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## SHRI. PRADEEP MOHAPATRA

**Saritsa Foundation Karmaveer Chakra for Individuals Working  
to Impart Life Saving Education at Local Levels for Minimising Risks from  
Disasters and Climate Change in Rural Areas, 2014-15**

Pradeep is Founder Secretary of UDYAMA. He has envisioned evolutionary ways to serve the most vulnerable people of Odhisa by empowering them to cope with disasters and impacts of climate change including environmental degradation since 1997. His innovative ways of capacity building at local level for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change involves providing access to information, education and practical training to people at local level. His indomitable spirit and demonstrated selfless service has impacted lives of 2232 Women Self Help Groups, 50 village youth, 12000 older people and 10000 families of 250 villages. He has promoted a mindset amongst local people for collective actions to respond with developed skills to minimize loss of lives and livelihood in disasters by promotion through setting up Information Communication & Technology (ICT) linking community disaster resilience process where people learn to protect. Pradeep Mohapatras selfless service to empower people to be self reliant and resilient to cope with disasters and impacts of climate change sets an outstanding example for the communities.

### CHIEF PATRON

**Late Sh. Vasant Sathe** handled various portfolios in the Cabinets of Smt. Indira Gandhi and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi including Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Ministry of Energy. He represented at various international fora like UNESCO, World Peace Congress and also authored of 6 books, his main interest being in economics and political restructuring.

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