



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Abhayaa	Nayak	Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering VSSUT, Burla	Ph.D. Cont., after M.Tech - Joined in 2019) in Water Resources Engg., Dept. of Civil Engg., VSSUT, Odisha, India	
Abhisek	Singh INACTIVE	Student, Finished HS from Annie Besant Day School, Birati, Kolkata	Top Student in the Graduating Class 2021 - https://www.google.com/maps/place/Annie+Besant+Day+School/@22.662597,88.4324016	
Anil	K. Kar	Professor, Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla,	PhD (Water Resources Engg.) IIT, Roorkee; Actively working with the Community in Sambalpur, Odisha Area	
2025 Anju	Nath	Admin Officer, Medical Facility, SMSB Hospital, Silchar, India	Wife of Late Dilip Nath (20+ years ROW member)	
Anup	K. Samantaray	Pro V.C., SOA University, Bhubaneswar	ROW Coordinator, Bhubaneswar, Odisha	
Arundhati	Sinha	B.Sc. In Geology	Coordinating with children in New Jersey. Working in ecosystem with children.	
Arvind	Kumar	Mech. Engineer	ROW Coordinator, lead member of the Earth Friends Foundation, Urawar, on the bank of Yamuna River, U.P..	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

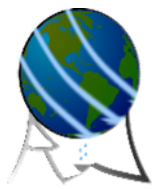
1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Brij	Khandelwaal	ROW coordinator, Agra, India.	Profession – Journalist-cum- Teacher	
Chandresh	Singh	Jaipur, India		
Cheenu	Srinivasan	Springfield, VA		
D.K. (Late)	Mital Honorable Mention	Pillar of Yamuna effort since 1992. Ex-President, Lions Club Delhi-Capital, Delhi, India.	Received Lifetime Achievement Award (2009) from Yamuna Foundation(15 -year support)	
2025 Dr. D. P	Krishna Samal	PhD in Microbiology	Published 16 research papers. Has passion for painting and creative arts.	
Dibyatanay	Joardar INACTIVE	B. Tech Civil/Environmental Engg., GITAM School of Technology, Hyderabad	Coordinator, Engineers Without Border-India, Hyderabad(Student Chapters)	
Dilli	Neupane INACTIVE	ROW member – Technical Committee	Profession- Environmental Engineer, Washington, DC	
Edmund	Wong INACTIVE	Arlington, VA	MS, Environmental Chemistry,	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Gautam	Lahkar	ROW Coordinator – Assam	ROW team - Brahmaputra River Guwahati, Assam, India	
Girish	Chaudhry	Delhi, India		
Hong	Zhao	ROW Coordinator, China.	Profession –Editor, Child Art Magazine, Wuhan City, China	
Indrajeet	Sen	ROW Coordinator, Mumbai, India	Profession: President, IT Company	
Ishant	Bhandari	Student of B.Tech in Computer Science at Graphic Era University, Dehradun, India	NSS Cadet (2023-present)	
Jayanta	Patra	Project Management planning, and coordination. Bhubaneswar, Odisha	MA in Sustainable Int'l Development, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02453 USA (2013)	
Jerry	L. Ellis, Jr.	Environmental Scientist with the U.S. EPA. ROW volunteer, Clarksburg, Maryland	MS, Environmental Science, Tufts University - Medford, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (1999)	
Johanna	Von Halem	ROW Coordinator, Europe.	Profession – Beekeeper , Bavaria, Germany	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
K.K.	Das	ROW Coordinator, Silchar, India	Director, Kalyani Hospital, Ramnagar, Silchar	
Kailas	N. Deshmukh INACTIVE	Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	PR. Ramkrishna More College (2007)	
Kamal	Taori	ROW Coordinator Wardha, India	Ex- Secretary, CAPART	
Kusuma	Cunningham	Columbia, Maryland	President, Agape, International, Maryland, USA. Click here for Short Bio	
Linh	Nguyen INACTIVE	Bac Ninh Province, Vietnam. Coordinator, Mekong River	MA (2013) Global Environ. Policy, American Univ., DC 2013	
Malali	Gowda	Founder and President of DNA Life,Bengaluru	Founder of DNAiworld,DNA Life,Bengaluru Genomics Centre.	
2025 Dr. Malaya	Chetia	Prof. Civil Engg. AEC, Guwahati. PhD, IIT, Guwahati	Research Interest in unsaturated porous media; Characterization of soil; Characterization of waste; and Waste containment.	
Manish	Shah	Travel Services Director, Arizona Holidays.	B.Com/LLB Shri L.A. Shah Law College (1996). Active volunteer for Sabarmati and other Rivers, Gujarat, India	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Marc (with Shalini)	Emmenegger, Dr. , immuno-epidemiology,	University Hospital, Zurich, Switzerland ROW Coordinator	ROW Coordinator, Zurich. Speaks Swiss, German, English, and Tamil.	
Monica	Das	ROW team, Bhubaneswar, India	Fellow, Developing Countries Research Centre, Delhi University	
Nagiyoti	S. Bollapragada	ROW Coordinator, Maharashtra, India	Env. Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) member, Sangli, Maharashtra	
2025 Dr. Neetu	Gupta	Asstt. Professor, Local Degre College, Roorkee for the past 18 years	Attended HNBGU, Srinagar Garhwal for graduate studies including PhD	
Nirbhay	Walia	ROW team, Yamuna nagar, Haryana	visited Dehradun with ROW team to learn water protection and restoration .	
Noel	Hechanova	ROW Coordinator Iloilo City, Philippines	Director, ENRO, Iloilo City, Philippines	
Pascal	Emmenegger	ROW team, Zurich, Switzerland	Natural farming and Plant Breeding	
Pawan	Sharma	ROW Coordinator Gokul, UP, India		



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Pinaki	Dutta, Legal Counselor	Member, Kolkata, India		
2025 Pankaj	Gupta	B.Com from DAV (PG) College of Dehradun	Attended Schools and Colleges in Dehradun. Specialized in Marketing of Garments in Dehradun	
Prabhakaran	Puthyaveedu	Founder, Society for Rural Improvements. http://sriprojects.org / Kollengode	PhD, Century University, Los Angeles (1984). Founded Primary School - Sri Vidyalaya School in Kollengode, Kerala	
Pradip	P. Walhekar	Rotary Club, Pune Chinchwad District, Mula/Pawana River Cleanup volunteer.	Chief Coordinator-Pune'- College SF Jain Vidyalaya and Junior College	
Pranuj	Malla, Kathmandu, Nepal	Interested in safe Drinking water for people	Science graduate from Peoples College, Kathmandu, Nepal	
Priyo (PG)	Banerjee	ROW Coordinator, Pune, India	CEO, Pinnacle Equipments Pvt. Ltd, Pune, India	
Rajashree	S. Walhekar	Active Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	B.R. Gholap Mahavidyalaya(2004)	
Rajendra	Kumar Yadav	Health Science/Phlebotomist. From 2011	Diploma In Medical and Laboratory Technology (DMLT)	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Roopa	Shekar	Member, Mysore, India	Studied Kukkerahali Lake - Algae bloom.	
Rudra (Soham)	Saha	ROW Intern -Pond Cleanup and media Materials. Teacher, Birati, Kolkata	B.Com, Calcutta University (2016). MBA Financial and Marketing Management(2019)	
Salvador (Sal)	Rico	Participating in river cleanups since 2009 with Rotary WASRAG and ESRAG	Automotive Engg. - vocational, Skyline College, Californina	
Sadashiva.	Murthy	ROW Coordinator, Mysore, India	Professor, Environmental Engineering Dept., SJCE, Mysore	
Sanjeev	Kumar Walia	Senior Specialist in agricultural products	Working on the Yamuna River since past 10 years. Leading a group of 50 Yamuna volunteers.	
Sandeep	P. Walhekar	Active Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	Pune University Graduate 2000	
Sandip	Das INACTIVE	Sales analysis for LT FOODS AMERICAS for US.	Business Management Professional (MBA)	
Sharadh	Sindhia	Member, Bangalore, India	B.E. Industrial Engg., Bangalore , MS – Management, CASS business School, London	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Sheena	Karizza Delgado INACTIVE	Member, Atabay, San Jose, Antique 5700 Philippines	Information Technology, BS 2011	
Shravan	Kumar (Late) (1951 - 2021) Agra Tiger - COVID victim	ROW Coordinator	Profession Retired CAPART Regional Officer	
Siddhartha	Khare	ROW Coordinator/member , IIT Roorkee	PhD in Geomatics Engineering,	
Shreyas	S	ROW team, Mysuru	B.E. Environmental Engineering, (2019). Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering, Mysuru	
Sucharit	Dutta	ROW Coordinator, Kolkata, India	Ecological Restoration training and Field visits, USA (1995), Water Testing and Monitoring, GWU, USA (2015)	
Sudhir	Nautiyal	ROW Coordinator, Rishikesh, India Founder, Himalayan English School.	Ghansali, UK, India, running Industrial Training Centre, and e Governance Program in Rural area.	
Suresh	Soman	Delhi, India	30+ year experienced Mechanical Engineer., Project Manager for S&M Engineering, New Delhi, India	
Swapnil	N. Chavan	Active Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	PR. Ramkrishna More College (2013)	



Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Swati	P. Walhekar	Active Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	Ad. P. V. Paranjpe Vidyamandir (1997)	
2025 Dr. Triptimoni	Borah	Prof. Civil Engg. AEC, Guwahati. PhD, IIT, Guwahati	Member of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) Interest- SW and GW Quality Assesment	
Tushar K.	Guha	Row team, Kolkata, Senior Adviser, S&M Engineering Services, Kolkata, India	Worked on Ganges and the Yamuna River, Coordinated a number of visits by ROW members from US.	
Uddhav	B. Bharshankar	INACTIVE Volunteer - Pune River Cleanups	Dist. School Bori (1997)	
Vikram M	Pattarkine, PhD Member, Harrisburg, PA	CEO, Peace USA, Harrisburg, PA	Environmental Stewardship Strategies and Solutions.	
Vinod	Nambiar	Associate Vice President at PanApps	Founder of Vayali Folklore Group, social activist at AiM, General Secretary of FoB NGO.	
William (Bill)	Erickson INACTIVE	Ecologist, US EPA	PhD in Ecology, UC Davis, CA. Worked as Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia and other countries.	
Yi heng	Wu	ROW Volunteer- River Cleanup Jiang'an District, Wuhan, China	Completed Training on Qingjiang River Water Quality evaluation. Hubei Normal University graduate 2007.	







Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
FOUNDING MEMBERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS				
http://www.rowfoundation.org/content/row/boardofdirectors.pdf				
Late Dennis Haag, (1945- 2023) Soul-Nebula- NASA-2022	 Soul-Nebula	Founding Member Wetland Biologist, Olathe, KS (1945- 2023)	Worked on the Yamuna River since 1993. Visited India to collect data for Wetland Treatment System site selection.	
Donald	G. Henry, NTPI,	Occupation: Accountant	Chief Financial Officer (CFO), ROW Foundation	
Dr. Matthew	C. Perry	Biodiversity Expert, Certified wildlife biologist and wetland scientist. Click here for Bio	Retired, Senior Advisor to the Director , Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Maryland .	
Rajita	Majumdar INACTIVE	Ex- Communications & Program Development Director	Currently works on US projects in DC Olney, Maryland	
Ramkrishna	Koduri, P.E.,	Founding member	Occupation: Retd. Chief Engineer, Chicago Water works	






Rivers of the World Foundation, Inc.

1496 Harwell Ave., Crofton, MD 21114 USA

e-mail: rowfoundation@gmail.com

Web: www.rowfoundation.org

May 31, 2025

First Name	Last name	Profession	Background	Headshot
Richard E. (Dick)	Lahn (Late), Founding Member- ROW Maryland Moon		Was one of the pillar supports for the ROW Foundation. Visited India several times on Yamuna River projects.	
Satinder	Ahuja, PhD, Member Click here for Bio	Retired Chemist	Occupation: Chemist (Specialization - Water Chemistry)	
Subijoy	Dutta, P.E., Founding Director Click here for Bio	Senior Environmental Engineer with Expertise in Water and Waste Treatment	Occupation: Ex: Senior Engineer, US EPA, Expertise in Environmental geology, water treatment	
William E.	Roper, PhD, P.E., President, Click here for Bio	Senior Engineer with expertise in Remote sensing Technologies and Water Treatment.	Occupation: Senior Engineer/Professor. Ex: Senior Executive Services, US COE	