

About Mr. Ashish Sen

Mr Sen is currently, Director, Madhyam Communications and VOICES, and President, AMARC (World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters) – Asia Pacific Region. He is a member of the Community Radio Forum and a Trustee of the Dev Nandan Ubhayaker Foundation for the Arts, Bangalore.

Mr Sen has over three decades of professional experience in print, broadcast and development communications. He was earlier in charge of Communications, ActionAid India. Mr Sen began his career as a journalist with the Business Standard, Ananda Bazar Group of Publications, Calcutta where he subsequently became Assistant Editor.

Mr Sen writes regularly on development issues for mainstream newspapers development journals and publications. These include newspapers like the New Indian Express, Asian Age and Bangalore Bias. Among the recent publications he has contributed to are:

- 1) Community Radio – Step by Step (Produced jointly by VOICES and UNDP)
- 2) Our World , Our Voice, Our Media – (Produced jointly by VOICES and the Resource Centers for Participatory Learning and Action)
- 3) The Role and Impact of Alternative Media (Produced by AMIC India)

Mr Sen has also been actively involved with radio and television programmes. In collaboration with the Technology Media Group channel, he conceptualized and produced a series on technology and the empowerment of people with disabilities entitled Daricha. This weekly programme ran for two years on the TMG channel.

Community Media, especially community radio and community theatre are key work areas. Under his directorship, VOICES has initiated and facilitated several community media initiatives including:

- 1) Namma Dhvani Community Radio in Rural Karnataka
- 2) Proof Energy Community Centre in Bangalore to promote good governance
- 3) Disability Information Centre in Bangalore.

Mr Sen lectures and participates in consultations and discussions on Media and Communications for Development. He is a member on the Board of Examiners for Communicative English, Bangalore University.

Ashish Sen is passionate about theatre and has been actively involved in directing and acting in plays for the past three decades in Bangalore, Mumbai and Kolkata.

Mr Sen has a postgraduate degree in History from King's College Cambridge University, UK and was a visiting faculty member at the Centre of Culture and Communication, St Louis University, USA in 1994.