

## **NEENA SINGH**

**Trustee and Chief Functionary, Bharat Prakarsh Foundation**

**Former Executive Vice President HDFC Bank (Till July 2007)**

**Former Adviser Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Punjab (2011- 2012)**

**Former Director CITCO ( 2005 - Feb 2014)**

### **Background & Experience:**

**Born in Lucknow on 8.11.1956, did schooling from La Martiniere Girls High School and graduation from Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. While pursuing Masters of Education from Lucknow University, joined as a Probationary Officer in the State Bank Group in 1978. Became a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers.**

**During the course of the 18 year career with State Bank of Patiala was posted at Amritsar, Lucknow, Patiala, Chandigarh, Parwanoo, Kartarpur and Mumbai. Held responsibilities as Branch Head, Planning Manager and Chief Manager International Banking, was the youngest Senior Management Officer in the Bank.**

**In Oct, 1996, joined Times Bank as Assistant Vice President. In Feb, 2000, took over as Vice-President and Regional Head of the Bank (MD's Representative for the Region).**

**In 2001, post merger of Times Bank with HDFC Bank, became Regional Head of HDFC Bank - North, covering Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, UP, Uttaranchal and Chandigarh UT. Developed the innovative Kisan Gold Visa Card for lending to farmers in Punjab as a self initiated endeavor which after a successful pilot was rolled out Pan India and a new vertical was created in the Bank for Agribusiness.**

**Promoted to Executive Vice President and Business Head for Retail Agribusiness along with role as Head, Retail Branch Banking for Northern region. Designated as a Key Performer of the Bank.**

**In July, 2007, started work for Bharat Prakarsh Foundation after 29 years of experience in banking. The Foundation, under public-private partnership with the Education and Social Welfare departments of Chandigarh Administration, does quality interventions in Govt. schools and Anganwadis.**

**Under Project Udaan, set up computers and libraries in AIE centers running in Government schools for 4000 economically underprivileged children in 2010 and 2011.**

**In partnership with Deptt of Social Welfare, Punjab, conducted a research and training program for reducing malnutrition amongst children in Anganwadis of rural Mohali. Similar project was also undertaken in 200 Anganwadis in the slums and colonies of Chandigarh, covering 6000 kids and their mothers.**

As a flagship program, scholarships are provided to meritorious and needy children studying in Class IX and X in Government Schools every year.

Involved in organizing motivational training and seminars for teachers, Principals, Anganwadi workers and Volunteers through “INSPIRE” training program.

Health and literacy campaigns conducted in tie-ups with Corporates and other NGOs.

Support Corporates to plan and action their CSR projects effectively.

### Other Roles:

Member, State Social Welfare Board, Chandigarh UT  
Governing Council Member, Cheshire Homes India – Chandigarh  
Ethics Committee Member, Max Hospital, Mohali  
Governing Council Member, SOREM, Chandigarh  
Member, Child Protection Society, UT Chandigarh  
Member, Joint Internal Complaint Committee, UT Chandigarh (Sexual Harassment grievance redressal at workplace)  
President, Rotary Club of Chandigarh (2011-12)

### Co-Curricular Activities:

Reading, Creative Writing, Chess, Painting and Music.  
Have compered many Radio Interviews / Talk Shows / Discussions.  
Founder soul2soul on Facebook - Presently a 800+ member group dedicated to spreading light, goodness and peace.

### Awards

Awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru Prize for Poetry in 1975.

First runner up in Northern India Women’s Chess Tournament 1981.

Conferred a Lifetime Achievement Award by Chandigarh Management Association for the year 2006-07 by the then Governor of Punjab.

Awarded National EQFI Award at the national level for quality interventions in education in 2009-10 by Education Quality Foundation of India, New Delhi.

Awarded a Commendation Certificate for social work by Administrator, Chandigarh on Independence Day 2010.