

**RIVA POCHA – Founder, FACTS**

Riva Pocha is a graduate in Forensic Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York with over 20 years of training experience in the field. She is passionate about forensics and strives to push forensic training and consultancy in India to international levels of quality.

She has set up Certificate and Diploma programs in Forensic Science at St. Xavier's College and Jai Hind College in Mumbai.

In 2009, she founded FACTS - (**F**orensic **A**dvice **C**onsultancy & **T**raining **S**ervices) – an organization that strives to build forensic awareness in the law enforcement community so as to bridge the gap between science and law, thereby empowering practicing advocates and law students to use this valuable tool during criminal trials.

Through FACTS, Riva Pocha has conducted multiple forensic awareness building trainings at: Pravin Gandhi College of Law, Symbiosis Law School Nagpur, LawyersClub India, Bombay Press Club, Bombay Bar Council, and the Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Uttan. She has been invited to speak at the TEDx platform, Rotary Club, and other professional forums in Mumbai. She is an Associate member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

