

## **Bijal Brahmbhatt**

Bijal Brahmbhatt is the Director of Mahila Housing SEWA Trust (MHT). She is a civil engineer by training and is a recognized expert in habitat improvement through women's empowerment, community development and housing finance. She supervises the MHT's operations at the national level and has proven experience in conceptualizing planning, and managing slum up-gradation programs across India. Her professional experience has focused on a range of poverty alleviation issues, particularly with women, entrepreneurship, slum up gradation, Water and Sanitation, urban planning, housing finance, housing technology etc. She is on board of SEWA Grih Rin, a housing finance company for the poor women and is also as an advisor to poor women credit cooperatives. She has authored several publications/ papers on habitat, housing finance and community development. Bijal has been selected as a fellow for the Women Change Maker program of the Womanity foundation for the year 2015-2016. She has also recently been featured in the coffee table book titled 'Women of Pure Strength' by Vodafone Foundation (India) released in January 2015.