



**ACTION
FOR
INDIA**

ANNUAL FORUM- 2017

24 - 25 JANUARY, 2017

INDIA HABITAT CENTRE, NEW DELHI

Technology For Transformation

Embracing the Future for Mega Impact

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear All

Welcome to the 6th edition of Action For India's Annual Forum.

As we begin our two exciting days of the Forum a few alarming facts deserve our attention.

- 70% of Indians living in villages defecate in the open
- Vast majority of Indian graduates - as many as 75% by some estimates - are not considered employable
- A report by Save the Children estimates that there is a shortage of 2.6 million health workers.
- India draws more groundwater each year than the US and China combined
- By one estimate, there only 13 commercial bank branches per 100,000 individuals

When I think of these statistics, it dampens my spirits. I often wonder where we are headed as a civilization. These are problems. These grave problems, which impact all of us present here. But for most, they are merely problems.

However, there exists a breed of enthusiastic, persistent individuals who view these problems as incredible opportunities for impact. They provide the thoughtful inputs, out-of-the-box ideas that are needed to address these complex challenges. These are the people who are leading the movement of bridging the urban-rural divide by using technology and knowledge as their primary tools. We call this breed Social Innovators. And on behalf of AFI, I am privileged to have more than 100 Social Innovators under one roof today. We call them Social Innovators.

When AFI was established in 2012, our primary purpose was to identify committed social innovators and bring forth their ideas. Through the Forum and other AFI initiatives, we have met 100s of ideas - some which have stood the test of time, some which have not. And we have realised that what each of the social innovator needs is access to and connect with resources - financial, knowledge and people. AFI, over the years, has endeavoured to be that vital connect for the social innovators, supporting them through their organizational challenges.

It is with pride that I present to you the 6th Edition of the Forum with the theme, Technology for Transformation: Embracing the Future for Mega Impact. We believe that technology holds the key to social transformation as we go along. Whether it is access to banking systems, provision of healthcare facilities, making the young more employable - technology holds a lot of answers for us. Technologies like IoT, AI & ML, Big Data & Analytics, Drones,

3-D printing, Mobility, BlockChain, wearables, remote sensors, embedded technologies, and technology Platforms that are changing the way we work, live, entertain, communicate, ourselves, consume, commute, travel and buy. And this Forum is about exploring how this new technology revolution can be used for human good, for addressing the social challenges that need our attention. At AFI we have maintained that government partnerships are key to long term sustainable impact or what we also call “mega impact”. Today amongst a number of technocrats, corporates, investors, we also have representatives from the government. We encourage our social innovators to take this Forum as an opportunity to engage with them all as you work towards charting the further course of action for your enterprise.

I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Sam Pitroda - it was after I heard him speak in 2005 that the idea of AFI was born. I also would like to thank Desh Deshpande who has been AFI’s constant support since its inception and his work especially the Sandbox concept has been a big inspiration for AFI’s 2020 vision.

Over the next two days, there are several break-out sessions, keynote addresses and discussion forums for you to connect and learn from. I sincerely hope that you will take this platform as an opportunity to network, collaborate and build learning partnerships.

I leave you with a famous quote of Bill Gates which resonates my thoughts, “Humanity’s greatest advances are not in its discoveries, but in how those discoveries are applied to reduce inequity.”

Wishing you a happy and collaborative AFI Forum 2017.

Best Wishes,

Sanjay Kadaveru
Founder & President
Action For India

MESSAGE FROM SAM PITRODA



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 6th Edition of Action for India's Annual Forum.

We are all here today because we believe that the world offers unprecedented technological opportunities which calls for social entrepreneurship to improve quality of life for people at the bottom of the economic pyramid by developing innovative products and services which are affordable, scalable and sustainable.

Today we have with us more than 100 social entrepreneurs with a variety of backgrounds, hopes and aspirations.

These entrepreneurs are energetic, enthusiastic, ambitious, passionate, persistent, concerned, committed and courageous to take on a difficult and less travelled journey to build social enterprise. It is their determination to succeed in delivering public good through business and create new employment opportunities for others which sets them apart from the rest. It is heartening to see some of the brightest brains make a conscious move to take risks and choose social entrepreneurship as opposed to corporate or government jobs with comfort and security. Every year, as the new social entrepreneur and change makers make their way into the AFI circuit, I feel excited at the larger possibilities for India and the world. In the words of my dear friend Bill Drayton, "Social entrepreneurs are not content just to provide fish or teach fishing. They will not rest until they have revolutionized the fishing industry."

We are also fortunate to have with us the right group of industry leaders and mentors with substantial experience to help, guide and support the next generation to explore new social and business frontiers. We appreciate and welcome their generosity and the time devoted to AFI initiatives. We want all our participants to take advantage of networking, collaborating and cooperating with these experts and others to enlist, encourage and expand the community of social entrepreneurs all over India.

Finally, I take this opportunity to congratulate Sanjay and his team for putting together this excellent Forum, year after year for the last five years. I also want to thank our sponsors for all their ongoing faith and support. In the last five years we have learned to survive and hold successful events. It is time now to multiply and organize similar events in at least ten cities in India to spread the message and the magic of Social entrepreneurship.

Good-luck, Prosperous 2017 and warm wishes!

Sam Pitroda

Honorary Chairman

Action For India

SCHEDULE

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24 JAN, 2017

#	Session	Time
1	Registration	08:00 – 09:00 AM
2	Lamp Lighting	09:00 – 09:10 AM
3	Welcome remarks from the President	09:10 – 09:25 AM
4	Inaugural Keynote Speech - 1	09:25 – 10:05 AM
5	Inaugural Keynote Speech - 2	10:05 – 10:45 AM
6	Break	10:45 – 11:00 AM
7	Inaugural Keynote Panel - The Fourth Industrial Revolution: Tapping the latest advances in Technology for scaling social impact	11:00 – 12:00 PM
8	Sector Specific Discussions - Sector specific deep-dives with our Sector Champions, Influencers and Entrepreneurs across	12:00 – 01:30 PM
9	Lunch	01:30 – 02:30 PM
10	Keynote Panel - Digital Payments: SME Lending in the Cashless Economy	02:30 - 03:15 PM
11	Keynote Panel - Vision 2020: AFI's pan-India network of regional Hubs of Social Innovation	03:15 - 04:00 PM
12	Partnering with the Government for Scaling Impact: Perspectives from Members of the Parliament	04:00 – 05:00 PM
13	Speed-Dating Between Social Entrepreneurs & Influencers	05:00 - 06:30 PM

25 JAN, 2017

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1	Keynote Speech	09:30 – 10:00 AM
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3	Keynote Panel - Raising Capital For High Impact Social Ventures	10:30 – 11:30
4	Speed Dating- Social Entrepreneurs & Influencers	11:30 - 01:00 PM
5	Lunch	01:00 – 02:00 PM
6	Panel Discussion - How Social Entrepreneurs Are Leveraging Latest Technological Advances	02:00 – 02:45 PM
7	Reports From The Sector-Specific Discussions	02:45 – 03:30 PM
8	Break	03:30 – 03:45 PM
9	Silicon Valley Challenge Finals	03:45 – 04:45 PM
10	Plenary Session - Innovating For Billions: Building Digital Solutions For Scaling Social Impact	04:45 – 05:45 PM
11	Announcement Of Silicon Valley Challenge Winners	05:45 – 05:55 PM
12	Vote of Thanks & Closing	05:55 – 06:00 PM

INDIA HABITAT CENTER

India Habitat Centre (IHC) was conceived to provide a physical environment which would serve as a catalyst for a synergetic relationship between individuals and institutions working in diverse habitat related areas, maximizing their total effectiveness..

Spread over an area of nine acres, the IHC campus has been designed and built by Joseph Stein, Doshi and Bhalla who have created an island of architectural excellence in the busy metropolis of India's capital, Delhi. The campus weaves in a unique interplay of institutions, supporting infrastructure and facilities such as conference venues, auditoria, hospitality areas, the library and resource centre, and art galleries. Elegantly designed, the campus is a hub of activity while simultaneously being serene. The architectural and design elements that Stein has built in enable this paradoxical blend. The landscaping, horticulture and fountains add to the pleasing ambience of the campus.

Representative of "ecology by design, India Habitat Centre was Stein's largest project. It is perhaps most successful as a work of urban design, a place that handles transportation and an enormous variety of public and private activities, from housing to banking to entertainment to food. A city within a city, it is an intellectual shopping centre that provides cheap green curry, great theatre, cutting edge art,, and wonderful outdoor spaces that are comfortable even in summer. The IHC has made an extraordinary contribution to the city of Delhi ..." (Source: An Innocent Abroad: Joseph Stein in India, by Professor Jeffrey M Chusid. Occasional Publication 18, India International Centre).

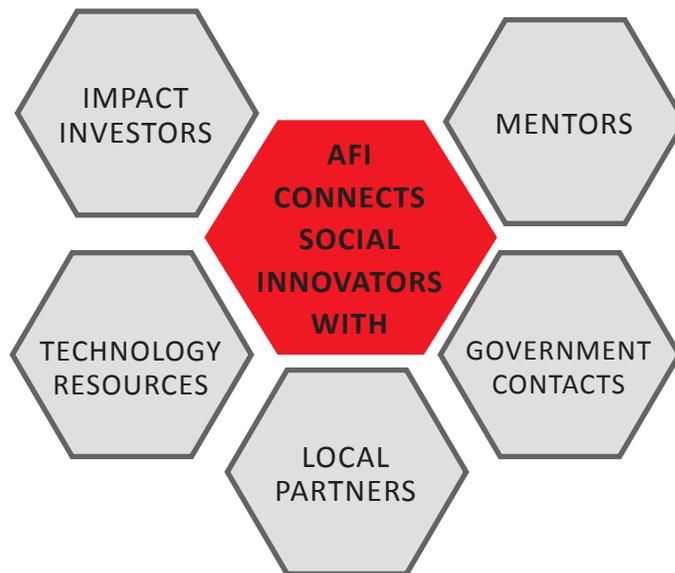


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ACTION FOR INDIA (AFI)

AFI's MISSION

“to help social innovators in India overcome barriers to scale and achieve greater impact at the Bottom of the Pyramid”



ACTION FOR INDIA HELPS SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS SCALE THEIR ORGANIZATIONS BY PROVIDING SUPPORT WITH THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES

ANNUAL FORUM

Held annually since 2012, the Annual Action For India Forum brings together leaders in ICT, banking, donors, government, and business to connect with leading social innovators. At the Annual Forum, social innovators have the opportunity to build on their knowledge and skills as well as gain from conversations, discussions and networking opportunities with industry leaders. The by-invitation event provides social enterprises with exposure to:

- ideas and information shared by panelists cutting across various sectors and expertise.
- financial, government, human and intellectual resources.
- mentors to help provide long-term support to help them achieve scale.
- partners such as technology product and services companies that can offer operational support.

SOCIAL INNOVATION HUBS

AFI is committed to building a strong, robust ecosystem that supports social entrepreneurship throughout India. Our flagship program, the Vision 2020 Hub project, aims to establish a nation-wide network of 20 hubs of social innovation, by the year 2020. Each Hub offers mentorship, technical assistance, investment advisory and partnership support to promising, ready-to-scale social businesses

SILICON VALLEY CHALLENGE

The Silicon Valley Challenge is AFI's annual business plan competition that selects high-potential social enterprises from India for an immersive, experiential learning program held in Silicon Valley, California. Winners of the Silicon Valley Challenge get to spend 10 days on the ground and engage with leading technology companies, business incubators, investors and other like-minded businesses.

AFI is headquartered in New Delhi, India and has a chapter in Silicon Valley, California. Launched in 2012, AFI is inspired and guided by Sam Pitroda, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of India. AFI's financial supporters include Desh Deshpande, Adviser to the US President Barack Obama & Founder of the Deshpande Foundation.

**IN A SHORT SPAN OF LESS THAN FIVE YEARS,
ACTION FOR INDIA HAS HAD SEVERAL**

achievements

- Launched “Vision 2020”, AFI’s initiative to build a nation-wide learning network of 20 regional hubs of social innovation by the year 2020, modeled on the Deshpande Foundation’s Hubli Sandbox. Initial Hub Champions include Raju Reddy of the Kakatiya Sandbox (Nizamabad, AP) and Dilip Modi of Spice Mobility (Varanasi, UP)
- Built AFI’s Silicon Valley Leadership Circle – a distinguished group of investors, entrepreneurs, executives and academics who are interested in fostering links between Silicon Valley and India’s most promising social ventures
- Designed and conducted three “Silicon Valley Challenge” Treks – a 2 week intensive trip to the Silicon Valley for five of India’s leading social innovators to connect them with the leading investors, entrepreneurs and executives of the Valley.
- Hosted five successful annual Action For India Forums – assembling 100 of the leading social innovators from around the country and arranged interactions for them with distinguished government, business and technology leaders including Sam Pitroda, Desh Deshpande, Amitabh Kant, Ronnie Screwvala, Rentala Chandrashekar and Arun Maira

With the momentum of the last five years behind it, AFI has ambitious plans to take on more projects on its march towards making “**Vision 2020**” a reality – creating a pan India network of 20 regional Hubs of Social Innovation by 2020.

In the next three years,

AFI proposes to:

- Identify 100 promising Social Entrepreneurs and facilitate their scaling up by connecting them with investors, mentors, technology executives, decision makers in Government and Customers
- Set up 10 hubs across India as part of its march towards “Vision 2020”
- Launch an AFI Accelerator focused on early stage social enterprises
- Develop “Impact Investment Circles” to facilitate angel investments into social enterprises
- Build an AFI Mentor Network in the India US corridor spanning the domains of business, technology, and government

The Forum aims to benefit social entrepreneurs working in the following six sectors

AGRICULTURE



EDUCATION



ENERGY



HEALTHCARE



FINANCIAL INCLUSION



LIVELIHOODS



AFI FORUM: The Journey so far

The AFI Forum is the annual flagship vehicle of Action For India, bringing together 100 leading social innovators along with 100 “influencers” drawn from the realms of impact investment, philanthropy, civil services, technology experts and public policy.

Since its inception five years ago, this unique, invite-only gathering has been a launch-pad for fruitful collaborations in the social enterprise space.

The Forum serves the following purposes:

- Access to financial, governmental, human & intellectual capital resources
- Interaction with mentors who can provide business process advice and long-term support to scale-up
- Sharing of ideas, inspiration and best practices by icons such as Sam Pitroda as well as successful social entrepreneurs
- Selected SEs will also receive continued consulting support to scale their impact as a part of AFI’s SEAS (Social Entrepreneurs Advisory Service)
- Access to technology companies that can offer products and services

Highlights from the Previous Forums

The Forum in 2016 with its theme “**Scaling Social Impact in India**” had notable speakers including Amitabh Kant, Sam Pitroda, Desh Deshpande and Sonia Singh among others.

The Forum in 2015 with its theme “**Leveraging Peers, Partners & Technology: Connect. Collaborate. Co-Create.**” focused on encouraging greater peer to peer explorations, where one social enterprise builds on the learnings of another

The Forum in 2014 focused on: “**Building Hubs of Social Innovation for Mega Impact**”, with a commitment to actions to help scale some of the most promising solutions addressing India’s challenges today.

The Forum 2013 theme **built on the themes of the previous Forum and set the tone for the Forums** to come with strengthened networks of social innovators and influencers.

The Forum in 2012 was organized on the theme “**Leveraging Technology for Scaling Impact**” and worked with social innovators sharing best practices around use of technology by the not-for-profit sector

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AFI FORUM 2017

JANUARY 24-25, 2017
INDIA HABITAT CENTER

In 2012, Sanjay Kadaveru, the Founder of AFI envisioned technology as bringing about a major social revolution. With this vision, AFI set out to identify innovators who are addressing critical social problems using technology and setting the stage for a future which is more equitable, just and socially sensitive.

The 6th edition of AFI Forum focuses on enabling technologies like artificial intelligence, robotics, internet of things (IoT) and big data and analytics as drivers for making significant social impact. The theme of the Forum is “**Technology for Transformation: Embracing the Future for Mega Impact.**”

SOCIAL INNOVATORS

This year, we received an overwhelming response with 300+ applications from social innovators across the 6 sectors of agriculture, education, energy, healthcare, financial inclusion and livelihoods. Based on our parameters which included the ability of the idea and the team to scale their impact especially at the bottom of the pyramid and traction in the last 12 months, we have selected the best ideas and entrepreneurs to participate in this Forum.

The ideas of these entrepreneurs range from *skill development for the unemployed youth to providing medical facilities to pregnant women at the grassroots; from working with women artisans to working with people with disability to create an inclusive society; from providing low cost software solutions to providing environment friendly transport systems; from working with farmers to increase*

efficiency and productivity to pioneering sustainable social impact driven solutions in low income markets. These ideas and fields of intervention are diverse but there are two common things across all selected entrepreneurs - **their passion for their work** which drives them to lead their initiatives despite all odds and **their desire to make a long lasting social impact.**

THE INFLUENCERS

For the Forum 2017, our influencers represent the following domains:

- Investors (focus on Impact Investors)
- Philanthropist/Donors
- Government/Bureaucrats
- Technologists
- Policy Analysts/Civil Society
- Entrepreneurship
- Corporate (Focus on CSR Folks)
- Foundation Executives
- Consultants
- Academics

These influencers, who bring with them an understanding of the work-world and years of experience, are passionate about social innovation. They understand that the only way forward is to empower local communities and support new methodologies.

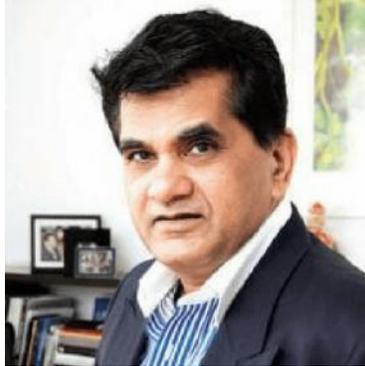
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU

Minister of Railways, India

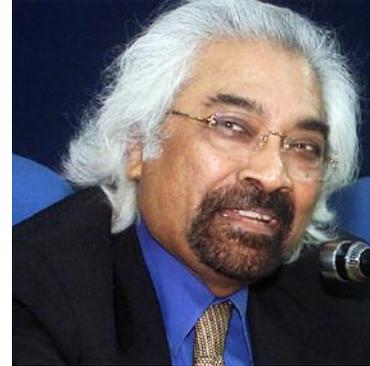
He is a Chartered Accountant by profession and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. He is well known for his easy accessibility to the public, which deters bureaucratic delays and corruption, and encourages new viewpoints. He believes in listening to criticism of the government's policies, which he says, helps in reorienting them towards the greater common good. He also believes in people's participation in the working of the Ministries under him, especially through the involvement of NGOs and people's groups.



AMITABH KANT

CEO, Niti Aayog

Kant's NITI Aayog is a GoI institution fostering the involvement of State Governments in policy making and enhancing cooperative federalism. He is an IAS officer and author of "Branding India – An Incredible Story". He also drove initiatives like "Make in India" and "God's Own Country", branding India and Kerala State as leading manufacturing tourist destinations. He was also the National Project Director of the UNDP's Rural Tourism Project. Kant has also served as Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) – Government of India, where he was responsible for the formulation and implementation of industrial policy.



SAM PITRODA

Entrepreneur and Policymaker, Advisor to the Former Prime Minister

Sam Pitroda is a famous Indian and a renowned inventor, entrepreneur and policymaker who served as an advisor to the Prime Minister of India. His work revolved around Public Information Infrastructure & Innovations. He is respected for being a technological intellect who is responsible for India's latest revolution in communications and the IT field. He plays a pivotal role in creating IT infra-structure thereby enhancing services to the common man. Sam Pitroda has extended his services to many areas of IT. He was appointed the Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission during the year 2005-2008, which is a high level advisory board to the Prime Minister of India.



PROF. RAJEEV GOWDA

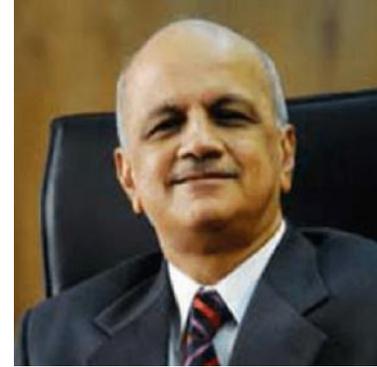
MP in the Rajya Sabha

He was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley and taught at the University of Oklahoma. Previously, he was Professor of Economics and Social Sciences at IIM Bangalore and a Director on the Central Board of the RBI. He has authored and edited books, scholarly articles and reports on policy issues. He has mentored various start-up companies and works on urban renewal and youth empowerment. He was founder secretary of the Karnataka Quiz Association and national runner up on BBC TV's Mastermind India.



JAY PANDA

He was a post-doctoral fellow at the Bajjayant 'Jay' Panda or Jay Panda, as he is better known, was elected to the Parliament of India, Lower House (Lok Sabha) from Kendrapara Constituency, Odisha in May 2009. He represents the new face of Indian politicians, several of whom have been educated abroad and have had alternate careers before choosing to serve the nation through politics. He graduated from the Michigan Technological University and, with a background in Engineering and Management, worked in the corporate sector before joining politics.



R CHANDRASHEKHAR

President, NASSCOM

Chandrashekar was most recently the Chairman of Telecom Commission and Secretary in the Department of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications & IT. Earlier, he served as the Secretary in the Department of Information Technology. As the Telecom Secretary, he drove several policies like the National Broadband Plan and the National Telecom Policy 2012. These policies found innovative solutions in sectors like education, healthcare, and e-governance. He established the first Department of Information Technology of India in Andhra Pradesh, catapulting the state to the forefront of India's IT sector.



ANIL SWARUP

Secretary, School Education and Literacy, MHRD

A 1981 cadre IAS officer and Additional Secretary in the Cabinet Secretariat, he is the new Coal Secretary. He led the Project Monitoring Group, coordinating between warring ministries, and clearing 215 stalled projects. He also served as Secretary, Industries and Managing Director of Pradeshiya Industries and Investment Corporation of UP (PICUP). In the Labour Ministry, he helped implement the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, a cashless health insurance scheme chosen by UNDP as one of the best social security schemes for publication.



DR. RAMESH RASKAR

Head, Camera Culture Group (MIT Media Lab)

Prof. Ramesh Raskar, is a researcher, inventor, mentor, entrepreneur, and a changemaker. His interests span computational photography, inverse problems in imaging, and human-computer interaction. Raskar conceived of and hosted “Kumbhathon” to address challenges facing large populations in the developing world. It has since grown into the Emerging Worlds initiative, a platform for co-innovation empowering smart citizens. He won the 2016 \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize, securing over 75 patents with over 120 reviewed publications. He received Edison Awards, two Deshpande Center Innovation Grants, two Mitsubishi Electric Valuable Invention Awards, among others.



ANSHU GUPTA

Founder, Goonj

Anshu Gupta, popularly known as the Clothing Man is the Founder of an Indian based nonprofit – Goonj. One of India’s leading social entrepreneurs Anshu brings to the table an instinctive empathy and connect with people, moving the focus from the conventional – giver’s pride to the unconventional – receiver’s dignity. Asia’s Noble, the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay award 2015, conferred to him credited him for ‘his creative vision in transforming the culture of giving in India, his enterprising leadership in treating cloth as a sustainable development resource for the poor, and in reminding the world that true giving always respects and preserves human dignity’.

SPEAKERS



AARTI WIG

Co-founder at Yunus Social Business India - Asia Society

Co-Founder and Country Director at Yunus Social Business India, Aarti has developed and led the India operations of the YSB movement since its inception, first as Country Director of the Grameen Creative Lab and now as part of Yunus Social Business. She helped create the YSB Fund Mumbai and currently manages it. Aarti has also advised several Indian universities, corporations and nonprofits on creating social businesses. Previously, Aarti worked as an investment banker at JP Morgan in Mumbai. She holds a Master's degree in Finance from the London School of Economics.



AG KARUNAKARAN

President and CEO of MulticoreWare

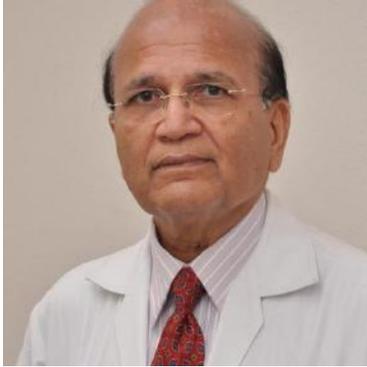
AGK has 25 years of experience in General Management, Engineering and Marketing for the computing, semiconductor and embedded markets. He was the founding President and CEO of GDA Technologies., an Intellectual Property licensing and electronics design services Company, later purchased by L&T Infotech. Under him, GDA was on the INC 500 and Si100 lists, grew to 400 employees, delivered on product development engagements with leading systems and became a leading supplier of High speed Serial I/O Semiconductor Intellectual blocks. He has also bootstrapped companies and strategized M&A transactions.



AMITAV VIRMANI

Founder CEO, The Education Alliance

The Education Alliance enables quality education through partnerships between government and the NGO sector. Prior to this, Amitav was Country Director, ARK India, a UK-based NGO. As their CEO, he was responsible for launching several programmes around leadership capacity building, English literacy, school vouchers and school quality assessments. He has been involved in his family-run food processing and real estate business since 1994. He sits on the board of Central Square Foundation and several other non/for profit organisations. In 2010, he became an Aspen Fellow and in 2015, an Ashoka Fellow.



DR. ASHOK MEHTA

**Medical Director & Consultant
Cancer Surgeon**

Dr. Mehta is the founder of Brahma Kumaris Global Hospital and leads the planning and development of clinical facilities and surgical services. He is an ardent advocate of promotion of values by conducting Facilitated Experiential programmes of VIHASA- Values In Healthcare- A Spiritual Approach, and Operative Surgery Training. For over 26 years, he was the Chief of the Department of Oncology at Dr. Balabhai Nanvati Hospital.



BADAL MALICK

CEO, Catalyst

Badal is the CEO of Catalyst: Inclusive Cashless Payment Partnership, an operational partnership focused on identifying business models and incentives for transitioning merchants and consumers to digital. He has been an advisor and investor with pi Ventures and served as the VP, Head of Omnichannel at Snapdeal. He has always worked with Intuit, McKinsey, Appurify and the World Bank. Badal is passionate about building high-impact solutions and has led small, entrepreneurial teams solve major challenges in finance & payments, small business workflows, app development, and government liaisoning



CYNTHIA LANG

**Advisory Board Member at
Stanford Institute for Research in
Social Science**

Founder of Go To Girl Brazil, her cultural expertise, fluency in Portuguese and English, and golden Rolodex, helped her promote social enterprise, especially for the 2014 Soccer World Cup and 2016 Olympics. She has worked in traditional and non-traditional businesses, acquiring vast experience in innovation and managing multiple stakeholders. She has incorporated sustainable practices in businesses, including the eco-tourism sector. She spent 30 years in non-profit management and large gift fundraising. She is active in the Stanford University Humanities and Sciences Council, Ashoka's Silicon Valley Chapter, BayBrazil, Sustainable Conservation, and Embrace.



HARI NATARAJAN

Independent Consultant, Energy Access

Hari has over 15 years of experience in the energy sector, especially the clean energy and energy access space in India, within his roles at organizations such as GIZ, GVEP International, Selco, Small Scale Sustainable Infrastructure Development Fund, IT Power India, Reliance Energy, etc. Through this period, he has worked on several aspects that include innovative business models, incubation, entrepreneurship development and support, enterprise and end-user financing, policy engagement, etc. He is passionate about nature and sports.



HARSH SHETTY

Founder, mLakshmi

mLakshmi is a mobile credit and payments solution that received a Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Prior to his current role, Harsh spent two years working in healthcare non-profit organizations in Kenya and Bihar at Living Goods and World Health Partners. Prior to that, he was at education non-profit organization Pratham for two years, subsequently founding Firefish, an education technology company. Harsh also worked in the investment banking division of Citigroup in New York and at i2 Technologies a supply chain management company.



HEMENDRA MATHUR

Venture Partners, Bharat Innovation Fund

Bharat Innovation Fund is a public-private-academia venture platform catalyzing transformational solutions for emerging sectors like agriculture, clean-tech and healthcare. Hemendra has 20 years of experience in private equity, management consulting and investment banking. Holding board/advisory board positions in many early-stage companies in the food and agriculture sector, He also mentors start-ups in the agriculture domain. Earlier in his career, he has been management consultant to sectors pertaining to food processing, agribusiness, consumer goods and retail. He has worked with SEAF, Yes Bank, Rabobank, KSA Technopak, and ORG MARG.



HIRANMAY MAHANTA

Co-founder, Techpedia.in

Techpedia showcases innovations across universities in the public domain, building a strong innovation culture across youth. Mehta is passionate about developing and harnessing inclusive innovation and start-up ecosystems, creating sustainable innovation-driven enterprises. He has been instrumental in conceiving & deploying youth-centric innovation, and helping state governments and universities shape and deploy policies. He acts as honorary director of GTU Innovation Council and Student Start-up Support System. For building Gujarat's start-up ecosystem, GTU awarded him a Gold Medal. He was nominated to contribute to a dozen Technology Business Incubators to support young start-ups.



KARTHIK CHANDRASEKAR

Partner, Sangam Ventures

Sangam Ventures drives energy access in emerging markets with the Shell Foundation. Karthik contributes actively to the seed early-stage clean-technology eco-system in India through the mentor/jury panel in programs like the GEF-UNIDO Global Cleantech Innovation Program, among others. Leading clean-tech investments in India for Acumen Fund, he provided risk capital to companies supplying products and services to the poor. Prior to that, Karthik developed investment theses for providing basic services in water, energy and agriculture for inclusive growth at TVS Capital Funds.



KARTIK DESAI

Executive Director, Asha Impact

Kartik is Executive Director of Asha Impact – an impact investment and policy advocacy platform for business leaders. He leads equity investments in the areas of affordable housing, financial inclusion, energy access, education, livelihoods and civic tech as well as the non-profit activities of the Asha Impact trust. He has worked with several pioneering organisations in the development and social finance sectors both globally (Rockefeller Foundation and UNDP) and in India (Lok Capital and Aavishkaar), as well as been an investment banker with Merrill Lynch executing large IPO, M&A and PE transactions.



KISHORE KUMAR
Venture Partner, NS Angel
Ventures

Kishore is a serial entrepreneur focusing on IoT, cloud, analytics and virtualization markets. Kishore brings a depth of experience in entrepreneurship, technology, and product development having launched multiple startups himself. Kishore was the Co-Founder & CEO of Pari Networks which was acquired by Cisco Systems in 2011. Kishore is actively investing and advising multiple technology start-up companies globally in Cloud, IoT, Virtualization, HealthCare, Clean Energy and Mobility areas. In addition, Kishore is actively involved in non-profits in education (Bay Area Tutoring Association) and Sustainable farming initiatives in India (Sabala Group).



KR JYOTHILAL
Secretary, General Administration
and Devaswom, Kerala

He is presently working as the Secretary, General Administration and Devaswom, in Kerala. A member of the IAS cadre 1993, he was instrumental in implementing high tech agriculture in Kerala, starting producer company of farmers, starting smart city in Kochi through its metro service. He is an alumnus of IIT Madras and ICFAI. He has been a collector in Trivandrum and Kannur. Secretary IT, Transport, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Food and Civil Supplies, GAD, Tourism, Devaswom, Parliamentary Affairs, Ports etc, Batch of IAS



**LALITESH
KATRAGADDA**
Former Country Head, India
Product, Google

Lalitesh is the former country head of India products at Google and leads Emerging Markets engineering with the mission to bring the next three billion users online. His most recent creation, Google Map Maker, doubled the world's digital maps corpus, mapping 1.5 billion people in 187 countries. Lalitesh co-founded Google's first international engineering center in 2004. Prior to Google, Lalitesh served on the faculty of Carnegie Mellon where he founded its Lunar Rover program and went on to found a robotics start-up which was acquired by Google in 2002. The UN and aid agencies have used these user generated maps to assist and rescue millions. Lalitesh has spoken at TED and the White House on crowdsourcing for development.



MAHESH KANUMURY
Managing Director & Founder,
Arivali Partners

Kanumury provides investment & advisory services to technology-led social enterprises with the potential to be \$1B+ organizations and impact 1M+ lives. He was a General Partner at Gabriel Ventures, a \$260M early stage VC fund, where he invested and nurtured the growth of several companies. He also worked at McKinsey, leading multiple high-impact initiatives at the CXO level. Prior to McKinsey, Mahesh worked at Schlumberger Technologies and Research. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School, MS from Purdue and BTech from IIT Chennai.



**DR. MANINDER KAUR
DWIVEDI, IAS**
Advisor in Niti Aayog

Maninder Kaur Dwivedi is 1995 batch Chhattisgarh cadre IAS and is currently an Advisor at Niti Aayog. In her previous role she was serving as Director in Ministry of HRD. And before that as the Executive Director – Transport with Food Corporation of India.



**MUKUND
SANTHANAM**

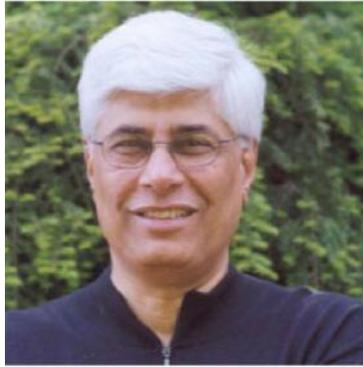
Mukund Santhanam is a senior corporate finance executive at Deutsche Bank AG with over 2 decades of financial market experience at international banks.

Mukund's current area of focus is on providing domestic and international financing solutions to large corporate clients – with particular focus on the Renewable Energy sector. He is also an investor in consumer and social impact startups; and is actively involved in mentoring them. Mukund is a Bachelor of Technology from IIT-Madras and a Post Graduate in Management from IIM-Ahmedabad.



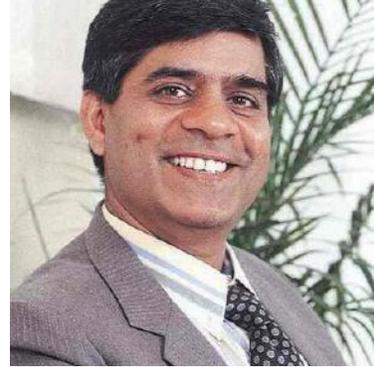
NAGARAJA PRAKASAM
Founder Chairman, Native Angels
Network (NAN)

Naga is a passionate leader with 20+ years of experience spanning USA and India. As a full time angel investor, he invested in 8 start-ups through Indian Angel Network (IAN) and leads IAN's Impact Ventures initiative. Naga advises impact venture fund Acumen Fund and also serves as Independent Director, Guardian, a micro-finance venture water and sanitation company. He is also a Venture Advisor at United Seed Fund and is part of Ennovent's Impact Circle. Earlier, he was the President, South and Southeast Asia, of CDC Software and India Engineering COE.



NISHITH DESAI
Founder, Nishith Desai Associates

Nishith Desai Associates is an international law firm with offices in Mumbai, Silicon Valley, Bangalore, Singapore, and Delhi. An international tax and corporate law expert, Desai is also a published author and lecturer. Listed in the Lex Witness Hall of Fame as one of the 50 individuals shaping modern India's legal landscape, he also received the Prof. Yunus "Social Business Pioneer of India" award. He was voted "External Counsel of the Year" by Asian Counsel and Pacific Business Press and the "Most In-Demand Practitioners" by Chambers Asia.



PRADEEP GUPTA
Chairman, CyberMedia

CyberMedia Group is South Asia's first and largest specialty media house, with publications, websites, events and TV programs in the infotech, telecom, consumer electronics & entrepreneurship areas. Gupta is also an Angel investor, mentoring various entrepreneurs. He co-founded the Indian Angel Network. He has been on the Boards of organizations like IIT Mandi, TiE Global, PanIIT Global, Indian Newspaper Society, IvyCap Ventures', etc. He served as President of TiE Delhi, PanIIT India and Association of Indian Magazines. He also received the Distinguished Alumni award of IIT Delhi and the Helen Keller award.



PRASHANT MEHRA

Social Intrapreneur, Mindtree

Mindtree builds open access digital platforms to enhance Grassroots Livelihood. Mehra's current focus is building technology enabled micro-businesses in waste management, small farmer agriculture, and community inclusion. He is the co-founder of "I Got Garbage", a platform to enhance rag-picker livelihood while reducing landfills. Today, it supports over 10,000 waste pickers in 3 cities. In his 20 years of industry experience, extensively working in architecture and consulting. His core competence is building large scale software platforms. Before founding I Got Garbage, he headed Mindtree's Consulting business in UK & Europe.



PREETI SINHA

**Senior President & Global
Convenor- YES Institute**

She was previously the Chief Performance Management Partner at the African Development Bank, Project Director for Financing for Development Initiative at the World Economic Forum (WEF), and Investment Banker at HSBC, Rabobank, Lehman Brothers and JP Morgan.

Preeti has an Executive Education degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Masters in Global Leadership from the WEF, MBA from the Yale University School of Management and undergraduate degree from the Dartmouth College in Economics and Computer Science



PRAVEEN HARI

Fellow, iSpirt Foundation

Praveen is a fellow at the iSpirt Foundation. He is one of the founding members of Thinkflow and heads the sales organization. In his current role, Praveen is responsible for managing direct sales teams and establishing strategic partnerships with key SI's and VAR's. Prior to joining Thinkflow, he spent more than a decade selling CRM, BI and BPM products to Fortune 500 companies world over. Before being named to the current profile, he ran strategic alliances at MetricStream. Praveen is an electronics and communications engineer from Bharathidasan University, India.



PRIYA NAIK

Founder and Joint Managing Director at Samhita Social Ventures Pvt Ltd

Samhita Social Ventures, builds partnerships between companies, donors, government agencies, NGOs and social enterprises to co-create solutions and scale evidence based approaches to maximize social impact. Priya co-founded The Spark Group, which delivered affordable, high quality education to low-income Indian communities. Her interest in social entrepreneurship began as a Researcher at the Poverty Action Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has consulted at the International Finance Corporation in four African countries and has also worked with Arthur Andersen in India.



RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Member of Parliament in Rajya Sabha

Rajeev Chandrasekhar is an Independent MP in Rajya Sabha from Bangalore, Karnataka, elected for a second term in 2012, unopposed and unanimously supported by all major political parties. He supports and is part of the NDA coalition and is currently Vice Chairman NDA in Kerala. He was part of the Opposition between 2006-2014. Prior to becoming an MP, Rajeev has also been a member of the PM's Council on Trade and Development, Chairman of Karnataka Government's Infrastructure Task Force, Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on IT and Member of Parliamentary Forum on Youth.



RANJANA KHANNA

Director, Impact Investors Council

Ranjna has been associated with IIC since May 2016 and has been managing Research and Advocacy functions for the organization. Ranjna, a management graduate from Management Development Institute (MDI), has had 13 years of experience in corporate banking across client origination, corporate credit, risk underwriting and portfolio management. Before Joining IIC, She has worked with HSBC as Head of Risk Analysis Unit for North & East India, Vice President –Client Management, Vice President –Credit and Risk Management, North India. She has also worked earlier with Standard Chartered.



ROHTASH MAL

Chairman, Managing Director, Co-Founder, EM3 AgriServices Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Mal has previously served as the CEO of Escorts Ltd., CEO Bharti Airtel Limited, and Bharti Del Monte India Limited and earlier as Chief of Sales and Marketing of Maruti Suzuki. He has over 39 years of experience in managing a diverse range of industrial and commercial enterprises. Previously, Mr. Mal was also VP - Sales and Marketing for Ballarpur Industries Ltd.



SAIPRIYA SARANGAN

Education and Skills - McKinsey & Company

Saipriya Sarangan is a Senior Expert in Education and leads the Education Practice of McKinsey & Company in India. She has 17 years of experience and also leads the non-profit entity, Generation India Foundation, driving youth skilling and employability programs in India. She was also part of the Founding team of The Skills Academy, focused on skill development of youth from disadvantaged communities, where they pioneered learner paid business models for bottom-of-the-pyramid segment. Saipriya also has experience in technology, outsourcing, finance and strategy consulting, having worked with GE and Genpact.



DR. SANTANU BHATTACHARYA

SVP of Data Sciences at eCommerce, Delhivery

Dr. Santanu Bhattacharya is an industry expert in Big Data Analytics, Digital, Mobile and Social Products & Technology, having driven over \$500M in revenue. He led mobile products for emerging markets at Facebook, and founded and run the big data social marketing automation software start-up, Salorix. He also headed global analytics centers for AOL-Time Warner, providing strategic advice to Fortune 500 firms. He has been covered in Forbes, Techcrunch, Mashable, Economic Times etc. Santanu is an alumnus of MIT Sloan, UMD and IIT Bombay.



SANTHOSH RAMDOSS

**Impact Investing and Grantmaking
at Michael & Susan Dell
Foundation**

Santhosh is a program officer on the Family Economic Stability team in India working to improve livelihoods and financial inclusion. Previously, Santhosh helped manage large-scale programs at the world's largest NGO and social enterprise, BRAC. His stint in the private-sector includes time at Nielsen doing quantitative modelling and volume forecasting for the world's leading consumer product companies. Santhosh brings deep entrepreneurial expertise to the foundation – his last start-up was acquired by YourStory, India's leading online platform for start-ups. NYU Wagner honored him with an Alumni Torch Award in 2011.



SEHJO SINGH

**Director - Action Aid India,
Documentary Filmmaker**

Sehjo is currently serving as Director of Programmes and Policy at Action Aid India since December 2011. She is responsible for programme implementation, monitoring and impact evaluation, organisational policy positions and briefs, developing and rolling out local and national campaigns. She served as the Executive Director of National Centre for Advocacy Studies (NCAS) from 2009-2011. From 1987 to 2009, as an independent documentary filmmaker, she has dealt with a very wide range of developmental issues. Many of her films have won national and international awards, and are used as resource material for training and awareness.



SHIKHA UBEROI

Co-founder, Indi.com

Shikha Uberoi is a former top 100 WTA Tour tennis player, Asian Games Silver Medalist, India number 1, and Indian Icon 2015. She created and produced The Real Deal, the world's first impact investing television show and 360-degree platform on social entrepreneurship. She launched Impact Media 360, Inc. in 2013 and currently produces social issue television shows. She speaks internationally on female empowerment through sport. She is a board member on the World Economic Forum's "Global Shapers Initiative" and serves as a trustee and advisor to various social enterprises.



VIKRAM VUPPALA

Founder & CEO , NephroPlus

NephroPlus is India's largest dialysis network. After 10 years in the US healthcare industry, Vikram's passion to redefine healthcare delivery in India prompted him to found NephroPlus along with Kamal Shah, a dialysis patient activist. He expanded NephroPlus to 40 centers and plans to open 150 by 2017. Vikram, with 15 years of global healthcare experience, has helped hospitals, clinics, healthcare distributors, and pharmaceutical clients on strategic issues like business development, growth strategy, portfolio rationalization, and M&A. He is actively involved with TiE Hyderabad, having spoken at entrepreneurial and investment conferences.



VIPIN KUMAR, IAS

**Resident Commissioner, Bihar
Bhawan**

Vipin Kumar is the Resident Commissioner of Bihar at Delhi. Vipin hails from Uttar Pradesh and completed his B.E. in Electronics Engineering from MNIT, Jaipur in 1991. He joined the Indian Telecom Services in 1993 and the Indian Administrative Services in 1996. He was posted as a DM in Bihar (Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, Buxar, Supaul, Jamini) and held the position of Chairman of Bridge Construction Corporation, Bihar. He has keen interest in social development across the areas of Health, Education and Livelihoods.

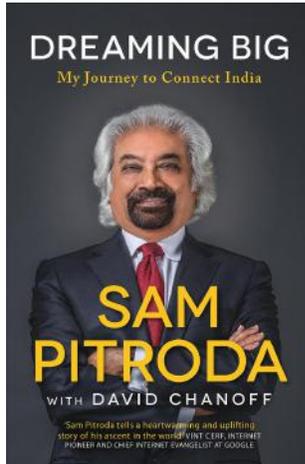


VL KANTHA RAO

**Principal Secretary, Micro,
Small and Medium Enterprises
Department, Government of
Madhya Pradesh**

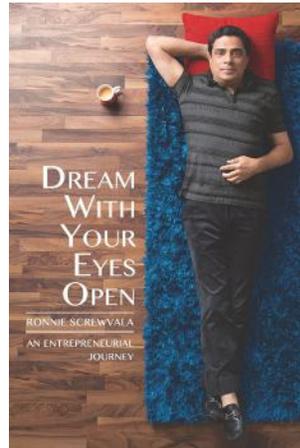
He handles MSME development, entrepreneurship development, self employment schemes, industrial infrastructure development, industrial financial incentive schemes, etc. He has experience in Commerce and Industry sectors both at national and State levels. He served as a Director in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, handling trade with ASEAN and ANZ countries. He has been Industry Commissioner of Madhya Pradesh since 2014 and has wide experience in the development of MSMEs. Mr. Rao belongs to the Indian Administrative Service, having worked in e-governance, finance, elections, etc. in a career spanning 24 years.

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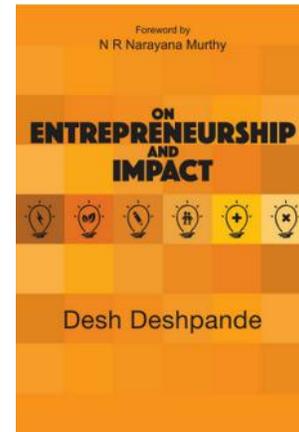
Peppered with struggles & conflicts, his is a story of turning big dreams into big realities.

#DreamingBig by Sam Pitroda
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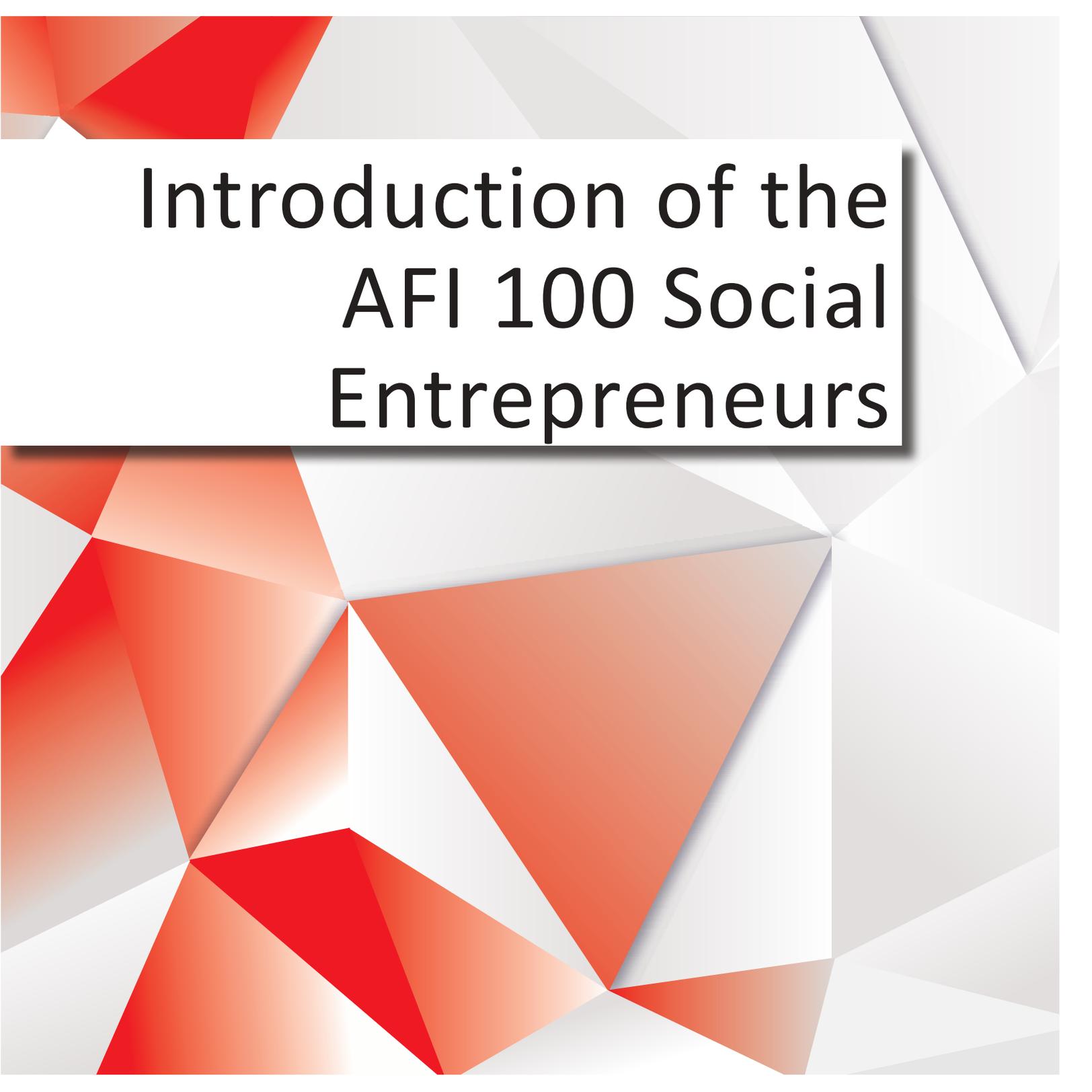
In Dream With Your Eyes Open, first-generation entrepreneur and UTV-founder Ronnie Screwvala details his

vast experiences and the myriad lessons learnt from more than two decades of building some successful (and some not-so-successful) businesses, bringing clarity to a quickly changing business landscape and making an impassioned case for the role of entrepreneurship in India's future.



The world has changed dramatically, driven by technological innovations and entrepreneurs. While millions have been lifted out of poverty, societal differences continue to widen.

As entrepreneurs address the challenges and opportunities around the world, the questions they face remain the same. This book will help answer some of them and encourage more entrepreneurs to step up to create a vibrant and more just world.

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Introduction of the AFI 100 Social Entrepreneurs



Abhijeet Bhatt (MyndGenie)

Abhijeet Bhatt holds a MBA from IIM Bangalore and heads business at MyndGenie. He plays an active role to identify market opportunities, define product vision and strategy, and mapping out upcoming product features. Prior to MyndGenie, Abhijeet has built large scale consumer software products. A passionate entrepreneur with a strong interest in technology, Abhijeet has also been a student at KFBS, University of North Carolina, USA. With a bachelor's degree in engineering, Abhijeet is on a mission to deliver creative solutions with great products that people admire, maximize efficiency, and help bring positive change.



Abhinav Girdhar (Bodhi Health Education)

Abhinav is the co-founder of Bodhi Health Education (www.bodhihealthedu.org) and also an Executive Board Member at VisionSpring India. He is a 2013 Fellow at Startup Leadership Program (SLP) and has also been an Entrepreneur in Residence at Global Superangels Forum (GSF) Accelerator. His prior experience is in transaction advisory where he has worked with Deloitte and PwC. Abhinav has worked on mandates for leading Indian and international companies. Before shaping his financial career he was with ESSAR Group as planning and project controls professional for the prestigious Golden Quadrilateral Project.



Abhinav Parashar (Digio)

Abhinav Parashar, Co-Founder & CEO of Digio - a Bangalore based startup aiming to make India paperless with the current focus on simplifying service delivery for the business with its digital customer on-boarding stack leveraging Aadhaar & India Stack. Within few months of launch Digio has 45 Enterprise and mid size businesses across sectors like Finance, Real-estate, education, medical, GST, Insurance, Banking etc. Prior to founding Digio Abhinav was with Flipkart's Supply chain group and was leading technology for Logistics entity.



Abhishek Gupta (NavGurukul)

Abhishek Gupta is the Co-founder of NavGurukul.org. NavGurukul are a bunch of IIT S alum and self-learnt programmers who are working to teach software engineering skills to people from humble backgrounds at scale. He was working with Education Department, Delhi Government before NavGurukul. Abhishek is also a member of Education Task Force, Education Department, Government of Delhi. He is IITD '13 CS Graduate. Abhishek co-founded Zumbl.com and FranklyMe. Zumbl was acquired and FranklyMe raised more than 2.6M\$ from Matrix Partners and others.



Aditya Tyagi (i-Saksham Education and Learning Foundation)

Aditya Tyagi is the Co-Founder of I-Saksham Education and Learning Foundation. Aditya is working for his vision to build a society where people from excluded sections are well educated, skilled and self reliant. Aditya Tyagi holds a Masters in Computer Applications from JNU, Delhi. He has worked with McKinsey & Company & i3 Consulting and has 6 Years of experience in Business Analytics, System design re-engineering. He founded i-Saksham in response to poor quality of education in naxal-affected pockets.



Dr. Agraja Tripathi (eBaajaar)

Agraja Tripathi is a Surgeon by profession and an entrepreneur by heart. She is passionate about social sector and willing to make a difference by creating a sustainable business model rather than depending upon someone's charity. eBaajaar is conceptualised to give support and social security to the unrecognised and unorganised retailer/farmers community to compete with big players in the market. Agraja also treats poor/helpless people without any fees once in a week.



Ajat Shatru (Versatile GharSeNaukri India Pvt Ltd.)

Graduated from Xavier Institute of Social Service with a wide experience of both IT and non-IT companies for over 15 years has given a deep understanding of the society and human behaviour. Ajat believes that every person must do and achieve what he or she deserves. Family relations and financial independence of a woman has a deep connection and though the initiatives GharSeNaukri.com and WomenInBusiness.com, Ajat is trying to connect these two.



Akash Agarwal (New Leaf Dynamic Technologies (P) LTD)

Akash Agarwal is the Director and Co-Founder at New Leaf Dynamic Technologies (P) Ltd. With a degree in Business Management from the University of Utah, USA, he brings a new energy to the work force and a sense of optimism to future growth. Given his marketing background, he is rightly able to connect the dots and understand the needs of an environment friendly, changing world. Akash takes great interest in field work and believes in constant touch with the root force, especially farmers of North India who are in need of refrigeration systems that can provide low-cost cooling and also help them save their produce.



Alekh Sanghera (farMart)

Alekh Sanghera is the Co-founder & CEO at FarMart AgriTech which aims to provide access of the latest agricultural machinery and modern technology to every farmer while simultaneously promoting rural entrepreneurship. This initiative is an on-demand AgTech startup, connecting farmers who own machinery with those who don't, through a mobile app or call centre. This helps farmers increase agricultural productivity, at the same time generate an alternate sources of income for machinery owners which are mostly large farmer. He has cross country experience having worked extensively on variety of projects with international donors - Gates foundation, World Bank, UNCDF- and Government of India apparatus.



Aman Srivastava (Project Mudra)

Aman Srivastava is an India Inclusion Summit Fellow (IIS 2016) and an engineer from BITS Pilani. An aspiring social innovator and entrepreneur, Aman is currently working on "Annie", one of the world's first literacy devices for the visually impaired. He is the Co-Founder of Project Mudra which aims to solve low literacy and employment rates among visually impaired people all over the world.



Ambika Satapathy (ZooFresh Foods Pvt. Ltd.)

Ambika co-founded ZooFresh Foods, an integrated agribusiness in Western Odisha, where 92% of the tribals are below poverty line & 75% children are underweight. She aims to break the vicious cycle of poverty and undernutrition in remote tribal villages through a network of rural hubs operated by tribal micro-entrepreneurs, which are points-of-sale for nutritional products and points-of-source for tribal produce, and provide inputs and training for tribal farmers. The project increases protein consumption, generates direct employment, creates local entrepreneurs, and assures higher prices for tribal producers.



Amit Kumar Choubey (People care family)

Amit Kumar Choubey, is Techno-Social Scientist cum Serial Social Entrepreneur. He founded organizations including SANMAT, PCF, FDS, Devlabs. Amit is the President of Bihar Social Entrepreneurs Association: Network of 1000 Social Entrepreneurs of Bihar. He holds a B.Tech Electronics and Communication Engineering, LLB, M.A Governance and Development, Institute of Development Studies, SUSSEX University, UK. He is also certified in I-Policy-Public Policy and is a Change loom fellow with 25 research publications globally.



Amit Srivastava (RoadToNaukri.com)

Amit is passionate about solving youth un-employment in India. He closely works with un-employed people, understands their real problems and helping them develop a workable plan of action which leads to a job. Interventions may include employer connect, counselling, job-oriented skill development courses, apprenticeships or work shadowing. Prior to this, Amit has architected e-Governance Competency Framework (e-GCF) for Government of India. He has primarily worked in the UK (15 years) as a management consultant with IBM.



Amol Patkar (Paratus Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd)

Amol Patkar is the founder of Paratus Knowledge Ventures and spearheads Paratus' channel connect with NGOs and schools. He is an alumnus of Delhi College of Engineering and IIM Calcutta. Amol has experience of more than 16 years in sales and marketing. Amol has been instrumental in Paratus' product Fundamentor reaching a 10k user base. Amol's significant achievements include awards for Facebook's India Innovation Challenge, MIT Pune's Innovation in Education, IBM's Startup Star and UK's Tech Rocketship Award.



Amruth B R (Guru-G Learning)

Amruth is the co-founder & CEO of Guru-G Learning Labs - a teaching innovations company transforming the teaching-learning process globally through the world's first gamified platform for teaching & teacher training. His first startup (Vita Beans) has designed over 100 applications, games & products for some of the largest education & assessment companies in India and North America. His inventions have won several awards globally including a Grand Award & a NASA Award at Intel International Science & Engineering Fair.



Anirban Chatterjee (Tweak Skills Pvt Ltd)

Anirban is an entrepreneur at heart and an educationalist by demeanor. He strongly believes that the root cause of every problem faced by societies across the globe is due to poor quality of education or due to unemployment. Currently Co-founder & CEO at Tweak Skills; he works towards making engineers more employable.. Along with that Anirban is a Strategic Consultant (Co-Founder) at ClassIQ Educational Foundation which works for quality education for rural children with the help of IQ-Smart Labs Prior



Ankit Mehta (GyanDhan)

Ankit Mehta is the Co-founder and CEO of GyanDhan. Every year, tens of thousands of talented students are unable to reach their full potential due to lack of reasonable financing. GyanDhan solves for this problem by being an education financing marketplace, wherein we gather and curate students using our internal risk scoring model. This enables lenders - both institutions and individuals - to finance the students of their choice, either through loans or scholarships.



Anoop Jain (Sanitation and Health Rights in India (SHRI))

Anoop Jain, Founder and U.S. Director of SHRI (formerly Humanure Power) fights alongside communities to end open defecation. Sanitation and Health Rights in India (SHRI) believes that all men, women, and children deserve to live a life dignified by access to improved sanitation. SHRI builds community blocks of toilets that are easily accessible to all. This work is sustained by harnessing methane gas found in human waste to generate electricity that charges portable batteries, which power LEDs and other small electronics. These batteries are rented out to the 400 million Indians who live without electricity, creating a sustainable and environmental business model that can be scaled throughout India.



Arjit Soni (Greenpedia Bike Share Private Limited)

Arjit Soni, a chartered accountant by profession, is the founder of MYBYK, a bicycle sharing service. MYBYK is everyone's private bicycle that one can Drop Anywhere, Pick from Anywhere. It helps encourage use of bicycles and in the process also makes public transport more accessible and convenient. He has also served as the partner for three years in VK Soni & Co.



Arjun P. Gupta (Smart Joules Pvt Ltd.)

Arjun P. Gupta is CEO of Smart Joules, and on a mission to eliminate the need for fossil fuel based energy. Arjun was recognised in 2014 as one of India's top Young Leaders by the Economic Times newspaper, in 2015 as an Echoing Green Climate Fellow, and in 2016 as Young Entrepreneur of the Year by Business Standard and as a Climate Strategies Accelerator Fellow by Packard Foundation. He got his Master's degree in Engineering Systems from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Bachelor's degrees in Environmental Engineering and Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.



Arun Prakash (Guvi Geek Network Private Limited)

Arun Prakash is the technical lead and founder of GUVI. As the head of engineering, Arun focuses on building products that bring out creativity in all of us. Arun Holds his UG in B.Tech in Information technology. He started his professional career with Honeywell-Aerospace, KLA-Tencor - Semiconductor Automation, Kalido - Data warehousing, PayPal - Risk & Analytics and Symantec - Partner Engineering. With about 13 years of industry experience, he focuses on the technology behind the GUVI platform. His technical knowledge shared through Youtube channel (share4guvi & reach2arunprakash) has reached more than 2 million viewers and his content has been inspirational for many. He was recently recognised as Youth Icon in IYONS international summit.



Aruna Rangachar Pohl (India Foundation for Humanistic Development (IFHD))

Aruna, 53 years, is an alumni of IIM (Ahmedabad), with 27 years of varied entrepreneurial and senior management experience globally in food, agriculture and retail sectors. She successfully transitioned from the private sector to dedicate her skills and knowledge to the not-for-profit sector as National Director, Cheshire Disability Trust, working on livelihoods for persons-with-disability. Since May 2013, as Executive Director IFHD, she is building up the organisation's capabilities to design and implement core programmes in sustainable productive landscapes, such as ProCIF, an incubation programme for FPOs. Aruna is also on the Board of Revitalising Rainfed Agriculture Network (RRAN) in India.



Ashish Gawade (Jeevtronics Pvt Ltd)

Ashish Gawade is serial social + technology entrepreneur and former student of late Prof. C.K. Prahalad. He has concept to product development to launch expertise in products like cars, human powered generator and solar products. Ashish has Bachelor's & Master's in Mechanical Engineering & MBA (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor). He has good networks with NGOs, rural marketers, automotive suppliers and is an accomplished strategist who predicted several key trends in hybrid electric vehicle market. Ashish is an ex-General Manager of Cummins India with a total of 18+ years experience in automotive (Ford (USA), Cummins, Tata Motors), renewable and medical devices.



Ashok Prasad (Akshamaala Solutions Pvt Ltd)

Ashok is founder of Akshamaala Solutions. He has 15+ years of experience in solution designing & engineering of complex business and technology systems using wireless communication network for some of the leading brands in India and abroad. His experience and knowledge of Telecom, IT and ICT has enabled him to create valuable solutions which can change the way we interact with rural consumers especially the farming community. He has co-founded Akshamaala. He has an M.S from BITS, Pilani & MBA from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi



Ashutosh Burnwal (Buddy4Study (Smiling Star Adv Pvt Ltd))

Ashutosh Burnwal (Principal Co-founder & CEO of Buddy4Study) has been in the scholarships domain since 2010. He is an engineer and MBA. His mission is to create awareness about scholarships among Indian students. Before stepping into scholarship domain, he worked with British Petroleum as Marine Engineer Officer for more than 3 years. Within Scholarship domain, he authored India's first concise scholarship guidebook for school students. He proactively writes articles, columns about scholarships for many media publications such as The Hindu, Prabhat Khabar, Haribhumi, Amar Ujala etc. He is popularly known as the scholarship man of India.



Ashwanth MP (Kinemach Engineering and Machines Pvt Ltd)

Ashwanth MP is the Co Founder and CEO of Kinemach Engineering and Machines Pvt Ltd. He has invented the world's first multi purpose land preparation machine which replicates the working of human hand and can do all land preparation activities for the farmers at a very low capital costs. Now, the company also provides product design and development services to various companies in segments such as farm machines, industrial automation, printing, packaging, precision measuring, print finishing etc. The company has raised its seed capital from IIM Ahmedabad and Mahindra group and is presently incubated in CIIE, IIMA. Ashwanth holds a B.tech in Mechanical Engineering from Cochin University of Science and technology.



Avishek Ray (TruJobs.in)

Avishek is the co-founder of "TrueJobs.in" with over 6 years of experience in management consulting across a breadth of Fortune 100 clients in the U.S. and India. He has worked across a gamut of industries with focuses on telecom, technology, banking, consumer and industrial product companies. Avishek has experience in a broad spectrum of practice areas including corporate and growth strategy, financial modeling, go-to-market strategy, product pricing, vendor management, sales channel enablement, program management and IT among others. Avishek has distinguished publications on Early Warning Indicators in General Insurance in India. He is a distinguished alumni of IIM Lucknow.



Bala Mukkamala (Involute institute of technical training)

Bala Mukkamala is the Director of Involute Institute of Technical Training which was established in 2011. IITT aims at creating "Work ready" technicians for manufacturing industry; it is a training organization dedicated to making technical training relevant to industry needs. Involute specializes in developing the full potential of one of the most valuable assets that any organization possesses – ready to deploy technically skilled manpower. Involute has partnered with internationally reputed organizations and industry veterans to create this essential training infrastructure country needs today.



Balaji Teegala (Brun Health Private Limited)

Balaji runs Brun Health, a health technology company that has a simple, yet audacious mission - monitor every pregnancy. Right after graduating from IIT Madras, he started working at Siemens Research, Bengaluru. After 4 years of absorbing the ethos of medical device development, he decided to use his learnings to solve healthcare challenges for India. That took him to Stanford University's biodesign program. Upon completion of his training in medical device innovation at Stanford and AIIMS - he started Brun Health. Medical devices from Brun Health seek to revolutionise pregnancy monitoring - by democratising CE-certified, world-class medical technologies for India.



Bharti Kannan (BOONDH)

Bharti Kannan is the Co-founder of Boondh - an enterprise focused on bettering menstrual health management for cis female and trans*persons. Their current and first venture is to propagate, sell and support the use of reusable menstrual cups as the alternative menstrual hygiene management method. Boondh intends to cut across boundaries and work on MHM education, advocacy with diverse stakeholders, market innovation in order to cater to an ever growing need for empowering systems required to re-inforce and re-imagine intersectional menstrual, reproductive and sexual needs of contemporary India.



Bhushan Trivedi (Piconergy)

Bhushan is the founder of Piconergy, a social enterprise which facilitates access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy solutions to the non/under-served households and micro-enterprises in urban and rural India. Started in 2015, Piconergy with Helios, a solar-powered home lighting, and mobile charging solution has positively impacted more than 500 lives and starting 2017, is aiming to take this impact across different geographies.



BN PAL (Srishti ESDM Pvt Ltd)

BN Pal, during pre-mobile era, worked towards developing Indian's own Smartcard-payphones, leading to famous STD/ISD booth concept which revolutionized communication scenario of rural and semi-urban India. Realizing the pain of accessing one's own-money, his next attempt was to bring 24X7 Banking to India by developing India's first Indigenous ATM and through shared ATM Payment Network concept "Swadhan". He is founder of a startup "Srishti ESDM Ltd" whose initiative AAPNA-SEVA received accolades from President of India as top10 innovation for Digital India initiative among several other awards domestically and internationally.



Buddha Dev Burman (4S Learning)

Buddha is the Founder of 4S Learning and a social Edtech Entrepreneur. He possess 16 years of technical experience. He has the credit of working with fortune 500 companies in various roles and cofounded a tech company which was successfully acquired. Buddha Dev Burman and team was one of the top 10 teams in INTEL-DST innovate for digital India challenge and runner-up at Global Edtech start-up awards. Their organisation has the credit of being selected as one of the finalist in the prestigious ASME IShow, a global competition for Hardware led social innovation. 4S Learning and team has received accolades for having made to top 10 of innovators for Digital India and have met the president of India in this regard.



Chandrasekaran J (Watsan Envirotech Private Limited)

J Chandrasekaran is a serial innovator, social entrepreneur and a heritage conservator. He possess two patents for his intellectual works. His company WATSAN, meaning WAT(er)+SAN(itation) makes affordable, electricity free, maintenance free water purifiers and also turnkey solutions for making modular toilets using solid waste and green energy education.

Rural Education and Conservation of Heritage (REACH FOUNDATION) was co-founded by Chandrasekran and today it is recognised as one of the leading Heritage conservators in the country.



Daniela Florentina Gheorghe (vChalk Education)

Daniela Florentina Gheorghe is the Co-Founder and Team Lead of VChalk. vChalk is on a mission to help 1 million students in schools and first generation learners in India catch up on basic English and Math skills for learning. Daniela is also the winner of many awards including

NASSCOM Social Innovation Forum - India 2016, Global finalist, Global Social Venture Competition - 2016, Winner, D-Prize award - USA 2015. Daniela is from Romania and a passionate social entrepreneur who thinks vChalk solves one of the most urgent problems of the world.



Dev Bhardwaj (Kisanmanch)

As a startup professional, Dev established an entirely liability free eCommerce company dedicated to Agribusiness in last three years. Built on ground network directly with farmers and farming organizations, associations, FPO, SHG, progressive growers in Himachal, Uttranchal, Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh & Rajasthan, their eCommerce portal and physically available handheld device loaded with Qiwi online payment application is readily available for all - farmers in the rural, semi urban and urban areas - to generate leads for the products and services featured on the portal.



Dhaval Thakkar (Sahastra Urja Private Limited)

Dhaval is the founding CEO of SUPL and Inventor of 'Solar Stove'- 'the solar based portable cook stove, a better replacement to LPG'. With 10 years of rigorous research and development in solar energy, he developed one of its kind solar based stove that mimics conventional cooking system to provide 24x7, all dish, 3 meals cooking for households at far greater convenience, speed, safety, lifestyle, energy access, mobility and affordability. Before starting SUPL in 2011, he worked with General Electric for 7 years out of 10 years of professional career on completion his masters.



Ganesh Ram (Newndra Innovations Pvt Ltd)

Ganesh, Founder, CEO, Newndra Innovation is serial inventor and passionate social techno-entrepreneur. With more than 9 national and international patents to his name Ganesh invented social innovations like JaipurBelt™, IndoKnee and AngleBOT. Ganesh was awarded IUSSTEF Grant, IMC Inclusive Innovations Award, India Today's Trailblazers Award, TePP Grant Award, KVPY and MSP Fellowship. He has completed projects at IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, BITS-Pilani during his graduation. Newndra was selected among Top10 promising startup of year 2016 by CII.



Gautam Prakash (Reap Benefit)

Gautam Prakash, Director/Chief Problem Solver of Reap Benefit. At Reap Benefit, they strive to tackle and solve local environmental and civic problems concerning waste, water, energy, and sanitation, through low cost solutions, which are user friendly and require low maintenance and focused on primarily with young school students. The management of the initiative believes that armed with the right skill set, today's youth will be tomorrow's problem solvers. Reap Benefit was one of the top-5 start-ups at Stand-up Start-up India 2016.



Gunajit Brahma (Jeev Anksh Eco Products Private Limited)

Gunajit is an award winning serial entrepreneur with over 9 years of professional experience, including 5 years as an entrepreneur in the areas of agriculture and renewable energy. He currently works with small & marginal tribal farmers of Northeast India, and promotes and market their organic produces across the globe. He was awarded top 30 student entrepreneurs by IBM-NEN FirstDot in 2011. He appeared in CNBC Awaaz Masterpreneur (Season 3) as a semi-finalist. He was part of the Indian delegation in CISMEF 2016, held at Guangzhou, China (Oct'16). He holds dual Masters degrees in PGDM from IIM Indore and M.Sc. Microbiology from Bangalore University.



Gunjan Gupta (Tellmate Helper Private Limited)

Gunjan Gupta is the Founder, Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tellmate Helper Pvt Ltd, a Startup recognised by DIPP, MCA, Government of India. Tellmate is a wearable electronics device which helps Visually Impaired Person in reading books, journals or any printed text in real time with Image Processing. The initiative has its presence in India with its target audience of 285 million Visually Impaired worldwide.



Hemachandra B (MGH Labs Pvt Ltd)

Hemachandra started as a Scientist in DRDO at Air Defense Systems before Moving to Xerox Network Printers to develop world class Network Colour Laser Printers. As Head of Honeywell's Business Innovation Centre, he took matured Aerospace technologies to adjacent markets and successfully launched a dozen plus world class products globally. His last role was heading Home Automation business of Firepro Panasonic Group. Hemachandra is passionate about perceiving and creating world class products which address real time problems in the society.



Ignatius Orwin Noronha (Leowin Solutions Pvt. Ltd.)

Ignatius Orwin Noronha calls himself a serial innovator. One of the innovations of this B.Com. graduate is MozziQuit Mosquito Trap Device which attracts, traps and kills female mosquitoes everyday in large numbers at lowest operating cost of less than 10 paisa per day without use of any Chemicals or Consumables. This innovation works towards eliminating mosquito multiplication and mosquito population which can make this world mosquito free and provide relief to people, cows and pet animals.



Ishu Bansal (TruckSuidha)

Ishu plays the role of the technical arm for TruckSuidha. Born in a small town of Chandausi, Ishu took a fancy for computers at an early age. With his mentors' support, he soon started learning programming by the time he reached high school. This passion drove him to opt for IT as a major in engineering. During his second year he became one of the founding members of an organisation called Software Incubator within the college. Despite being offered a handsome raise upon his resignation he left the job to pursue his dream of TruckSuidha.



Jessica Brooks (Svadha WASH Private Limited)

Jessica leads Svadha's social impact strategy through R&D, Impact Measurement, and external partnerships engagement. She brings experience evaluating WASH programs and businesses in Haiti and Ghana and has a Master of Environmental Science, specialising in WASH, from Yale University, USA.



Ketan Deshpande (FUEL)

Ketan Deshpande, Founder CEO of a Non-Profit Friends Union for Energizing Lives which provides career guidance & counseling and skill building programs. FUEL has been successfully leveraging technological platforms reaching out to 900000 students across 3500 schools in 11 states for career counselling and personality development. Ketan is an Ashoka Fellow and won DC Pavate fellowship for research at Cambridge University, UK. He was also selected among 9 indian entrepreneurs to represent India at Global entrepreneurship Summit-2016 which was hosted by President Obama.



Kevin J Houston (Carbon Masters India pvt)

After successful sales, marketing and consulting careers with Procter & Gamble, PWC and IBM, Kevin took up the cause of climate change after seeing Al Gore's film in 2006. He returned to Edinburgh University in 2008 to do his masters in Carbon Management. On graduating he co-founded Carbon Masters - a carbon management company that works with organizations to help them reduce their carbon impact by leveraging innovative clean energy solutions. In 2014 Carbon Masters India launched Carbonlites - South India's first bottled biogas brand made by converting organic waste streams to clean renewable energy



Krishna Kumar (Cropin Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.)

Krishna started his career as a Graduate Engineer Trainee at GE, Indian Innovation Centre in 2006. In 2009, Krishna got selected for the Information Management Leadership program (IMLP) at GE where, in a span of 2-years, he was trained in New Business Development, Critical Project management, Finance, M & A etc. Krishna Kumar, the founder of startup M/s Cropin Technology carries a vision to transform agriculture in India using his four years of intensive experience in GE Indian Innovation Center where he was involved in high end technologies. He believes Digitize-Share-Collaborate are the three words for Next Gen Agriculture.



Manas Deshmukh (ZeroMiles Integrated Development Services Pvt Ltd)

Manas is a graduate from NIT Jalandhar and has 5 years of work experience in Indian and International oil fields with Baker Hughes. During his numerous assignments at remote locations in developing countries, he realised that real development can happen only when conditions at Bottom of Economic Pyramid improve. In 2013, he took up social entrepreneurship and is currently heading a venture named ZeroMiles that sets up clean water centres in villages and integrates IT infrastructure into utilise them as online center to dispense information and services at village level.



Maneet Gohil (Lal10)

Maneet Gohil completed his education from DEC and NITIE and has worked with Flipkart. Maneet Started a social enterprise connecting 8700+ artisans from 22 Indian States directly to Bulk Buyers across the globe using technology. With this initiative, Maneet created a disruption in the traditional handicraft sector by solving operational and marketing hurdles using technology to benefit the artisan community across the country.



Manuraj Jain (The Money Club)

Manuraj coaches business promoters on Personal Evolution of Consciousness and Business Growth and is interested in partnering with and investing in entrepreneurs who believe in the vision to create evolutionary change. Manuraj currently partners with 4 companies including a University, a telecom infra services company, a high tech Shipping analytics and construction organization and a Mobile Peer to Peer Lending start-up. Manuraj graduated from IIT KGP and completed his MBA from INSEAD, France post which he worked in Schlumberger (Middle East, US, India) and Intellectap.



Mausumi Acharyya (Advenio Tecnosys)

Mausumi, founder and CEO of Advenio TecnoSys is an expert imaging and AI professional and a passionate social-tech entrepreneur focused on providing low cost health care solution at point of care and focusing on diseases that disproportionately burdens low/middle income countries. She is PhD in Computer Science and Post-doctorate in medical image processing. She has over 20 years of research experience and rich knowledge in multifarious domains and number of patents to her credit. Advenio's innovations are AI, deep learning based auto diagnostic software to cater to resource limited and/or high burden emergency settings for rapid and consistent diagnosis.



Mayura Balasubramanian (Craftizen Foundation)

Mayura is the founder & CEO of Craftizen Foundation, a social entrepreneurial venture focused on enhancing livelihoods of Indian artisans. Mayura has nearly 14 years of experience, primarily in the areas of facilitating social entrepreneurship and craft based livelihoods. She has worked on the innovative Endogenous Tourism Project with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Tourism (GoI), which was a national pilot for craft and culture based rural tourism as a means of developing sustainable livelihoods, implemented in 36 villages across 20 states.



Meenakshi G Jain (Helper4U Services LLP)

Meenakshi completed her MPhil from JNU, New Delhi. She has 25+ years of work experience, largely across training and content management domains. She has worked with corporates like Inlingua, Pipal Research, NIIT and TIS before she gave it all up to start Helper4U.in. Meenakshi started Helper4U.in to help domestic workers in her locality find jobs with respect, by just using their mobile phones. Slowly the platform has grown to include ABCDE: Aya, Bai, Cook, Driver and Everyone similar across cities.



Dr. Megha Phansalkar (Tisser Rural Handicrafts)

Megha Phansalkar is the founder of Tisser and works with the World Bank in the livelihood projects as governance and accountability specialist. At Tisser, Megha with her team, weaves a network of weavers and artisans from incredible India to support “Made in India” movement and enchant the customers around the world. Existing strength includes 300 products in 4 segments and a network of 15000 artisans. Omitting the Intermediaries and linking the artisans to urban world directly for fair trade helps Tisser stand out from the rest.



Dr. Naina Arora (ProjectsforSchool)

Naina Arora is the Founder of projectsforschool.com and also Founding partner at Wunderkind Infotech. At projectsforschool, she works with the belief that every adult is an educator. As a team of academicians and corporate professionals that advocates alternative pedagogy, they focus on hands-on, experiential learning. The team designs curriculum based on Do It Yourself (DIY) projects for students. A successful physiotherapist and a teacher, Naina is more focussed on the practical aspects of learning. She brings to table, her keen sense of activity based learning, her ability to break down complex problems to simple questions and her passion to deliver results.



Nitesh Aggarwala (O2O Wealth Creators Private Limited)

Nitesh Aggarwala is the Co-founder and Director of Sumpoorna. Nitesh is also the Co-founder of Easypolicy.com. He is a former First Employee with CRISIL's SME Ratings Team, former Consultant, KPMG - Global Transfer Pricing Team. Chartered Financial Analyst, CFA Institute. Financial Risk Manager, FRM Institute. Nitesh has a Masters in Banking & Finance from Sydenham College of Commerce & Economics.



Nitesh Jangir (Coeo Labs)

Nitesh K. Jangir is co-founder of Coeo Labs, a medical device company developing affordable medical devices in the field of emergency and critical care. He is an engineer with focus on Embedded System Design, with experience that includes stints at Defence, industrial automation, medical Devices etc. He was also a part of Stanford India Biodesign Program where he developed and commercialised a device to safely tap pleural fluid in patients with pleural effusion.



Dr Nitin Goel (Inficold India Pvt Ltd)

Nitin Goel is the co-founder and chief operating officer at Inficold. Nitin obtained his BTech from IIT Bombay and PhD from Univ. of Florida. He has vast experience in thermal sciences, solar energy and refrigeration. His PhD work on solar absorption cold storage system received best graduate research award from American Society Mechanical Engineers. He has authored 20 journal papers and filed 6 patents. He has earlier worked at Intel Corporation, SunBorne Energy and Sheetak. He has closely worked with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy as one of the technical core member of solar research committee.



Nitin Sisodia (Sohum Innovation lab)

Nitin is the founder and CEO of Sohum Innovation lab. He is a 2010 Stanford India Biodesign fellow and did his advanced training in medical devices. He was named top 20 Indian innovators by MIT tech review team. He has invented a technology to screen newborns for hearing loss and currently implementing it in the market. Nitin did his Electrical engineering from NIT Bhopal and Masters in Design from NID Ahmedabad. He has authored two books on Mathematics and also provide business consultancy to Mckinsey & other MNCs.



Padmanabam AG (No Food Waste)

Padmanaban is a young social entrepreneur by passion and an altruist by choice. He is a founder of No Food Waste - An excess food recovery network which feeds 500 people in various hunger spots of different cities. No Food Waste also uses technology to reduce food waste and convert it to alternative resource. He is also the founder of Edudharma.com - India's 1st 100% free crowd funding platform for education and special needs of students.



Pattnaik Ompriya Mohanty (Vari)

Pattnaik Ompriya Mohanty is the Founder of Vari. Vari - in Sanskrit it stands for water, the giver of life, formless, shapeless and devoid of any blemish; which also means that it can take any form, shape and colour of your choice. Your imagination is your only limit! The spirit of Vari is reminiscent in its products which are conceptualised, designed and developed by the team. In each of our unique line of Lifestyle products, ranging from iPad covers to Tote Bags, from laptop carriers to whatever bag, there is an ethos, a concept and a character, that truly stands out.



Pradeep T (Enability Foundation for Rehabilitation)

Pradeep T, is the co-founder of Enability Foundation for Rehabilitation. He is also the Project Director for developing Alternative Augmentative communication devices,. "Enability Foundation for Rehabilitation" is a not for profit company that focuses on delivering assistive technology solutions to the marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the society. The assistive technology solutions created by Enability foundation aim to provide access to education, communication, employment, daily living, recreation and rehabilitation and intend to provide indigenous assistive technologies at an affordable cost to the end users - teachers, schools, resource centres and rehabilitation workers.



Prakash Tyagi (GRAVIS)

Prakash Tyagi is the Executive Director of GRAVIS and Founder-Director of GRAVIS Hospital. He studied Medicine and International Public Health. He has also been the recipient of a Ford Fellowship to study non-profit management at Columbia University in New York and has studied public policy through a Fleishman Fellowship at Tarry Sanford School of Duke University. With his global health expertise, he has contributed to various international forums and has written extensively on major global health issues and priorities.



Prasad Bhide (Aaji Care Home Health Services Pvt Ltd)

Prasad Bhide is a social entrepreneur who is focused on redefining highly unorganized, neglected but growing non medical Care at Home sector. He believes in empowering women/youth through skill based training & create dignified jobs. He loves experimenting with technology and innovation to solve problems faced by families in care need. Prasad has got 12 years of global IT project management experience and holds Diploma in Home Care Assistant from USA. He has also been recognized at Sankalp Forum 2014 and TATA Social Enterprise Challenge forum for his work. Aaji Care won best Home Health Services in Mumbai for 2016.



Prasanta Biswal (The Batti Ghar Foundation)

Prasanta Biswal, founder & CEO of BattiGhar is a sustainable energy & climate change professional turned social entrepreneur. He has a post graduation in Rural Development and Post Graduate Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship Management. Biswal ten years of experience with sustainable energy with SELCO. He was heading SELCO Incubation Centre in incubating sustainable energy entrepreneurs in rural India. Biswal has been a US State Department professional fellow & is a trained climate leader by former US Vice-President Al Gore. At BattiGhar, he is working on sustainable technology, innovation and entrepreneurship for addressing social challenges in Odisha.



Prateek S Bhardwaj (CSB Education & Skill)

Prateek founded CSB Education & Skill in order to contribute to the community. He has been attempting to re-engineer the Technical Vocational Education & Training (TVET) space for the past 3 years. The growing number of unemployment and drop out from education system is a very sensitive issue for the country which forced him to dive deep into this issue. The innovative solution is not only making young people employable but also helps them become Self Employed/Entrepreneur to create jobs. He is working in the rural as well as urban areas to capture the demographic dividend of the country.



Perna Mukharya (Outline India)

Perna Mukharya is the Founder of Outline India, a social enterprise on a mission to empower stakeholders to make data driven decisions. Their work is at confluence of tech, human capital and streamlined processes to optimise on time and resources. About 4 years into their work which comprises of 21 states, 1400+ villages, 77000+ interactions - with a direct reach of 318,000+ and a magnified indirect reach of 10x, Outline India is now looking to scale up its impact and build a knowledge sharing data platform.



Pronita Saxena (Citizenengage)

Pronita is the founder and CEO of Citizenengage. Previously, she built citizen-side products while leading business development at India's first civic tech startup, NextDrop, and was employee #1 at a manufacturing efficiency startup at Techstars-Boston. Prior to entering the startup world, she developed strategic operations at global demand response leader, EnerNOC, one of the world's first cleantech startups to IPO. After earning her degree in Economics with a Minor in Global Poverty & Practice at UC Berkeley, Pronita worked at MIT's Poverty Action Lab in rural Bangladesh and contributed to several policy papers for the World Bank and IMF during her stint in global development policy research at the Center for Global Development in Washington, DC.



Puneet Melwani (ROBO INVENTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED)

Puneet Melwani is the co-founder & Executive Director at Robo Inventions Pvt Ltd. He is the robo geek who manages the operations of the company. On a mission to impart electronics education at school with a vision of making India technologically independent. Robo Inventions is a young and energetic team working on cutting edge technologies in Embedded Systems, Robotics and Avionics, Design and build products that would ultimately be the answer to many of our real life problems.



Puneet Jhajharia (Original Indian Table by CropConnect Enterprises Private Ltd.)

Puneet co-founded CropConnect Enterprises, and has extensive experience working with small businesses in the agri and artisan sectors. He has also been working with several NGOs to advise them and their farmer organizations on financial management and business strategy. Puneet started the India office of the Grassroots Business Fund (GBF) in March 2009 and led the India office till December 2012. At GBF Puneet invested in social enterprises across various industries – agriculture, livelihoods, energy and financial services.



Pushplata Swarnkar (Serene Design & Marketing Pvt. Ltd.)

Pushplata is an experienced design researcher with several patents and publications. She has gained extensive experience in understanding the customers, their contextual social – economic environment. She left the Job with a deep urge to disrupt the status quo & start making impact. She is a design graduate from National Institute of Design (NID) with specialization in Design Research, Material Research and Industrial Design (ceramic and glass design). She has worked with the team of Engineers, Social Workers, and Business Professionals on the design a customer engagement platform that motivates the urban and rural poor for adopting hygienic behavior while creating revenues for sustainable toilet operations and livelihood opportunities.



Rajeev Kher (3S- Saraplast)

Rajeev Kher, a Post-Graduate in Management Studies from Symbiosis Pune, founded 3S Shramik in 1999, revolutionising the social business model in the portable sanitation and liquid waste management industry in India. Backed by Avishkaar - India's premiere social impact venture capital fund, and ResponAbility - the world's largest impact fund, 3S also implements the DRDO bio digester treatment systems for urban, rural and transient populations in India. Numerous Global NGOs and institutions collaborate with Rajeev on BOP models and pilots in sanitation innovation.



Rajib Sengupta (Mission Arogya(NGO) and Arogya Medtech(For Profit Social Enterprise))

Rajib Sengupta is a social inventor & entrepreneur with 18 years of experience in Healthcare industry. As founding member of a startup in India, Rajib was responsible for the HealthCare Vertical early in his career. After a long 15 year career in US, he decided to channelize his entrepreneurial and public health management skill sets for improving healthcare in India. He is co-founder of social enterprise MISSION AROGYA, a consortium of Mission Arogya Research Foundation, a NGO and Arogya MedTech a medical technology company, working under a hybrid model.



Rajiv Malik (Graposs Edutech Private Limited)

Rajiv Malik brings with him two decades of professional experience in the supply chain management in the International Buying and Sourcing Industry. The urge to make a large social impact drove Rajiv to school education and technology-enabled employability. In the last 7 years, he has worked at multiple levels to understand the challenges of the school delivery ecosystem at the last mile. Rajiv has used those learnings to create a technology-driven platform to make the students ready for government exams and careers.



A Ramesh Kumar (Swarna Pragati Housing Microfinance Pvt Ltd)

Ramesh Kumar is a reputed banker with more than three decades of experience in India and internationally with State Bank of India (SBI), the largest bank in India. He has a deep understanding and knowledge of the Indian and global economy, as well as rich management experience and best governance practices in financial markets.

An ex Chief General Manager of SBI, he was the head of all International offices and subsidiaries of the Bank. He was previously CGM of State Bank India's Maharashtra Circle consisting of 850 branches, 25,000 employees. Under his management the region reached Business turnover of USD 15 Bn. His vision led the State Bank of India to several important milestones.



Ramu Muthangi (ApnaCare India Pvt Ltd)

Ramu Muthangi is the CEO of ApnaCare.In - ApnaCare is an end-to-end solutions provider, dedicated to providing the highest quality of healthcare to the elderly. Having partnered with best-in-class service providers, Apna offers comprehensive and personalized care to senior citizens right in the comfort of their own homes. The very concept of home health care was foreign to the prevailing system and it was this personal experience that motivated him to create ApnaCare in 2013, along with his daughter Bhavana Muthangi. This mission was recognized as one of the best social ventures by Harvard in healthcare.



Ravi Dhanuka (i-Saksham Education and Learning Foundation)

Ravi Dhanuka is the Director - Operations at I-Saksham Education And Learning Foundation. i-Saksham Education and Learning Foundation is a for-profit non-government company incorporated in March, 2015. It is an initiative of Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDFs) which provides in-situ education, skill development, and information services in unreached areas through sustainable community learning centres run by locally skilled youth with the aid of digital technology and content.



Ravi Sethia (Udhaar)

Ravi Sethia is the Cofounder of Udhaar - a financial inclusion initiative which leverages Aadhaar to provide alternate credit scoring mechanisms for underserved individuals. They gather data from multiple sources to provide consumer and product insights for retail industry stakeholders to improve their offerings. Udhaar is one of the Top 20 startups at @intelindia @mygov @ciie Innovate for Digital India Challenge 2015.



Ravinder Kaul (Setu)

Ravinder Kaul is a Philanthropist ICSR Advisor & Visionary as well as the Founder and Managing Director of "My Village Academy". He is the Mentor and Chief Trustee at "SETU a Charitable Organisation" which endeavours to Skill and Empower. Ravinder served various organizations like Bharti Airtel Services Ltd and CENTUM Learning Limited.



Ritesh Singh (Eckovation)

Ritesh hails from Chapra, a small township in Bihar and graduated from IIT Delhi in year 2012. During college, he started a non-profit organisation, SARAS to help the masses get access to education technology developed by universities in India and abroad. It was the time spent working with SARAS that urged him to join Avanti, a non-profit organization that provides low-income high-school students a world-class science and mathematics education. In 2015, he moved on to co-incubate Eckovation which has now become India's fastest growing social learning platform.



Rob de Jeu (Rural Spark)

Rob de Jeu is a Management Assistant - Rural Spark Energy India. Rural Spark designs systems for entrepreneurship from within the context, to grow the world's next energy network, smartly distributed, viable and sustainable. He has gained extensive extracurricular experience and obtained diverse university degrees in economics, science, engineering and policy. Rob has worked in culturally diverse teams and gained international experience. These factors strongly developed an open mind set and together with his organizational and communication skills.



Rohit Jain (Banyan Roots Organics Pvt. Ltd.)

A software engineer by education, Rohit was distressed by the appalling conditions in which displaced villagers were forced to live in urban slums and that generated his interest to work towards halting migration. His search led him to a tribal village in north Gujarat where he interacted closely with the farmers. In the process he learned the basics of farming from the grateful villagers. The challenge, Rohit realised, was to preserve the old way of doing things so that there was a balance between nature and mankind. Today, he is developing local village industries which can supply several basic food products for urban households.



Sagar Mahapatra (Urjaa Samadhan Pvt Ltd)

Sagar Mahapatra is the Managing Director - Urjaa Samadhan Pvt Ltd. Urjaa Samadhan is an integrated mobile and web platform that connects people with broken solar equipment to local repair services. Urjaa Samadhan is built to support last mile repair and maintenance services in places without access to grid electricity. It aims to respond to UN's sustainable development goals on energy access in the global south by prolonging the lifetime of renewable energy installations and supporting the livelihoods of small scale repair service providers.



Dr. Sailakshmi Balijepalli (EKAM FOUNDATION)

Sailakshmi Balijepalli is the Founder of Ekam Foundation which mobilizes a world of generous hearts with the aim of providing every child with the right to health care. The initiative is a not for profit organisation that works towards providing every child in Tamil Nadu, regardless of his/her financial means, with high quality, comprehensive, and continuous health care delivered in a respectful and caring environment. Sailakshmi completed eleven years of studies in pediatrics and child health.



Samridhi Malhotra (Kickstart Jobs)

Samridhi, a distinguished alumni of XLRI in 2013, after which she worked in rural Bihar on building capacity of women SHGs and creating micro enterprises. The complete lack of an employment ecosystem at the entry level which caused major problems to millions of Indians who form a great part of this workforce, motivated her to start “Kickstart Jobs” in August 2015. Kickstart jobs, an Organisation operating to clear the hurdle in the domain of blue and grey collar hiring.



Sana Sabah (SHURUA(R)T)

Sana Sabah is the Co-founder and CEO at SHURUA(R)T. SHURUA(R)T strives to provide a robust and exclusive online marketplace for student artists. For the buyer, they offer ease of access to affordable yet outstanding works of art. It takes years of rigorous training with gifted faculty members for the student artists to perfect the nuances of their craftsmanship. Apart from general management, partnerships and collaborations, Sana is responsible for scripting and shooting of advertisements, documentaries and PSAs, and for handling the digital marketing of the website.



Sandith Thandasherry (NavAlt Solar and Electric Boats)

Currently CEO of NavAlt Solar and Electric Boats, Sandith led the design and construction of India's first solar ferry - a 75 passenger ferry which was inaugurated by Kerala CM and Sri. Piyush Goyal on 12th Jan and is operating in Vaikom. The firm is currently developing larger sized boats and boats. Sandith holds B-Tech in Naval architecture from IIT Madras and MBA from INSEAD with 16 years experience in ship design and construction.



Santana Gopal (Centre for Environment Concerns)

Santana Gopal Komandur works for The Centre for Environment Concerns which is a registered non-government organization founded in 1984 by a group of activists and academics. Its work in the first decade focused on environment – education, schools and college curricula development, capacity building of activists in analysis of environmental issues and management, first state of the environment report for Andhra Pradesh, while engaged in documentation, research and monitoring of environment hot spots, current and emerging leading to advocacy and mobilization.



Seema Shah (Sadhna)

Seema Shah , a Chartered Accountant by Profession has more than twenty years of experience in Practise and employment in Bangalore. She shifted base to Udaipur in 2011 , and her nature of work shifted completely from Commercial sector helping clients manage their Finances to working with the NGO sector. Since 2014 she has stepped into the Role of the CEO of Sadhna and is responsible for helping Sadhna face the challenges of the Market and finance and to be stable and continue with its growth trajectory which had become stagnant. Sadhna has successfully completed 10 years as a Social Enterprise and is having around 680 women artisans located in and around Udaipur .



Senthil Kumar M (GUARDIAN MFI)

Senthil completed post graduation in Commerce & M.B.A (B&F) and brings 15 years of experience in diverse sectors. He joined Gramalaya NGO as Team Leader and successfully executed WaterCredit project under water credit alliance to urban slum dwellers in Trichy district of Tamil Nadu. He was also trained by BASIX in software and MFI's special skills. He was posted as Manager Credit in Guardian from the year 2007 and now has been promoted as CEO to Guardian.



Sharad Bansa (SRJNA (Elation Edtech Pvt Ltd))

Sharad is an entrepreneur, traveller, life-long learner of marketing, and on occasions – a teacher of SRJNA methods. While doing his B.Tech in IIT Delhi, Sharad cofounded SRJNA and now leads a team of 16 srjnaites impacting 7000+ students and 500+ teachers in 8 cities. As CEO in SRJNA, he handles new tech products, marketing, investment and partnerships. Sharad has a vision to build a force of innovators for 21st century and SRJNA is dedicated to fulfil it with a mission of impacting 1M students in next 3 years.



Sibanand Bhol (Collective Craft)

Sibanand Bhol graduated as an architect from the School of Planning and Architecture in 2001. He currently works on sustainable design solutions in architecture, product design and crafts. He is the founder of Collective Craft. Collective Craft engages traditional handicrafts in contemporary Product, Space and Communication Design. The collaborative works towards securing rural livelihoods by generating work opportunities for artisans through interventions and innovation in design and technical processes and is involved at every stage of the Craft – from conception to final packaging design and marketing.



Sirish Turlapati (Iris florets-the happy play school)

He is a passionate eduprenuer who is basically a commerce graduate ventured into ITES in late 90's. After successfully leading the ITES company for a decade, out of passion and love for the children, entered into early childhood education and established many award winning schools, before starting his own preschool chain "iris florets-the happy play school", aimed at establishing 1000 preschools in next 7 years. Iris Florets - The Happy Play-school brand based out of Hyderabad is established with a vision to empower each and every child with a gift of compassionate teaching that leads to passionate learning.



Soura Bhattacharyya (Lattice Innovations Pvt Ltd)

In 2014, Soura Bhattacharyya co-founded Lattice Innovations, a MedTech design factory. Lattice's portfolio includes tele-ICU systems, tele-pathology systems and NCD screening devices. From 2012 to 2014, Soura led Technology & HR at Glocal Healthcare, now an 11-hospital chain. He started Glocal's first 100-bed hospital, streamlined processes, and built a CDSS. From 2006 to 2011, as Director of Clinical Affairs for OmniGuide Inc, Cambridge, MA, he initiated research in laser microsurgery at clinical centers of excellence including MD Anderson, Mt. Sinai and MGH.



Subhash Lode (Agrowbook (Input Agri Tech))

Subhash Lode, hailing from a farming family, has deep insight into rural dynamics & economics and has complemented this knowledge with working in the UK, US and The Netherland. In his last stint with a \$2.1 billion organization he was leading Market intelligence; spend analysis and data management streams. Subhash Started Agrowbook to improve farm economics and the initiative is operational online and offline in Telangana, actively providing technology support to farmers. This is his 2nd venture after a Source2Rural (Rural BPO) which he organised to run for one and a half years from Yavatmal district.



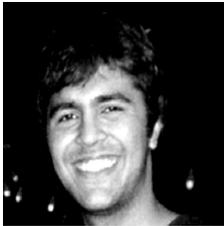
Sumita Ghose (Rangсутra Crafts India)

Sumita Ghose is the founder and managing director of Rangсутra, a social enterprise which works for socio economic development in rural India by engaging both: the community and the market. Rangсутra is owned by over two thousand artisans - most of whom are rural women. Rangсутra provides design, marketing, technical and organizational support needed to make crafts and allied rural industries into viable enterprises, so that they provide regular village based employment to rural artisans.



Sumona Karjee Mishra (Prantae Solutions Private Limited)

Sumona Karjee Mishra is the founder Director of a biotechnology based start-up Prantae Solutions (OPC) private limited. They are primarily focusing to translate the advanced technology to develop early diagnostics at affordable cost for pregnancy disorder and chronic diseases. She has been BIRAC-DBT Govt of India Social Innovation Immersion Programme Fellow and a recipient of Tata Trust-Harvard SAI Social Innovation Grant (2016). She represented the winning team of the Indo-UK Young Entrepreneur Scheme (YES) conducted by DBT-India and BBSRC-UK (2008).



Sunandan Madan (Dhwani Rural Information Systems)

Sunandan Madan has completed his PGDM in Rural Management from IRMA, Anand. Along with one of his batchmates at IRMA, he started Dhvani RIS in 2015, which aims at providing low cost software solutions for social impact driven organisations. Before starting Dhvani, Sunandan has worked in handloom and handicraft sector. He believes that technology can amplify social impact and bring overall effectiveness in development/ social sector. Their team develops custom Mobile apps, MIS systems, Dashboards, M&E systems and Cloud Telephony solutions for their partner organizations.



Surabhi Srivastava (Innovision (Inceptor Technologies Pvt Ltd))

Surabhi Srivastava is the co-founder & business lead of Innovision, an assistive technology product company focused on empowering the differently abled. She is an IIT Bombay alumni and has been selected for Harvard & Stanford entrepreneurship summits. She also has experience with social enterprises and strategy consulting. Under her, Innovision has been awarded best ICT innovation by Nasscom Foundation, Sankalp Award, TiE International Startup Competition Silicon Valley and USISTEF Award.



Suraj Dixit (Nubesol Technologies Pvt. Ltd.)

Suraj is the founder and managing director of NubeSol technologies and has been leading the company from the front. He holds an Electrical and Electronics Engineering Degree and has worked with reputed multi nationals like IBM, GE, and British Telecom in the past before starting up NubeSol. Throughout his consultancy career has worked with many reputed international clients deriving value to their business. apart from technology he is passionate about agriculture, he is a regular practicing farmer and has rich experience in Sugarcane, Paddy, Horticulture, Dairy Farming.



Sushil Kambampati (YouRTI.in)

Sushil Kambampati is an advocate of open and transparent government. The idea for YouRTI.in came from a desire to empower citizens by crowdsourcing right-to information queries that would lead to interesting news stories. Sushil also publishes NewsPie.in, a micropayment-based news/information site. Earlier, Sushil was pivotally involved in HBO Inc.'s efforts to distribute video content on emerging, non-linear and non-broadcast screens. He was also a key player in the launch and technology management of HBO Nordic.



Susmita Ghosh (DiagnoRite Innovative Healthcare)

Susmita Ghosh has taken the mission to provide better healthcare for the masses by developing reliable and affordable diagnostics in the areas of cardiac diseases, infectious diseases, maternal-child health and TB. She has co-founded her start-up DiagnoRite Innovative Healthcare in 2014. Her organization received prestigious grants from Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India and recognition from Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. DiagnoRite is also involved in other social causes and organizes health camps in rural areas.



Suvankar Mishra (eKutir)

Suvankar is a serial social entrepreneur and CEO of eKutir Global. Pioneering sustainable, tech-driven, social impact solutions in low Income markets, eKutir's micro-entrepreneurship business model works across agriculture, WASH; nutrition to fuel job creation, prosperity and livelihoods for the poorest communities. His leadership in eKutir paved ways to impact more than 100,000 people in India by establishing 500+ digitally trained entrepreneurs to increase incomes through farming, be food secured, have access to basic sanitation systems, and build a tech-enabled ecosystem to tackle poverty. Suvankar has received fellowships from Intel Capital and GKPF, is Executive alum with Stanford, Harvard, and UPenn.



Swapnil PoopGuy (Samagra)

Swapnil a.k.a PoopGuy is Chief Toilet Cleaner at Samagra. Swapnil is an Ashoka Fellow, Acumen India Fellow, Dasra Social Impact Leader and a divergent thinker with extensive experience in Management, Design and Innovation. Swapnil moved from the US in 2011 to start Samagra's operations and lived in slums across India to understand the gravity of the sanitation problem. Under Swapnil's leadership Samagra has raised 800K USD in funding and is currently serving over 150,000 daily users across 100+ slums in Pune . Swapnil believes that answer to wicked problems lies in innovative use of Psychology, Technology and Design.



Swathi Komandur (Varsito)

Swathi Komandur is the Founder and CEO of Varsito that is startup building technology solutions for Skill Training Institutes. she is also founder of SixerJobs that is a start-up that connects people at the bottom of the pyramid based on their skill. In early career she served as consultant and manager at various organizations like TISS, Johnson and Johnson, and Swathi is distinguished alumni of University of California, University of Texas and JNU.



Tandong Cedrick (Three Wheels United)

Tandong Cedrick is the CEO at Three Wheels United India Services Private Limited. Three Wheels United India Services Private Limited (formerly SocioEnviro Solutions) is a social enterprise, currently working on issues in the auto rickshaw ecosystem. Their vision evolved over time from "Greener and More Fuel-Efficient auto rickshaws" to "Improving the quality of lives of drivers and creating environmental impact". He is a Masters graduate in Systems and Information Management from a top French business school (Grenoble Ecole de Management) and PMP Certified (PMI France member).



Tanmay Pandya (Brisil Technologies Private Limited)

Tanmay Pandya is a Chemical Engineer from IIT BHU, with vast experience in development and commercialisation of technologies. Tanmay co-founded Bridgedots Techservices to develop technologies related to chemicals and advanced materials. He was also led the project to develop and commercialize the Rice Husk ash to silica technology at Bridgedots. In addition, Tanmay has founded Brisil Technologies, to commercialize this rice husk ash to silica technology. During his tenure at Bridgedots and Brisil, he has won several awards and recognition, including being selected in the top 12 Indian entrepreneurs for the Masterpreneur show by CNBC Awaz.



Vibha Tripathi (Swajal Water Pvt. Ltd.)

Vibha is a social entrepreneur working in energy/water segment. She is founder of Swajal, a startup with focus on “provision of clean drinking water“. In 2014, Vibha spun off Swajal Water Private Limited as an independent entity from Saurya EnerTech, solar engineering company. Swajal works with communities where technology intervention alleviates critical issues regarding water. Swajal machines, therefore, are solar powered, automated smart drinking water stations. Prior to starting Saurya EnerTech, Vibha was working at the Electrical Engineering department at the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur. She specializes on the R&D of thin film solar cells and has held a number of workshops and seminars in the field of renewable energy.



Vikas Goyal (RAVGO)

Vikas Goyal has corporate experience of more than 15 years working in Telecom & Media sectors specializing in Business Planning & Strategy. He has played a key role in launch of 2 DTH platform (DishTV and Airtel digitalTV) in the country. In last job at Airtel he was National DSS Head in Finance for Mobile Business. After leaving Job in May'15 have launched RAVGO – India's first F2F (farmer to farmer) equipment rental platform.



Vinod Taank (Taankbrothers Ventures Pvt. Ltd.)

Vinod Taank holds a B.Sc. (Physics Hons.) from Panjab University Chandigarh (2007-10) and M.A. in Social Entrepreneurship TISS, Mumbai (2012-14) along with PG Diploma, Transport Economics & Management- New Delhi. He currently represents Rural Poultry [Taankbrothers Ventures Pvt. Ltd.]: TISS-DBS Social Venture Initiative which is a Social Enterprise with Commercial Purpose focused at Breeding of Exotic 'Kadaknath' Chicken and Providing Rural Tribal Sustainable Livelihood. This initiative stemmed from the idea of how to solve the problem of unemployment through promoting “Rural Poultry Entrepreneurship” among tribal community in Jhabua, M.P. and how to save Kadaknath from extinction?? (A Super Rare the Indian Breed of Black Meat Chicken).

“Entrepreneurial quality - is by far the toughest (criterion for a social entrepreneur).. For every one thousand people who are creative and altruistic and energetic, there’s probably only one who fits this criterion, or maybe even less than that. By this criterion...we do not mean someone who can get things done. There are millions of people who can get things done. There are very, very few people who will change the pattern in the whole field.”

— Bill Drayton

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