full participation. And we do so through centre-based and community-based rehabilitation intervention.

## Fr. B. JOHN SELVARAJ

Director – TN Best Social Institution Award-2019

Tiruchirapalli Multipurpose Social Service Society

Mphil ( 2015 - 2016 )



Social work must be integral. It should not only be focused on one Target group but rather should embrace all the deserving people who are in need. TMSSS provides such a platform. The Health Programmes of TMSSS' are Care and support of HIV/AIDS Infected and affected, Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Programme for TB patients, Community based Health Centres in rural villages, Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Drug Addicts (IRCA), Medical Camps in rural and slum areas, and Provision of Safe and Protected Drinking Water for the deserving village people. We also do Educational and Sports Activities like Day care Centre for normal and MR Children, Education, Care and Support for poor Boys and Girls, Realmadrid Social – Sports Schools, After School Program for Slum children, Special Summer Course on Computer Basics, Spoken English & Tailoring.

We execute the Rehabilitation Programmes like “Nambikkaiyagam” – Home for MR Adults, Short Stay Home for Stranded Women and Girls, “Sontham” – Integrated program for Street Children (open Shelter), Sontham Binding Unit for rehabilitation of Street Children, Infant Jesus Day Care Centre for MR Children, Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Programme and Artificial Limbs Fitment and Physiotherapy Treatment Centres for the physically challenged people. We involve ourselves in Agricultural & Environmental Programmes like Delayed Marketing Centres, Participation in PM's Swatch Bharath Mission, Awareness on Preservation and protection of Natural Resources, Agricultural Training Centre (ATC) to equip and empower small and marginal farmers.

We also implement the Women Welfare Activities like Surabi Mahalir Membattu Iyakkam (MMI), Kolping India Project, St. Mary's Working Women Hostel and Family Counseling Centre. Our Other Social Welfare Activities & Relief Works are Medical Relief, Educational Aids & other Charitable Activities, TMSSS – also moots Emergency Fund, pooling, Flood and disaster Relief Activities.

**Ms. Synthikeya**  
**Director**  
**Synthika Trust**  
**MSW (2019-2021)**



...”I am S. Synthikeya living in a small village E. Vellanur, Lalgudi(TK), Trichy. Both of my parents are Special Educators. My father started an NGO called Synthika Trust in 2006.

It mainly works for Differently Abled Children which transforms their life by providing right support at the right time. We support 40+ Differently Abled Children by providing Special Education with the help of Special Educators along with food and accomodation facilities.

I spent my childhood with these Differently Abled Children. We worked for them, stayed with them eat with them. So that made me to choose Social Work as my profession.

After completing my Under Graduation in Mathematics I did my Post Graduation in Social Work (MSW) at Bishop Heber College College,Trichy. Working for Differently Abled has become my passion. So I accompanied my father as a Administrator at Synthika Trust. As a young mind I am trying to create and develop the special Children in rural areas with quality education and Rehabilitation, to make them economically Independent”...





## Mr.SA. Arul Founder

Voluntary Association for People  
Services (VAPS), Madurai

**MSW (1997-1999)**

**V**oluntary Association for People service- VAPS, a non-governmental organization, has been rendering yeoman services since 1999. VAPS's core objectives are to concentrate on providing training, capacity building, skill and entrepreneurship development, child and youth development, women empowerment and care for elderly persons.

VAPS has committed to enable the needy, facilitating them for their self-reliance and also closely working with various stakeholders including government departments and NGOs.

Providing committed services to the deserving and needy people for the socio-economic and educational upliftment through networking of likeminded people.

Empowering the society by establishing network of training, research and development intervention centres in the area of women entrepreneurship.

ROHINI

KESAVAN RAJEEV

FOUNDER & CHIEF PRACTICE OFFICER

**THEABLEMIND**

**MSW (2000-2002)**



The Able Mind was started with an intent to provide professional, inclusive, easy-access psychological counselling services, while trying to keep it as affordable as possible. We believe that mental wellness initiatives need to be collaborative and holistic healing is only possible when the efforts of an individual is combined with support from family, mental health professionals and the society at large.

We understand how hard it is to take the first step towards seeking help but let me assure you that your effort will not go in vain. The essence of good counselling is in providing genuine, confidential, non-judgemental support and counsel; and this is the ethical foundation upon which The Able Mind has been built.

The world we live in creates much disruption in people's lives - due to its fast pace, change in perceptions, expectations, early success etc. Everyone goes through some amount of stress in their day to-day lives which festers and become immovable mountains causing significant mental discomfort.... add to this, the stigma of seeking support for mental health issues / counselling and we have a population that is treading the perilous path of burn out leading to deficient states in mental, physical and emotional health.

Established in 2017 and headquartered in Bangalore, India, The Able Mind [a brand owned by DeStress Holistic Health Pvt. Ltd.] is a platform that facilitates and supports clients across the globe, with proactive & positive mental health support services online.

## Mr. Vigneshwaran

Founder & Director  
Aura Foundation, Trichy  
MSW(2019-2021)



...“**D**uring my undergraduate studies in B.Com (2016–2019) at Bishop Heber College, ‘**The Kerala Flood**’ and the ‘**Gaja Cyclone**’ disasters happened. With the support of the department I took the responsibility of raising funds and collecting the relief materials, which were then handed over directly to the affected people. I represented the department of commerce for philanthropy awards for two times on Archives day. After completing under graduation, my passion for social service made me to start an NGO with the support of my Family and friends, - AAURA FOUNDATION on August 16, 2019. With a motto of "Educate, Empower, and Enlighten" it act as a bridge between the ‘Need and the Source.’

To know more about social work, to make my social service into social work, to do it in a systematic and scientific way I have joined MSW (CDM) in 2020. Facilities of the department of social work faculties taught me a lot Now it is very useful to practice. Currently I am the Director of the Ngo. In the empty field of my passion the Department of commerce ploughed and sowed the seed and the department of social work removed the weeds and added the fertilizer and manure to it. The yield will reach the Society”...

Thanks to my Mentors.



## **MR. P. JAI EDILBERT**

**DIRECTOR**

**SHED India, Thanjavur  
(2017-2019)**

**SHED India** - supported 6238 children in distress through CHILDLINE 1098 SERVICE in thanjavur district which includes the victims of Child Labour, Child Abuse, Child Marriages, begging children and other external support needed children such as dropouts and shelterless children from 2011

SHED India - supported the government in the rescue of 196 bonded Labours which includes 94 children, And also involved in the rehabilitation of the survivors.

The relief materials worth above Rs.12,00,000/-(twelve lakhs) was distributed to the vulnerable people affected during the COVID-19 lockdown through the support from various organizations and individuals.

Mr Jai, have promoted more than 100 volunteers (men and women) voluntary blood donors who donate to the persons who are living with cancer, victims of disaster, accidents, and facing critical surgeries *etc*

By the invitative of SHED India, 40 Barefoot Siddha herbal practitioners have emerged in Thiruvonam Block of Thanjavur district



## MR. SURIYA MOORTHY DIRECTOR

HUMAN DIGNITY CENTRE, TRICHY  
(2017-2019)

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**Human Dignity Center HDC Trust** is a human rights organization registered under the Indian Trusts Act. The organization is based in Trichy district and works in the neighboring districts of Madurai, Theni and Namakkal. Among the major works done, the present focus of the organization is on providing educational support to children from the rural communities, most marginalized communities such as manual scavengers and children living in absolute poverty.

HDC - works for the upliftment of women and children from the most marginalized and downtrodden communities and those living in absolute poverty by providing financial support, rights awareness and social empowerment

Awareness trainings and sensitization programmes are organised

on basic child rights guaranteed by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children, 1989, The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, The Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009, Child Marriage (Restraint) Act, The Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities), Act, 1989, Juvenile Justice Act, 2000, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, etc. have been planned for children and their parents to sensitize them about the rights of children.



## **MR.R.DINESH KUMAR TRUSTEE**

Manitham Trust, Trichy  
BCA & MSW(2012-2014)

Manitham is a social work organization based at Trichy. Mr.R.Dinesh Kumar B.C.A., M.S.W., PGDC is the Founder & Managing Trustee of this organization. The motto of this organization is to develop community with minimum political knowledge.

Manitham Social Work Organization was started in 1st June 2012 and it is was registered by the 3rd 2018. The Trust used to give motivational training, skill development training, carrier guidance programme for school and college level students, an evening study center for poor children.

Under this program Manitham team lend hands to children who are affected with HIV/AIDS and to children who suffer with cancer. Manitham also helps children who are in Sri Lankan refugee camps. Children who live in slum areas and orphan children are also benefitted under this scheme. Manitham Trust also raise funds to give nutritional and healthy foods for these children. There are more 300 children who are benefitted under this program.

Providing facilities like food and medicines to the people living in the roadside and physically ill people. Scheme 70 people get benefits per day.



## Mr. Samshir Hussain Trustee

TOSS Charitbale Trust , Tiruchirappalli  
MSW(2012-2014)

**Toss** is a team of students and youngsters from all around Tamil Nadu, joined together to cultivate individual social responsibility and bring about social transformation, which would in time result in the development of humanity.

Toss was registered under the Tamil Nadu Societies Act 1975, and operates both independently and along with the other NGOs, who share the same vision.

TOSS was founded in Trichirapalli District on 19th March 2009, successfully entering into our 6th year. Now there are two branches - in Chennai and Tuticorin Dt, with a strength of 150 social works through out the state. TOSS also specialize in event management and voluntary campaigns.

Events such as TOSS Talent Fest, Limitless and TOSS Eyes Bucket Challenge, are organised annually to the benefit of the society and student community in special, and inspires students to be social scientists and social entrepreneurs.

TOSS is recognized by many Colleges, NGOs and Government bodies all around Tamil Nadu



## **DR. NICHOLAS FRANCIS** **DIRECTOR**

**FRANCIS PUBLICATION, MOTIVATION SPEAKER,  
HR PROFESSIONAL AND CONTENT DEVELOPER  
MSW (1993-1995)**

**Francis Publication** - a passionately driven enterprise founded by Nicholas Francis to promote qualitative life enhancement and social development through the publication of books and resource materials. The tagline “Your Success is Our Passion” summarizes the ethos of this professional publishers, wishing to make a difference

Nicholas Francis is the Director of CAN HR – An initiative that promotes individual and institutional development through human resource and capacity-building programs.

He plays the role of Chief Mentor of the initiative on a professional basis to carry out the programs towards individual & institutional empowerment with excellence as the guiding principle.

As an adept content writer, Nicholas Francis offers multi-sectoral clients the distinctive advantage to have captivating content for their personal, social, professional, and business needs. The services are customized to the minutest detail and will be delivered with dignity and diligence.

Nicholas silently but significantly will kindle the spark within, and in the process take you on a journey of enriched enlightenment, through my effective writing, customized training & powerful books.

A professional entity founded and directed by Nicholas Francis to promote qualitative human resource development programs towards empowering enhancement of individuals and institutions.



## Alumni who Chose Social Service as their Vocation

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**Mr. Godson**

Founder & Director  
EagaiCharitable Trust,  
Tiruchirappalli

**MSW (2002-2004)**

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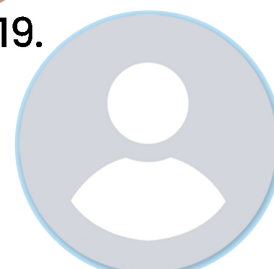


**Dr. R. Elamathi**

Founder & Director  
Green Fem India,  
Madurai

**MSW 1997-1999**

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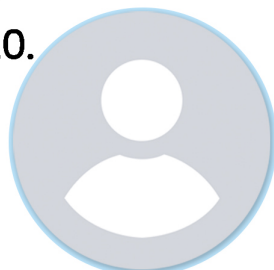


**Mr. A. Vijay Krishna**

Founder & Director  
Generous Foundation,  
Trichy.

**(2016-2018)**

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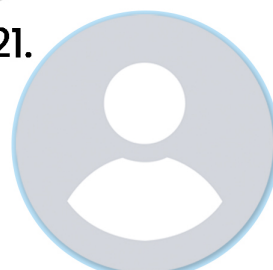
**Ms. Mithra**

Director

Substance Abuse  
Counselling Centre  
(SACC), Madurai

**(2017-2019)**

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**Dr. Amirtha Mary &  
Mr. Andrew Manoj Kumar**

Director

SWEAR Trust, Trichy

**(2008-2010)**

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**Mr. Jean Walter**

Director

God's Feeding Bowl-  
Community Network

**MSW (2001-2003)**

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**Ms. P. Gayathri**

Trustee

Shega Counseling Center  
& Online Counseling  
Services

**(2015-2017)**