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Council Vision & Mission

Vision

To strengthen the participation of women in all input and outputs processes of agriculture.

To inform agriculture policy especially from a gender lens through transforming experience at the grassroots into evidence based knowledge.

Mission

Transform the Indian agriculture contexts and practices to be more gender inclusive, equitable and remunerative.

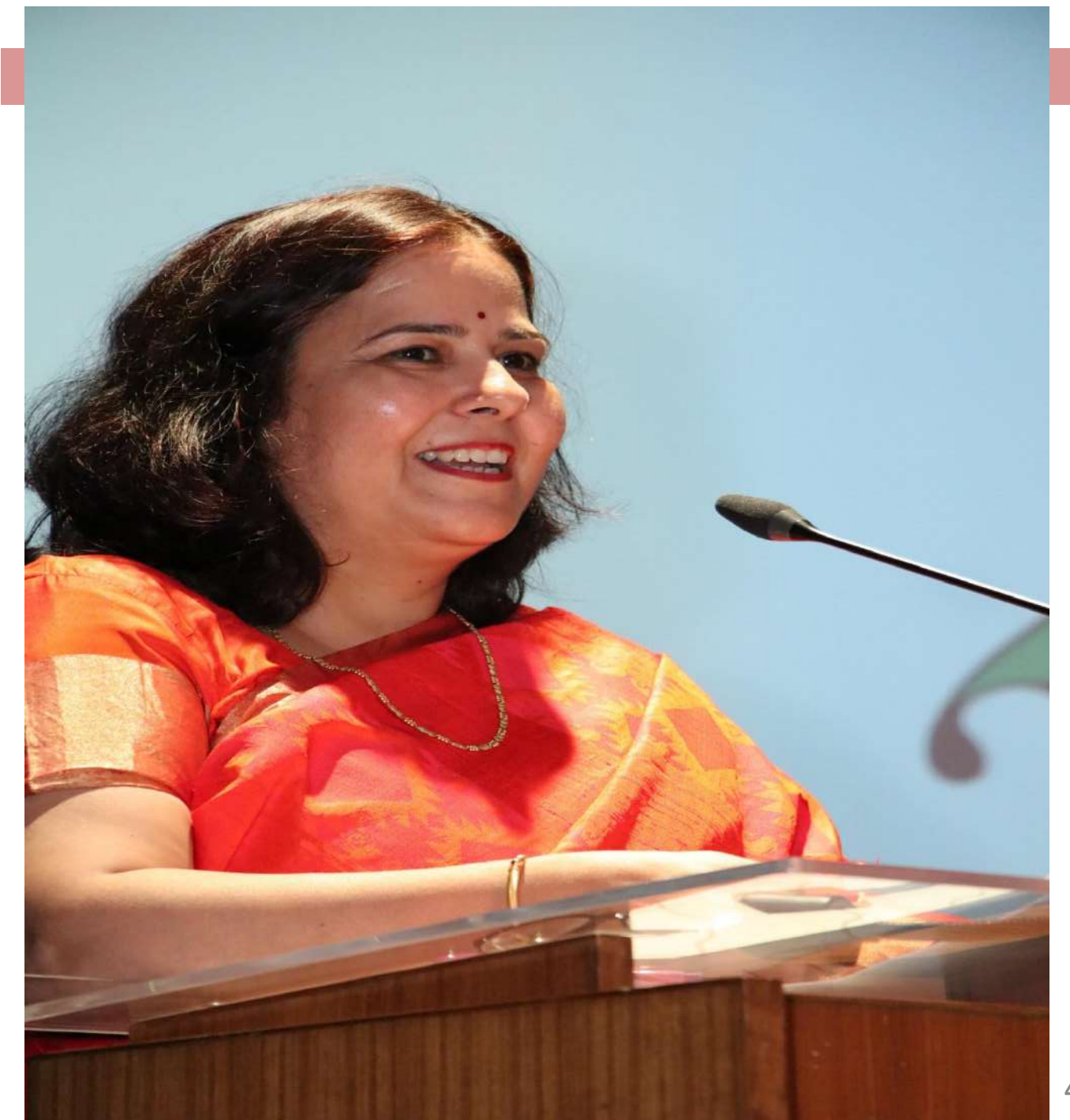
Welcoming Council Members to WICCI

*President, Vice President
and 20+ Nominated
Council Members*

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(State) PRESIDENT, (Ms. Anjali Makhija) COUNCIL
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Anjali Makhija is the Trustee and Chief Executive Officer of S M Sehgal Foundation with over 28 years of experience in the development sector pertaining to gender equity, food security, water security and community leadership across rural India. Plays a key role in organization development, stakeholder engagement and people management with professional specialization in women leadership, life skills education and rural governance. She is currently leading the operations of S M Sehgal Foundation in India, with focus on Agriculture Development and Water Management. She is a certified Corporate Director-Institute of Directors; member of Internal Committee of Marks and Spencer and National Association of Professional Social Workers in India (NAPSWI) and member of advisory committee of Maharishi Dayanand University. Anjali has a master's in Social Work and bachelors in Economics (Hons) from Delhi University; and a certificate on Leadership Foundational Principles from HarvardX.



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(State) VICE PRESIDENT, (Ms. Niti Saxena) COUNCIL
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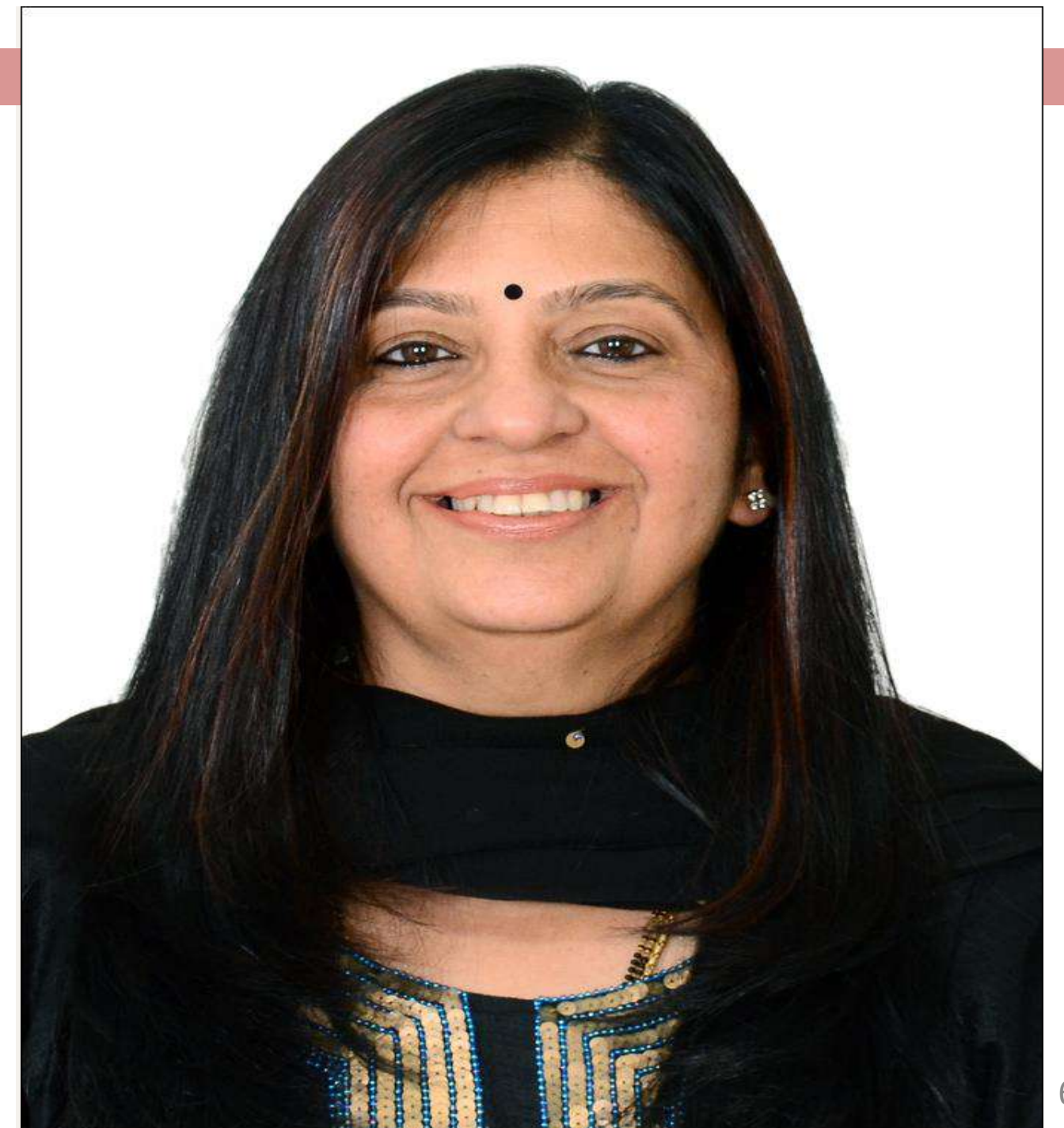
Niti Saxena has 16+ years of development research experience in Asia while working across sectors for non-governmental organisations, the United Nations and international donor agencies. Her expertise includes conducting independent evaluations of programs focusing on gender mainstreaming, women empowerment, collective action and the intersection of governance with agriculture and water. She worked on a World Bank research evaluating women's societal situation with respect to the local justice system in Bangladesh. She was awarded a Ford Foundation grant to undertake feminist evaluation of a women empowerment program in India's most backward district. Her interest lies in using mixed methods approach in every research she undertakes. Through her work, she attempts to link scientific evidence generated at the grassroots with relevant policies to further the movement of evidence informed policy making in South Asia.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr.Indira Khurana) COUNCIL
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Since its inception, Dr. Indira Khurana is the Chairperson of the Indian Himalayan River Basins' Council, a growing network of concerned citizens linking the hearts, minds and action of people with rivers in 23 states of India. She is also Vice Chairperson at Tarun Bharat Sangh, a Director at the Coastal Salinity Prevention Cell (CSPC) and Advisory Council Member of Balipara Foundation. A PhD in biochemistry, with more than two decades of working on natural resources management, drinking water and sanitation, food security and rural livelihoods. Authored several papers, reports and books on drinking water, water quality, water conservation, sanitation, manual scavenging and menstrual hygiene. She has written several articles for the print and electronic media. For the last few years her work includes a strong focus on climate change and water.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Kehkashan Alam) COUNCIL
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Kehkashan has an overall experience of 22 years in social development with special focus on rural areas. She is the AGM, CSR in JCB India Ltd, one of the largest privately owned engineering and manufacturing companies which builds machines for hard work and reliability, using only the most advanced technology and techniques, including for rural areas. Kehkashan has hands on experience in developing structured programs and interventions in education, community development, livelihood generation and village development.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Neema Joshi) COUNCIL
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Neema Joshi is a development professional with over 14 years of experience in Project Management specializing in Sustainable Agriculture, Livelihood Promotion, Local Governance and Market Development. She has an M.Sc. in Agriculture from G.B.Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, Uttarakhand. Neema has worked with international organizations such as GIZ and Helvetas. Currently, she is a Manager, Partnerships at S M Sehgal Foundation.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Manju Panwar) COUNCIL
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Dr. Manju Panwar is the Chairperson of the Department of Social Work, B. P S Women's University, Sonipat, Haryana, India. She has the additional charge of the Director, Women Study Centre and Coordinator of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. She has the experience of more than a decade as Social Work Educator, Researcher and Practitioner. She has completed UGC research projects on "Impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) on Rural Women" and "Impact Assessment of Integrated Child Development Services in Haryana". She has published number of papers and articles on issues relating to the role of community engagement in higher education, women empowerment and development issues in national and international journals. She had received Annual Award from National Award from National Dairy Research in Asia, Karnal for outstanding contribution in the capacity building Farm Women. She has also received National Cleanliness Education Promotion Award from the National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research, New Delhi. She is the core member of Consultative Group on the research A Fair Chance for Education Gendered Pathways University of Warwick, United Kingdom.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Simi Mehta) COUNCIL
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Dr. Simi Mehta is the CEO and Editorial Director of the Impact and Policy Research Institute (IMPRI). She holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and was a Fulbright Fellow at Ohio State University, USA. Her areas of research include the agriculture and foreign policies of India and the US, international security studies, sustainable development, climate change, gender justice, urban environment and food security; and has published extensively in journals and press of national and international repute. She is also the co-author of the book Lessons in Sustainable Development from Bangladesh and India (New York, Palgrave: 2018).



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Sucharita Sen) COUNCIL
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Sucharita Sen is a Professor in the Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University and has been a faculty member there for the last 24 years. She is an economic geographer and has published in areas of agriculture, natural resources and rural livelihoods in both international and national platforms. Her recent work is on labour, gender, water and societal aspects of climate change, both in the context of peri-urban spaces around large metropolitan cities and rural India. She was a Nehru-Fulbright Fellow in 2009-10 and was associated with Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA during this period. She headed the South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Study in Hyderabad between October 2016 to September 2018, a research institution that specializes in water issues with a gender focus.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Govind Kelkar) COUNCIL
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Govind Kelkar PhD in Political Economy of China is Professor and Executive Director, GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation LLP, India as well as a Visiting Professor, Council for Social Development and Institute for Human Development, India. She was a Senior Adviser, Landesa/Rural Development Institute, Seattle, USA (May 2013-March 2020); and Regional Council Member of Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand. In her concurrent assignments, Professor. Kelkar was the International Research Coordinator of ENERGIA International, The Netherlands and research lead on Gender and Energy at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India. She is a Distinguished Adjunct Faculty of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand. Professor Kelkar has the position of an Honorary Professor in Institute of Ethnology, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Yunnan, China, and an Honorary Senior Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. Earlier, April 2004 to March 2012, she worked as “Senior Advisor: Programme and Research, Economic Empowerment Unit, UN Women, South Asia Office, New Delhi, India and coordinated Gender Mainstreaming in Asia, a region wide program of International Fund for Agricultural Development(IFAD) for 6 years. She has previously taught at Delhi University, the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand. At AIT, Professor Kelkar founded the graduate program in Gender Development Studies and also the Gender, Technology and Development Journal, published by SAGE and now by Routledge India. She has extensively worked on gender relations in rural energy and women’s land rights in Asia. She has contributed numerous articles to scholarly journals and written 16 books with a focus on gender relations in Asia and has been in close touch with the women’s movements in the region.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Nimisha Mittal) COUNCIL
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Nimisha Mittal is Lead Researcher, Centre for Research on Innovation and Science Policy (CRISP), based at New Delhi, India. A postgraduate from the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) Bhopal, she has worked with several research organizations and developmental projects. In her career spanning 20 years, Nimisha has traveled extensively in India and Asia, collaborating with various stakeholders- community, non-profits, and governmental agencies. Her areas of expertise are gender, education, livelihoods, agriculture, environment, and natural resource management. Nimisha's core skills include designing and leading research studies, reviews, project evaluations, rapid appraisals, training and capacity development, knowledge management, capacity assessment and consultation workshops. She has also been supporting CRISP in implementing programme activities of the AESA (Agricultural Extension in South Asia) Network and supporting knowledge management of the Asia Pacific Islands Rural Advisory Services (APIRAS) Network. Her work has been published as book chapters, journal articles, policy briefs, good practice notes, training modules and working papers.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Renuka Kad) COUNCIL
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I am a social activist with a passion for helping thousands of underrepresented voices. Armed with a Masters in Social Work (MSW) from Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, as well as a diploma in Womens Rights and a post graduate diploma in Human Rights from the Indian Institute of Human Rights, New Delhi , I am a highly confident, competent, multi lingual professional who has already made a mark as an author of several books and reports giving light to the plight of underprivileged women and children. I have skills of leadership and strategic management and training. I have the knowledge of techniques used in cyber crime.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Chhaya Bhanti) COUNCIL
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Chhaya Bhanti is the founder and CEO of Vertiver, a multi-disciplinary sustainability consultancy specializing in climate change, forestry, agriculture and waste management. She has over 25 years of experience working across corporate and non-profit sectors in the US and in India. Chhaya is currently leading behavior change communications for CIFF's Unnat Kheti project on low carbon agriculture, where she is helping develop many innovative, multi-lingual technical tools to advance farmers' understanding of natural farming practices and soil health. Chhaya has served as an advisor to the DBT, GoI's FarmerZone project. She served as the Co-PI on the Waste to Wealth Mission's Su-Dhara program on Waste Management where she led the behavior change strategy and implementation for three years. Chhaya has worked closely with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Department of Biotechnology, World Bank, GIZ, USAID, UKAID, CIFF as well as various other stakeholders. Vertiver has served as the India partner to the GCRF program, TIGR2ESS on sustainable agriculture in India with Cambridge University for three years, coordinating across 22 institutional partners in the country. Chhaya has been part of many forestry and agriculture research projects including on millet cultivation and uptake, crop residue burning, use of digital apps for farming in India, nutrition and climate change and health. Chhaya is also a co-founder of Iora Ecological Solutions, an environmental consultancy and Sanjhi, an NGO in Rajasthan.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Vandana Tatra) COUNCIL
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Vandana Tatra, PhD (Agriculture Science), and MBA (Project Management), has span of over 17 years of rich professional experience in Agriculture and Development domain while working with research institutions, public, private and not-for-profit sectors. Her doctoral research focuses on soil sustainability indicators and Soil organic matter dynamics to mitigate climate change. She had been associated as consultant for various prestigious monitoring and evaluation and impact assessment assignments such as NFSM, ATMA, Horticulture Mission, National Vegetable Initiatives of SFAC, BRLP of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Ministry of Rural Development, GoI, and World Bank aided projects of Horticulture HPHDP, H.P. and Gramya -II of Uttarakhand. She has also served the farming community through farmer awareness campaigns, and query redressal services. At Agriculture Skill Council of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, GoI, she leads the skilling content vertical as DGM for conceptualizing and managing the content development strategies and enhancing learning resources for NSQF aligned and NCVET approved competency based Qualification Packs to skill, reskill and upskill the Nation in agriculture and allied sector through vocational skill ecosystem.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Ruchira Bhattacharya) COUNCIL
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Ruchira Bhattacharya is an Assistant Professor at the Centre for CSR, PPP, PA & Research Consultancy and Head-in-charge of the Delhi Branch of the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR). Prior to joining the Delhi Branch, she worked in the Centre for Gender Studies and Development in NIRDPR, Hyderabad. Her Ph.D. from JNU, New Delhi was on the Public Distribution System in India. Prior to joining NIRDPR, she worked as a Researcher at the Centre for Social Science and Humanities-Delhi for a longitudinal village study by the London School of Economics and Political Science, taught development economics at Ambedkar University Delhi, and worked as a Program Officer in Population Council Delhi. She has undertaken research in food security, social transfer, equity, nutrition, and gender in the context of rural development. She has also worked in the areas of public health focusing on nutrition and risks of the population vulnerable to HIV. She has presented her research and engaged with the research community in many prestigious forums such as CIECS Argentina, summer workshops at LSE, UK, and Brown University USA. She conducts multiple training courses focused on mainstreaming gender and integrating nutrition goals in village planning.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Sudha Chhikara) COUNCIL
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Dr. Sudha Chhikara brings a total of 34 years of experience in the field. She was pioneer in developing MSc. and PhD. courses to introduce human ecological approach in the field of home science. She has led several national and international research projects and have several publications of repute to her credit. She has worked closely with krishi vigyan kendras and implemented ARYA and NARI project.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Aruna Sharma) COUNCIL
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Aruna Sharma 1982 batch MP Cader IAS officer. She was Secretary Steel and before that IT in GoI. She is practitioner development economist working in field of use of technology for inclusive sustainable growth. She worked to active involvement of women in agriculture whether in farming, allied activities like dairy, ownership of land, processing and financial inclusion. She is fellow in University of Bath and her model of Samruddhi through financial inclusion referred in Kennedy School Harvard. She is in board of many companies and regularly writes . Her latest book Dancing Towards \$5trillion dollar economy on holistic beat is well received by corporate world and policy makers



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Anshu Mehta) COUNCIL
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An educator, researcher and management professional with more than 10+ years of corporate experience and 7+ years of experience in Research/Academics. Professor Anshu Mehta is a strategic and creative thinker with strong understanding of the market dynamics. She has done her graduation from G.B Pant University of Agriculture & Technology. She did her Masters in Agribusiness Management from MANAGE (sub- center NIAM). She has completed her Ph.D in General Management from Amity University. She has worked with corporates like Reliance Retail and WALMART and is currently working a Visiting Faculty at FMS, Delhi University and several other management institutes.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Manveen Kaur) COUNCIL
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Dr. Manveen Kaur is presently working as faculty in Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurgaon in the area of Rural Development for the last 24 years. Her area of interest include; Rural Development, Gender, Social Audit, Micro Credit (SHG), etc. She has been the Nodal officer of various prestigious projects like CBPR, CBSP, Training for All, etc. She has also done various Research Projects funded by IFAD, MADP, DOPT, DFID and UNDP. e.g. Haryana's first Human Development Report; Impact Assessment Study of Mewat Region ; Status of Employment with special focus on Gender, 2005; Base Line Survey of Command Area of Mewat Region ; Strengthen the Election (PR) Process in Haryana and many more. She is also faculty Training Coordinator for the Institute for coordinating the training activities.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Ms. Soumya Kapoor) COUNCIL
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Soumya Kapoor Mehta has nearly 20 years of experience in the development sector, spanning research around gender, women's empowerment, poverty reduction strategies, social inclusion challenges, and policy levers to alleviate them around the world. She has worked with donors (including the World Bank, UNICEF, and BMGF) and in different capacities with governments and civil society while leading such work, and has been an author of two highly acclaimed books on poverty reduction. She has also led a prominent gender research center in India – the Initiative for What Works to Advance Women and Girls in the Economy (IWWAGE) - generating, leveraging, and synthesizing evidence on women's economic empowerment. Soumya has a Tripos Degree from the University of Cambridge in Economics, a BA (Hons.) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, and has been a Visiting Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Anamika Sharma) COUNCIL
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Dr. Anamika Sharma is the head of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gurugram. She is a Principal Scientist at Indian Council of Agriculture Research and her area of specialisation is horticulture.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Nisha Varghese) COUNCIL
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Dr. Nisha Varghese is an experienced academician, development professional and a researcher. She is currently working with the School of Extension and Development Studies at IGNOU where she co-ordinates Post Graduate Diploma in CSR and MA in CSR. An agricultural economist by training, she has a keen interest in working on issues related to agriculture and development on which she has presented papers in several international conferences. Her areas of interest include agriculture and development, desertification and development and labour migration.



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COUNCIL MEMBER, (Dr. Dipa Sinha) COUNCIL
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Dipa Sinha has done her MA in Economics from JNU, MSc in Development Studies from School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London and Ph.d from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She has worked on issues related to food rights, nutrition and public health. Before joining AUD, she worked with the Office of Commissioners to the Supreme Court (on the Right to Food), Centre for Equity Studies and Public Health Research Network. and is actively involved with the Right to Food Campaign. She has written extensively on issues related to public policy, health and nutrition. Her book, "Women, Health and Public Services in India: Why are states different?" has recently been published by Routledge India.



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