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# Leadership Dialogues

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*Towards a Safer Future for Our Children.*

## SPEAKER BIOS

## Prabhat Kumar

### Independent Child Protection Specialist

Prabhat Kumar is an independent Child Protection Specialist with over 20 years of experience advancing child rights and protection in India and across Asia. He has worked with governments, UN agencies, and civil society to strengthen child protection systems and policies. Previously, he served as a Child Protection Specialist with UNICEF India, focusing on family strengthening, non-institutional care, workforce development, and adolescent empowerment. He also worked as Regional Partner Safeguarding Advisor with Catholic Relief Services in Asia. Earlier, Prabhat spent nearly 18 years with UNDP and Save the Children, leading large-scale child-centred programmes. He is widely recognised for his work on safeguarding systems, policy influence, and capacity building.



## Lokanath Misra

### Member Secretary, ARUNA, Odisha

Mr. 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,.



## Hemalatha CK

### Deputy Secretary under Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC), Government of Kerala

Hemalatha CK joined Kudumbashree as Assistant District Mission Co-ordinator, Kannur District in 2007 on deputation from Kerala Government Secretariat and later in State Mission in 2010. She had the opportunity to serve Kudumbashree in Malappuram District as District Mission Co-ordinator from 2016 to 2020. There, she handled the microfinance and community organization related matters at the District level and took a leadership role to develop and execute the MIS and SthreeShakthi portal of Kudumbashree. She also had the



opportunity to work with the women in the grass root level neighbourhood groups and to work in convergence with various other departments. She has been consistently working on enabling the agency of vulnerable women for social and economic progress and was also a part in formulating by-law for Kudumbashree and also the election rules for community organization.

Currently, she is working as Deputy Secretary with GoK, on deputation to Malappuram District, co-ordinating the Vijnanakeralam Programme under Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC).



## Pritam Prasun

Director – Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL), Miracle Foundation India

Pritam Prasun is the Director – Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) at Miracle Foundation India, bringing eighteen years of experience in the development sector. He leads the organization's MEL strategy, strengthening systems for research, monitoring, evaluation, and knowledge management to improve program effectiveness and impact for children and families. Pritam has extensive expertise in designing Theory of Change, Logframes, M&E frameworks, MIS systems, impact evaluations, and data analytics, enabling organizations to use evidence for adaptive program management and better decision-making. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Health Management from IIHMR University, Jaipur, and has worked across sectors including education, livelihoods, health, nutrition, gender, life skills, and child protection.