



## TB Champion Award 2013

**Dr. Nalini Krishnan** has been working for over 15 years in setting up and running REACH [Resource Group for Education and Advocacy for Community Health], a non-profit organization in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, to raise awareness on TB and engaging private sector for TB care and control. She and her team had developed a novel Public Private Mix model to encourage private providers to practice DOTS and participate in the RNTCP while retaining their patients.


She created the REACH Eli Lilly MDR-TB Partnership Media Programme, a nation-wide initiative to encourage positive reporting on TB through annual media awards for English and local language journalists recognizing their exemplary reporting on TB. She created a pioneering media fellowship programme for mid-career journalists reporting in local languages to undertake in-depth analysis of various aspects of TB in India. She has also set up India's first short film competition on TB, to encourage young filmmakers to explore creative ways to tell TB-related stories.

In the course of her work she has actively participated in National TB Programme as Member of the Joint Monitoring Mission (2009 & 2012) and as Member of the Working Group on revising the PPM scheme. In addition, she has participated as Member of the PPM core group -Stop TB Partnership, and contributed to the consultations of WHO on private sector participation in TB control.

Dr. Nalini Krishnan has truly championed the cause of TB in India over past decade and has generously and untiringly contributed her time, resources and expertise to this effort.

We are pleased to confer the First TB Champion Award (Individual Category) to Dr. Nalini Krishnan.

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