



# The Lead Team



## More on the Let us Dream initiative

DREAMS is a three-year Community Collaborative Life Skills Developmental and Orientation Programme for Empowering Middle and High School children, who are considered at risk. The programme is designed to lead a teenager toward academic success, professional flourishing, and ultimately to success in his or her life. The DREAMS initiative collaborates with the community, the youth, and various educational institutions not just in India, but also across the world, such as Jyoti Nivas College for instance. Within the JNC chapter, the entire team is comprised of lecturers and externals who are community leaders along with students from across all streams who want to come together to collaborate towards the daring cause of DREAMS.

This lead team at the JNC chapter comprises of Community Leaders, Senior mentors, and Core leads. They work together with each other to ensure that any event, session, or class that is planned is followed through with the utmost dedication and that all the work assigned is done on time. to get a feel of their experience, keep reading to find out.

## Let Us Dream

Let Us Dream is a non-profit public charity organization, comprising of diverse programmes to promote the holistic development of the community, by the community. It currently serves youth and adults globally through its four major programmes.

### DREAMS Project

A three-year community intervention programme for middle school students.

### Let Us Dream Conference

An initiative to promote social initiatives for improvements.

### DREAMS Pro

A professional development mentoring club.

### DREAMS Band

A leadership development program that utilizes music as a tool.

## How would you describe your experience with DREAMS?

"Life today is very systematic and hectic. People nowadays say they don't have the time to do anything and they want a break from all their hectic work schedules.

What I saw from my experience with DREAMS, was that even though mentors were done for the week, they would still meet every Saturday with open hearts, just to make their mentees smile with their love & care. United as a team, we can reach great heights"



### Anaha Akash

Community Head  
Teacher at National Public School  
Member since 2022

## What is one experience in DREAMS that is very close to your heart?

"Throughout the training journey in DREAMS, there are so many lessons one can gain through learning from varied perspectives and experiences. I've seen failure, but have had the chance to learn from mistakes, creating solutions instead of worrying about problems.

Mentoring the youth to empower them, social accountability, innovation, communion, service, teamwork and so much more. During the pandemic when there was a lack of face-to-face communication, we constantly came across problems. That was when our college youth took up the leadership and reconstructed their chapter camps with the help of community leaders. They persevered and did not give up, and in the end, we emerged as one great DREAMS family"



### Rosaline Florence Gomez

Community Head  
Lecturer at Jyoti Nivas College  
Member since 2020

## If you could do one thing differently, what would it be?

"I've been a part of DREAMS for 2 Years now. I started out as a mentor and was also a part of the music and emcee team. Now I'm a core lead in DREAMS. I've personally learned a lot from the mentees and the DREAMS teams have been very supportive and the constant guidance has pushed them to do great.

One thing I would do differently would be to focus more on team organizational work since many of them were newer leads, and they were extremely confused about how certain things worked. But apart from that, it would also be to appreciate the team for all their hard work and dedication"



### Swathi Srinath

Core Lead  
Student at Jyoti Nivas College  
Member since 2020



## Hannah Carol

Core Lead

Student at Jyoti Nivas College

Member since 2020

### How has DREAMS changed you in the last 2 years? "

"Working with DREAMS during the past 2 years has taught me a lot. This exposure enabled me to practice my leadership skills, learn from my mentees, and rise beyond my capabilities to do the unthinkable.

The whole team is always positive and supportive of each other. The biggest difference DREAMS has made in my life, is in improving my confidence, being more open to others, and believing in myself"

### What has DREAMS taught you?

"Being in DREAMS for the last two years has been an incredible experience for me. I've always been a person who loves trying new things and taking up challenges, but the whole idea seemed scary to me at first. But joining dreams helped me to finally step out of my comfort zone. The whole journey in DREAMS had its ups and downs, but I've definitely grown from the experience.

I've learned so many hard lessons about teamwork, perseverance, kindness, and hard work. I've met some of the most amazing people this year here in DREAMS. The learning process here has always been mutually beneficial; in addition to teaching the children, we also gain a lot of knowledge from them. The biggest lesson I took away from the St. Saras mentees was to be optimistic and to find joy in the little things."



## Janice Sheeba Evangalin

Core Lead

Student at Jyoti Nivas College

Member since 2020



## Devika M

Senior Mentor

Student at Christ University

Member since 2020

### Any advice for those wanting to join DREAMS?

"The past 2 and a half years have been a truly incredible journey for me. I got to im- pact the lives of the mentees, as well as my personal growth as well. I've improved my confidence levels, communication skills, and leadership qualities.

DREAMS is a great opportunity and every person must try it. You get to learn more about yourself, unleash your creativity, improve your self-confidence, and up your working style. Overall, the entire experience is bound to uplift you! Once you finish mentoring, your role wouldn't end there. You'll get various other opportunities to be part of the DREAMS such as senior mentor, coordinator, part of a team, chapter teaching programs, etc. Get involved to the fullest, and you will receive what you deserve"