

## Rajani Paranjape

1987-1996: Ms Rajani Paranjape was Abhivyakti's first President. She taught research at the Nirmala Niketan College of Social Work, Mumbai and authored several social research projects. Ms Paranjape guided the team in the initial years to build the organisation.

## Rajshree Mathani

1996-2000: Ms Rajshree Mathani was a faculty at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai and an expert on organisational development. She was instrumental in developing Abhivyakti's first strategic plan and mentored the team through the process.

## Rajendra Barve

2000- 2010: Dr Rajendra Barve is a practicing psychiatrist based in Mumbai. He is a well known author, facilitator and counselor. He was the longest running President of Abhivyakti, and provided insights on developing human resources and systems.

## Nandini Narula

2010-2015: Ms Nandini Narula is a development professional based in Delhi. She is associated with Pradan, which provides professional assistance for development actions. As the President, she was instrumental in monitoring Abhivyakti's programmatic and financial performances.

## Sanjay Savale

2015-present: Dr Sanjay Savale is a professor of Sociology at the KTHM College of Arts, Commerce and Science in Nashik. He is also engaged in several social forums and activities in the city. As the fifth President of Abhivyakti, he brings his academic perspective as well as his rich knowledge of the social sector to the organisation.

1987

Abhivyakti is birthed in Mumbai with the aim of making video films for social causes. Its first documentary, 'Fighting for a Foothold', on the issues of pavement dwellers in Mumbai, is screened at many slum communities around the city and wins recognition at a film festival in Kolkata.

1989

Abhivyakti shifts to Nashik and begins work with a team of five. It offers media support to NGOs and grassroots organisations, resulting in much meaningful collaboration.

1990

A project on 'Conscious Parenting' is initiated to democratize communication within the family.

1991

Abhivyakti announces its first short-term training programme in media skills for NGO functionaries. It also launches a media campaign on the forest rights of tribal people.

1992

The 'Sujan Palak' (Conscious Parents) group is formed. A media resource centre is established in the office, comprising of various media for expression and communication.

1993

A literacy campaign is launched in the Nashik taluka. Many new residential training programmes are offered in communication skills, personal effectiveness, teamwork, and training of trainers.

1994

The Ashram School Project is initiated to make learning interesting for tribal children through various media forms. Abhivyakti becomes a member in the 'Communications Resource Network' started by CAPART, New Delhi.

1995

Abhivyakti is invited to join the network hosted by RSCD to strengthen grassroots intervention in north Maharashtra. 'Abhivyakti', a quarterly magazine on media and communication, is launched with the late Sanjay Sanghavi as its editor.

1996

The organisation's first strategic plan is put in place and Abhivyakti shifts from project-based work to integrating its activities into programmes. Programme Units are created.

1997

A media education programme in schools is regularised with the help of parent volunteers. Its curriculum for school students is completed with inputs from parents, teachers, and students.

1998

Abhivyakti's first desktop computer arrives! The organisation becomes partner of the 'Anubhav Shiksha' programme in North Maharashtra on youth leadership development.

1999

The organisation shifts its office from Geetanjali Society in Manik Nagar to the newly constructed building near Anandvali, Nashik.

2001

The experimental project 'Liberate School', which aims to understand and strengthen diverse learning processes in 8 villages, is launched.

2002

Abhivyakti joins Shikshantar Sansthan, Udaipur, in deepening practices of lifelong learning in India. The 'Learning Societies Conference' in Udaipur is attended by 80 interested partners. Abhivyakti's website [www.abhivyakti.org.in](http://www.abhivyakti.org.in) is launched.

2003

Abhivyakti joins hands with HIDF (Human and Institutional Development Foundation) to strengthen human resource and organisational development processes in the NGO sector.

2004

Abhivyakti becomes a partner of the Berkana Institute, USA to foster learning and leadership through trans-local exchanges.

2005

An academy to strengthen the leadership of elected women at the local governance level in North Maharashtra is launched in partnership with Aagaz Academy and The Hunger Project, New Delhi.

2006

Abhivyakti and Shikshantar launch a fellowship programme for youth that is based on livelihoods shaped by self-directed learning.

2007

The 'Abhivyakti' quarterly magazine celebrates its 50th issue.

2008

Abhivyakti's leadership transition process is initiated with the intended exit of two of its co-founders from leadership roles, and is successful in handing over the helm to senior members.

2009

Abhivyakti's work in generating knowledge from grassroots experiences and actions into publications results in many quality books, manuals, newsletters, etc. 'Madhyam Rang' a book on women media activists is appreciated.

2010

EarthCare Designs, a centre for sustainable design and technology, is launched as part of our self-sustenance projects. The 'Ankur Film Festival', showcasing the work of young filmmakers, is initiated in Nashik.

2011

EarthCare Designs launches its flagship technology intervention, the 'WasteCare' composter. WasteCare is designed to minimize household and industrial waste by turning it into compost.

2012

Abhivyakti gets ready to launch a Community Radio station in Nashik as it gets a narrowcast frequency: 90.4 FM from I&B Ministry. Community Video is also initiated as a strategic process of media production which engages marginalised communities in producing their own video films.

2013

Abhivyakti's External Evaluation acknowledges the organisation's broad institutional base consisting of grassroots organisations and individuals working to deepen the role of media in local development. Abhivyakti establishes strategic partnerships with Meljol, Mumbai and LOGIN Asia.

2014

Abhivyakti's resolves to strengthen local governance by facilitating community media processes in the Nashik district and using social media to advocate people's issues and initiatives as part of its new strategic thrust. 'Maitree', the youth newsletter, publishes its 100th issue.

2015

Abhivyakti completes 27 years. Excited to venture into a new year and take on new challenges...