

Sri M. Sunil Kumar :

Sri M Sunil Kumar is presently holding the position of Director of Land Laws and Policies, Landesa, India. He has done his graduation in B.A., B.L. (Hons). Mr. Sunil Kumar works to secure access to land and rights over it for the poor, tribal and women across the country. He has more than twelve years of experience working on land rights-related issues and access to justice issues. He has worked as State Legal Coordinator of Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty from 2004 to 2008 and has played key role in design and implementation of land paralegal program. This program was successful in resolving land issues of more than one million people across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Various land committees have appreciated this programme and Government of India recommended adoption of this model in other states. He worked as the State Director of Landesa, earlier known as Rural Development Institute (RDI) for the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh from June 2008 to September 2016. He is now the Director of Land Laws and policies, Landesa, India and Adjunct Professor and Advisor, Centre for Tribal & Land Rights, NALSAR University of Law. Landesa champions and works to secure land rights for millions of the world's poorest, mostly rural women and men to provide opportunity and promote social justice. Mr Sunil Kumar played a significant role in drafting of land laws and he is now assisting state governments in reviewing of the land laws. He has assisted Land Task Force constituted by GoI and KRR Land Committee constituted by the then combined state of AP government. He made significant contribution in creating simplified materials about land laws and rights and spreading legal awareness. He is providing information on land laws, land records and the process to get land problems resolved through print and electronic media including. He is a member of sub-group on tenancy constituted by Government of AP. He is a special invitee to the expert group on tenancy constituted by NITI Ayog. He is a resource person for many training institutes and law universities. His Areas of Expertise are Land Laws; Forest Laws; Land Governance; Legal Aid; Access to Justice; Agricultural laws; Rural Development; law and policy making; analysing social, political issues and laws and policies; and motivational trainings. His Frequently Lectured Topics are Adjudication of land disputes: jurisdiction and powers of civil and revenue courts, Land records: what documents constitute title for land?, Land reforms and overview of land laws, Laws protecting the land and forest rights of tribal, Land titles.