



VIDYA SHANKAR CHAKRAVARTHY



WORK HISTORY

RELIEF FOUNDATION 1998 - present Founder | Managing trustee

- Originally set up to find rehabilitation solutions for children in distress and in institutional care.
- Extensively work with children in the Juvenile and Observational homes in Chennai
- Engaged primarily in the strengthening rural preprimary and primary education for children to prevent delinquency and drop outs.
- Offered life coaching for youth and adolescents
- Provided seed money and training for socio educational entrepreneurship projects
- Administer Teaching Fellowships for youths to head village centers
- Offered basic English and Montessori orientation courses for more than 25 participants prior to the commencement of their AMI 3-6 or 6-12 diplomas
- Continued collaboration with said participants in the venture to to promote liberal and developmental education for children across economic criteria.
- Oversaw the building of Wayanad Girijana Seva Trust , with the funding of CARE Education UK.
- Established five Montessori Rural Resource Centers in Jamunamarathur (2015), Narasingapuram (2015), Baripada (2021), Madanapalle (2021) and Varandarappilly (2022)
- Commenced the establishment of another Rural Center in Midnapore, West Bengal.
- Developed a path breaking tool to measure the Child Rights Compliance Index  in schools

CASCADE FLS 2011 - present Founder | Mentor

- Conceived and developed a new parent led Montessori educational resource centre model in the city.
- Orchestrated its transition into a fully-autonomous educational eco-system, offering Montessori programs across ages 2-18.
- Effectively designed and delivered ad hoc materials during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Successfully transformed it into a GREEN campus, with recycling, upcycling and composting
- Organized a tie up with its parent organization Relief Foundation to offer farm based experiences for its adolescent students.

AWAKEN TO LIFE 2022 - present Founder | Proprietor

- Formed ATL as a consultation resource for training educators, parents, youth, social workers, and corporate houses
- Developed services to guide and support the creation of good social capital, understanding responsibilities and the future of children

SUDATTA 1995 - present Founding member

- Created a network of current and potential adoptive parents throughout the country
- Offering counseling and support programs for parents and children
- Developed and provided parenting programs called "Nurturing Empowered Children"

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PERSONAL DETAILS

📅 Birth date: 15 May 1965

🇮🇳 Nationality: Indian

🏠 Current residence: Chennai

PROFILE

I am a passionate advocate of the Montessori system of education and my primary goal is to provide and maintain access to those who may not have the means. I am specialized in setting up and augmenting existing systems into something more magnetic, resourceful and people friendly.

EDUCATION

BTech Chemical Engineering

1986

ACTech Anna University, Chennai

- First Class with Distinction

ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

JUVENILE WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

2001 - 2007

Chairperson | Adjudicating member

- Served in the Juvenile Justice court as an adjudicating member, for the rehabilitation of children
- Conducted training sessions for over 3000 teachers and Juvenile Justice Professionals on Child Rights and Child psychology besides laws related to children
- Created public surveys on Child Rights Awareness
- Offered webinars to over 1000 young parents to empower them with information on conscious parenting practices to prevent juvenile delinquency
- Took the role of honorary CEO of the CSR branch of Shriram Group of Companies, and anchored programs that covered over 9000 children every year in Government Juvenile Homes, and Schools.
- Continued support for Child Rights and Juvenile Justice Professionals, the Police Department, National Judicial Academy and Judicial Officers on child rights laws.
- Conceived and implemented the Co Management concept of Government Children's Homes and Observation homes
- Headed a committee to review the implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act by the Juvenile Justice Boards across the country, set up by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in 2007
- Researched and created a comprehensive report on the functioning of the Juvenile Justice Boards in select states in the country
- Conducted Children's Laws and Rights lectures in the National Judicial Academy, National Television channels and Criminology, Psychology Departments, and the University of Madras.

MONTESSORI COLLABORATIONS

2003 - present

- Presented a session on "Building Montessori Families" in the Fifth Assembly of Education sans Frontiers in 2016
- Conducted two sessions at the Montessori Institute of North Texas on Building Montessori Families and Montessori for underserved communities, as a part of their continuing course program for administrators and guides.
- Mentored schools in Vietnam's underserved areas
- Collaborated with 3. Beijing AISEE Montessori Education, China and Leaderjoy Imp & Exp Co Ltd which donated an entire classroom worth of materials for our rural projects
- Developed and organized Montessori outreach programs in villages about education, women empowerment, and good parenting practices

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS AND POSITIONS

2018 - present

- Established and served as the President A C Tech Alumni Association (ACTAA) from 2018 to 2022
- Lead and anchored the 75th Platinum jubilee celebrations of ACTech, Anna University in Dec 2019
- Currently serving as Directors of A C Tech Research Foundation, which seeks to fund and nurture the Research Eco-system in the College
- Member of the Committee for Internal Complaints Committee on Sexual Harassment in workplaces BSNL, CSIR and Anna University

CERTIFICATIONS

PD Diploma in Child Rights Law 2010

National Law School of India University, Bangalore

AMI Montessori 6-12 Diploma 2010

Navadisha Montessori Foundation, Chennai

AMI Orientation to Adolescent Studies 2020


Train Montessori, Colorado

AMI Montessori Sports Fundamentals 2021

Montessori Sports, AMI

NCMPS Coaches Training 2021

National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector

DERS Certification  2021

National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector

NCMPS Child Study Training 2021

National Center for Montessori in the Public Sector

LANGUAGES

English



Tamil | தமிழ்



Malayalam | മലയാളം



Kannada | ಕನ್ನಡ



Hindi | हिंदी




Italian



SKILLS


- Development of conscious parenting programs
- Networking and collaborating
- Portrait, landscape and still-life artistry
- Writing articles

ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS

AMI ESF for Child Rights  2020

Indian Express EdEx LIVE  2021

The Hindu  2014

AMI ESF  2016

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

NVG and BRR Report consulting and training to Corporates.

2002 to Present

Work done in this sector

- Parameters for recruitment and training of rural school teachers and principals.
- Rural School Leadership program for community development and effective school management.
- Indicators and testing methods for teacher quality and deliverables.
- Early childhood education impact in villages.
- Survey of women headed families and its implications.
- Laws and safeguards for women in workplaces, a compilation.
- Health and Nutrition awareness programs on self care with natural living practices in rural areas.

EXPERIENCE

NVG training for HR Teams in Shriram Group, Congruent Solutions Pvt Ltd.

2010 to recent

Trustee and Honorary Project Head for CSR -Development and Education Projects for children, of the Shriram Group of companies – Shriram Foundation - covering about 10000 children

1999 to 2014

Member of POSH Committees for over 10 companies and Govt organisations

2013 to present

SKILLS

- Developing parameters for impact indication in each kind of Social enterprise
- Training on NVG for Social workers and HR Teams.
- Editing Business Responsibility Reports.
- Training ICC members on POSH related procedures and Laws
- Training HR personnel on field surveys and impact assessment on pre-determined or in-situ parameters of the CSR projects

