

## Ms Chitra Shah, Vice-President, Special Olympics Bharat



She is Passionate about justice and social inclusion, with a particular focus on the intersection of gender and disability. She Founded Satya Special School as a Safe space for 20 children in 2003 with intellectual disabilities and neurodiversity, and expanded to serve more than 1400 children till date, impacting tens of thousands of people through specialized interventions, advocacy, and other programs, leading a team of 140+ working on more than 15 distinct projects toward the social inclusion of people with disabilities.

She is a gold medalist in Master of Social Work (Family and Child Welfare) from Madras School of Social Work. She is the external fellow for the University of IOWA, USA and consults in a few European Universities in France & Italy

She contributes to diverse government programs as member of several committees such as the Committee for Shelter for the Urban Homeless, State Advisory Council for the Right to Education Act, Prime Minister's Beti Bachao Beti Padhao program, etc. She has also authored various research papers such as 'Access to Justice for Women with Disabilities'- Status Report from Puducherry

Ms Shah is a Winner of several awards such as Pride of Puducherry, Sakunthala Sakthi National Award, Alert Being Award 2020 for being a 'Good Samaritan', to name a few.