

Press Release

Release Date:

27 November 2024

Invitation to the Book Launch: *Aseema: A Journey Beyond Boundaries*

Author: Dilbur Parakh

Panel Discussion Theme: “Let’s Break Boundaries: Education for the Marginalized”

India Habitat Centre, in collaboration with Aseema Charitable Trust, is delighted to invite you to the launch of *Aseema: A Journey Beyond Boundaries*, authored by **Dilbur Parakh**, Founder and Chairperson of Aseema. The event will also feature a thought-provoking panel discussion on transforming education for India’s marginalized communities.

About the Book:

Aseema: A Journey Beyond Boundaries, published by Notion Press, shares the remarkable journey of Aseema Charitable Trust, an organization committed to providing quality education to children from marginalized communities for over 25 years.

The book recounts Aseema’s humble beginnings at a Bandra traffic signal in Mumbai, where a group of street dwellers dreamed of a better future for their children. Today, with four schools and over 9,000 children impacted, Aseema continues to be a beacon of hope, addressing inequities through education.

Through challenges and triumphs, the book celebrates the collective spirit of children, families, educators, and supporters who have built Aseema—student by student, school by school.

Panel Discussion: "Let’s Break Boundaries"

While the book is the centerpiece, it opens discussions on the broader challenges and opportunities in education for marginalized communities. The panel will address the theme: “*What is the kind of education India needs, and how can it be made accessible to the most marginalized children, particularly in rural areas?*”

Session Chair:

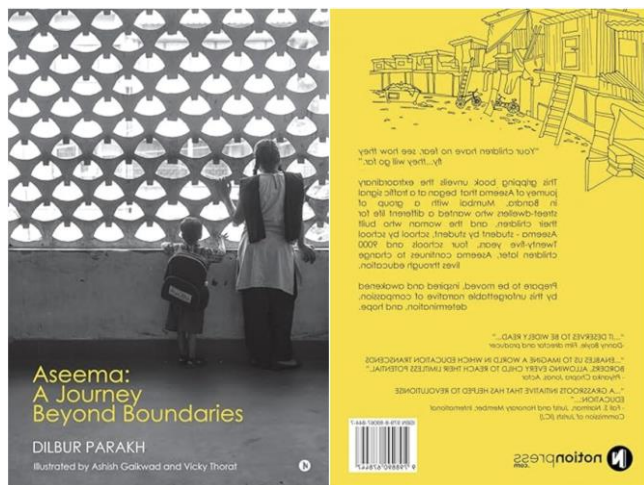
Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President, India Habitat Centre

Panelists:

- **Dr. Sanaya Nariman** – Educationist and Author
 - **Manisha Khosla Sinha** – Head of CSR and Brand & Communications, BNP Paribas India
 - **Dilbur Parakh** – Author, Founder and Chairperson, Aseema Charitable Trust
-

Praise for the Book:

- **“It deserves to be widely read.”**
 - *Danny Boyle, Film Director and Producer*
- **“Enables us to imagine a world in which education transcends borders, allowing every child to reach their limitless potential.”**
 - *Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Actor*
- **“A grassroots initiative that has helped to revolutionize education.”**
 - *Fali S. Nariman, Jurist and Honorary Member, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ)*



left: Front Cover, right: Back Cover

Book Details:

- **Print Length:** 278 pages
- **Language:** English
- **Dimensions:** 15.24 x 1.6 x 22.86 cm
- **ISBN-13:** 979-8890678447

About the Author – Dilbur Parakh

Dilbur Parakh is a lawyer by training and a human rights advocate by passion. Her early career included practicing law at the Bombay High Court, advocating for women’s rights at SNTD Women’s University, and serving as Legal Officer for Asia and the Pacific at the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva.

In 1995, she co-founded Aseema Charitable Trust to bridge the gap between policy and grassroots reality. From teaching children on the streets of Mumbai to running schools in partnership with municipal authorities and a tribal school in Igatpuri, she has dedicated her life to empowering marginalized communities.

Ms. Parakh’s leadership extends beyond education to empowering women through Aseema Foundation, which showcases the creative work of Aseema’s students and the craftsmanship of tribal women trained by the organization.

Event Details:

- **Location: India Habitat Centre, The Gulmohar Hall,**
Lodhi Road, Near Airforce Bal Bharati School,
Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, Delhi 110003
- **Date:** Tuesday, 3rd December 2024 at 6.30 P.M. to 8.00 P.M.

Join us in celebrating a journey of resilience, transformation and hope.

For more information, please contact:

Email: sabina@aseema.org

Mobile: 9930607248