

## Concourse-Building Sustainable Society with Volunteers

India@75 and Youth for Seva (YFS) had organized a conference for volunteering at Constitution Club, New Delhi on 8 Aug, 2014 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Late Prof CK Prahalad.

Function was attended by about 115 participants from corporate, NGOs/CSOs and intermediaries working in the volunteering space. Mr Rajan Navani, Chairman, National Committee on India@75, Mr Lalit Gupta, Joint Secretary, Min of Youth Affairs & Sports were the Guest of Honour and

Mr Mohan Giri, MP (Lok Sabha) was the Chief Guest for the function amongst many other learned speakers.

The speakers enriched the audience on issues like corporate volunteering, volunteering among youth, shattering various myths and stereotypes. The program concluded with Mr. Mahesh Giri sharing his inspirational experience of Volunteering for a better India.



(L-R) Mr Rajan Navani, Chairman, National Committee on India@75, Mr Lalit Gupta, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Virendra Gupta, Deputy Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry.



## CK Prahalad - Mind of the Futurist

A book on Late Prof CK Prahalad titled "CK Prahalad – Mind of the Futurist" written by Benedict Paramanand was launched by Mr. R K Krishna Kumar, Former Director, Tata Sons at the occasion of his birth anniversary on 9 August at Yi Western Regional Conclave at Mumbai. Speaking at the occasion the daughter of Prof Prahalad Ms Deepa Prahalad, said that she has a deep faith in young people and with 3 major keys i.e. Inspiration, Innovation and Governance the youth can do wonders for India.

She further stated that strategic challenges can be tackled only through Innovation in businesses and entrepreneurs need to innovate persistently to survive in the market to continue bringing the change in society.



(L-R) Deepa Prahalad, R Prasanna, Chair-Southern Region-YI, R K Krishna Kumar, Former Director, Tata Sons

## Probono legal Workshop

India@75 organized a "Pro bono Legal Workshop" with Hewlett-Packard (HP) & I Probono on 21 August, 2014 at Constitution Club of India, New Delhi. The session was led by HP's in-house lawyers and lawyers from INDIALAW who have experience in rendering advice on legal issues commonly faced by CSOs in the course of their work. The workshop was a kick starter for other projects towards implementation of Phase 1 of the Pro bono initiative.

15 lawyers from HP & India Law provided their Pro bono services to 17 CSOs. The workshop had participation from –Society for Promotion of Women and Child (SPOWAC), Stir Education, CEDPA, Operation Asha, Joining Hands, International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), SM Sehgal Foundation, Udyam Prayas, India Institute, Vanvasi Kalyaan Ashram, Action for Autism, Force, Azad Foundation, Council to Secure Justice, Youth for Sewa, Jeevas, Mamta, Justice & Care etc.

The workshop started with inaugural address which was given by Swathi Sukumar, Country Director, I Probono; Rajeev Nair, India Country Counsel, HP & Mr. Biju Thomas, Partner India law. It was followed by interactive and informative presentations by HP lawyers. The presentations covered plethora of topics that the non-profits face in their day to day activities, such as incorporation of CSO, Finance and Taxation, Data Privacy, Intellectual Property, Employment Law etc. Post lunch session was one – o - one consultations, where members from nonprofits interacted with lawyers seeking advice for specific cases.

The workshop ended on a high note of satisfaction from corporate and non-profits. A follow-up process has been initiated where each query of the non-profit will be taken up by India@75 as a part of its Pro bono initiative plan to replicate this in various areas of need like finance, IT, marketing, medical etc.



*"A workshop conducted in a very professional way with lot of room for one to one interaction. A very educative workshop"*

- Lakshmi Krishnan, President (SPOWAC-Society for Promotion of Women and Child)

*"My heartfelt gratitude for CII's and your team's contribution to our organization's mission through the very useful and well customized probono legal consultancy you co-organized with India Law and i-probono. I found all the sessions relevant and informative. That we could also get specific legal advise brought clarity to a lot of issues that not-for-profit organizations like ours find less resourceful to address adequately"*

- Baladevan Rangaraju, Director - India Institute

*"The event was a great success because it brought together such diverse players. It gave civil society organisations, in-house lawyers and lawyers in private practice a chance to interact with each other in a focused and strategic manner."*

- Swathi Sukumar, India Country Director, i-Probono



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