

## **PROFILE OF DELEGATES: TRIBAL HEALING PRACTICES**

### **MR. GAJENDRA GUPTA**

One of the speakers invited to Samvaad tribal healers meet is Mr. Gajendra Gupta, an adept practitioner at traditional healing practice and his contributions are widely acknowledged as well as and recognised with several national and district level awards like Rashtriya Janjatiya Gaurav Sammaan by CoE, IGNTU, Amarkantak and Mekalsuta Mahavidyalay, Dindori - 2017 , Sarvshreshth Jila Yuva Purushkar by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Gol – 2008, Vishisht Vyaktitva Sammaan by Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh and Press Club, Mandla – 2007, Paryaavaran Prahari Sammaan by Jal Sanrakshan Manch, Jabalpur – 2015.

He founded PURA Social Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (PSSPL) which works extensively for the welfare of the rural community. Having pursued his graduation in Sociology from IGNOU, New Delhi, he has served as Program Manager, Project Akshay for PJVCVPAK, Mandla supported by CHAI, Secunderabad; as full-time doctor at Arogya Yojana Prakalp and a Counsellor as well as DART member of Adolescent Empowerment Project. He is empanelled as a Master Resource Person with NIRDPR, Hyderabad and Master Trainer for Social Audit with Department Of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Government of Madhya Pradesh and is an independent trainer of Madhya Pradesh Health Mission on Primary Healthcare and Traditional Healing since 1994.

### **DR. HELARIUS BECK**

Dr Helarius Beck, an esteemed professor at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), is an accomplished academician extensively engaged in training and researching on areas like electoral process and participation of people in governance, displacement, rehabilitation and resettlements, study of manual scavengers, budget outcome studies in infrastructure, development sectors so on and so forth.

He graduated in Political Science (Hons.) from St. Xavier's College, Ranchi, pursued Masters in Social Work with specialization in urban and rural community and earned his PhD degree in Sociology. Besides, he has studied philosophy and has been trained in religious order called SJ (Society of Jesus).

Dr Beck has been aligned with varied national and international projects and organizations, for instance, Aga Khan Housing Board for India, Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and many more. Additionally, he has been extending imperative roles throughout the Disaster Relief and Mitigation endeavours from time to time.

### **PROF. G. HARIRAMAMURTHI**

Prof. G. Hariramamurthi heads the Centre for Local Health Traditions and Policy at the University of Trans Disciplinary Health Sciences in Bengaluru. An advisor to the National Federation of Traditional Healers Associations of India, he has coordinated the implementation of the pilot scheme of accreditation and certification of prior knowledge of Traditional Community Healthcare Providers implemented by IGNOU, in collaboration with Quality Council of India and the Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions.

His contributions ranges from aiding the capacity building of NGOs, Traditional Healer Associations, traditional healers, farmers, NTFP gatherers and Women Self Help Groups all around the world to establishing 15 community owned enterprises across 7 peninsular states of India.

He pursued BA (Hons.) from School of Languages in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and holds a degree in Management Development Programmes from Institute of Rural Management, Anand.

#### **DR SUTANU LAL BONDYA**

Dr Sutnau Lal Bondya is an exceptionally skilled academician and excels in the field of botany. Heading the Department of Ethnobotany and Plant Taxonomy of S.K.M. University, Dumka, Jharkhand. Dr Bondya has a teaching experience of 13 years and has previously served as a researcher in renowned institution thereby immensely contributing to the existing literature around botany. He has published 45 papers in National and International Journals along with issuing two books on Ethno-botany and Biodiversity Conservation and has recently concluded a research work on “Ethnobotanical studies on certain medicinal and under-utilized plants of Baharagora Block of Jharkhand and its adjoining bordering areas of West Bengal and Orissa”. He is an avid member of varied societies for instance, Society of Ethnobotany, Lucknow; Biodiversity Board, Jharkhand; Indian Botanical Society, and many more.

Dr, Bondya has been awarded with MSET Young Scientist Award for the year 2007, by Madhawi Shyam Education Trust, Ranchi, Jharkhand at Indian Lac Research Institute, Ranchi (ICAR).

#### **DR PRAKASH BN**

Dr Prakash is an Ayurveda researcher working on traditional medicine and public health at Centre for Local Health Traditions and Policy. Having an appreciable experience of 20 years as a part of developing and implementing community outreach programmes at TDU, he is presently heading the Personal Certification Body (PrCB) accredited by Quality Council of India (QCI), New Delhi. He is engaged in the areas of local health traditions (LHTs) which is an undocumented, orally-transmitted traditional/folk knowledge.

Dr. Prakash's research experience also includes one and half year's research work at INSERM laboratory in Paris, France. Additionally, he has several International and National peer-reviewed publications and book chapters.