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❖ *Brief Introduction ...*

Mrs Sushma S. Chordiya was born and brought up in Pune, completed her B.A, DCA from top college in Pune. She is a noted philanthropist and a social worker, working tirelessly for the betterment of the society and upliftment of the downtrodden. She is also a conscientious and loving daughter, wife, mother and grandmother who manages to beautifully balance her work and family life and is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mrs Sushma Chordiya, Vice President & Secretary of Suryadatta Education Foundation is the silent, yet powerful force behind its stupendous growth since 1999. She is responsible for overseeing general administration of all Institutes under Suryadatta Group, smooth functioning of the Institutes, managing Accounts & Finance of the Group, guiding faculty members, mentoring students especially outstation students and conducting social events, active guidance in cultural events.

The dedication & relentless efforts has facilitated growth of Suryadatta Group of Institutions (SGI). SGI is an educational conglomerate of 22+ Academic Institutions comprising of K- 12 schools, Junior colleges, Higher education institutions offering UG & PG courses, Research

centres, Centres of Excellence in training, research & consultancy, Innovation & Incubation centres and many more.

Mrs Chordiya's mission is to provide education for all and is firm believer that every person has huge potential and we must encourage, motivate and give them confidence so that they can prove that nothing is impossible.

❖ *Edu – Socio Initiatives ...*

Under her able guidance, Suryadatta Group's Edu-Socio Connect Initiative offers various voluntary skill based modules, Women empowerment programs, awareness programs & free of cost education to the needy, deserving, economically deprived strata of the society, farmers, members of the Armed Forces, Public Servants, loyal employees of the organization and to divyang children through its 40+ Voluntary institutes. . She has encouraged women to participate in decision making roles, encouraged women in skill development in traditional & non-traditional sectors, provided basic amenities for the needy, contributed significantly for the safety, respect, dignity, health & hygiene, skill development & life skills of girls & women

Women Empowerment programs include 'Education for all' scheme under which computer literacy & English speaking programs were conducted for the housewives, self-employed and other interested women in the locality & entire district. This program was very beneficial for the women to be self-dependent & self-reliant – the housewives got an opportunity to work from home using the basic computer skills & English language, they were proud that they could now help their kids in their learning; already self-employed women could do much more better in their field of activity and become economically more stable.

Mrs Chordiya on a regular basis conducts short training programs for the women in the locality such as preparing various types of spices, Jam & Jelly, pickles, cookies, variety of dishes, stitching, knitting, fashion designing, etc. Thousands of women have been trained through such initiatives & many have started their own business in similar field

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She has taken the initiative for offering scholarships to meritorious & economically weaker girl students of Suryadatta Institute and also financially helped other girl students in the community for pursuing higher education.

Suryadatta Institute is part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan mission and were given responsibility of 5 villages. Once Again, Mrs Chordiya led the initiative & guided the students and faculties involved in their various activities for rural development.

Social Responsibility being one of her priorities, conducts / conducted voluntary training in

- Customised English Communication skills & computer literacy to 870 Auto Rickshaw drivers
- Customised English Communication skills to 100 Railway Coolies according to their profession
- Customized literacy to over 700 senior citizens & Homemakers
- Customized Fashion design to 1200 girls & Women
- Customized Bakery & Cookery, Spices making, etc to 800 women / homemakers
- Beauty care course to 700 women / homemakers
- Jewellery training course to girls/ women
- Foreign language courses to make the students sustainable across globe

These programs not only made them self-reliant but also boosted their self-esteem & self-confidence. All these initiatives are undertaken frequently as part of Suryadatta's Edu Socio connect drive, since inception. As a mark of respect to the COVID warriors, Mrs Chordiya has provided scholarships to their children for higher education in Suryadatta.

### ❖ *Suryadatta as a responsible educational institute conducted other social Initiatives under Mrs Chordiya's guidance & leadership...*

- Health care Initiatives include camps for Polio Eradication, AIDS Awareness, Blood Donation, Cardiac, Eye and Diabetes Checkup, Bone Density awareness, dental check up, de-addiction, etc.

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- Environment protection initiatives include Cleanliness drive, Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Swachh Bharat Mission, Save earth / nature rallies, etc in different cities & states.
- Annual Job fairs organized for all the students / employees in the state & more than 2000 candidates have got job opportunity from such drives; National & Global Symposiums, Conventions, Jallosh, etc.
- Suryadatta Group is associated with several 300 NGOs such as Janseva foundation, Poona Blind Men's Association, MAHER, etc & also Maha NGO for organizing various social initiatives.
- Regular Environment & social Awareness Rallies are conducted in different parts of the Nation with the students & staff of Suryadatta in Pune city & different parts of the state for inculcating the spirit of save environment, save nation for the future. Principle used – Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.
- Rice plantation drive every year by minimum 500 students & staff to assist the needy & deserving farmers in field related work, live the life of farmers for a day and understand their pain. Encourage the farmers' children for use of technology for optimizing the yield, diversifying their crops, thereby better livelihood. Thus, reduce the migration of rural people to urban areas for livelihood. Students are also given opportunity to get the first hand information from the villagers dealing with farming, milk & its byproducts, thereby they get to understand the agri economy and at the same time help the villagers/ farmers by sharing the knowledge gained in their classes.
- Rural development initiatives in 5 villages in Mulshi taluk as a part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. – conducted training camps, distributed quilts, sewing machines, benches for schools, sanitization kits, food supply, etc
- New year celebrations with specially abled children along with our regular school & college students. Impact – self - realization, self -actualization, transformation in the minds of students – positive impact.

❖ Initiatives during COVID-19 Pandemic crisis ...

- Co-initiated 6 Suryadatta banks – Suryadatta Food Bank, Clothing bank, Product bank, Knowledge bank, Idea bank, & Business bank for various initiatives undertaken during the COVID 19 pandemic. Through Food bank, food was supplied to 5000+ people particularly the frontline workers involved in rendering services during the COVID crisis, hospitals, etc. The food distributed was prepared by staff & students of Suryadatta with the inspiration of Dr Sanjay Chordiya and as a responsible citizen contributing to the society to the extent possible.
- Felicitation & token of Appreciation to all frontline workers & society workers for their services during COVID pandemic.
- Mission Corona Eradication – awareness programs on Govt protocols, Health & Hygiene, periodical health check -up, social distancing, yoga & meditation, etc for students, staff & their family members were arranged by inviting distinguished personalities to address the gathering and trying our best to stop spread of the Corona virus. Also, 24\*7 assistance was given to COVID victims, hospitals, frontline workers in all the possible ways, as part of social responsibility toward the Nation.
- Distribution of Corona kits to the general public in the locality & frontline workers through Suryadatta Product bank.
- As a social responsibility, Mrs Chordiya encouraged the fashion design students & faculties to make quilts & the same was distributed to patients of regional mental hospital in Yerwada, Pune through Suryadatta Clothing bank.
- Distribution of 7000kg Misal (Maharashtrian snacks) to 30000 people through 300 NGOs. Plus 1000 kg to community & slum people in response of the requests recd through social media after seeing live telecast of our initiative. The snack was prepared, packed & distributed in 48 hours (inclusive of back end preparation) by 25 students and 25 staff taking all the safety measures and following the COVID protocols. It created 40+ world records
- Distribution of food grains bag to the needy by Suryadatta Food Bank

- 61 students from flood affected area were adopted for education during this pandemic. On the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence day, 75 employees (non-graduates) were given free higher education; since inception 1300 candidates are benefitted by this initiative. The higher education pursued by these employees has helped them to move to the main stream of work.

❖ *Felicitation of Distinguished Personalities...*

She has been instrumental in conceptualizing much coveted Suryadatta Lifetime Achievement and Suryadatta National Awards ceremony, instituted in 2003 and honouring notable personalities from all spheres of life saluting iconic role models renowned nationally and globally, for their passionate life-long mission of making contributions towards the enrichment of society through peerless accomplishments. This event is organized for motivating, encouraging and inspiring the students, and the public staying in the vicinity as part of community development. The words of wisdom of such luminaries matter a lot to the students in terms of life transformation and to see them as a role model and to carry forward the legacy. These inspirational life stories help to create their unique identity and results in employment, contributing towards the Nation.

She is also an active guiding light behind Surya Milan, the annual alumni meet. She co-initiated “Unfold Hidden Potential through Blindfold,” and 24 hr Silent Wreadathon: 24 hrs Reading, Writing, Learning, thinking, observing silence, for enlightenment, generation of new ideas, innovation and research. Both the events were endorsed by Limca Book of Records.

Other events “Lining The Border Of Map Of India with 1100 Tulsi Saplings”, “Kavyathon 2019” , Preparation & Distribution of 7000kg Misal (Maharashtrian snacks) to 30000 people through 300 NGOs, Suryadatta Kalaaarogyam Yogathan 2021 which set world records and were duly recognized by Golden Book Of Records bore indelible stamp of her leadership and guidance.

She is a life Member of YMCA International Home and Activity Centre, member of P YC Hindu Gymkhana, member of JW Marriott Hotel, Pune and International Centre,Goa.

❖ *Awards & Recognitions ...*

Noted few are the recent awards / recognitions received by Mrs Sushma Chordiya:

- 1) 'Nirmitee Award for SDG 2023' from Skilletz foundation for her contribution towards Sustainable Development goals in the category of Quality Education & Gender equality.
- 2) 'Women and Child development Icon in Asia 2022' award for her significant contribution towards Women empowerment, Child welfare and Missionary services. The award was conferred at the hands of Shri Sarpeet Singh Gill, Education Secretary, Govt of Goa at the 4th Asia Pacific Education & Technology Summit organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Education Post.
- 3) Pune's Women Leaders Award 2022 from CMO Asia and World Women Leadership Congress at the hands of Dr Ganesh Natarajan for her contribution towards Women empowerment.
- 4) Stree Shakti Puraskar 2022 from Sri Bhavani Pratishthan Parivarthan Trust in recognition of her social & women empowerment initiatives
- 5) Savitri-Jyoti Rashtriya Puraskar 2022 from Rashtriya Bandhuta Sahitya Parishad, Rayat Shikshan Sanstha's Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar College at the hands of Shri Chandrakant Dalvi. The award has been conferred in recognition of quality education to the students & for the CSR activities organised throughout the year.
- 6) Urja Puraskar 2022 at the hands of Mrs Amruta Fadnavis from Gravittus Foundation for her sincere contribution for bringing about a change & uplifting society.
- 7) Suryadatta Women & Leadership Academy is recipient of ' India Brand Icons 2022' award for the initiatives taken towards Child & Women Rehabilitation and Empowerment in Maharashtra, organized by Times Cybermedia Pvt Ltd.
- 8) Recipient of International President's Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Club International in recognition of his distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Club International for the year 2020 -21
- 9) Adarsh Samaj Bhushan Prerna Gaurav Puraskar 2021 from Gyanjyoti social service organization for her relentless support & contribution towards establishing Suryadatta Education Foundation & for its tremendous growth in 2 decades.

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- 10) International Womens Achievers award 2021 from Womens world Records for social work.
- 11) Pride of India – Bhaskar Award 2021 for her social services
- 12) Achiever of the Year 2021 –Man of Humanity award from Golden Care club & Nisha Foundation for social work.
- 13) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Peace award 2021 for social work
- 14) Indira Gandhi National Best Icon Award 2021 for Social work
- 15) Lokmat Women Achievers of Pune 2020 award in recognition towards outstanding contributions in the field of Social welfare during the COVID19 Pandemic, Education, Social Teaching, Learning, Research and innovation.
- 16) Jijau Ratna award 2020 at hands of Hon'ble Shri Amol Kolhe Member of Parliament and Renowned Actor for her selfless services to the society for women & Child welfare
- 17) 'Stree Shakti Puraskar' from Dr Archika Foundation at the hands of Shri Sudhanshuji Maharaj.
- 18) World Space Technology Awards Vision India 2020 for social work.
- 19) International Achievers award 2020 from International Peace Foundation for social work.
- 20) India Star Personality Award 2020 from India Star Book of Records for Social work.
- 21) Recipient of 'Visionary Leader of the year 2019' from CEGR, New Delhi for her relentless contribution to the field of education & skill development.
- 22) Recipient of 'Certificate of Kindness' from World Records Biennale Foundation for her commitment to promote safety against COVID-19 by participating in the campaign, 'Spreading Kindness Digitally'.
- 23) Recipient of 'Corona Yodha Samman 2020' from Sarvashresta Brahmin Mahasamiti, MP for her selfless service, dedication and commitment for safety against COVID 19.
- 24) Recipient of 'Best Institution in India for Designers' (Fashion, Interior & Animation" at the hands of Hon'ble Shri Vinod Tawde, Cabinet Minister for Education during Navbharat Education Awards Ceremony for Suryadatta Group of Institutes



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25) Recipient of 'Best Institutional Group in Maharashtra' conferred upon Suryadatta Group of institutes during the Indian Excellence in Education Awards 2019, at the hands of Ms. Poonam Dhillon, eminent Bollywood Actress, and many more .....