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Redefining India

Nerul social worker earns accolades for her movement aimed to make citizens exercise their rights

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NERUL: Social worker Ranjana Kanti has been an achiever in her own right.

Having begun her social service 22 years ago, she started a movement called India - Redefined last April.

The movement is aimed to make the citizens exercise their rights and fulfil their obligations and responsibilities without depending on anyone else.

The resident of AWHO, Nerul, Kanti's latest movement has won her the Best Humanitarian Initiative of the Year 2009' in 'Women Leaders in India' conference. She spoke on 'Indian Woman Philanthropy' and 'India Redefined' at the conference.

"We Indians have silently watched the country being hijacked by people with vested interests," said Kanti.

"This movement is for those who want to change the country into a better place to live in, a nation they will be proud to hand over to their children. It is a social movement which is more about awareness, respon-



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sibility and ownership by all of them," she added.

Born and brought up in Delhi and married to a marine engineer, Kanti settled down in Navi Mumbai in 1997. She strikes a balance between her business Edutainment Unlimited, her family life revolving around her

husband and two grown-up children, and her social activities. A recent recipient of Global Youth Award 2009, she has been an inspiration to everyone who has known her.

Kanti has been involved in various activities including free tuition to children of illiterate

parents, awareness programmes in slums, working for visually-handicapped, helping riot-affected people, free computer education for senior citizens at her institute, helping to set up training and business opportunities for economically backward housewives.

She has also conducted campaigns for environment conservation, coordinated with NMMC for relocation of street hawkers, organised various programs in municipal schools, street plays on population, anti-plastic, corruption. Since 2005, she has been training economically weak youth in graphics and animation free of cost at her institute.

Her movement has received good responses from cities like Bangalore, Jaipur, Chennai, Delhi, Agra, Lucknow, Nashik. Thirty five thousand people have shown interest and enlisted their names for the movement.

People from Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal have been contacting her to start similar movements in their countries.

"India Redefined is not a political movement but we are open to work with all NGOs, corporates and also with schools and colleges," said Kanti. "If each of us have a behavioural change, we could solve various day-to-day issues like corruption, hygiene, pollution and human relation."