

Mrs. Ritu Prakash Chhabria

Ritu Prakash Chhabria completed her education in UK. She has obtained a double Major in Economics & Marketing from Richmond College – London and also holds a masters degree in Public Relations. Her interest in art and culture prompted her to pursue a certification in Arts & Styles course at the prestigious Sotheby's – London.

In the year 1999 she established Mukul Madhav Foundation as she felt the need to channelize the many social welfare programmes carried out by her. The Foundation has touched many lives in the areas of Healthcare, Education and Social Welfare. This apart, Mukul Madhav Foundation provides medical assistance to patients, helps students with scholarship's for higher education and donates in cash and kind to other NGO's who are doing commendable work in areas like Remand Homes, Leprosy Homes, Homes for the Blind, Homes for the Disabled, Homes for the Aged and children with learning disabilities.

Mrs. Chhabria has been associated with KEM Hospital, Pune since the year 2000. Through the Foundation she finances the fellowship of two medical Post-Graduate students for further studies in pediatrics at KEM and also set up Pune's first Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in KEM Hospital and has financed 6 beds with life saving equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Working in and around the villages of Ratnagiri she saw a crying need for rural up-liftment which resulted in the established of Mukul Madhav Vidyalaya an English Medium School on the outskirts of Ratnagiri. Here the children are provided quality urban education at a nominal cost. The school boasts of computer laboratories, LCD screens, a well stocked library and a vast range of extra-curricular activities bringing the outside world to the outback.

Besides this Mrs. Chhabria has been organising free health camps biannually in the Government schools in and around Ratnagiri since 2008. On an average, 2800 students are screened by Dentists, Ophthalmic and General Physicians.

In the year 2009, The Rotary Club recognised Mrs. Chhabria for her efforts and initiatives in mitigating child mortality. She was also awarded by Ruby Hall Clinic for her dedication and

outstanding contribution towards the care of cancer patients. She is closely involved with Big Ears – the hearing aid initiative at KEM Hospital and has successfully raised funds for conducting cochlear implants on a number of children. Besides this she organised an art and craft camp for children to raise funds for Vidya Jyoti School which caters to slow learners.

On the 1st of June, 2013 she was presented with the “Muktai Award” for outstanding work in the field of healthcare and education by the esteemed hands of the Ex. President of India Shrimati Pratibhatai Patil.

Her list of endeavors at working towards mitigating the pain and suffering of the under privileged has no end. She continues to strive for spreading education and providing healthcare for the less privileged members of our society and especially for the children of India – the future of our country.

Besides this Mrs. Chhabria is a proud home maker and has raised two lovely girls – Gayatri who is currently pursuing her B.B.A from Symbiosis College Pune and Hansika who is in the 9th grade at St. Mary’s School Pune. In the midst of all this activity she finds time for her hobbies like traveling, reading, music and swimming.