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Mrs. Manjula K Ponda
Founder
The Red Rose Group

Mrs. Manjula Ponda: The flow of Education....

Mrs. Manjula K Ponda is an eminent name in the field of Education in the city of Bhopal. When India was going through the phase of dependence, illiteracy & women exploitation, at that time in the small, sleepy town of Bajana in Rajkot District of Gujarat, on 3rd March 1936 a girl was born who, in future, came to be known as Manjula. From her childhood, she was very intelligent, skillful & eloquent in speech. Her father Himmatlal Akhani was a progressive gentleman and owned a private flying company. After completing her post-graduation in Arts from Nagpur, she got married to Mr. Kapil Ponda of Bhopal. The family today includes her son Sumeet, daughter-in-law Sejal and two grandsons Harshil & Yashraj. She later did her B. Ed. from Jabalpur University.

She started as a trainer for Hindustan Lever Limited in the cookery division. With the sole aim of helping the masses, she decided to spread the light of Education and took to teaching at St. Joseph's Convent, Akola and thereafter at St. Joseph's Convent, Bhopal. She also had a reassuring stint of teacher-cum-administrator at Shishu Vihar School, Bhopal.

In the year 1977, Mrs. Ponda decided to take a bigger step and started RED ROSE SCHOOL with a total strength of 35 students in a small apartment that served as their residence till six in the morning and after one in the afternoon. From day one, the philosophy of the School has been in believing that a child is the most prized possession of any human being and when the same is entrusted to any School, the School is

With her hard work and strong determination in spreading the light of Education, confidence of the parents in the name grew and today the School has turned out to be a blooming flower with three branches of RED ROSE SCHOOL at different locations at Berasia Road (where it was originally started), Karond (1999) and Bhopal's first and only International School which is also a premium CBSE School with all modern facilities for education at Lambakheda in Bhopal. RED ROSE SCHOOL is due to complete its 39th session.

Mrs. Ponda's untiring efforts and an unquenched thirst for imparting quality education can easily be seen from her daily routine where in the early morning, she can be seen attending the morning assembly at one of the three branches and thereafter, taking keen interest in trying to find out ways to improve the techniques and methodology of education. She is also in the process of writing a book on the formative stages of a child and the role of a teacher during this period.

She has received numerous awards and scrolls of honour by noted organizations for her contribution to education. A few of them include the Shiksha Navratna Samman by School Today magazine, Ahindibhashi-Hindi Sewa Samman, Social Service award by the TB Association of M. P., etc..

Mrs. Ponda is also an active member of the Lions Club where in she has scaled numerous heights, the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, the Indian Red Cross Society, Shree Gujarati Samaaj, etc.



Mr. Sumeet Ponda
Chairman
The Red Rose Group

Empowering the Youth to create Jobs & Wealth..

India – a country that once upon a time held the reins to World economy is still far from its glorious economic past. It is still being labeled a developing economy. We are a country where in the rich are getting richer and the poor are becoming poorer. We symbolize the great 'Indian divide' where the gap between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' is widening by the day. It is because of this ever-widening gap between the two classes that I apprehend a civil war like situation in near future. The indifferent attitude of the political parties and their unconcern towards the problem adds volumes to the situation. The divide poses a bigger threat than ever before now because the under-privileged class now knows what they don't have. Their frustration is boiling. They are dying to enter the main stream but are not being allowed to.

A country of 1.20 billion counted population where the youth accounts for a mind-stirring 65% of the whole chunk with their minds tuned for a placement is horrifying. We are known as a young country today. Imagine a scenario after 40-50 years when we will be known as a retired country! Imagine a country which survives on pension and retirement plans!! The situation looks grim when we see an unaccounted-for, parallel economy - ruled by black money - which has outgrown the real economy rule the roost; uncontrolled inflation spreading like wild fire making living tighter by the day; negative balance of trade and balance of payments; unemployable youth being churned out in hundreds of thousands by greedy educational institutions and coaching centre; the increasing rate of criminal activity; corruption; terrorism; the bare fact that 70% of our agriculture-dependent population survives on less than Rs. 20/- per day; the truth that 80% of India's wealth is handled by 20% of its population; the very reality that 65% of the total population lives below the poverty line because they cannot earn a meagre sum of two thousand rupees a month for sustenance. The entire scene is bleak.

It scares me no end to imagine the verity that no parents are even willing to allow their children to take the plunge and become entrepreneurs when the fact of the matter remains that it is far easier to create a job than finding one. People are apprehensive of failure, losing money and face but they fail to understand that they have a duty towards their nation, the motherland which is supreme. The most prevalent worry is that one needs money to create business. This is only a myth. We have grown up hearing success stories of ordinary human beings who converted ideas into business and business into profits and ultimately, wealth. Haven't we? In a huge country like ours' where 85% of the economic activity is being carried out in an unstructured manner, there is a huge potential for all in our young brigade to create huge business by structuring ordinary trades. India needs young men and women to take the lead and turn into people running their own enterprises. This is not only help in creation of jobs but also creation of surplus wealth that no ordinary household can generate from their fixed monthly income. This will not only strengthen the economy, it will also create occupation for the underprivileged class and bring them into the main stream. More number of entrepreneurs will mean a prosperous nation and a satisfied population.

The M K Ponda College of Business and Management was created with this sole purpose in mind that we work on the mindsets of our students and tune them to create businesses on their own. Changing mindsets is the toughest task. Reversing and then positively channelizing the thought process of the youth was an enormous task. And I am happy to proclaim that in a short span of seven years, our No-placement College has created a niche for itself and many a students from our first two batches have created their own business and in the process, have created new jobs. We began with a small thought and it gives one pleasure to see that thought spreading like fire in the forest. It is our promise to the Nation that we will, through our students, do our bit to create a new India, a bold, confident, resurgent India that we shall take pride in.

Let us join hands to make your child build an economic super-power....

Mrs. Sejal Ponda

Chairperson

Mrs. Sejal Ponda is currently holding the position of President of Shri Kapil Ponda Memorial Shikshan Samiti. She is very actively involved with social work and managing the backend operations of Manjula K Ponda College of Management and also looking at the day to day functioning of the Red Rose group of schools from the past twenty years. She has done her Graduation from Ahmedabad University, Gujrat. She also did her post graduation (MBA in Marketing) from the same university.

Mr. Harshil Ponda

Vice-President

Mr. Harshil Ponda is a young & dynamic member, holding the position of Vice president in Shri Kapil Ponda Memorial Shikshan Samiti. He is very actively involved in the day to day affairs of the Institution for the past Seven years. He looks after the college's PR work and marketing. Apart from this, he has excellent planning and organizational skills. He Has done his Post Graduation in International Business from Birmingham City University, U.K.

Mr.Yashraj Ponda

Director (Operations)

Mr. Yashraj Ponda is a Young and energetic member of Shri Kapil Ponda Memroial Shikshan Samiti and he is the operations manager of the group. He has completed his Bachlors degree from Jai Hind college, Mumbai (Maharastra). He is managing the staff's day to day operations for functional areas of responsibilities, he is also managing and co-ordinating business and academic operations very actively since last 5 years.