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A creative and artistic person, Manjula exudes positivity and strongly believes that age is not a barrier to continuous learning and growth. Through her leadership roles in ALL Ladies League (ALL) and FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), she has honed her interpersonal and management skills, and has evolved into a highly confident and focused individual.

Manjula is involved in her family business and actively participates in social activities, charity events and green initiatives.

She is committed to making a difference and believes in balancing all the multidimensional roles she gets to play.

Under the banner of esteemed organizations like ALL, FLO and Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, she has been working towards women empowerment and is involved in various social welfare initiatives for HIV affected women and children along with women in correctional homes to name a few. She has been honoured with Exceptional Women of Excellence Award by Women Economic Forum and Swayam Siddha Award by Rotary Club, Kolkata. The year 2020 saw her being the recipient of two prestigious awards, - "Women Of the Decade in Community Leadership" & "Award of Recognition & Excellence" by the President of National Council for Women, Government of Egypt at the Annual Women Economic Forum 2020, The Nile Ritz - Carlton, Egypt.



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Indu Gandhi
Vice President
Eastern Region

As an Educator with 35 years of vast experience in School Based Academics, I have always believed in the holistic approach to Education and Leadership.

I served as a Principal of prestigious schools in India and Nepal thereby meeting challenges of Educational goals for students as well as developing creative, resilient, Independent, flexible and socially adept young people.

As the Founder Director of POISECON Consultancy Services, I offer my expertise of an Educational Consultant, Counselor and also conduct workshops for teachers, students, parents and adults. Some of the workshops include training in personality grooming, Spoken English, Blogging and Public Speaking.

Was the Vice Chairperson of ALL Ladies League Kolkata Chapter in 2019 and have now been given the prestigious position of Vice Chairperson West Bengal Chapter for the year 2020.



Usha Agarwala
Council Member
Mentor

FLO National President 2005-2006 and earlier FLO Chairperson Kolkata Chapter 2003-2004.

Member of the Ladies Study Group LSG, a platform that encourages women to mobilise their talents and help them participate in issues related to social development.

Advisory Board of All Ladies League and Mentor for ALL Kolkata. ALL is an international women's organization with a focus on enhancing women's economic empowerment and leadership with a view of creating a more sustainable, more inclusive and a better life for all.

Advisory Board of Women Economic Forum. WEF is a global conference platform to foster business and professional connections, sisterhood and leadership among women, committed to bringing constructive change and positivity in all works of life.

I am into philanthropy, spirituality and wellness. Have traveled widely with various delegations and attended conferences in India and overseas.



Mitali Chopra
Council Member
Entrepreneur

Mitali Chopra is a Certified International Etiquette and Protocol Consultant with a certification from International Etiquette and Protocol Academy of London. She is the founder of Manners Matter in India. She capitalises on her expertise to present contemporary, up to date and comprehensive programmes with a dynamic hands-on workshop approach.

With intensive and extensive training in cross cultural environment and global business etiquette and protocol, she is equipped to help you take your success to next level.

Having been in business for the past 25 years, she is acutely aware of the demands of the business environment, the need to distinguish oneself from the competition and to project a positive and respectful image.

In the past three years, Mitali has trained leadership teams, professionals and young graduates at erstwhile institutions such as XLRI Jamshedpur, Tata Steel, Jusco and ISWP to name a few.

Having had a Psychology Honours Degree, with specialization in Industrial Psychology, from Lady Sriram College for Women, Delhi University, she has developed keen understanding of human behaviour and uses it extensively in multiple situations through her training programmes.

She also gives talks on ‘Effective Parenting’ and ‘Best Practices in Teaching’ at various schools and colleges in Jamshedpur where she is based for past 28 years.

Mitali is in the Management Committee of a plus two C.B.S.E. English Medium School, Academy of Excellence, and holds the position of Hony. Treasurer.

Over the past 28 years, Mitali has held directorship in two industrial companies in Jamshedpur, where she has consulted on financial, strategic, marketing and business transformation aspects, thus adding value to the industrial sector.

She is also one of the trustees of Kudy Mahanty Children Education Opportunity and holds the position of Hony. Secretary.

She is attached to AIWC Jamshedpur Constituent branch as an Executive Committee Member.

Mitali was the President of Inner Wheel Club of Jamshedpur in the year 2007 and has won several awards for the club including Best Club and Best President Awards.



Vinita Mitra
Council Member
Education

Proprietor, at C-NET International Delhi. I worked with top corporates and consulting firms of repute. I then took over as a Profit Centre head at Powershare, Bangalore. I managed a group of twenty software engineers. Powershare was incubated by ICICI and I managed the interface. After a year I joined as human resources director in Calypso Foods Bangalore. I was responsible for recruitment and orientation, general administration, design and execution for all marketing collaterals such as, brochures, website, product labels, stall design for international food conferences at Anuga, Cologne-Germany, planning and execution for all internal corporate events).

Educationist at KIIT international school in Bhubaneswar and currently proprietor of Aikyam Arts and Events, Bhubaneswar. Aikyam holds regular workshops for adults and children. It organizes events such as Mediterranean Night, Diwali Dhamaka and many more. Aikyam has regular dance classes and it is a popular destination in Bhubaneswar.

I am a core member of WE Collective, an Odisha based urban women entrepreneurs group and we work closely with the government and it is our aim to set up a park for the convenience of start up enterprises. I have TEFL certification. In addition I am a councillor and have trained at Banjara Academy, Bangalore. As a NLP practitioner I have worked at hospitals and schools.

I am a quick learner and an excellent team player, having strong leadership and administrative skills.



Hena Nafis
Council Member
Nutrition, Sanitization and Hygiene

Eastern India's leading Clinical Nutritionist and Lifestyle Consultant. A Nutrigenomic Practitioner Graduated with a degree in Food and Nutrition from Liverpool John Moore's University, UK and a MSc in Food Science Tech from Victoria University, Melbourne. She also holds a Certificate of Training in Childhood and Adolescent Weight Management from American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The latest addition to the list is a Certificate in Nutrigenomics, recognised by NUGO Netherlands.

Consulted more than 20000 patients in India and aboard during a career spanning 16 years.

Life Member of the Indian Dietetic Association and American Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly known as the American Dietetic Association)

Columnist, t2, The Telegraph since last 12 years

Founder of Health Food Cafe - Eat Good Food

Mantra - provide nutrition solutions beyond the diet chart.

For more details, please check

www.henanafis.com.



Neha Singhal
Council Member
Design

A perfectionist by nature, I have a passion for art and creativity – it flows to me naturally and my biggest satisfaction comes from helping people in whatever way I can.

I completed my graduation in Mass Communication from St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata and worked in Mumbai with Om Films International. I also made a social documentary film which was aired on Doordarshan along with my interview. In my free time I like to indulge in photography and filming.

I completed my professional course from Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in New York and I am a certified jewellery professional and gemologist. I work as a freelance jeweller and have designed some fabulous bridal jewellery for my friends and family.

I have been associated with ALL since the year 2018 and have designed all their creatives and event invitations. I actively participate in social activities and charity events.

My introduction would be incomplete without mention of my two young boys and the can-do attitude that I try to instill in them.



**Vinita More
Council Member
Finance and Investment**

I, Vinita More, am a Business Administration expert, a full time Investor and an aspiring Marketing professional. After graduating with a Finance Background, I was an article with Price Waterhouse Coopers for 3 years. I have been an entrepreneur and have headed 200 employees, catered to 40 clients, have an experience of 25 years of leading and scaling up businesses and projects across 4 geographies. Entrepreneurship and scaling up business is what excites me the most. Also, planning Business Strategy and growing it through collaboration and association. I am also a mother of a brilliant daughter and take pride in bringing her up single handed.



**Shivani Tibrewal
Council Member
Child Care**

I am Shivani Tibrewal, 48 years old, from Tezpur . Assam & have been involved in business since past more than 15 years as Director of Singrimari Tea Estate (P) Limited & Proprietor of Disha Travels. I have also been instrumental in opening the first Montessori School “ Disha Montessori “ in Tezpur. I enjoy my work and like to keep busy. My philosophy of life in work is “Either you have results or you have excuses” & so I try to give my 100% in whatever responsibility I give shoulder to.



**Alka Didwania
Council Member
Social Development**

Alka is a conscientious person who is involved in her family business of trading. She has been a member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee for the past 20 years and has served on the committee in various positions. She is a member of FLO and was in the managing committee. She is actively involved in many social and charitable activities. She is actively involved with Parivarikee which is a charitable organisation running a school for poor children and vocational classes like sewing and beautician classes for upliftment of women.



**Farah Khan
Council Member
Textile and Handloom**

Farah Khan is an Army Wife and a woman entrepreneur who manufactures and specializes in Kantha hand embroidered textiles of West Bengal. Her hand embroidered Kantha saris, dupattas, stoles and accessories are unique and special. She is very passionate about working in the handicrafts sector and reviving hand embroidered & hand made textiles. She opened her first retail Kantha Boutique in Fort William, Kolkata in Apr 2008.

She has exhibited her products in numerous countries all over the world and has rich experience and knowledge of the requirements of the textiles markets. All her products are made by artisans in rural villages and most of them are women. It brings work for these artisans directly at their doorstep and helps improve their quality of life.

She has led two delegations of women entrepreneurs to the University of St. Thomas Minneapolis USA for entrepreneurship training and worked as a consultant in National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(NI-MSME), Hyderabad. She has been a speaker and trainer on entrepreneurship development in numerous International Women's Conferences around the world.

With her grassroots understanding of the industry, relationships with the artisans and extensive experience across the national and international market, she strives to make a business that is sustainable, profitable and helps her artisans. Her goal is to help in scaling up the handmade textiles sector in India.



**Rupasree Roy
Council Member
Women and Child Welfare**

Rupasree is Founder Director of I. R. Foundation which closely work in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal. Through her institution she is promoting to use of sanitary napkins & install vending machine in many Government institutions, pay & use toilets in Kolkata and also monitors implementation of ICDS project across Kolkata. She has engaged a few rural ladies who are motivating the girls to maintain menstrual hygiene. She has done Master Training on Child Protection under ICPS scheme. Their organization has many centers for child welfare and education services in Bankura. Rupasree holds a possession an External Member of Ethical Committee in a Government Hospital and also she's the Member of Internal Complaints Committee in various Institutions.

Besides she takes care of their family business of media house and construction. She is a passionate Bharatnatyam dancer and performed in many well-known events. Her work in the field of child protection and women empowerment is recognized by various governmental and nongovernmental board of West Bengal. Through her institution she is promoting Women Empowerment by giving training for handcrafted goods and support them for earnings. Rupasree is a passionate Aunty/Didi for the Street Children under the purview of her work territory. Through her organization, she has motivated the girls from the age of 10-15 to participate in regular football coaching classes under the supervision of Kolkata Police.

Rupasree needs all your blessings to walk through the rest contributions to the society and support the vulnerable community to be enlightened by the Education and spirit of Love.



**Subha Pal
Council Member
Education Technology, Services
& Research**

Graduation with Honours from Lady Brabourne College, Kolkata

Masters Degree in International Relations from The Jadavpur University ,Kolkata.

Earned a fellowship from prestigious United Nations, headquartered in New York, to present a special Project on International Politics.

Also earned a second post graduate degree From New York University, New York.

Back In India joined (as a free lancer)Television (Media) as an Anchor and Presenter and Writer of many successful Television shows on Industry, Community Projects and Awareness Programmes, Cultural Programmes ,Talk shows with Celebrities etc for more than a decade.

Got involved in writing for several stage productions with celebrity artists In Kolkata, India and Outside India and was widely covered in leading Print and Electronic medias.

Former Director of Corporate Communications, Manor Floatel Ltd. (2004 -2018).This was my stepping into the industry forum and involvement with Confederation of Indian Industry's Women Empowerment

Rotary Experience- Member of Rotary Club of Calcutta.

Attended International conferences, visited Rotary Head Quarter, and was the roving Ambassador of the Club visiting Rotary Clubs in several countries like Thailand, Singapore, London, New York, Germany, Scotland and many others in a span of 30 years.



**Pooja Kumar
Council Member
Start Up Council**

A Chartered Accountant, Pooja has worked for a decade in the Banking sector and has last held the post of Vice President in the SME sector with HSBC Bank at Pune. She has received several awards from ICICI Bank for outstanding performance.

She has also graduated from ISB and Goldman Sachs Women10k program for Women Entrepreneurship

Pooja founded smejoinup.com which is India's First Business Mall for Small Businesses – an initiative to mentor SME's and MSMEs to bridge their mutual expertise.

She also organized the First ever Talk Show for Children in Pune and founded www.5to15.in in 2019 where she showcases child prodigies and through this platform organizes knowledge sessions, workshops and seminars online for Parents and Children. She also maintains a Facebook group called 'Parenting Sessions and Q&A in this context.

She is an active member of ROUNDTABLE India which helps build schools for the underprivileged. She has been an active volunteer in TIE Pune. She regularly visits an orphanage to spend quality time with the children there.

Pooja believes that women empowerment has taken a big leap and feels that women entrepreneurs need to have a 'Voice.' She is committed to mentoring SMEs especially where women have a large role to play.

Pooja plays badminton on a daily basis and loves to spend time with her 3 year old daughter.



Dr. Dolly Gupta
Council Member
Lifestyle and Fitness

MBBS, MD(Dermatology), FIDS(Singapore), Certified in Trichology (USA).

Consultant Dermatologist, Hair Transplant & Cosmetic Surgeon.

Director & Owner D’CosMedics Clinic (Kolkata)

She is a well known Celebrity Aesthetic Dermatologist and Hair Transplant Surgeon in Kolkata. She’s the Director of D’CosMedics Clinic; one stop destination for all Skin, Hair, Antiaging and Laser treatment with the latest and most advanced technologies. After completing her MBBS and MD in Dermatology from GMCH, she was trained under best of the Aesthetic Physicians and Surgeons in India and abroad. She did her advanced trainings and fellowships in Antiaging, LASERS, Hair Transplantation and Cosmetic Surgeries from SINGAPORE and USA. She has been conferred with Women Achiever Awards like Naari Shakti Samman (2019), SHE Power(2019), SreeNandini(2018), Maitreyi(2017) and several other academic and Entrepreneur awards. She was also a part of the Women Delegation Team to China as “Women Change Makers Of Bengal”. She is regularly invited for lectures, workshops and trainings by corporates, reputed organisations, airlines, beauty pageants and on social medias to share her expertise. Her clients include well known Actors and people from film industry, Singers, Models, Sports personalities, Politicians, Bureaucrats etc.



Urmi Chatterji
Council Member
Science and Technology

Urmi Chatterji obtained her Bachelor's degree from Presidency College, Masters' degree in Zoology (gold medalist) from the University of Calcutta, and PhD from the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, India (1998). From 1998 to 2003, she was at the University of California at San Francisco and Berkeley, USA, as a post-doctoral researcher, where she worked in the field of Cancer Biology. She has been serving as a faculty of University of Calcutta since 2004. In 2008, she received the BOYSCAST fellowship award from the Department of Science and Technology, to conduct research on stem cells at Cornell University, New York. Her work focuses on evaluating the mechanism of cancer progression and developing natural products as prospective anti-cancer drugs. Her recent work focuses on characterization of cancer stem cells from human tumors and mechanisms to overcome chemo resistance, using drug-loaded nanoparticles to specifically target cancer stem cells within solid tumors. She has several extra-mural funds and publications to her credit. She has also served as a subject expert on different academic assignments, as part of the Institutional Governance responsibilities, in different colleges and Universities, such as recruitment and promotion of teachers in different colleges and Universities. She has been invited by the Birla Industrial and Technological Museum (BITM), Kolkata, for delivering mentorship lectures to students from schools in different districts in West Bengal. She has also delivered several invited popular lectures on education and awareness in different schools in Kolkata, including Delhi Public School, St Augustine and Birla Bharati.

Memberships of Scientific Organizations:

- 1. Life Member, Indian Association for Cancer Research (IACR)**
- 2. Life Member and Assistant Secretary (2009-13), The Zoological Society, Kolkata**
- 3. Member, Senate, University of Calcutta (2007-2012)**
- 4. Member, Animal Facility Committee, University of Calcutta (2008-2013)**
- 5. Paper setter for CSIR-NET examination, New Delhi (Since 2010)**
- 6. Vice-President, The Cytometry Society, India (2019-2021)**
- 7. Convener, Academic Excellence Committee, University of Calcutta (2015-2016)**
- 8. Member, Ph.D. Committee, Dept. of Zoology, CU (2017-2021)**



**Gunjan Saharia
Council Member
Farming**

Gunjan Saharia, has been living in Dibrugarh the tea garden city of Upper Assam since the last 37 years. So it was but natural for a city bred person to take time in learning the simple ways of home gardening. Inspired by her husband's passion for " Organic Farming", it rubbed off on her, and she started the organic way of growing vegetables and fruits within her compound in Dibrugarh.

The organic motto being "To give back to this earth what comes from it" Going by the need of the day of chemical free foods, she now has a lot of her own organic produce from her own farms in Jaipur and Arunachal Pradesh .To name a few Green Tea, Haldi, Wheat, Amla, Dals and a lot of Spices.

Also an Educator by profession she runs a secondary CBSE SCHOOL started by her in Dibrugarhand been an honorary Principal for the last 21 years. "to give back to society what it has given you"