



THE INDIA DIALOG

About The India Dialog

The Indian economic and social landscape has experienced crucial transformations in the last decade. The reforms and developmental initiatives in this period aimed at enhancing the innovative capacity and competitiveness of the Indian economy. Government policies across health, education, housing, and energy emphasized shared prosperity and focused on economic development and social progress. Despite several external uncertainties, India charted a roadmap for its growth and development through focused policy implementation. To take stock of the transformations in the Indian economy and the social progress achieved in recent years, we are inviting world-leading experts and intellectuals in economics, business, policy-making, and social development to provide their up-to-date perspectives on the state of the Indian economy in 2024 and look into the outlook and challenges for its continued progress.

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8:15 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration with Networking Breakfast



9:00 AM - 9:10 AM | Opening Remarks



Richard Dasher

Director, US-Asia Technology Management Center and Adjunct Professor, Stanford University



Amit Kapoor

Lecturer, Stanford University and Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

9:10 AM - 9:20 AM | Welcome Remarks



K Srikar Reddy

Consul General of India, San Francisco

9:20 AM - 9:30 AM | Plenary Talk on India-US Relations



Sripriya Ranganathan

Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of India, Washington D.C

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM | Plenary Talk on "India: Will the Giant Emerge"



Christian Ketels

Senior Advisor, Stockholm School of Economics

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9:50 AM – 10:10 AM

Opening Keynote on *“Role and Place of Agriculture in Achieving Aspirations of Rising India”*



Ramesh Chand

Member, NITI Aayog,
Government of India

10:10 AM – 10:35 AM

Keynote Address on *“Reflections on Political Economy of New India”*



Pranab Bardhan

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics,
University of California, Berkeley

10:35 AM – 11:25 AM

Panel on *“Insights into India’s Performance and Outlook”*



Nirvikar Singh

Co-Director,
Center for Analytical Finance, UC Santa Cruz



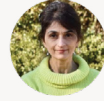
Sanjeev Sanyal

Member, EAC – PM,
Government of India



Kevin Stolarick

Dean, Curtner Urban Leadership Program,
Urban Land Institute



Indira Iyer

Research Professor of International Affairs,
George Washington University



Moderated by

Christian Ketels

Senior Advisor,
Stockholm School of Economics

11:25 AM – 11:45 AM – Networking Tea/Coffee Break

11:45 AM – 12:25 PM

Panel on *“India – US Relations”*



James Crabtree

Author of The
Billionaire Raj



MR Rangaswami

Founder & CEO,
Indiaspora



Dinsha Mistree

Research Fellow,
Hoover Institution, Stanford University



Moderated by

Arun M. Kumar

Managing Partner,
Celesta Capital

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12:25 PM – 12:45 PM | Keynote on “*Energy, Climate and Sustainability*”



▶ **Arun Majumdar**

Dean,
Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM | Keynote on “*The India Story*”



▶ **Amitabh Kant**

Sherpa G20,
Government of India

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM - Networking Lunch

2:15 PM – 2:25 PM | Plenary Talk on “*How Private Investment Can Drive Inclusive Growth*”



▶ **Pranjal Sharma**

Economic Analyst,
Advisor & Author

2:25 PM – 3:15 PM | Panel on “*Private Investments in India*”



▶ **Avinash Pandey**

CEO, ABP Network,
President, News Broadcasters &
Digital Association



▶ **Harshul Asnani**

President and SBU Head
Technology Business, Mahindra



▶ **Himanshu Jain**

CEO,
Vibes Healthcare



▶ **Mukesh Bansal**

CEO & Co Founder,
CureFit



▶ **Moderated by**

Pranjal Sharma

Economic Analyst,
Advisor & Author

3:15 PM – 3:35 PM- Networking Tea/Coffee Break

3:35 PM – 3:55 PM | Keynote on “*India and the World*”



▶ **Michael Enright**

Pierre Choueiri Family Professor in Global Business,
Northeastern University

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3:55 PM – 4:45 PM | Panel on “Venture Capital in the India-US Corridor”



Ami Patel Shah
Managing Director,
Fortress Investment Group



Asha Jadeja
Founder,
Jadeja Motwani Foundation



Jishnu Bhattacharjee
Managing Director,
Nexus Venture Partners



Sandesh Patnam
Managing Partner,
Premiji Invest



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Sriram Viswanathan
Founding Managing Partner,
Celesta Capital

4:45 PM – 5:05 PM | Plenary Talk on “Visual Dialogue on Conflict and Displacement”



Veer Munshi
Artist

5:00 PM – 5:10 PM | Message



Bibek Debroy
Chairman EAC – PM,
Government of India (video)

5:10 PM – 5:25 PM | Talk on “Collective Consciousness and Imagination”



Vibhav Kapoor
Adjunct Professor,
University of Dayton, Ohio



Conor Martin
Independent Artist

5:25 PM – 5:30 PM | Remarks



Gurcharan Das
Author

5:30 PM – 5:35 PM | Closing Remarks



Amit Kapoor
Lecturer, Stanford University and
Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

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8:15 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration with Networking Breakfast

9:00 AM - 9:05 AM | Opening Remarks



Richard Dasher

Director, US-ATMC and Adjunct Professor,
Stanford University



Amit Kapoor

Lecturer, Stanford University and
Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

9:05 AM - 9:25 AM | Keynote on *"India's Process Reforms - Fixing the Nuts and Bolts"*



Sanjeev Sanyal

Member, EAC - PM,
Government of India

9:25 AM - 9:45 AM | Plenary Talk on *"Social Progress of Indian States and Districts"*



Michael Green

CEO,
Social Progress Imperative

9:45 AM - 10:35 AM | Panel on *"Economic and Social Development"*



Michael Green

CEO,
Social Progress Imperative



Terence Tse

Professor of Entrepreneurship,
ESCP Business School



Ramesh Chand

Member, NITI Aayog,
Government of India



Robert Eberhart

Associate Professor of Management,
University of San Diego



Moderated by

Marsha Vande Berg

Principal, MJGlobal Insights and
Lead & Co-chair: 2024 India Expert Exchange

10:35 AM – 10:55 AM | Insights on “*The Billionaire Raj: Inequality in India*”



▶ **James Crabtree**
Author of *The Billionaire Raj*

10:55 PM – 11:15 AM - Networking Tea/Coffee Break

11:15 AM – 11:35 AM | Plenary Talk on “*New Energy for New India*”



▶ **Anil Chalamalasetty**
Founder, Group CEO and MD
Greenko Group

11:35 AM – 12:15 PM | Panel on “*Economic Growth, Development and Sustainability*”



▶ **Hisham Mundol**
Chief Advisor, India,
Environmental Defense Fund



▶ **Amol Phadke**
Senior Scientist, Goldman School of Public Policy,
University of California, Berkeley



▶ **Rajat Kathuria**
Dean and Professor,
Shiv Nadar University



▶ **Ashok Belani**
Board Member,
AM Green



▶ **Moderated by
Pradeep Puri**
Senior Fellow,
Institute for Competitiveness

12:15 PM – 12:35 PM | Plenary Talk on “*Does India Still Grow at Night When the Government Sleeps*”



▶ **Gurcharan Das**
Author

12:25 PM – 1:25 PM - Networking Lunch

1:25 PM – 2:15 PM | Panel on “*Health and Nutrition*”



▶ **Neeraj Jain**
Country Director, India &
Director, South Asia, PATH



▶ **Mukesh Bansal**
CEO & Co-Founder,
CureFit

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▶ Anurag Mairal

Director, Global Outreach,
Byers Center for Biodesign, Stanford University



▶ Mark Esposito

Faculty Associate,
Harvard's Center for International Development, HKS



▶ Moderated by Richard Dasher

Director, US-ATMC and Adjunct Professor,
Stanford University

2:15 PM – 2:35 PM | Plenary Talk on “India’s Dream of a High Income Country”



▶ Subhash Chandra Garg

Former Finance & Economic Affairs Secretary,
Government of India

2:55 PM – 3:45 PM | Panel on “The Challenge of Foundational Literacy and Numeracy” Release of Report on “Foundational Literacy and Numeracy”



▶ Michael Bowers

Chief Program Implementation
Officer, Room to Read



▶ Bhavya Durgesh Nandini

Adolescent Well Being Advocate



▶ Karen Klimowski

Development Diplomat
in Residence Western
US



▶ Omar Qargha

Fellow, Center of Universal
Education, Brookings



▶ Gurcharan Das

Author



▶ Moderated by Pranjal Sharma

Economic Analyst,
Advisor & Author

3:25 PM – 3:45 PM - Networking Tea/Coffee Break

3:45 PM – 4:05 PM | Plenary Talk on “Experiences and Lessons on Implementing Large Scale, Transformational Programs”



▶ Param Iyer

Executive Director,
World Bank Group



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4:05 PM – 4:45 PM | Panel on “Identity in the Digital Age”



Rohini Chakravathy

Managing Partner, NewBuild
VC, Board Member, MIT
Club of NorCal



Beena Ammanath

Technology Trust Ethics and
AI Leader, Deloitte



Deepa Prahalad Abhyankar

Design strategist,
Social Innovator, Author, Speaker



Moderated by MR Rangaswami

Founder & CEO,
Indiaspora

4:45 PM – 5:25 PM | Closing Discussion and Learnings from The India Dialog



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Stockholm School of Economics



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Richard Dasher

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Stanford University



Moderated by Amit Kapoor

Lecturer, Stanford University and
Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

5:25 PM – 5:30 PM | Closing Remarks



Amit Kapoor

Lecturer, Stanford University and
Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

5:30 PM – Networking Reception

Conference Chairs



Amit Kapoor

Lecturer, Stanford University and
Chairman, Institute for Competitiveness, India

Amit Kapoor, PhD, is Honorary Chairman at Institute for Competitiveness, India; He is an affiliate faculty for the Microeconomics of Competitiveness & Value Based Health Care Delivery courses of Institute of Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School and an instructor with Harvard Business Publishing in the area of Strategy, Competitiveness and Business Models in addition to being a lecturer at Stanford University wherein he launched a new course on Reimagining Capitalism / Rebalancing Economic Systems in January, 2021. He has been inducted into the Competitiveness Hall of Fame which is administered by Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness at Harvard Business School in addition to being the recipient of the Ruth Greene Memorial Award winner for writing the best case of the year, by North American Case Research Association (NACRA).

Amit is the author of bestselling books “*Riding the Tiger*”, which he has co-authored with Wilfried Aulber and “*The Age of Awakening: The Story of the Indian Economy Since Independence*” published by Penguin Random House. He recently published a book titled “*The Elephant Moves*” with Amitabh Kant published by Penguin Random House. His forthcoming book on “*Jyotirlingams*” with Bibek Debroy will be published in the second half of 2024.

He has worked with NITI Aayog, Indian Prime Minister’s Think Tank, on developing the Ease of Living index for Indian districts (this drives the achievement of Ease of Living across Indian states and districts); Innovation Index for States of India; Export Preparedness Index, School Education Quality Index, District Potentiality Index et al. He has also worked with Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister to develop indices on Ease of Living for Elderly, Foundational Learning and Numeracy Index and a Social Progress Index for Indian States and Districts.



Richard Dasher

Director, US-Asia Technology Management Center and
Adjunct Professor, Stanford University

Richard Dasher has been Director of the US-Asia Technology Management Center at Stanford University since 1994. He served concurrently as the Executive Director of the Center for Integrated Systems in Stanford’s School of Engineering from 1998 - 2015. His research and teaching focus on the flow of people, knowledge, and capital in innovation systems, on the impact of new technologies on industry value chains, and on open innovation management. Dr. Dasher serves on the advisory boards for national universities and research institutions in Japan and Thailand. He is on the selection and review committees of major government funding programs for science, technology, and innovation in Canada and Japan. He is an advisor to start-up companies, business accelerators, venture capital firms, and nonprofits in Silicon Valley, China, Japan, and S. Korea.

Speakers



Amitabh Kant

Sherpa G20,
Government of India

Amitabh Kant is presently India’s G20 Sherpa. The G20 or the Group of Twenty is a forum where policymakers of industrialized and developing economies meet to discuss key issues in the global economy. Amitabh Kant is a governance reformer and a public policy change agent for India, having driven key reforms and initiatives during his tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022) and the Secretary of the Department for Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) (2014-2016), Government of India. He has been a key driver of flagship national initiatives such as Startup India, Make in India, Incredible India, Kerala: God’s Own Country and the Aspirational Districts Program. These initiatives have repositioned India and Kerala and have widely been recognized as transformational. As CEO of NITI Aayog, Kant has driven a vast range of national-level developmental and policy initiatives which catalyzed India’s social and economic development and have brought about a paradigm shift in policy-making. As Secretary, DIPP Kant has driven the Start-up India movement which has led to India emerging as the third-best ecosystem for startups globally, with over 70,000+ start ups and over 101+ Unicorns. His focus has been to facilitate Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) through predictability, consistency of policies and elimination of rules, regulations and procedures.



Amol Phadke

Senior Scientist, Goldman School of Public Policy,
University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Amol Phadke is a Staff Scientist at the Electricity Markets and Policy Department at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. He is an Affiliate and Senior Scientist at the Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP), University of California, Berkeley, and one of the Founding Members of the India Energy and Climate Center at GSPP. Amol manages a research program focused on power sector decarbonization, encompassing issues of storage, transmission, and new renewable options such as offshore wind, with a particular emphasis on techno-economic and policy analysis in the US, India, Japan, Korea, and Indonesia. His research also delves into hard-to-decarbonize sectors, concentrating on battery electric trains and ships, and the use of off-grid renewable energy-based hydrogen production for the decarbonization of several sectors. Additionally, Amol is particularly focused on identifying ways to leverage existing infrastructure in energy transitions. He has led several power and transport sector decarbonization studies, including assessments like The 2035 Report, which demonstrated how deep decarbonization of the power system can be achieved by 2035 while reducing consumer costs and maintaining reliability.



Ami Patel Shah

Managing Director,
Fortress Investment Group

Ms. Shah is a Managing Director in Fortress Investment Group LLC's Intellectual Property Finance Group based in Washington DC, where she focuses on a wide variety of investment opportunities in connection with intellectual property. In 2022, Ms. Shah founded Level Set Capital, where she focuses on unlocking University and Research Institutions Intellectual Property. Prior to joining Fortress in 2013, Ms. Shah worked for Intel, most recently heading Intel's Global Wireless Patents. Before joining Intel, she was with the law firms of Dorsey & Whitney, and Fish & Richardson where she worked on patent prosecution, licensing and litigation matters. Ms. Shah is recognized as one of the World's Leading IP Strategists by Intellectual Asset Magazine in the IAM 300, awarded to individuals with an established track record in developing and rolling out world-class IP value creation programs. Ms. Shah holds a J.D. along with a B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



Anil Chalamalasetty

Founder, Group CEO and MD
Greenko Group

Anil Chalamalasetty is an Innovator, Entrepreneur and Business Leader who's journey over the past 25 years has been in areas of Clean Energy, Environmental Technologies, IT and Urban Infrastructure with a motivation to empower sustainability and create long term positive impact for future generations.

Anil started his career in Information Technology through Digi Tele Enterprises in India & London and went on to found Greenko Group, AM Green & Ace Group along with his co-founder and partner Mahesh Kolli. Today Greenko Group is world leading energy transition company with an installed Renewable Energy capacity of over 7.5 GW across Wind, Solar and Hydro capacities with presence in 15 states in India.



Anurag Mairal

Director, Global Outreach, Byers Center for Biodesign,
Stanford University

Anurag Mairal is an Adjunct Professor of Medicine and the Director, Global Outreach Programs at Stanford Byers Center for Biodesign, Stanford University. He is also a Faculty Fellow and Lead for Technology Innovation and Impact at Center for Innovation in Global Health. In these roles, he leads initiatives focused on applying the biodesign process to resource-constrained settings globally. Further, he facilitates opportunities for students, faculty and fellows at Stanford to work on global healthcare needs. He is founding co-Director for MED 232, Global Health: Scaling Health Technology Innovations in Low Resource Settings, and was part of the founding faculty team for BIOE 371, Global Biodesign: Medical Technology in an International Context, graduate-level courses offered to engineering, business, and medical students at Stanford University. Earlier, he served as Associate Director for the Stanford-India Biodesign and Singapore-Stanford Biodesign programs. He serves as the Founding Chair of BME IDEA APAC, a community of medtech innovation programs in Asia Pacific, partnering closely with the industry and academia in the region. He is also an Honorary Professor at University of Cape Town, South Africa.



Arun Majumdar

Dean,
Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

Dr. Arun Majumdar is the inaugural Dean of the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability. He is the Jay Precourt Provostial Chair Professor at Stanford University, a faculty member of the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Science and Engineering, a Senior Fellow and former Director of the Precourt Institute for Energy and Senior Fellow (courtesy) of the Hoover Institution. He is also a faculty in Department of Photon Science at SLAC. Dr. Majumdar serves as the Chair of the Advisory Board of the US Secretary of Energy, Jennifer Granholm. He led the Agency Review Team for the Department of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission during the Biden-Harris Presidential transition. He served as the Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board of US Secretary of Energy, Dr. Ernest Moniz, and was also a Science Envoy for the US Department of State with focus on energy and technology innovation in the Baltics and Poland. He also serves on numerous advisory boards and boards of businesses, investment groups and non-profit organizations.



Arun M Kumar

Managing Partner,
Celesta Capital

Arun most recently served as the Chairman and CEO of KPMG in India, an organization consisting of several thousand professionals engaged in providing assurance, tax, and advisory services. He was a member of the global board of directors of KPMG. He previously served in President Obama's Administration as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Global Markets and Director General of the U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service (USFCS). As the Administration's lead official to promote U.S. exports, foreign direct investment, and enhanced market access around the world, he led a team of 1,700 professionals in 78 countries and all 50 United States. Prior to his stint in Washington, DC, Arun was a partner and a member of the board of KPMG LLP in the US. Based in Silicon Valley, he led KPMG's Management Consulting practice in the West for many years.



Asha Jadeja Motwani

Founder,
Motwani Jadeja Family Foundation

Asha Jadeja is a Silicon Valley-based venture capitalist who has invested in over 200 technology startups in the Bay Area. As an entrepreneur herself, her investing philosophy is designed to ignite young entrepreneurs into becoming disruptive change makers. As the founder of the Motwani Jadeja Foundation, Asha sets the direction, tone, and priorities for the foundation. In addition to the foundation, she has invested in over 200 technology startups. As a successful entrepreneur herself, her investing philosophy is designed to further support the foundation's work, igniting young entrepreneurs into becoming disruptive change makers.



Ashok Belani

Board Member,
AM Green

Ashok Belani is Senior Strategic Advisor at SLB, a position he assumed in April 2022. Belani held the position of Executive Vice President New Energy over the years 2019 till 2022, where he was responsible for the development and deployment of differentiated technologies addressing new avenues of growth in emerging New Energy markets. He led the ideation and formation of this new business group to position SLB as a leader in the Energy Transition and to develop a diversified portfolio of business in Clean Energy for the company

Prior to that assignment, Belani served from 2011 to 2019 as Executive Vice President Technology, where he was responsible for global Research, Engineering, Manufacturing, Technology Lifecycle Management, Software Technology, and Information Technology. For the last 14 years, since its establishment, he also managed the corporate venture department for SLB.



Avinash Pandey

CEO, ABP Network, President, News Broadcasters & Digital Association

Avinash Pandey is the CEO of ABP Network which runs 6 news channels, 10 digital channels and a successful film production company ABP Studios. He is the serving President of the News Broadcasters & Digital Association (NBDA) and also the President of the International Advertising Association (IAA) India Chapter. He is also the Director of the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) and a former Director of the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF). He has been a member of several committees, including the Media & Entertainment Committee of FICCI, Chairmanship of the National Council on Entertainment and Media – ASSOCHAM, Panel Advisory Committee of the Bureau of Outreach & Communication for the release of government advertisements, and the Committee of Experts appointed by the I&B Ministry on ethical standards in media coverage.

An alumnus of Harvard Business School, Avinash also holds a degree in History and a postgraduate degree in Modern Indian History from Delhi University. Avinash has received twice the Best CEO of the Year Award in 2019 and 2022 apart from numerous other awards including the Media Person of the Year by the Indian Chapter of the International Advertising Association (IAA).



Beena Ammanath

Technology Trust Ethics and AI Leader, Deloitte

Beena leads Trustworthy AI & Technology Trust Ethics at Deloitte. She is the author of “*Trustworthy AI*”, a book that can help businesses navigate trust and ethics in AI. Beena has extensive global experience in AI and digital transformation, spanning across e-commerce, finance, marketing, telecom, retail, software products, services and industrial domains with companies across a variety of industries. Beena is also the Founder of non-profit, Humans For AI, an organization dedicated to increasing diversity in AI.



Bibek Debroy

Chairman, EAC-PM, Government of India

Dr. Bibek Debroy is an economist and was educated in Ramakrishna Mission School, Narendrapur; Presidency College, Kolkata; Delhi School of Economics and Trinity College, Cambridge. Presently, he is Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India. He has worked in Presidency College, Kolkata (1979-83), Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune (1983-87); Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Delhi (1987-93); as the Director of a Ministry of Finance/UNDP project on legal reforms (1993-98); Department of Economic Affairs (1994-95); National Council of Applied Economic Research (1995-96); Rajiv Gandhi Institute for Contemporary Studies (1997-2005); PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (2005-06); and Centre for Policy Research (2007-2015). Dr. Debroy was also Member, NITI Aayog up to 5th June 2019. He has authored/edited several books, papers and popular articles and has also been a Consulting/Contributing Editor with several newspapers.



Bhavya Durgesh Nandini

Adolescent Well Being Advocate

Bhavya Nandini is a youth advocate who has been working for over seven years to improve the well-being of adolescents and young people. As the Coordinator of the Adolescents and Youth Constituency at the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health, Bhavya focuses on spreading awareness about the challenges faced by young people, and ensuring that the voices of youth are heard and considered in discussions about issues that affect them the most. She has also previously worked on a range of issues, including SRHR, gender-based violence, and women’s leadership in global health, among others.



Christian Ketels

Senior Advisor,
Stockholm School of Economics

Christian Ketels is a member of the Harvard Business School faculty at Professor Michael E. Porter's Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness. He holds a PhD (Econ) from the London School of Economics and further degrees from the Kiel Institute for World Economics and Cologne University. In 2017 he was awarded a Honorary Doctorate in Economics and Business Administration by Lappeenranta University of Technology (Finland). Dr. Ketels is the Vice-Chair of the Board of the Directors at Innovation Fund Denmark, the Danish government's innovation agency. He chairs the advisory board of TCI, a global network of professionals in the field of competitiveness, clusters, and is the chair of the academic advisory board of ORKESTRA The Basque Competitiveness Institute.



Conor Martin

Independent Artist

Conor Martin was born in 1989 in West Point, NY. The son of an army officer, he began photographing while living in Heidelberg, Germany at the age of sixteen. In 2009 he graduated from the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyoming. Martin earned a BFA in Photography from the Corcoran College of Art and Design, Washington, DC in 2014 and an MFA in Photography and Related Media from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York in 2022.



Deepa Prahalad Abhyankar

Design strategist,
Social Innovator, Author, Speaker

Deepa Prahalad is an author, speaker and innovation/design strategy consultant with an emphasis on emerging markets and social innovation. She has worked with start-ups and large multinationals, and researched and co-authored the book, *Predictable Magic: Unleash The Power of Design Strategy To Transform Your Business*, which was selected by Fast Company as one of the "Best Design Books of the Year". She is also a frequent blogger on the Huffington Post, Harvard Business Review, and other publications. She is an elected member of the International Academy of Management and was ranked #34 on the inaugural Thinkers 50 India list. She is a member of Marshall Goldsmith 100 Coaches program, selected from among 16,000 applicants worldwide.

Deepa is also active in non-profit boards. She serves on the Advisory Boards of the Global Peter Drucker Forum, Arogya World and is a patron of the Indiaspora Forum. Deepa is an Advisor/ Investor for ReMaterials, an innovative and transformational roofing company in India. An art enthusiast, she is on the Board of the Committee for Arts of the Indian Subcontinent (CAIS) at the San Diego Museum of Art.



Dinsha Mistree

Research Fellow,
Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Dinsha Mistree is an affiliate of the Neukom Center for the Rule of Law at Stanford Law School. He is also a research fellow at the Hoover Institution, where he manages the Program on Strengthening US-Indian Relations, as well as an affiliated scholar at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies. Dr. Mistree studies the relationship between education, governance and economic growth in developing countries. His scholarship concentrates on the political economy of legal systems, public administration, and education policy, with a regional focus on India. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in Politics from Princeton University, with an S.M. and an S.B. from MIT. His published work appears in a wide range of outlets including *Stanford Law Review*, *Social Science and Medicine*, and *Public Administration Review*.



K Srikar Reddy

Consul General of India,
San Francisco, USA

Dr. K. Srikar Reddy before taking over as the Consul General of India at San Francisco, served at the Department of Commerce, Government of India as Joint Secretary where he oversaw India's commercial relations with countries in Africa and the Middle-East. He was the Chief Negotiator of India for the India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) and India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that entered into force on 01 April 2021 and 01 May 2022 respectively. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in the year 2001 and served in various positions at Indian Missions including Germany and Switzerland. Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of India to the World Trade Organization (WTO) from August 2014 to October 2017. He was India's Consul General to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from October 2017 to March 2020. He also served at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi and handled India's relations with Pakistan and East and Southern Africa (E&SA). He served as Regional Passport Officer, Hyderabad (July 2011 – August 2014) where he transformed the delivery of passport services in then undivided state of Andhra Pradesh, India for which he was awarded the "Passport Seva Puraskar (Best Passport Officer)" in June 2013.



Gurcharan Das

Author & Thought Leader

Gurcharan Das is an author and former CEO of Procter and Gamble India. He is the author of a much acclaimed trilogy based on the classical Indian ideal of life's goals. *India Unbound* was the first, on artha, 'material well-being' – the Guardian called it 'a quiet earthquake' – is available in 19 languages and filmed by the BBC.



Harshul Asnani

President and SBU Head Technology Business,
Mahindra

Harshul Asnani is the Sr. Vice President and Head of the Global Technology Business vertical at Tech Mahindra. As an integral part of the Tech Mahindra leadership team, he is responsible for growth in the Hitech sector and the US West Coast. Harshul orchestrates a high performing global team focused on helping Hitech and enterprise customers traverse the transformation journey. In his current role, he also provides executive sponsorship to strategic 360-degree relationships with hyperscalers and other technology partners.



Himanshu Jain

CEO,
Vibes Healthcare

Himanshu Jain is the Founder of 'Promenable', a consulting organisation focused on business transformation across sectors and metrics. This latest initiative focuses on helping the MSME segment (which forms the backbone of Indian economy) to put his three decades corporate experience to use. He is also the CEO for VIBES Healthcare, a slimming and dermatology clinics chain business in South Asia to achieve scale and size in line with the large opportunity the sector presents. His latest role was as President (Indian sub-continent) for Diversey, a global leading hygiene solutions provider, since October 2020. He was a member of the Executive Committee globally. He has been with Diversey since 2003, and started as the leader of the Indian Food & Beverage Hygiene business before moving to Philippines in 2007. He then managed INSEA both for Diversey and Sealed Air before taking over as the President APAC for Diversey in 2017.



Hisham Mundol

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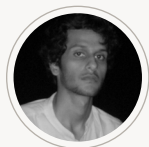
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