

## **Profile of Mr. Raju P. Purohit**

**Name: Rajendra Premvallabh Purohit** (More known as Raju Deepti)

Date of Birth: 16<sup>th</sup> July 1956

Address: Jeevantirth, Juna Koba, Gandhinagar, 382009. INDIA.

Contact: (R) 079 – 23276236 , (M) 09898110897

e-mail: [Jeevantirth@gmail.com](mailto:Jeevantirth@gmail.com)



A highly enthusiastic and very talented Social Worker with the experience of working with people experiencing crisis or people who are socially excluded; providing support to enable service users to help themselves; maintaining professional relationships with service users, acting as a guide, advocate, as a critical friend or consultant.

### **Work Experience:**

Raju and Deepti became active in social life since "Moment of Total Revolution" initiated by Jayprakash Narayan in 1973 as a student activist. After completing their studies in Engineering and Commerce, Raju worked as a lecturer and Deepti in Bank of India for several years. Both left their lucrative careers in 1983 & 1985 and decided to devote their life in work for the vulnerable sections of the society, especially rural children, women and youth based on Gandhian Ideologies.

Raju and Deepti have worked in the field of Education, Environment and Rural Development - full time tirelessly - all these 30 years on mass scales with the vulnerable section of society.

### **Achievements:**

#### ***Some of the achievements in the field of Education:***

1. Celebration of "Sarvodaya Melas" and planning "Mass Awareness Campaign" in 1000 villages with the help of Post basic High Schools in Banaskantha.
2. Training the Teachers of about 2000 villages of Gujarat with a theme of "Joyful learning and Meaningful Education".
3. Organized mass educational programs like "Anandotsav" for hundred thousand children in a year or "Chitranjali" for ten thousand children.
4. Innovative educational programs like "Vacational Shala" in 125 villages with the help of high school students and "VAGALE Mahotsav" – Vachan, Ganan, Lekhan festival for 3000 slum children with the help of slum teen aged boys and girls.
5. Running Computer Training Centre, Sewing Class, Bal Sanskar kendras and Vocational Training activities in Urban Slum.

#### ***Some of the achievements in the field of Environment:***

1. Participating in NEAC – National Environment Awareness Campaign supported by MoE&F, GoI.
2. Successful implementation of "Sabar Sena" project sponsored by GEF – UNDP under the Small Grant Project.
3. Led mass movement to save "Riparian Rights" of the 120 villages of Banaskantha district affected by Dantiwada Dam under the leadership veteran Gandhian Chunibhai Vaidya in the name of "Save the Banas Movement".
4. Environment Awareness Programs in 50 Schools, Tree Plantation Drive in many schools and colleges.
5. Prepared exhibitions, Charts and PPTs on various environment related themes like, Rain Water Harvesting, Tree Plantation, Global Warming, Bird Life etc.

6. Provided Technical Consultancy and Implementation Support to various institutions and societies for constructing various types of Rain Water Harvesting Structures and Systems.

***Some of the achievements in the field of Rural Development:***

1. Training rural youths with a theme of “Role of Youth for Rural Development” with the proven tools and techniques like PRA and PSP.
2. Working as a consultant with **CAPART** for Project Appraisal, Mid-term and Final Evaluation of the projects funded by CAPART as a representative of ESI.
3. Implementing various Rural Development Programs like running Minor Lift Irrigation Schemes, Training for Soil and Water Conservation, Organic manure making etc.
4. Protecting and promoting indigenous wisdom of traditional medicinal practitioners of Dediapada Adivasi through “Addi Aushadhi Group”.
5. Livelihood Security through Land leveling, Stone Removing, Farm Bunding, Fencing, irrigation facilities in Dediapada region.

**Education:**

B.E. - Production from L. E. College, Morbi in 1978

M.E. – Mechanical with specialization in Production from M. S. University, Vadadara.

**Expertise:**

1. Training and Material Development
2. Mass Mobilization
3. Rain Water Harvesting
4. Networking
5. Facilitation
6. Consultancy in social projects

**Languages Known:** Gujarati, Hindi, English

**Positions Hold:**

1. Managing Trustee – Jeevantirth
2. President – khadi Gramodyoga Kamdar Sangh

**Positions Previously Held:**

1. Coordinator – jal Raksha Abhiyan
2. Coordinator – Gujarat Visthapit Sankalan Samiti
3. Coordinator - Pravah
4. Coordinator – Gujarat Lok Manch
5. Convener – Child Rights Collective, Gujarat