



## I-House Alumni Spotlight:

### Dr. Urvashi Sahni



Social entrepreneur, women rights activist and educationist

Year at I-House: 1994, Country of Origin: India

October 15th is International Day of Rural Women

#### About Dr. Sahni

Dr. Urvashi Sahni has dedicated over three decades to empowering underprivileged girls and rural youth in India with quality education. As the founder of Study Hall Educational Foundation, she has transformed 1040 schools, trained 100,000 teachers, and touched the lives of over 20 million community members in India.

Dr. Sahni is globally recognized for her contributions in national education policy and in championing girls' education and gender equality in low-income and historically marginalized communities.

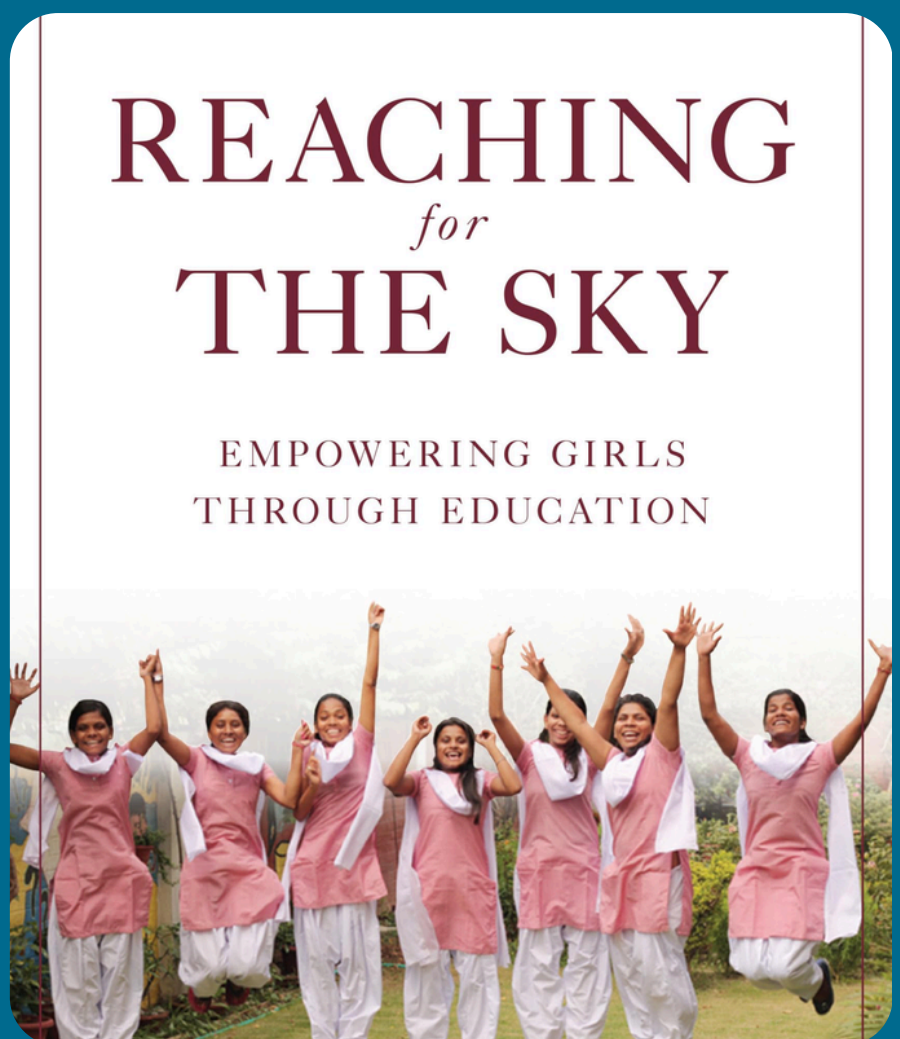
#### Awards & Honors

- International Haas Award – UC Berkeley
- Global Citizen Award – United Nations Association
- Ashoka Fellowship
- Honorary Membership, Clinton Global Initiative
- Obama Foundation Global Girls Alliance Change Maker
- BBC's list of 100 Inspirational & Innovative Women
- Co-founder and board member of the Catalyst 2030
- Advanced Leadership Initiative Fellow at Harvard University
- And many more!

#### Education

- *Masters in Philosophy, University of Lucknow, India*
- *Masters in Education, UC Berkeley*
- *PhD in Education, UC Berkeley*

*"I remember my stay at the I-House in 1994 with great joy and fondness. It was one of my happiest times. I was thousands of miles away from home and family, writing my Ph.D. dissertation and the I-House community embraced me with all its rich diversity, so I never felt lonely. I gained greatly from my experience living with the I-House community and carry the memories everywhere."*



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Book by Dr. Sahni which focuses on how gender equality can be reached in a patriarchal society through education