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SPEAKER BIOS



Puneet Kumar Mishra

Deputy Director, DWCD, Uttar Pradesh

Puneet Kumar Mishra is a dedicated civil servant with nearly two decades of experience in child protection and women's empowerment. Currently supervising Meerut division and Kanpur Division, he has led several impactful initiatives to strengthen child protection services in Uttar Pradesh. Known for his collaborative approach, Mr. Mishra has played a key role in implementing Mission Shakti and Mission Vatsalya and has been widely recognized for his interventions against trafficking and institutionalization, including the rehabilitation of survivors in Meerganj, Allahabad. His work reflects a strong commitment to systemic solutions, cross-sectoral convergence, and safeguarding the rights of women and children.



Pramod Kumar Mishra

District Panchayat Officer, Bolangir, Odisha

Pramod Kumar Mishra is a senior officer in the Odisha Panchayati Raj Service. As District Panchayat Officer, he leads the implementation of rural development and Panchayati Raj schemes in Bolangir district. He ensures coordination among local bodies, manages fund allocation, and strengthens grassroots governance. He brings decades of experience in rural governance and development. By activating the 5% untied fund for child protection, he has significantly contributed to empowering Panchayats to take proactive responsibility for the safety and well-being of children in their communities.



Lokanath Misra

Member Secretary, ARUNA, Odisha

Lokanath Misra is a seasoned development professional with a Master's degree in Sociology and over 30 years of experience spanning HIV prevention, child protection, migration, and disaster response. Currently serving as the Member Secretary of ARUNA, Odisha, he brings expertise in program planning, management, and analysis. Throughout his career, he has held leadership roles in multiple organizations and civil society networks and notably represented India at the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS in 2006. He has extensive experience working with PRIs to strengthen child protection systems, and today he will share insights from ARUNA's initiatives under Changing the Way We Care.