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# **DR. AVINASH SAKUNDE**

## **FOUNDER & GLOBAL VISIONARY LEADER**

Dr. Avinash Sakunde stands as a distinguished global leader whose work bridges business excellence, social responsibility, and human rights advocacy. As the Founder of Washington Post Magazine, he has envisioned a platform that highlights leadership, innovation, and meaningful global impact.


With a doctorate in Human Rights and decades of professional experience, Dr. Sakunde has earned recognition from numerous national and international institutions for his unwavering commitment to ethical leadership and sustainable development. His journey reflects a rare blend of intellectual depth, entrepreneurial foresight, and humanitarian values.

Under his leadership, Washington Post Magazine has evolved into a respected voice that celebrates changemakers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and thought leaders across industries. The magazine focuses on stories that inspire progress, promote transparency, and encourage social harmony on a global scale.

Dr. Sakunde's contributions extend beyond publishing. He actively advises organizations on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), leadership development, and social innovation. His guidance has empowered small, medium, and large enterprises to align growth with purpose, creating long-term value for communities and stakeholders alike.

A firm believer in inclusive growth, Dr. Sakunde continues to advocate for education, equality, and innovation as pillars of global advancement. His leadership philosophy emphasizes integrity, resilience, and forward-thinking—qualities that have earned him respect across borders.

As Washington Post Magazine expands its global footprint, Dr. Avinash Sakunde remains committed to amplifying impactful voices and shaping conversations that matter. His work serves as an inspiration to emerging leaders worldwide, demonstrating how vision and responsibility can create lasting change.



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## HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

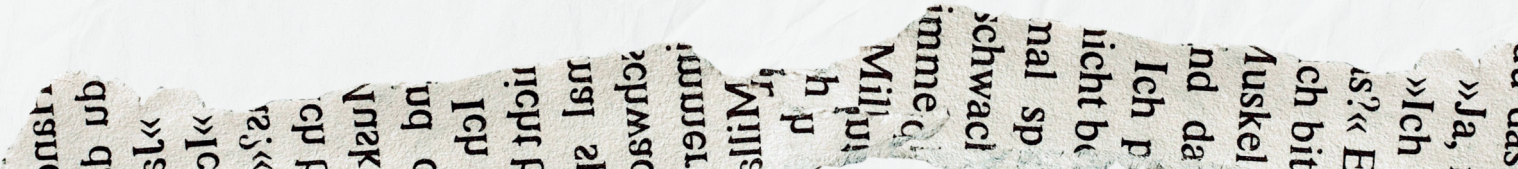
The Manufacturing Renaissance

**Ho Chi Minh City** represents the new face of global manufacturing. As companies diversify supply chains away from China, Vietnam's largest city has captured significant investment in electronics, semiconductors, and textiles. The city's younger population, lower wages than developed economies, and improving infrastructure have made it attractive for companies seeking to optimize costs without sacrificing quality. ASEAN's economic integration is accelerating Ho Chi Minh City's transformation into a regional financial hub.

## NEW DELHI, INDIA

Policy, Entrepreneurship, and Demographic Power

**New Delhi's** rise is driven by India's massive consumer market and policy reforms favoring entrepreneurship. The national capital houses the highest concentration of venture capital funding in India and serves as the headquarters for government initiatives supporting digital transformation. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), launched from New Delhi, has revolutionized digital payments for 400+ million users, illustrating how policy innovation in this city ripples across continents.







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## SUZHOU, CHINA

The Industrial Precision Hub

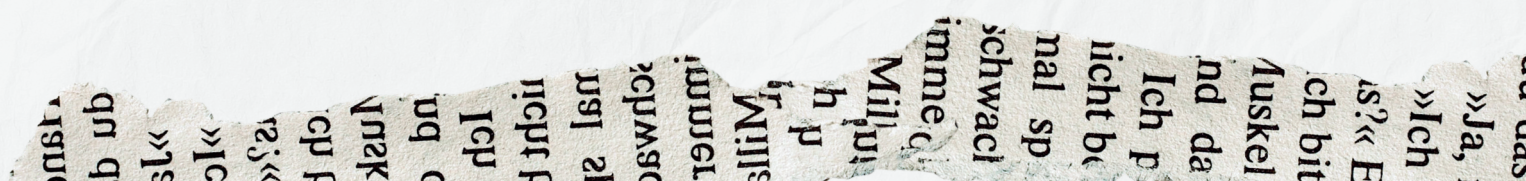
Suzhou represents China's commitment to high-precision manufacturing and environmental sustainability. The city's tech parks house semiconductor fabrication plants and advanced manufacturing facilities. Unlike many Chinese cities, Suzhou has maintained green spaces and implemented environmental standards rivaling developed nations, making it a model for sustainable industrial development.



## SINGAPORE

The Global Financial Crossroads

Singapore's position as Asia's most developed city-state has strengthened through its role as a fintech center and gateway for global capital flowing into Asia. The city-state's political stability, efficient governance, and strategic location have made it the preferred headquarters for regional operations for multinational corporations. Its investments in AI and biotech research are positioning it as a technology leader, not merely a financial intermediary.



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## TORONTO, CANADA

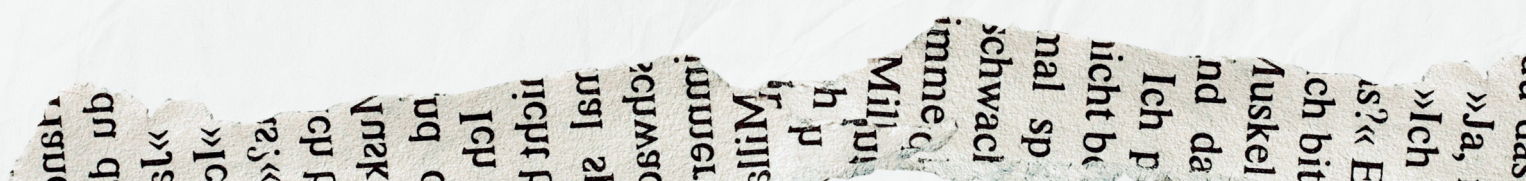
North America's Emerging Powerhouse



**Toronto's** rise as a technology and financial hub has accelerated through immigration policies attracting global talent. The city has cultivated strengths in AI research, fintech, and biotech. Unlike cities reliant on single industries, Toronto's diversified economy and cosmopolitan culture have made it attractive to both companies and individuals seeking an alternative to American tech hubs.

### Common Threads Binding These Cities

All ten cities share characteristics that predict future prominence: young, educated populations; government policies supporting entrepreneurship; infrastructure investments in transportation and technology; and openness to international migration and capital. Notably, seven of the ten are in Asia, reflecting the continent's economic ascendancy. These cities are not merely economic engines but incubators for cultural innovation, demonstrating that the future is increasingly multipolar, with prosperity dispersed across geographies rather than concentrated in traditional Western centers.



# The Young Achiever Redefining Talent at 14

# Ayush Grover

At just 14 years of age, Ayush Grover has already built a profile that many aspire to achieve over years of dedication. A student of Class 6 at Guru Harkrishan Public School, New Delhi, Ayush stands as a perfect blend of creativity, confidence, intelligence, and discipline.

His journey into the world of fashion and modeling began early, and today he proudly carries multiple national-level recognitions. Ayush was declared **Winner - 1st Prize (Photoshoot Category)** at the National Online Talent Championship - Best Talents of India 2025, organized by Glitz & Glory. He was also awarded the prestigious title of **"Champion of Delhi"** for his outstanding performance and creativity in the National Level Online Contest - India's Festive Maharathi 2025.



## # A Rising Star in Fashion, Technology & Talent

His achievements are reflected in his certificates and awards presented by Glitz & Glory and other national platforms. The recognition celebrates not just his appearance, but his professionalism, confidence before the camera, and creative expression in the photoshoot category.

Ayush has worked on multiple e-commerce photoshoots for leading platforms such as Flipkart, Amazon, Meesho, and Etsy, showcasing western wear for kids with remarkable confidence and style. His natural expressions and camera presence have helped him stand out among young models.

He has also been a Finalist in the Ramp Walk Show organized by Victory Ventures Talent Promotion, further strengthening his presence in the fashion and modeling industry. Currently, Ayush is associated with Blitz Today as a model, representing the brand with dedication and professionalism.

In addition to commercial shoots, Ayush has participated in calendar shoots and online modeling contests, earning accolades and appreciation for his consistency and versatility. His journey in modeling reflects discipline, creativity, and a fearless attitude toward learning.

# Ayush Grover

What truly makes Ayush exceptional is his balance between glamour and academics. While many recognize him for his modeling achievements, his academic excellence is equally inspiring.

Ayush secured 1st Position in a Computer Competition at his institute, scoring a perfect 100/100 marks—a testament to his technical skills and logical thinking. He has a deep interest in coding, video editing, and web designing, and spends his time learning and experimenting with digital tools and software.

His technological excellence reached a new milestone when he was honored by the Genius Book of Records for achieving the remarkable feat of typing the alphabet in 5.015 seconds, earning the title:

**“Outstanding Alphabet Typing Speed at 5.015 Seconds.”**



## # Beyond the Camera : A Genius in Technology & Academics

As mentioned in the official certificate (Presented on 18 January 2026), Ayush set a new benchmark among young achievers with his exceptional typing speed, technical aptitude, and disciplined focus. This accomplishment highlights not only speed but concentration, accuracy, and determination.

Apart from technology, Ayush also excels in communication skills. He secured 2nd Position in a Public Speaking Contest, proving his confidence extends from the stage to the classroom and beyond. His ability to express ideas clearly complements his creative and technical strengths.

Despite losing his father, Late Rajesh Grover, at a young age, Ayush continues to move forward with resilience and strength under the guidance and support of his mother, Jyoti Bala. Her encouragement has played a vital role in shaping his journey.



### The Vision Ahead

Ayush Grover represents the new generation of multi-talented youth—where fashion meets intelligence, and creativity blends with technology.

From national modeling titles to record-breaking typing speed, from perfect academic scores to public speaking accolades, Ayush is steadily building a foundation for an extraordinary future.

With unwavering determination, continuous learning, and a passion for excellence, this young achiever from New Delhi is not just participating—he is leading, inspiring, and redefining what it means to be talented at 14.

# G. Mohan Rao's

## 64,000 km Journey



### Redefining Retirement

At 77, when many slow down and settle into routine comforts, G. Mohan Rao from Mysuru, Karnataka, is still accelerating. A retired Assistant Controller from the Defence Accounts Department (Class of 2009), Rao chose not to let retirement define his limits. Instead, he redefined retirement itself.

His athletic journey began not in youth, but at 65 – in September 2014 – with a simple goal: stay fit. What followed was not just a fitness routine, but a transformation into one of India's most inspiring senior endurance athletes. Over the past decade, Rao has turned discipline into distance, and distance into legacy.

His guiding mantra, "I Can, I Will," has powered him across an astonishing 64,365 kilometers of running and walking – a distance that symbolizes far more than numbers. It represents resilience, reinvention, and relentless belief.

## The Ageless Athlete

### A Record-Breaking Decade of Discipline

In just twelve years, Rao has achieved milestones that even seasoned athletes half his age admire.

He has covered over 64,000 kilometers, with an officially recognized 54,678 kilometers completed in a decade, earning him the title of "365 Days Fitness Runner" from the Web World Record. His journey has also been acknowledged by the India Book of Records and the United States Global Merit Record in December 2025 for extraordinary dedication to endurance fitness.

From Indian metro cities like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru to international tracks in Dallas and Denver, USA, Rao has conquered races ranging from 5 KM to 30 KM. His consistency stands as his greatest medal – a six-time finisher of the HDOR 100 Days of Running challenge and a top performer in virtual competitions such as the Run100 Days Virtual Challenge.

In 2024 alone, his Strava data recorded an impressive 5,215 kilometers over 351 active days – proof that his commitment is not occasional, but almost daily.

One of his proudest competitive moments came during the 2020 Delhi Half Marathon, where he secured 1st place in the M70 and above category, clocking a remarkable 1:13:57 – a timing that reaffirms that age is merely a statistic.

# G. Mohan Rao's 64,000 km Journey

## More Than a Runner – A Role Model

Living at No. 2 Pinnacle Pearl Layout, Srirampura, Mysuru, Rao is not just a marathoner – he is a motivator. His journey sends a powerful message to retirees and senior citizens across India and beyond:

Retirement is not the end of productivity; it is the beginning of personal freedom.

Through thousands of kilometers, hundreds of medals, and global recognition, he has become a living testament that vitality does not fade with age – it flourishes with purpose.



## The Trophy Cabinet: Medals That Tell a Story

Behind every medal is a mile, and behind every mile is a mindset. Rao's cabinet proudly holds:

- **345 Finisher Medals**
- **43 Podium Trophies**
- **Bharat Ganatantra Gaurav 2026 - Recognizing perseverance and lifelong fitness commitment**
- **India Proud Award 2023 - Best Fitness & Multi-Talented Award**
- **United States Global Merit Record Recognition - December 2025**

Each honor celebrates more than athletic success – it celebrates consistency. Rao's achievements demonstrate that fitness is not about speed alone, but about sustainability.

## The Philosophy: Investing in the “Evening of Life”

For G. Mohan Rao, fitness is not a hobby – it is a strategy. He calls it his “Evening of Life Investment Plan.”

“Running,” he says, “is the capital you invest daily to earn the interest of good health.”

His advice is practical, powerful, and accessible:

- **The 30-60 Rule:** Dedicate at least 30 to 60 minutes daily to walking if running is not possible.
- **Consistency Over Intensity:** Regular movement matters more than extreme performance.
- **Listen to Your Body:** Discipline must coexist with awareness. Longevity is the goal.

He emphasizes that physical activity is not reserved for the young – it is essential for those who wish to age gracefully, actively, and independently.

## Profile Snapshot

**Name:** G. Mohan Rao

**Age:** 77 Years

**Location:** Mysuru, Karnataka

**Total Distance Covered:** 64,365 KM

**Key Recognitions:** Web World Record, India Book of Records, United States Global Merit Record, Bharat Ganatantra Gaurav

## A Special Recognition

This edition also proudly acknowledges Ms. Deepika Goel, Senior Consultant, recipient of the Great Indian Parliament Award for her commendable service in Education, Healthcare, and Humanitarian support. Her dedication to social upliftment and public service reflects the same spirit of commitment and excellence that defines this cover story.

## Closing Reflection

G. Mohan Rao's story is not about racing against competitors – it is about racing against limitation.

At 77, he stands as proof that the human spirit does not retire. It reinvents, rebuilds, and runs – one determined step at a time.

# *Dr. Brishti Mukherjee*



## **Illuminating Minds Through Literature and Education**

In the evolving landscape of education and literature, few individuals embody the perfect blend of academic excellence, creative expression, and inspirational teaching like Dr. (h.c) Brishti Mukherjee. An accomplished educator, author, and literary voice, she has dedicated her life to nurturing young minds while contributing significantly to contemporary literature.

Born in West Bengal, Dr. Mukherjee's academic journey reflects extraordinary dedication and intellectual brilliance. She completed her B.A. (Honours) in English from Raghunathpur College, graduating as a Gold Medalist, and went on to pursue her M.A. in English Literature from Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, Purulia. Her commitment to education continued with a B.Ed. from Purnadisha Joychandi Teacher Training College and an M.Ed. from ABS Academy, Durgapur. Her academic rigor is further demonstrated by qualifying the prestigious NET/SET examinations four times and emerging as a topper in NPTEL online courses from IIT Madras on three occasions.



*“In the quiet embrace of shadows, the soul finds its truest voice, whispering truths that daylight never dares to reveal.”*

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Her teaching career reflects both passion and excellence. After qualifying CTET, she began mentoring aspiring scholars as an expert educator for UGC NET English Literature at Unacademy, guiding countless students toward academic success. She later served as PGT English at Kendriya Vidyalaya Adra and currently continues her impactful teaching journey as TGT English at Rajkamal Saraswati Vidya Mandir, Dhanbad, Jharkhand. Her dedication to shaping future generations extends beyond textbooks—she inspires critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and creative expression among her students.

Alongside her teaching career, Dr. Mukherjee has emerged as a powerful literary voice. Her poetry collection, *Serenade for Shadows*, explores the depths of human emotions, reflections, and inner journeys, capturing the essence of life’s subtle and profound moments. Her second book, *Ink & Insight: Whispers on The Page*, presents a remarkable collection of 47 articles covering academics, psychology, nature, and personal reflections, expressing her observations of human experience and intellectual exploration. As she beautifully expresses in the preface, her writing is inspired by observation, emotional depth, and the desire to connect with readers on a deeper level.

Her works reflect her profound love for literature, nature, and the complexity of human emotions. With 13 journal publications and 6 book chapters, she has contributed extensively to academic and literary discourse, establishing herself as both a scholar and a creative thinker.

### **Literary Excellence, Recognition, and a Legacy in the Making**

Dr. Brishti Mukherjee’s literary and academic contributions have earned her national and international recognition. Her passion for literature and commitment to educational excellence have led to numerous prestigious honors. She has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Rising Achievers Award Council, recognizing her remarkable contribution to education and literature.

### Her achievements include:

- International Icon Award 2026
- National Book of World Records 2026
- Influencer Book of World Records 2026
- Rabindranath Tagore Hall of Fame Award
- Stage Fame Literary Honour Award
- Bharat Ratna Iconic Achievers Award
- Women Academic Excellence Award 2026
- International Excellence Award 2026
- Legacy of Literature Award 2026

These honors stand as a testament to her relentless pursuit of excellence and her commitment to inspiring others through knowledge and creativity.

Her book *Ink & Insight* reflects her intellectual depth and emotional sensitivity, presenting thoughtful reflections on education, human psychology, and societal realities. Her writings explore the struggles of teachers, the evolving nature of education, and the importance of curiosity, creativity, and compassion in learning. She highlights how literature serves as a reflection of human experience and a powerful tool for personal and societal transformation.

As an educator, Dr. Mukherjee believes that teaching is not merely a profession but a mission to empower minds and shape futures. Her dedication extends beyond the classroom, as she actively contributes to literary culture through writing, research, and mentorship.

Her journey represents the perfect harmony between academic excellence and creative brilliance. She stands as an inspiration for aspiring educators, writers, and students, proving that with passion, perseverance, and purpose, one can create a lasting impact on society.



### Published Books – Available Online

#### **Serenade for Shadows – Poetry Collection**

##### **Flipkart:**

<https://www.flipkart.com/serenade-shadows-poetry-soul/p/itm7f604531b2416>

##### **Amazon:**

<https://amzn.in/d/4BIYKwZ>

#### **Ink & Insight: Whispers on The Page – Articles Collection**

##### **Flipkart:**

<https://www.flipkart.com/product/p/itme?pid=9789374068250>

##### **Amazon:**

<https://www.amazon.in/dp/9374068257>

##### **Google Play Books:**

<https://play.google.com/store/books/details?id=bp-9EQAAQBAJ>

### **Conclusion: A Voice That Inspires Generations**

Dr. (h.c) Brishti Mukherjee represents the ideal fusion of scholar, educator, and literary artist. Her unwavering dedication to education, her profound literary contributions, and her commitment to nurturing creativity have established her as a distinguished figure in modern academia and literature.

Through her words, she not only writes –but enlightens, inspires, and transforms lives.



## A Grand Panchahnika Tapotsav was organized at the Shri Chintamani Parshvanath Jain Temple to mark the completion of the 100th Oli of Vardhaman Tapa.

As a highly sacred religious event highlighting the glorious tradition of penance, renunciation, and restraint in Jainism, a grand Panchahnika Tapotsav was organized at the Parshvanath Aradhana Bhavan of the Shri Chintamani Parshvanath Jain Temple in Ramnagar, Sabarmati. This Tapotsav was held in the holy presence of Gurudev Pt. H.H. Shri Ashok Sagar Surishwarji M.S., the inspiration behind the 108-foot tall Adinath Dada, the savior and guide of the Jambudweep, Nageshwar, Mandavgarh, and Manibhadra pilgrimage sites.

Through rigorous penance, continuous devotion, and a life of restraint, initiated at a young age, the life of Tapaswini Shri has become a living symbol of inspiration for society. During the Panchahnika Tapotsav, various austerity rituals were organized, including Tapavandana, Anumodana, Vinanti, Salutation to Shramanas and Shramanis, and the Udyapan of the five chhodes.

On this occasion, the diligent and humble H.H. H.H. Shri Saumyachandrasagar Surishwarji M.S., the worshiper of Vardhaman Tapa, H.H. H.H. Shri Vivekachandrasagar Surishwarji M.S., and the founder H.H. The auspicious occasion of the completion of the 100th Oli of Vardhaman Tapaswini, a disciple of Shri Dhairyachandrasagarji M.S. and H.H. Shri Vasantprabhashreeji M.S., was celebrated with the divine power of penance.



On this auspicious occasion, the Parna was performed with the blessings of Shri Jain Dharmik Shikshan Sangh's Deputy Chief Trustee Sanjay Jeevanlal Shah and Alpa Sanjay Shah, Deputy Chief of the Women's Department. This auspicious occasion was celebrated with reverence and devotion on February 1, 2026 (Sunday).



# आदिवासी अधिकारों की मजबूत आवाज डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम

सेवा, संघर्ष और संवैधानिक प्रतिबद्धता  
की प्रेरक कहानी

भारत के लोकतांत्रिक ढांचे में संविधान सभी नागरिकों को समान अधिकार और अवसर प्रदान करता है। लेकिन समाज के कई वर्ग ऐसे भी हैं जिन्हें इन अधिकारों को प्राप्त करने के लिए लगातार संघर्ष करना पड़ता है। ऐसे ही संघर्ष और सामाजिक समर्पण की मिसाल हैं डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम, जिन्होंने अपना जीवन आदिवासी समुदाय के अधिकारों, सम्मान और विकास के लिए समर्पित कर दिया है।

पिछले तीन दशकों से अधिक समय से डॉ. पेंडाम आदिवासी समाज के लिए आवाज उठाते रहे हैं। उनका विश्वास है कि भारतीय संविधान केवल एक कानूनी दस्तावेज नहीं, बल्कि समाज के कमजोर और वंचित वर्गों के लिए न्याय, समानता और गरिमा का आधार है। इसी विचारधारा के साथ उन्होंने आदिवासी समाज के मुद्दों को राष्ट्रीय स्तर तक पहुँचाने का महत्वपूर्ण कार्य किया।

डॉ. पेंडाम ने विभिन्न सामाजिक और संवैधानिक मंचों के माध्यम से आदिवासी समाज के अधिकारों को मजबूत करने के लिए निरंतर प्रयास किए। उन्होंने



आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में भूमि, वन अधिकार, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और रोजगार से जुड़े मुद्दों को उठाकर सरकार और प्रशासन का ध्यान इन समस्याओं की ओर आकर्षित किया।

उनके प्रयासों का एक महत्वपूर्ण पहलू मानवाधिकारों की रक्षा से जुड़ा रहा है। लगातार संघर्ष और जनआंदोलन के माध्यम से उन्होंने आदिवासी समाज के सामने आने वाली समस्याओं को सामने लाने का कार्य किया। उनके प्रयासों के परिणामस्वरूप कई महत्वपूर्ण प्रशासनिक और कानूनी निर्णय भी लिए गए, जिनसे आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के विकास और अधिकारों की रक्षा को नई दिशा मिली।

डॉ. पेंडाम का मानना है कि किसी भी समाज का वास्तविक विकास तभी संभव है जब उसके सबसे कमजोर वर्ग को न्याय और अवसर मिले। इसी सोच के साथ उन्होंने अपने जीवन को सामाजिक सेवा और जनजागरण के कार्यों में समर्पित किया।

# सामाजिक परिवर्तन के लिए समर्पित एक आंदोलन

## डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम

डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम का कार्य केवल अधिकारों की बात तक सीमित नहीं है, बल्कि उन्होंने जमीनी स्तर पर समाज निर्माण के लिए भी अनेक पहल की हैं। उन्होंने आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, सामाजिक जागरूकता और आत्मनिर्भरता को बढ़ावा देने के लिए कई कार्यक्रमों का संचालन किया।

उनके नेतृत्व में नशामुक्ति अभियान, अंधविश्वास के विरुद्ध जागरूकता कार्यक्रम, महिला सशक्तिकरण, शिक्षा के प्रसार और युवाओं को मार्गदर्शन देने जैसे कई महत्वपूर्ण सामाजिक प्रयास किए गए। उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों के लिए मार्गदर्शन केंद्र और पुस्तकालय स्थापित करने जैसे कदम भी उठाए, जिससे ग्रामीण और आदिवासी युवाओं को शिक्षा और विकास के नए अवसर मिल सकें।

आदिवासी संस्कृति, जल, जंगल और जमीन की रक्षा के लिए भी डॉ. पेंडाम ने लगातार आवाज उठाई है। उनका मानना है कि आदिवासी समुदाय की संस्कृति और परंपराएं भारत की सांस्कृतिक विरासत का महत्वपूर्ण हिस्सा हैं और उनका संरक्षण अत्यंत आवश्यक है।

उनकी पहल के कारण कई आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में विकास से जुड़े मुद्दों को गति मिली और स्थानीय लोगों को रोजगार तथा सामाजिक सुरक्षा से जुड़ी योजनाओं का लाभ प्राप्त होने लगा। उनके प्रयासों ने यह साबित किया कि संगठित प्रयास और दृढ़ संकल्प के माध्यम से समाज में सकारात्मक परिवर्तन लाया जा सकता है।



आदिवासी क्षेत्रों में भूमि, वन अधिकार, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य और रोजगार से जुड़े मुद्दों को उठाकर सरकार और प्रशासन का ध्यान इन समस्याओं की ओर आकर्षित किया।

उनके प्रयासों का एक महत्वपूर्ण पहलू मानवाधिकारों की रक्षा से जुड़ा रहा है। लगातार संघर्ष और जनआंदोलन के माध्यम से उन्होंने आदिवासी समाज के सामने आने वाली समस्याओं को सामने लाने का कार्य किया। उनके प्रयासों के परिणामस्वरूप कई महत्वपूर्ण प्रशासनिक और कानूनी निर्णय भी लिए गए, जिनसे आदिवासी क्षेत्रों के विकास और अधिकारों की रक्षा को नई दिशा मिली।

डॉ. पेंडाम का मानना है कि किसी भी समाज का वास्तविक विकास तभी संभव है जब उसके सबसे कमजोर वर्ग को न्याय और अवसर मिले। इसी सोच के साथ उन्होंने अपने जीवन को सामाजिक सेवा और जनजागरण के कार्यों में समर्पित किया।

### राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर सम्मान

डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम की सेवाओं और सामाजिक योगदान को राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय मंचों पर भी सराहा गया है। उन्हें विभिन्न प्रतिष्ठित पुरस्कारों और सम्मानों से सम्मानित किया जा चुका है। इनमें Pride of Nation Award (कोलंबो, श्रीलंका) और Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) – USA जैसी महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धियाँ शामिल हैं।

इसके अलावा उन्हें कई राष्ट्रीय मंचों पर भी सम्मानित किया गया है, जहाँ सामाजिक सेवा और नेतृत्व के क्षेत्र में उनके योगदान को विशेष रूप से सराहा गया। इन समारोहों में देश-विदेश के प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्तित्व, प्रशासनिक अधिकारी और विभिन्न देशों के प्रतिनिधि भी उपस्थित रहे।

आज डॉ. पेंडाम का कार्य केवल एक व्यक्ति की उपलब्धि नहीं बल्कि एक सामाजिक आंदोलन का प्रतीक बन चुका है। उनका जीवन यह संदेश देता है कि सच्चे समर्पण, साहस और संवैधानिक मूल्यों के प्रति आस्था के साथ समाज में स्थायी परिवर्तन संभव है।

डॉ. दिवाकर गुलाब पेंडाम की यह प्रेरणादायक यात्रा आने वाली पीढ़ियों के लिए एक मार्गदर्शक है। उनका समर्पण हमें यह याद दिलाता है कि जब कोई व्यक्ति समाज के हित को अपना उद्देश्य बना लेता है, तब वह परिवर्तन की एक नई कहानी लिख सकता है।

# World Heart Beat Awards 2026

## Celebrating Global Excellence in Music and Cultural Heritage

The global language of music once again united artists, institutions, and audiences at the prestigious World Heart Beat Awards 2026, hosted by the renowned World Heart Beat Music Academy in London. The event brought together some of the most respected figures in the international music and cultural community to celebrate extraordinary contributions to the preservation and promotion of world arts and heritage.

Held on 21st February 2026 at the elegant venue of World Heart Beat, Embassy Gardens in Nine Elms, London, the ceremony was organised as part of the special "Peace Through Music Concert." The evening featured mesmerizing performances by two legendary maestros—Sarangi virtuoso Ustad Kamal Sabri and tabla maestro Ustad Tari Khan—whose artistry exemplifies the timeless beauty and universal power of music.

The event served not only as an awards ceremony but also as a cultural celebration that highlighted how music can transcend borders, languages, and traditions. By bringing together artists and organisations from different parts of the world, the evening reinforced the idea that artistic expression plays a vital role in building global harmony and mutual understanding.



**International Museum Of The Saree Organisation receives The Innovative & Creative Excellence Award**



**Legendary Sarangi Exponent Ustad Kamal Sabri Recieving Global Iconic Artist Award**

### Honouring a Lifetime of Musical Dedication

One of the most prestigious recognitions of the evening, the Lifetime Achievement Award, was presented to the distinguished tabla maestro Ustad Sarvar Sabri (UK). The award acknowledged his remarkable contributions to the international music community and his decades-long dedication to promoting Indian classical music in the United Kingdom.

Ustad Sarvar Sabri is widely respected not only for his extraordinary mastery of the tabla but also for his role as a cultural ambassador of Indian music. Over the years, he has performed on numerous international stages, collaborated with artists across musical traditions, and mentored aspiring musicians through teaching and workshops. His work has helped introduce the richness of Indian rhythmic traditions to diverse audiences worldwide.

Through performances, educational initiatives, and cross-cultural collaborations, Ustad Sabri has contributed significantly to strengthening the global appreciation of classical music traditions. The Lifetime Achievement recognition stands as a testament to his enduring influence and dedication to the art form.

# World Heart Beat Awards 2026

## Celebrating Global Excellence in Music and Cultural Heritage



### **Recognising Innovation in Cultural Heritage**

The Innovative & Creative Excellence Award was presented to the International Museum of the Saree (USA) for its pioneering work in preserving and celebrating the cultural heritage of the saree on a global platform.

The organisation has played an important role in documenting the history, artistry, and cultural significance of the saree—one of the most iconic traditional garments in the world. Through exhibitions, research initiatives, and digital storytelling, the museum has successfully brought global attention to the artistic craftsmanship and cultural narratives woven into every saree.

By blending tradition with modern innovation, the International Museum of the Saree continues to create a global dialogue around heritage textiles and their significance in contemporary society. Its recognition at the World Heart Beat Awards highlights the importance of preserving cultural identity while embracing creative innovation.

### **Global Icons of Musical Heritage**

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Global Iconic Artist Award to two legendary musicians—Ustad Tari Khan (Pakistan) and Ustad Kamal Sabri (India)—whose contributions have had a profound impact on world music.

### **Ustad Tari Khan – A Master of Rhythm**

Ustad Tari Khan is widely regarded as one of the greatest living tabla masters. Known for his extraordinary technical brilliance and rhythmic creativity, he has mesmerized audiences across the globe. His performances combine precision, innovation, and deep emotional expression, making him a respected figure not only in classical music circles but also in the broader world music community.

Over the years, Ustad Tari Khan has collaborated with renowned musicians from various musical traditions, expanding the reach of classical percussion and introducing new audiences to the intricate beauty of tabla rhythms. His influence continues to inspire generations of musicians and students worldwide.

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## Celebrating Global Excellence in Music and Cultural Heritage



**Renowned Tabla Exponent Ustad Sarvar Sabri  
Receiving Lifetime Achievement Award**

### **Ustad Kamal Sabri – The Voice of the Sarangi**

Equally celebrated is Ustad Kamal Sabri, a legendary sarangi virtuoso and a seventh-generation representative of the historic Moradabad Gharana. Known for the deeply expressive and soulful sound of his instrument, he has played a crucial role in bringing the sarangi—a classical instrument once considered rare on international stages—to global recognition.

Through concerts, collaborations, and educational initiatives, Ustad Kamal Sabri has introduced audiences worldwide to the emotional depth and spiritual resonance of the sarangi. His dedication to preserving this ancient musical tradition while presenting it in contemporary contexts has made him a global cultural ambassador.

### **Music as a Bridge Between Cultures**

Speaking at the ceremony, Sahana Gero, Artistic Director of World Heart Beat, emphasized the deeper purpose behind the awards. She noted that the initiative was created to recognise artists and organisations whose lifelong dedication helps nurture, preserve, and promote the arts around the world.

Her remarks highlighted the importance of acknowledging individuals and institutions that work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that cultural traditions continue to thrive in an increasingly modern and globalised world.

### **A Celebration of Unity Through Art**

The World Heart Beat Awards 2026 ultimately stood as more than just an award ceremony—it was a celebration of artistic excellence, cultural heritage, and international collaboration. The evening demonstrated how music and art can serve as powerful tools for building bridges between cultures, communities, and nations.

As the performances concluded and the honourees were celebrated, the event left a lasting impression on all who attended. It reaffirmed the belief that creativity and cultural expression remain among humanity's most powerful forces for unity, peace, and inspiration.

Through initiatives like the World Heart Beat Awards, the global artistic community continues to recognise and support the individuals and organisations whose dedication ensures that the world's cultural treasures remain alive for generations to come.



**Legendary Tabla Exponent Ustad Tari Khan  
Receiving Global Iconic Artist Award**

# The Slow Death of Civil Discourse

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On any given day, the world's loudest arguments no longer take place in courtrooms, classrooms, or town halls. They erupt on glowing screens, scroll past in seconds, and vanish just as quickly—leaving behind a faint residue of anger, certainty, and exhaustion. We are more connected than at any other moment in history, yet the space for calm, reasoned disagreement seems to be shrinking. Civil discourse, once the quiet engine of democratic life, is not dying with a bang. It is fading with a scroll.

The change did not happen overnight. A generation ago, public disagreement still carried certain rituals: waiting your turn to speak, listening long enough to understand, and accepting that your opponent might be wrong without being evil. Today, disagreement is often framed as combat. The goal is not to persuade, but to win; not to understand, but to expose; not to build, but to dominate. In this new ecosystem, volume often substitutes for evidence, and outrage frequently outperforms reason.

This shift is not merely about manners. It is about the health of public life itself.



## **When Debate Became Performance:**

Modern public conversation has slowly transformed into a kind of performance art. Social media platforms reward speed, certainty, and emotional intensity. A carefully reasoned argument takes time to develop and even longer to read. A sharp insult or a viral slogan takes seconds—and spreads faster. Over time, the incentives shape the behavior. Thoughtfulness begins to feel inefficient. Nuance starts to look like weakness.

In earlier eras, disagreement was often filtered through institutions that demanded at least a minimum level of structure—newspapers, universities, parliaments, and public forums. These spaces were never perfect or fully inclusive, but they did impose some discipline on how arguments were made. Today, anyone can speak to everyone, which is a remarkable democratic achievement. But without shared norms, that openness can also turn into noise.

The result is a public square that feels less like a marketplace of ideas and more like a battlefield of identities. People increasingly argue not to test ideas, but to defend who they are—or who they believe they are supposed to be. Once disagreement becomes personal, compromise starts to feel like betrayal.

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## **The Psychology of Outrage**

Outrage is not accidental. It is addictive. Psychologists have long known that strong emotions—especially anger and fear—grab attention more effectively than calm reasoning. In the digital age, attention is currency. Platforms are built to maximize engagement, and nothing engages quite like conflict. The angrier the exchange, the longer people stay, the more they share, the more they return.

But outrage has a cost. It narrows our moral vision. When we are angry, we are less curious, less patient, and less willing to consider alternative explanations. We become better at spotting flaws in others and worse at noticing our own. Over time, this emotional posture hardens into habit. We begin to approach every disagreement already prepared for battle.

This helps explain why so many public conversations now feel stuck in permanent escalation. Each side assumes the worst motives of the other. Each misstep is treated not as an error, but as proof of bad faith. The space for honest mistakes, partial agreements, or gradual learning shrinks. In such an environment, even silence can be interpreted as hostility.

## **The Loss of Listening**

Perhaps the most tragic casualty of this cultural shift is listening. Listening is not passive. It requires effort, patience, and a willingness to be changed by what you hear. In a polarized climate, those qualities can feel risky. To listen seriously is to admit that your own view might be incomplete. It is easier—and often socially safer—to stay within the comfort of your own echo chamber, surrounded by voices that confirm what you already believe.

Educational institutions, once imagined as training grounds for thoughtful disagreement, are not immune to this pressure. In many places, students learn quickly which opinions are safe to express and which might invite social punishment. The result is not harmony, but quiet fear. When people stop speaking honestly, public conversation does not become more polite—it becomes more brittle.

Democracy depends on more than voting. It depends on a culture where citizens can argue without treating one another as enemies. When listening disappears, trust soon follows.

## **Certainty in an Uncertain World**

Another force driving the decline of civil discourse is the human hunger for certainty. The modern world is complex, fast-changing, and often frightening. Simple answers are comforting. They offer the illusion of control. Unfortunately, they also tend to divide the world into heroes and villains, us and them.

Complex problems—climate change, inequality, migration, technological disruption—do not yield to simple slogans. They require trade-offs, experimentation, and a tolerance for ambiguity. Civil discourse is the social technology that makes this possible. It allows people to disagree about means while still recognizing shared ends. When that technology breaks down, politics becomes theatre and policy becomes collateral damage.

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In such a climate, admitting doubt is seen as weakness. Changing your mind is treated as hypocrisy. But in any healthy intellectual culture, doubt is not a defect—it is a sign of seriousness. The refusal to doubt is often the beginning of dogma.

## What We Lose When Discourse Dies

The erosion of civil discourse does not only damage politics. It changes how we see one another as human beings.

When every disagreement is framed as a moral emergency, we begin to sort people into categories of acceptable and unacceptable. Friendship across differences becomes rare. Curiosity feels dangerous. Even private conversations start to echo public battles. Families, workplaces, and communities carry the strain.

Innovation suffers too. New ideas are born from friction—respectful friction. If people are afraid to challenge prevailing views, or if challenges are met only with ridicule, creativity withers. The history of progress is filled with unpopular questions that took time to be heard. A culture that cannot tolerate disagreement quietly closes the door on its own future.

## Is Revival Possible?

The slow death of civil discourse is not inevitable. It is the result of choices—technological, cultural, and personal. That means it can also be slowed, and perhaps even reversed, by different choices.

At the individual level, the most radical act today may be to argue gently. To ask questions before making accusations. To summarize an opponent's position fairly before criticizing it. To resist the temptation of the quick insult and choose the slower path of explanation. These habits do not go viral. But they do build something more durable: trust.

Institutions have a role as well. Schools and universities can place renewed emphasis on teaching how to disagree—how to evaluate evidence, recognize bias, and separate people from ideas. Media organizations can reward depth over drama, context over conflict. Digital platforms, if they choose, can adjust incentives so that the loudest voices are not always the most visible.

None of this will eliminate conflict. Nor should it. A society without disagreement is not peaceful—it is stagnant. The goal is not silence, but a better kind of noise: arguments that clarify rather than inflame, challenge rather than humiliate, and seek solutions rather than scapegoats.

## National Recognition for Visionary Leadership in AI for Agriculture

### Prof. Sudhir Kumar

### Honored at Rashtriya Pratibha Samman Samaroh 2025

On 26 December 2025, a distinguished gathering of social leaders, innovators, and philanthropists assembled at the iconic Ashoka Hotel, New Delhi, for the prestigious Rashtriya Pratibha Samman Samaroh 2025. The event celebrated individuals whose extraordinary efforts in social development, humanitarian service, and community upliftment often remain unnoticed yet deeply impactful.

The ceremony was presided over by respected Ambassadors representing the Governments of Tanzania and Austria, reflecting the international recognition of the event and its mission to honor outstanding contributions to society.

The Rashtriya Pratibha Samman awards were presented to unsung heroes—individuals and organizations whose dedication toward philanthropy, community welfare, and socio-economic development has brought meaningful change in the lives of many. These honorees represent the spirit of service, innovation, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), demonstrating how committed leadership can transform communities.

Among the distinguished awardees was Prof. Sudhir Kumar, whose visionary initiative in the field of Artificial Intelligence and agriculture has gained national attention for its potential to transform rural economies and empower women.



#### A Distinguished Scientific Career and Legacy of Innovation

Prof. (Dr.) Sudhir Kumar is a highly respected scientist, academician, and technology innovator with decades of contribution to research and development in advanced engineering fields.

He previously served as Scientist 'F' and Deputy Director at the Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CSIR-CIMFR), Dhanbad, where he played an instrumental role in developing scientific solutions and technological innovations for industry and research sectors.

At present, he serves as Guest Faculty at ACIC Foundation, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, Jharkhand, where he continues to mentor students, researchers, and innovators in emerging technologies and entrepreneurship. He also acts as Patron and Project Facilitator associated with NITI Aayog, Government of India, contributing to national-level innovation initiatives.

Prof. Kumar's remarkable journey in Research, Design and Development (R&D) began in 1971, focusing on key technological domains such as:

- Electronic Instrumentation
- Advanced Communication Engineering
- AI-based Sensor Technologies
- Smart Monitoring Systems

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Throughout his distinguished career as Professor and Principal Scientist, his work has received appreciation and recognition from numerous academic institutions, technical organizations, and universities across India and abroad.

One of his most notable research contributions is the innovation of Nano-Range Masks (Filters) designed to protect against COVID-19 viruses and their variants. This groundbreaking research represents a significant value-based scientific advancement in public health protection.

The innovation was recognized with a Patent granted by the Patent Office, Government of India between 2023–2025, highlighting its scientific significance and real-world applicability. The improvised nano-range filtration technique developed through this research represents an important advancement in protective health technology and nano-engineering.

### **Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture: A Transformational National Mission**

Prof. Sudhir Kumar received the Rashtriya Pratibha Samman Award (in absentia) in recognition of his proposed National Mission Project (NMP) titled:

**“Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Sector – Empowering Women”**

This visionary project aims to integrate Artificial Intelligence technologies with agricultural practices, enabling farmers—especially women farmers and rural entrepreneurs—to improve productivity, sustainability, and economic independence.

The initiative is being developed in collaboration with several prestigious institutions, including:

- **ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Barhi, Hazaribag, Jharkhand**
- **ACIC Foundation under NITI Aayog, Government of India**
- **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad**
- **USET, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribag**

The proposal is currently under preparation for submission to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, seeking support through national funding programs.

### **Project Vision**

The project focuses on harnessing Artificial Intelligence-driven tools to revolutionize farming practices through:

- Smart crop monitoring and predictive analytics
- Soil health and climate-based farming decisions
- Digital advisory platforms for farmers
- AI-based resource management systems
- Technology-driven training for rural women

By equipping farmers with advanced digital tools and knowledge, the mission seeks to build a technology-enabled agricultural ecosystem that increases productivity while ensuring sustainability.

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### Empowering Rural Women

A central pillar of the initiative is women empowerment in agriculture. Women form a significant part of India's agricultural workforce, yet their access to modern technologies and decision-making resources remains limited.

Through training programs, AI-based platforms, and entrepreneurship opportunities, the project aims to create a new generation of tech-enabled women farmers and agripreneurs who can lead rural development.

### Project Scale and Investment

The first phase of the National Mission Project has been estimated at approximately ₹6.50 crore, covering:

- Technology development and deployment
- Training and capacity building programs
- Research collaborations
- Field implementation and pilot projects

If implemented successfully, the project has the potential to create a scalable model for smart agriculture across India.

### A Vision Beyond Recognition

Despite receiving the award in absentia due to recovery from a spinal cord injury, Prof. Sudhir Kumar's dedication to national development continues to inspire admiration across academic and social circles. Currently recuperating under medical supervision at his daughter's clinic in Gaya, he remains actively engaged in refining the proposal and advancing the mission.

His work reflects a rare blend of scientific excellence, technological foresight, and social commitment. By bringing together leading institutions, policymakers, and researchers, he aims to build a framework where technology serves humanity and strengthens rural livelihoods.

The recognition at the Rashtriya Pratibha Samman Samaroh 2025 stands as a tribute to Prof. Kumar's unwavering commitment to innovation, research excellence, and national development—a reminder that visionary ideas, when combined with dedication and compassion, can shape a more inclusive and technologically empowered future for India.

# Aparajita – The Invincible Spirit

By Dr. Pradip Kumar Das

**The Inspiring Journey of Ashoka Bhattacharya**

Every life has a story, but some lives become symbols of courage, perseverance, and quiet determination. Ashoka Bhattacharya's journey is one such inspiring story — a story that reflects the spirit of the word "Aparajita," meaning the invincible one.

Ashoka Bhattacharya was born into extreme poverty in Baruipara, Serampore. Life dealt her a harsh blow very early when her father passed away while she was still a child. At that time, Ashoka was only five or six years old. The responsibility of raising the family fell entirely on her mother, who worked as a maid in different households just to keep the family alive.

Their financial condition was so difficult that there were days when even buying a small amount of salt became a challenge. Yet, amid such hardship, Ashoka's mother carried a powerful dream in her heart — she wanted her daughter to grow up educated, to learn how to read and write, and to build a better life than the one fate had given them.

There were no private tutors, no special facilities, and often not even enough food. Ashoka would attend school with only half-eaten meals or sometimes an empty stomach. Still, she continued her studies with determination. Through persistence and hard work, she finally passed her secondary school examination despite the difficult circumstances surrounding her.



But Ashoka's life was not only about survival; it was also about discovering strength through passion.

From childhood, she had a deep interest in sports. In 1972, with encouragement from an elder brother in the neighbourhood, she began playing volleyball. What started as a simple activity soon became the defining passion of her life.

Her natural talent, combined with relentless practice, quickly transformed her into a remarkable volleyball player. Within a short time, she began participating in competitive matches and soon earned the opportunity to play at the national level. Her dedication and discipline helped her achieve recognition and success in the sport.

During this period, she joined the Chatra Sabujasathi Volleyball Club, where she continued rigorous training under the guidance of her trainer. Life, however, remained a constant struggle. Even as she trained for competitions, there were days when she did not have enough food to eat twice a day.

Yet Ashoka never gave up.

She gritted her teeth and continued her fight, determined not to surrender to hardship. Her perseverance gradually brought recognition to the Sabujasathi Club, and the team began progressing through her dedication and leadership.

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Through sports, Ashoka also met Prabhat Bhattacharya, an internationally renowned volleyball player and swimmer. He later became her life partner and an important source of strength and encouragement in her journey.

Ashoka's sporting excellence eventually opened another door of opportunity — she secured a job with the Indian Railways, a major achievement that provided stability and dignity after years of struggle.

For many women, achieving stability in life often leads to focusing entirely on family responsibilities. But Ashoka Bhattacharya was never meant to live an ordinary life.

Even after building her family, she continued to contribute to the world of sports. Instead of focusing solely on her personal achievements, she transformed herself from a talented player into a dedicated coach and mentor.

Her mission became clear — to nurture and create the next generation of talented female volleyball players.

With tireless dedication, Ashoka began training young girls in volleyball. Under her guidance, thirty-five to forty girls received professional training. Many of them went on to represent teams at national and even international levels.

Her coaching not only shaped athletes but also changed lives. Several of her students achieved remarkable success and eventually secured permanent employment in Indian Railways, ensuring financial stability and recognition for their hard work.

Ashoka's work continues even today, as she remains devoted to developing young talent and promoting sports among girls who might otherwise never get such opportunities.

Her life reminds one of the powerful lines written by the poet Jatindra Mohan Bagchi:

"Defeated are you among all flowers,  
Why then are you called Aparajita?  
Is your fragrance not even a little?  
Is your colour not pleasing to the eyes?"

Yet the Aparajita flower holds deep spiritual significance. It is offered in the worship of Maa Durga, whose one name is also Aparajita — the one who can never be defeated.

In many ways, Ashoka Bhattacharya reflects that same spirit of Durga — resilient, nurturing, and powerful. Like a protective guardian, she has placed her guiding hand on the heads of her students, helping them grow into strong and confident athletes who will carry forward her legacy.

Her life is a reminder that true victory is not measured only in medals or titles, but in the lives we inspire and uplift.

Ashoka Bhattacharya did not surrender to poverty, hardship, or circumstances. She fought the battle of life with courage and dignity — and emerged victorious.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, it is only fitting that we celebrate and honor such a remarkable woman — a true Aparajita, an invincible spirit who continues to inspire generations.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to her for her extraordinary journey and her continued contribution to society.

— **Dr. Pradip Kumar Das**

# The Life and Legacy of Dr. Venkatasai Chalasany

## Academic & Global Recognition

A lifelong learner, Dr. Chalasany's academic journey reflects intellectual breadth and international recognition:

- Bachelor of Arts (English) & Master of Arts (Sociology) – Savitribai Phule Pune University
- D.Litt – Vishwakarma University
- Doctorate of Humanities – University of Jerusalem
- PhD in Education – Ecole Supérieure Robert de Sorbon

His scholarship bridges sociology, education, and humanitarian philosophy—blending theory with actionable reform.

## A Vision for Social Reform

### A Lifelong Commitment to Social Transformation

For Dr. Chalasany, reform is not a slogan—it is lived action. His initiatives reflect empathy rooted in personal struggle and guided by ethical conviction.

His contributions include:

- Mass Marriages & Blood Donation Drives: Strengthening community bonds and reducing financial burdens on the underprivileged.
- Child & Elder Welfare: Rehabilitation of street children and compassionate support systems for senior citizens.
- Abolition of Casteism: Advocating education and social unity as instruments to dismantle deeply embedded barriers.

His activism operates quietly but impactfully—touching lives without seeking applause.



## Leadership in Education

Today, he serves as the Founder Vice Chairman of Amritwel Global School (CBSE) in Shikrapur, Pune. The institution was established with a singular mission: to provide high-quality yet affordable education to children of farmers, labourers, and industrial workers.

Under his guidance, the school emphasizes inclusivity, character-building, and critical thinking—moving beyond rote learning toward holistic development.

## Fête-à-Tête: Insights from the Reformer

In a recent conversation, Dr. Chalasany reflected on the values that guide his life:

### On Service:

“Service is not an act of charity, but a duty to uplift others who walk the same pathway of endless struggles.”

### On Social Change:

“True social change begins when dignity, opportunity, and justice reach the last person in the community. It is not achieved by policies alone, but by the transformation of attitudes.”

### On the Future of Education:

“I wish to see a system that emphasizes critical thinking, ethical values, and inclusivity rather than rote learning.”

## Literary Contribution: Just One Minute

His latest book, *Just One Minute*, is a contemplative collection encouraging readers to pause amidst the chaos of modern life. Through brief reflections, he inspires mindfulness, positivity, and purposeful living—reminding us that sometimes transformation begins with a single moment of awareness.

## Honours and Enduring Legacy

Dr. Chalasany's contributions have earned him numerous state and national recognitions. He has been nominated twice for the Padma Shri and once for the Nobel Peace Prize. His name is also recorded in the United International Book of World Records—acknowledging the multidimensional nature of his work.

Yet perhaps his greatest legacy lies not in awards, but in the countless lives uplifted through education, dignity, and hope.

# Ranjita Kumari

## A Literary Journey Born from Passion and Perseverance

*From Homemaker to Author – A Story of Determination, Creativity, and Late-Blooming Success*

In the vibrant literary landscape of India, many writers emerge from diverse backgrounds, but some journeys stand out for their inspiration and resilience. One such remarkable journey is that of Ranjita Kumari, a writer from Patna, Bihar, whose story proves that dreams can flourish at any stage of life.

At the age of 52, Ranjita Kumari has established herself as a dedicated author whose works reflect human emotions, social realities, and the experiences of everyday life. What makes her story truly inspiring is that she began her writing career after fulfilling many of her family responsibilities. Her path shows that passion, when nurtured patiently, can eventually transform into a meaningful creative legacy.

## Early Life and Love for Reading

From a very young age, Ranjita Kumari developed a deep interest in reading. Books became her companions and windows to different worlds. Literature, poetry, and stories fascinated her, allowing her imagination to flourish and helping her develop a keen sensitivity toward human emotions and social realities.



However, life followed a different path. She got married at a young age and soon became immersed in the responsibilities of family life. As a homemaker and mother of two children, much of her time and energy was devoted to nurturing her family and maintaining the household.

Yet even during these years, her love for literature never faded. She continued to read extensively whenever time permitted. Those quiet moments with books kept her creative spirit alive and gradually shaped the storyteller within her.

## Educational Background

Ranjita Kumari's academic journey reflects her curiosity and intellectual strength. She completed her Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Zoology and later pursued a Master's degree in Psychology.

She studied at M.D.D.M. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar, one of the well-known educational institutions in the region.

Her background in psychology has had a strong influence on her writing.

# Ranjita Kumari

## The Beginning of a Writing Career

Although her love for literature existed since childhood, Ranjita Kumari began writing seriously nearly twenty years after her marriage. This decision marked a turning point in her life.

What started as a personal expression of thoughts and emotions gradually turned into a structured writing journey. Encouraged by her passion and growing confidence, she began composing poems and stories that reflected life experiences, memories, and observations about society.

In 2024, her dream of becoming a published author finally came true.

Her first book, a poetry collection titled “Ek Virahini Si Aurat”, was published by Raveena Prakashan. The collection beautifully captures the emotional world of women—expressing longing, resilience, love, and inner strength.

Readers appreciated the authenticity and emotional depth of her poetry, which gave voice to feelings many people silently carry within themselves.

## Expanding into Storytelling

The same year also witnessed the publication of her first short story collection, titled “Jeevan Ke Rang Yaadon Ke Sang.”

This book reflects the many shades of human life—memories, relationships, joys, struggles, and the changing phases of existence. Through relatable characters and heartfelt storytelling, Ranjita Kumari presents narratives that resonate with readers from different walks of life.



Her stories often draw inspiration from real-life experiences and social observations, which makes them both engaging and meaningful.

## A Productive Year: 2025

The year 2025 marked an important milestone in her literary career, as she published two novels:

### Ek Kahani Apni Si

This novel explores personal identity, emotional relationships, and the complex realities of modern life. The story highlights the inner world of its characters, making readers connect deeply with their journeys.

### Saloni

“Saloni” is another powerful narrative that reflects the experiences of women and the challenges they face in society. The novel blends emotional storytelling with social insight, presenting a compelling portrayal of strength, hope, and self-discovery.

In addition to these novels, she also released another poetry collection titled “Aashna.” This collection further established her voice as a poet who writes with sensitivity and emotional honesty.

# Ranjita Kumari

## A Growing Literary Journey

In 2026, Ranjita Kumari expanded her writing into children's literature with the story collection "Dadi Nani Ki Kahaniyan – Ghoorta-Ghoorta." The book revives the warmth of traditional storytelling, much like the stories shared by grandparents. Filled with imagination, simple values, and engaging narratives, it aims to inspire curiosity and a love for reading among young readers.

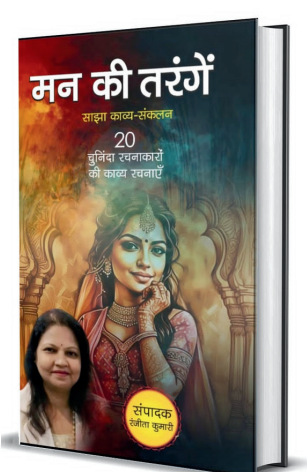
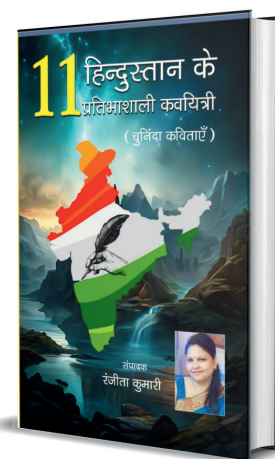
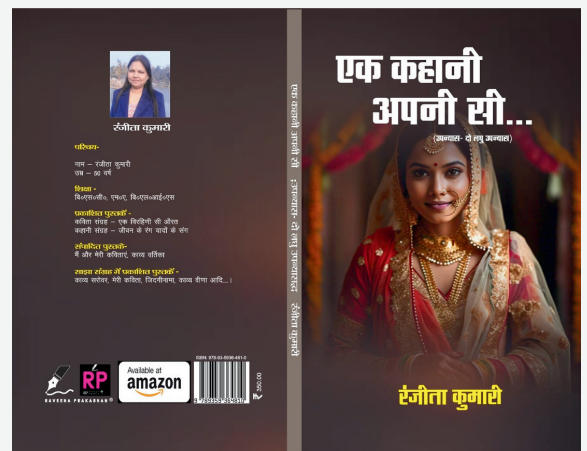
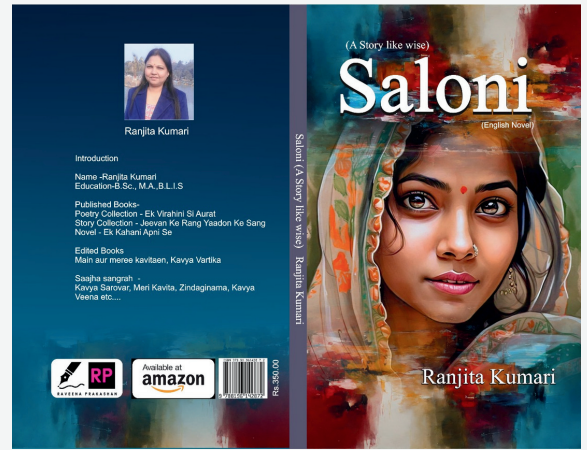
Alongside her writing, Ranjita Kumari has also made valuable contributions as a literary editor, successfully editing 11 books. Her editorial work reflects her strong command of language and her commitment to supporting fellow writers.

All her books have been published by Raveena Prakashan, and a proud milestone in her career has been the launch of her works at the Delhi World Book Fair, one of India's most prestigious literary platforms.

Currently, she is working on a new novel based on rural life, exploring the culture, traditions, and emotional depth of village communities.

Ranjita Kumari's journey—from a homemaker to a recognized author—proves that dreams have no age limit. Her writing continues to inspire readers with its honesty, sensitivity, and connection to real human experiences.

**"Dreams never fade with time. When nurtured with patience and courage, they eventually find their way into reality."**



# DR. S.D. SINGH

## Guardian of Forests and Champion of Conservation

In an era where environmental challenges are intensifying across the globe, individuals who dedicate their lives to ecological preservation stand as true guardians of the planet. Among such inspiring figures is Dr. S.D. Singh, a visionary forest officer whose relentless commitment to biodiversity conservation has transformed landscapes and communities in the state of Jharkhand.

With a career deeply rooted in environmental stewardship, Dr. Singh has emerged as a powerful advocate for sustainable forest management and biodiversity protection. His work extends far beyond routine administration. Instead, it reflects a proactive approach to conservation that integrates ecological planning, community engagement, and environmental awareness.

One of his most remarkable contributions lies in the development of biodiversity parks across the districts of Deoghar and Dumka. These parks have transformed underutilized or degraded urban and semi-urban spaces into thriving ecological hubs that promote biodiversity conservation while simultaneously creating accessible green spaces for the public.

Under Dr. Singh's leadership and vision, several important ecological parks have been established and developed, including Digharia Biodiversity Park (Deoghar), Taru Chintan Park (Deoghar), Karnibag City Park (Deoghar), Dumka Biodiversity Park, and Chutonath Park in Dumka. Each of these parks represents more than landscaped greenery—they are living ecosystems designed to conserve native flora, provide habitats for wildlife, and encourage ecological learning among citizens.



These green spaces have become vital environmental assets for their regions. They serve as ecological lungs for growing urban centers, improving air quality, supporting biodiversity, and offering peaceful natural environments where people can reconnect with nature. Schools, families, researchers, and nature enthusiasts now visit these parks not only for recreation but also for environmental education.

Dr. Singh strongly believes that conservation should not remain confined to academic discussions or policy frameworks. Instead, it must be visible, accessible, and experienced by the community. By developing well-planned biodiversity parks, he has successfully bridged the gap between environmental science and public participation.

His initiatives ensure that people—especially young students—learn about ecological balance, native plant species, wildlife habitats, and sustainable living practices through direct interaction with nature. This approach nurtures a deeper appreciation for environmental responsibility among future generations.

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Another remarkable achievement under Dr. Singh's supervision is the large-scale plantation drive across forest ranges and community landscapes. It is estimated that more than 20 to 25 lakh plants have been planted under his guidance. These plantations not only strengthen forest cover but also support climate resilience, soil conservation, and habitat restoration.

Such large-scale plantation efforts demonstrate his long-term ecological vision. Instead of focusing only on immediate results, Dr. Singh prioritizes sustainable environmental planning that will benefit ecosystems for decades to come.

What makes his work truly impactful is the seamless integration of conservation with community participation. Dr. Singh encourages local communities to become stakeholders in environmental protection. Awareness programs, eco-tourism initiatives, and environmental learning activities are regularly organized within these biodiversity parks.



These initiatives empower citizens to become active participants in protecting their natural heritage. Through awareness drives and interactive programs, people are educated about the importance of forests, wildlife, and biodiversity in maintaining ecological balance.

Today, the parks established under his leadership stand as symbols of structured ecological planning, environmental sensitivity, and visionary governance. They highlight how thoughtful environmental management can transform landscapes into vibrant ecosystems while also enriching public life.

Dr. S.D. Singh's work in Deoghar and Dumka continues to create a lasting environmental legacy for Jharkhand. His contributions demonstrate that true conservation leadership is not limited to protecting forests deep within reserve areas—it also lies in creating sustainable green spaces within communities where people and nature can coexist harmoniously.

Through dedication, foresight, and unwavering commitment, Dr. Singh has proven that meaningful environmental change is possible when science, policy, and community engagement come together.

***"True conservation is not just about protecting forests — it is about creating spaces where people learn to live in harmony with nature."***

— Dr. S.D. Singh

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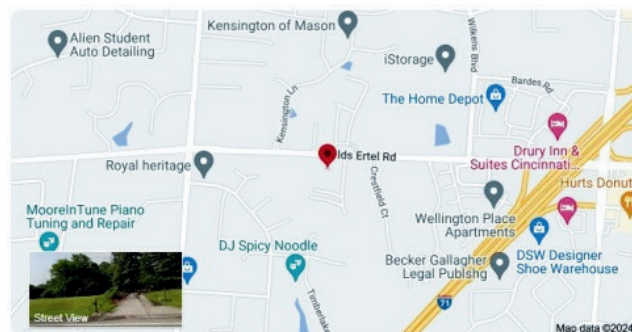
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