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# Nessie Ndivi-Hill, USA

Dr. Hill is the founder of The Essex County College African Students Association (ECCASA) which is an organization at Essex County College in Newark, New Jersey, which promotes the eclectic cultures that are only found in Africa. She is also the founder of GADIAGO which is Non-Profit Organization that promotes women's education, and raises health awareness amongst women in Cameroon along with providing financial assistance to their families.

She is currently the New Jersey/New York President of Ex-Saker Students Association which is an association of ex-students of Saker Baptist college in Cameroon with the main goal of putting together programs geared towards advancing the future of the girl child in Saker and Cameroon.



# Fr Francis Yimso, Nagaland, India

Currently in Shamator , Nagaland he is known by the name of Yimso (As given by the villagers as they have accepted him as one of their tribe) Father is relentless when it comes to connecting this remote village and its inhabitants to the outside world. He works with the villages, the children and the youth in supporting them with the most basic of all rights “Education”. Social disorganization and unrest are natural outcome of the inadequacy of the basic facilities for growth. No doubt, Shamator is backward due to negligence and lack of support and care. Mountainous geography, lack of communication facilities and basic developmental structures, political instability, educational backwardness, social disorganization, etc., have played havoc on the lives of youth immeasurably and have kept them in constant unrest. Shamator is one such area that has been victimized as a whole. His contributions in enabling this little village figure on the map for various reasons has put the village and its inhabitants in the spotlight.



# Dr. Shashikala Gurpur, Pune, India

Director of Symbiosis Law School, Pune and the Dean - Faculty of Law of the University, Pune since 2007. She holds a Ph.D. in International Law from University of Mysore, Karnataka State Government Award, Gold Medal for topping in LL.M and was the AHRB Visiting Fellow, Edinburgh Law School, UK (2004), selected for Fulbright-Nehru Administrators Seminar, 2011.

Her contribution towards Tribal Rights Movements in association with Samaghra is significant to be mentioned here. In addition, Dr. Gurpur has given several presentations and talks on gender issues, human rights and equality.



# Mahendaran S, Tamilnadu, India

Mahendaran. S from Tiruchirapalli in Tamilnadu belongs to the nomadic tribal group called 'Narikuravar' known as "Hunters of the Fox". He founded NEWS (Narikuravar Education and Welfare Society) in 1990 along with his wife Seetha. He has been striving for the past 25 years in enlisting this nomadic group under the 'Schedule Tribe' status. Finally after 25 years of lobbying and repeated appeal this was passed in the "Parliament of Indian" on 31st Aug 2013. "Our community has been considered 'untouchable' for long" says Mahendaran, "there are over 500,000 Narikuravars living in the state of Tamilnadu and we are strong and independent people fighting for recognition of our Tribal heritage and the 25 year long persistence and struggle has been worth it, our children will no more be the invisible people of India" NEWS today runs a school for 200 nomadic children in Trichy and a successful crafts bridge forum for the women of the tribe which forms the major source of income in sustaining their homes.



# Nishtha Anand, Gujarat, India

Nishtha was struck with muscular dystrophy and tuberculosis at a young age, which left her completely dependent on a wheelchair. Despite this impediment, Nishtha has taken an active interest in the field of rehabilitation and the empowering of people afflicted by muscular dystrophy. In 2008, she coordinated the 19th Medical Awareness Camp of the Indian Association of Muscular Dystrophy (IAMD) in Ahmedabad. Since then, she has conducted camps and picnics in nine districts in Gujarat, and donated 14 wheelchairs which empowered the people living with Muscular Dystrophy. She is now the Chapter Head (Gujarat) for the IAMD. Nishtha travels all over the country and motivates many people suffering from muscular dystrophy.



# Dr. Ashwin Mahesh Bangalore, India

An astronomer and NASA climate scientist, who gave up his science career to work on what he calls 'public problem solving' in Bangalore. These days he is a social technologist, journalist and civic thought leader, and also the State President of the Loksatta Party, in Karnataka. He edits the largest public affairs and development magazine in the country, India Together. His voice is heard - and often heeded - in government circles too; earlier this year he was instrumental in getting funds allotted by the government to build 10,000 homes for the poor in the city.

