

## **Mrs K Mani Mala:**

### **Topic : Gender Issues in Health Sector System**

Mrs K Mani Mala is presently holding the position of Managing Trustee, Sankar Foundation, CEO, Srivathsasa Charitable Trust, Independent Director – Athena Power Projects Pvt Ltd.

Mrs. K. Mani Mala is a postgraduate holding an MBA, started career as a founder faculty of one of the first management colleges in Visakhapatnam, viz. Indian Institute of Advanced Management under the Directorship of **Dr. KK Das – the doyen of management education in India, and was personally trained by him.**

She served the Institute for 7 years, during which period the institute obtained its accreditation with AICTE and also established itself as a premier Institute. During this period she was also appointed as faculty for various subjects by IGNOU. Later she joined East India Petroleum Limited as Executive Assistant to the Managing Director. software projects and was associated in establishing the funding for the projects. She resigned the organization as the General Manager (MIS) for the group companies. She was also actively associated in the company obtaining certification to ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001 and was the Internal Auditor of these standards.

Then she joined as Vice President (FIN & MIS) of Teesta Urja Pvt Ltd., a 1200 MW Hydro power project, based at New Delhi. Later, she joined as Director Finance, Navayuga Infotech Pvt Ltd., and Incharge of Restructured Accelerated Power development and Reforms Programme (R-APDRP) in state of Tamilnadu.

Her passion for the society, made her build and develop a Public Charitable Trust, Sankar Foundation, where she is the Managing Trustee of the Foundation. She has planned, raised donations including alienation of land, constructed and commissioned a state of the art 350 bedded eye hospital. Took the hospital in geometrical growth by transforming it into an institution. Responsible for partnerships with several international INGOs like Sightsavers and CBM to put Sankar Foundation on the Global Platform.

This foundation works on eliminating avoidable blindness and also works on developing speaking skills in deaf children in the three districts. In recognition of her contribution to eye care, she held the position in the Board of Vision 2020, a National Forum established by the INGOs and the eye care institutions in India, representing the partners of Southern India and Andaman & Nicobar Islands for six years. The Trust has performed more than two million eye surgeries to the poor free of cost and screened more than half a million school children in the under privileged group. Also, 37 children that are deaf are being trained using speech therapy to listen and speak normally. In recognition of the service, British High Commission has identified Sanakr Foundation out of 2000 hospitals in 6 countries and identified this Foundation for the visit of Sir John Major and the whole episode is transmitted in BBC World. Out of the 15,57,133 out patients for various eye diseases and 2,61,584 surgeries, of which 2,05,776 (i.e. 79%) surgeries done for the poor at free of cost to the patient, as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 52% are done for the women in various age groups by the Foundation.