



Name: Sai Padma. Bellana

Date of Birth: 10-03-1971

I am a differently abled person, physically challenged due to polio (Orthopedically handicapped- I use wheelchair/elbow crutches as and when necessary.)

Educational Accomplishments

- Graduation in Commerce- B.com from Andhra University, India.
- Post graduation in commerce- M.com from Andhra University, India.
- Graduation in Law – B.L (bachelor of Laws) from Andhra University ,India.

- MBA (finance) from Andhra University.
- Chartered Accountancy (final) equivalent to CPA (certified public accountant).
- Post graduate diploma in computer applications.

Field based experience

- 1996-97: Joined Lions Family Welfare Planning Trust (LFWPT), an NGO established in 1984 for solutions towards health and education and rural development, handling different programs/projects.
- 1998-99: Project Coordinator for “National Child Labor Project” facilitating functioning of three bridge schools and one residential school for girls.
- 1999-2000: Served as Planning Head for launching “partners in sexual health” project in Vizianagaram district with technical guidance and funding by Andhra Pradesh state AIDS control society (APSACS). Supervised Needs Assessment Survey for Truckers and counseled people living with HIV/AIDS and instrumental in the formation of “Vijay+-first ever Positive Club for the Positive People” (www.nacoonline.org)
- 2000-01: Launched “Vijayapratham”- a PRATHAM educational initiative in 163 villages covering 4 *mandals* now upscaled to 200 villages. Played a catalytic role in project proposing, managing and scaling up.
- Training and Program Head for five years for 200 Balsakhis (Friend of Children) 15 supervisors and two coordinators and a 12 member core committee team, in conceptualizing educational material for drop-out children in Telugu and mathematics. (www.pratham.org)
- 2003-04: Served as Treasurer for VIN-CSO (Vizianagaram networking of civil society organization) for the elimination of child labor funded by “International Labor Organization (ILO)” with project guidance from “Andhra Mahila Sabha” Hyderabad.
- 2004-05: Served as Chief Executive/Trustee for LFWPT handling all communication, project, legal and finance matters.
- 2005-06: Teamed up with international HIV/AIDS alliance for their “home and community based care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS” as an Advisor.
- 2006-07: Traveled in India, visiting various NGO’s and disability groups and addressing gatherings, motivating groups on access, education and empowerment issues of disabled across the country. Attended First National Conference on “WOMEN WITH DISABILITY (WWD)” held in Bhubaneshwar, India, as key-note speaker.
- 2007-08: Traveled extensively from west coast to east coast in USA, interacting with organizations like “Access Living, Chicago” and “Heart and Hand for the Handicapped

(HHH), New York” and “Society for Accessible Travel and Hospitality, New York (S.A.T.H)”

- Participated in the World Congress & Exposition on Disabilities (www.wcdexpo.com) in Washington, DC. As a participant and updated my knowledge on disability scenario.
- Adept in budget forecasting and projections and reporting responsibilities in a timely manner.
- Motivational speaker & singer in fundraising activities by “Heart and Hand for the Handicapped (HHH), New York and “Spread India”, Detroit. Volunteered my services to raise funds in USA for polio-corrective surgeries and educational projects in rural India.
- Interviewed by Chicago Public Radio, under Global Activism Series, assessing the status of Indian Disabled. To hear the full interview please click http://audio.wbez.org/wv/2007/10/wv_20071011b.m3u
- Worked as “Training of Trainers (TOT) in projects relating to rehabilitation of disabled, trained 200 volunteers in Community Based Rehabilitation.
- Good in writing and editing. Periodically edits organizational news letter.
- Published a compilation of poetry in English by name “LIFE”.
- Several articles were published in journals, to mention a few “Ability In Disability” in www.indianwomenonline.com and “Access’ABILITY” in www.disabilityindia.org
- Poetry on disability was published in www.sulekha.com and www.thulika.net
- Wrote foreward to telugu novel “Nijaaniki Feminijaaniki Madhya”
- Translated telugu short stories in English thru www.thulika.net website.
- Contributed to a magazine “Catalyst for Human Development” (www.afhd.org) a development magazine published from New York,USA.

AWARDS

- Awarded “Melvin Jones Fellow” by Lions Clubs International
- Awarded “Paul Harris Fellow” by Rotary International.
- Special recognition award from “Jayanthi Foundation,USA” for Services in empowering disabled in State of Andhra Pradesh, India.

Computer skills

- Completed Post graduate diploma in Computer Applications, pro with MS Office, extensively uses internet for effective data collection and presentation and participated in various fundraising drives. Comfortable in virtual platforms.

Other skills

- Born in India with physical challenges and fighting for every human right gives extreme optimism and an attitude of 'possibility thinking'.
- Diploma holder in Indian Classical music. Regularly conducts shows and motivates people for active participation in disability related issues.

List of references:

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