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Education:

Gyanoday Hindi Madhamik High School, Ahmedabad/ Vidya Bhavan, Udaipur/Industrial Training Institute, Ahmedabad / Eklavya Institute of Teacher Education, Ahmedabad

Professional experience:

Unnati Organization for Development Education (1990-96). Secretary to Director with administrative, communication and field responsibilities.

Computer training:

NIIT Ahmedabad (1996-1998)

Eklavya School, Ahmedabad (1998-2004):

Class educator for Grades 1-4. Curriculum development, Environmental education development including outdoor education. Emphasis on creativity and joyful learning. Identification and mentoring of those with special needs and mentoring of teacher trainees. Visiting faculty at educational institutions (urban and rural) with focus on innovative teaching methods including classroom management, creative drama etc. Outreach to rural educators particularly those affected by 2001 earthquake. Educator of the Year Award 2001-02.

Riverside School, Ahmedabad (2004 - present):

Visiting Faculty in Environmental Sciences and outdoor education. Advisor and mentor for community outreach activities and other networking programmes pioneered by Riverside.

Prabhat Education Foundation (2004 - present):

Founder Director and Managing Trustee. Prabhat established to serve special children and their families, with a focus on those located in deprived areas. Prabhat started with one child in 2003 and now reaches out to over 3000 affected persons (www.prabhateducationfoundation.org) Institution-building has included development of a core team, education, training, capacity-building support to grass root organizations, skill-building including working with educators, families (particularly mothers) and children with special needs, support to urban and rural educational institutions. Prabhat

since its inception has reached out to other NGOs and institutions toward building a more supportive society for those with special needs. This has included providing consultant services to a range of institutions. During the long period of Covid-19 impact, provided vital on-line support innovated to meet the needs of a range of affected children, families, educators and institutions. Participation and leadership in training, seminars, workshops and other capacity-building opportunities.

Recognition:

Eklavya School- Best educator of the year award. Visiting faculty at National Institute of Design (Ahmedabad). Record of service and innovation has been recognized by many including Rockefeller Foundation (New York), Riverside Education Foundation (Ahmedabad), India International Centre (New Delhi), Timberline Foundation (USA), University of Miami (USA), Anant University (Ahmedabad).

Languages:

Fluent in English, Hindi, Gujarati, Nepali. Working knowledge of Rajasthani and Bihari dialects.

Travel:

Extensive in India, Nepal & Bhutan. UK, USA, Thailand and Kenya.

Other interests:

Parenting, networking with other development sectors, coaching children toward joyful learning, travel, hiking, camping, sports, design, films, writing, cooking, meeting people of diverse backgrounds and making friends.