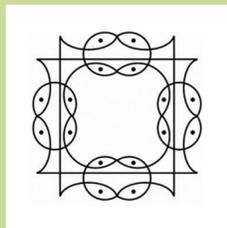


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Chayanika Shah

She is a feminist and queer rights activist, who has been involved with the women's movements in India for many years. She is an optimist activist at heart, a physicist by training and a teacher by choice. She has campaigned, researched, taught and written on politics of population control, communalism, feminist studies of science, and sexuality.

She has been an active member of two autonomous voluntary collectives in Mumbai - Forum Against Oppression of Women and LABIA - A Queer Feminist LBT Collective. Her co-authored books include, 'No Outlaws in the Gender Galaxy', 'Bharat Ki Chaap' (a companion book for the documentary of the same name), and 'We and Our Fertility: The Politics of Technological Intervention'.

Aditi Hegde

She is a public health professional working with PHRN, where she works on the SHG-led Transformation of Rural Communities through Partnerships (STaRtuP) project. She has worked with organizations such as PRADAN and National Foundation for India on projects related to nutrition as a consultant. Through the same, she has been conducting trainings for professionals involved in the development sector on nutrition. Her core interests include Nutrition, Gender Rights, Oral Health, and Health Systems. She completed her Bachelor degree in dentistry, as well as her post graduation in public health dentistry, from Bengaluru, and since then has been based in Delhi.



Indranil Mukhopadhyay

He is a Health Economist and an Associate Professor at School of Government and Public Policy, OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat. He is also the Co-convenor of Jan Swasthya Abhiyan- Delhi State Chapter. He is part of WHO Expert group on National Health Accounts. In the past he has worked as a Research Scientist and Assistant Professor and Welcome Trust Post-Doctoral Fellow at Health Economics and Financing Unit at Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), Delhi where he worked on various themes related to health accounts, public expenditure review, access to medicines and vaccines, impact evaluation of health insurance, inequalities, reproductive, maternal and child health and nutrition issues. His post-doctoral work was on provider payment mechanisms on health system performance in light of the emerging public sponsored health insurance.





Vrinda Marwah

She is a doctoral candidate in Sociology at the University of Texas, Austin. Her research interests are in state policy, gender, work and reproductive health. Her dissertation is an ethnography of women community health workers in Punjab, India. Previously she has worked in the areas of research, capacity building and policy advocacy with Delhi-based feminist NGOs, Sama and CREA, and has studied at the universities of Delhi and London.

Rehana Adeeb

She started Astitva in year 2005 and has been working with women from dalit and muslim communities on issues of social and economic empowerment, human Rights, violence against women and girls, gender based discrimination, early and forced marriage, bringing them into leadership roles, health rights. She has been making continues efforts in linking beneficiaries with government schemes, programs, rural education specifically in 62 villages of Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh. She is engaged with community on women rights and upliftment of dalit and muslims to bring communal harmony for over almost three-decades.



K B Obalesh

He is a Dalit Human Rights Activist working towards eradication of manual scavenging and creation of sustainable livelihood for persons engaged in the practice of manual scavenging. He is the Founder Secretary and Executive Director of Thamate-Centre for Rural Empowerment, Karnataka and was honoured with Doctorate in Social work by Global Peace University, USA and with Global Best Social Work Award. He initiated 10 night schools called Bheema Shale to improve education among manual scavenging community. He is also an advocate for health and safety of women safai karmacharies. He is actively involved in Karnataka's Right to Health struggle since 2005 ensuring healthcare rights and entitlements and towards strengthening Public Health System.



Sangeeta Sahu

She has been involved in working with Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and other tribal groups in the state of Chhattisgarh on food security, nutrition and health from last 7 years. She is associated with the organization CHAUPAL, a Tribal Resource Agency that supports numerous tribal organizations and community based organisations in working on the right to food, health, and women's rights as Programme Coordinator. She has been involved in training, research and advocacy on issues related to right to food and health.



Rituparna Borah & Ritambhara Mehta

They are a part of Nazariya, a Delhi-based queer feminist resource group working on issues of gender and sexuality with a focus on lesbian, bisexual, queer, genderqueer, non-binary people assigned gender female at birth, and transmen.





Arti Zodpe

She is the Secretary of Mahila Jagruti Sevabhavi Sabstha in Parbhani, Maharashtra. She is currently working as a Coordinator at National Network of Sex workers (NNSW). In the past she has worked for HIV prevention at Pathfinder International from 2005 and as a Consultant for Path. She has also worked as a Peer Educator in Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society, Parbhani. She worked with Sangram NGO as a community coordinator in 2018 in spreading awareness towards the laws, health and education of sex workers and their children. She is well determined to work for the rights of the sex workers in India and learn more to give back to her community.

Kiran Deshmukh

She has been elected as the President of National Network of Sex workers (NNSW). She has also worked as the Coordinator of NNSW in Delhi. She is the member of Veshya Anyay Mukti Parishad (VAMP), a collective of sex-worker. She is dedicated to work for women in sex work to empower them in articulating and asserting their rights as well as to protect themselves from HIV infection. She is an advocate for the rights of sex workers and for the people living with HIV.



Seema Baquer

She is working on the issues of disability from both legal and social perspectives. She is a trainer and facilitator on the issues of disability and advocacy using the method of action learning, participation and presentation. She has been working in the field of disability to bring forth the issues of disability before various UN bodies to impact policy level changes. In her ongoing work with the Centre for Women's Development Studies, she is undertaking M&E of project on violence against women with physical disabilities. She has been trained as a lawyer with a Master's degree in Law (BCL) with a specialisation in Human Rights from Oxford University, United Kingdom. Her continuous effort has been to work towards bringing change in the lives of marginalised sections through research, training and evaluation of the existing systems.



Deepa Venkatachalam

Deepa Venkatachalam works with Sama Resource Group for Women and Health in Delhi. She has been engaged over past many years with issues of gender, public health, ethics and rights, through research, advocacy and trainings. She has also contributed to research publications, essays and articles on a range of issues. She has been actively involved with the People's Health Movement as well as with other health and feminist spaces.

