

## Indrani Malkani Managing Trustee, V Citizens Action Network (VCAN) | Ashoka Fellow

Beginning her career with the Taj Group of Hotels, she rose to become the Conventions and Conference Manager of The Taj Palace Convention Hotel, Delhi. She coordinated various National and International Conventions, before moving to Mumbai. Her specialty at work was in Logistics, Co-ordination and Troubleshooting, developing what was commonly known as "people skills"- an expertise which remains one of her major strengths in the work she does even today.

In Mumbai, she has involved herself in civic matters and community issues, particularly contentious ones, where her belief has been to develop sustainable solutions in partnership with the Authorities. Among the organizations she works with are the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM), Mumbai Police, various State Government departments and the Election Commission of India and State Election Commission of Maharashtra.

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In January 2013 she was invited to be a Member of the Statutory Technical Advisory Committee on Solid Waste Management, MCGM. She founded the ALM of Little Gibbs Roads in Malabar Hill (Local residents group working in partnership with the Mumbai Municipality). This ALM was instrumental in starting the Pilot Project of MCGM's "Integrated Relay Transport System of Segregated Waste Collection". The success of this project prompted MCGM to take forward this system and execute it in other areas of Mumbai.

One of her more successful projects was to conceptualize and implement the Model School Bus Service, for the safe and secure transportation of school children. This safe and efficient system was accepted as a model on which the State of Maharashtra has based its Policy of Transportation of School Children. She is a Member of the Government Committee which formed this Policy and is now implementing the said Policy.

Apart from being a Member of the High Court Appointed Committee for the Girgaum Chowpatty Beach, she is a Sitting Panel Member in the Lok Adalat of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Maharashtra.

Wanting to expand her reach, she and the other Trustees of V Citizens Action Network (VCAN) launched an interactive web portal www.togethervcan.in in 2014, which deals with multiple issues that affect a Citizen's daily life on a single platform, as well as a live talk show series titled "TogetherVCAN's SOCIAL SANCHAR" with the motto "Interact with your Government from wherever you are".