**Lakshmi Menon**

Lakshmi Menon is a designer turned social entrepreneur known across India for Ammoommathiri and Chekutty dolls.

Ammoommathiri has been highlighted in the 'Change makers' series by BBC on Star plus and felicitated by Amitabh Bacchan.

Chekutty dolls, conceptualised during the mega floods of 2018, has become an icon of resilient Kerala, which was made by crowd sourcing in 9 countries by 50000 volunteers that helped in reviving the handloom industry of Kerala.

Her other initiatives include plantable paper pens with seed as an alternative to plastic disposable pens, which are being replicated and copied world-wide. She owns its global patent.

Her pandemic related project Coveed (miniature paper houses) has been shortlisted for display by National museum Scotland and selected as souvenir for Dakshinachitra craft village in Chennai.

Shayya bedrolls, her recent initiative made of tailoring scrap of PPE, have attracted world attention and prompted industrialist Mr. Anand Mahindra to invest in the Shayya project.

She is an alumnus of CMS College, Kottayam and during her 10 year stint in San Francisco, she was featured in  New York Fashion week as jewelry designer while  working as a featured artist in the Artizmo local artisans Gallery.

She is a governing council member of National Innovation Council India.