## DR. SUDHAKAR

Born in the little village of Peresandra in Chikkaballapur on the 6th of June, 1973, Dr Sudhakar, right from the days of his grandfather Shri Patel Avala Reddy, has had a tradition of the serving society. After obtaining a Medical Degree from Sri Siddartha Medical College in Tumakuru, Dr. Sudhakar realised he wanted to do more for the society and choose to dedicate his time and efforts towards building a better tomorrow for the state as well as the country, this was because in the very early stages he realised although he was a doctor by profession, he was a social worker by spirit.

Dr. Sudhakar has been elected thrice to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly as a representative of Chikkaballapura on continuous terms in 2013, 2018 and 2019.

Since his early student years and even today during his tenure as the MLA of Chikkaballapur, Dr Sudhakar has been a strong advocate for a greener tomorrow, and has committed himself to the cause of reducing the global carbon footprint. As a doctor and a strong believer in the preservation of our Environment, Dr. Sudhakar's commitment to fighting pollution of all forms and creating a cleaner and greener tomorrow is un-paralleled. Dr. Sudhakar has emerged at the forefront of the battle against the ill-effects of pollution and has always backed various Eco-friendly legislations and on ground work through various Projects in his hometown Chikkaballapur and across the state.

Dr. Sudhakar has leant a great impetus to social security as well. Through the Sri Sai Krishna Charitable Trust and Shanta education institutions providing quality global education and the necessary accessories for academic excellence to the younger population has been a core agenda. As a vocal supporter of women empowerment Dr. Sudhakar has taken initiatives at various verticals to provide equal opportunities for women to present a more sustainable and equitable society.

Dr. Sudhakar has been a recipient of the prestigious Kings and Imperial College hospitals London 2018 Global Academy award for his contribution towards innovation epidemiological research analysing global, regional, national environment burden exposure to solvents on Parkinson's disease in collaborating with Kings College London and its allied health Partners.

He serves as an overseas advisor and honourable board member of the King and Imperial hospitals HEIS board (Department for Hospitals, Energy and Industrial Strategy responsible for energy policy and tackling climate change). He is also an honorary member of GPICR (Global pharmaceutical Institute of Practical Implementation) which oversees practical implementation of its corporate reporting for greenhouse gas emissions and pharmaceutical wastes. Additionally he holds an honorary portfolio at Kings and Imperial hospitals (DEFRA) which advices packaging waste compliance to reduce air pollution from smoke and part of innovative Kings and Imperial Hospitals team to Implement first national smoke free hospitals and Go green Corridor.

Dr. Sudhakar was the main force behind the Karnataka Govt's decision to set up the Rs 943 Crore Hebbal-Nagawara project, which will bring scientifically treated water from Hebbal and Nagawara to 44 irrigation tanks of Chikkaballapura. This move is going to help revive these dying tanks and provide water for the farmers of Chikkaballapur.

Dr. Sudhakar is also working very closely to revive the 330 acre Kandavara Kere (Tank) which will help reduce the farmer's dependency on rainfall for farming.

Dr. Sudhakar is committed and has taken various steps in making his constituency, a model constituency in Waste Management in the whole state.

During his term as the Chairman of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Dr. Sudhakar undertook stringent policy measures in combating pollution. Hazardous practices such as single use plastic were dealt on war footing in the view to meet national target of reducing single use plastic. Robust policy measures were undertaken during his Chairmanship towards environmental conservation.

Dr. Sudhakar played a very pivotal role in executing the No-Vehicle Weekend Pilot at Nandi Hills, in order to promote cyclists and other eco-friendly travellers by banning Motor Vehicles. His view was to reduce air and noise pollution on top of the scenic Nandi Hills and promote Eco-Tourism.

#LetsBeTheChange is a social media campaign supported by Dr Sudhakar, to spread awareness about the environment amongst his wide follower base.