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Since 1996, Usha Rane has been one of the leaders of the teaching-learning innovations at Pratham. Prior to joining Pratham, Usha worked for many years with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).

Mobilising communities and catalyzing schools to deliver basic learning on a mass-scale has been one of her primary interests.

In 2002-03, she worked with the government schools in various tribal blocks of Maharashtra. This served as a precursor to the large-scale Pratham-Government partnerships.



As a regional head, Usha was responsible for Pratham's work across six states (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha) where she helped establish partnerships with the state governments. She administered collaborative plans to undertake programmes that helped improve learning skills of children in primary schools.

In 2002, she authored the "Maharashtra State Human Development Report", which focused on the issue of the social development in the state. In 2012, Usha co-authored the same report with Dr. Rukmini Banerji.