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8th AFI Annual Forum

Creating Deep Impact at the
Bottom of the Pyramid



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Message from the President



Dear Friends,

It is a profound honor to welcome you all to the 8th Edition of Action For India's Annual Forum.

As we begin to scratch the surface of a new decade, I am proud to see the commitment, intent, and sacrifice exhibited by all the participants present at this year's Annual Forum. In a time where technology is advancing forward, and millions of people at the Bottom of the Pyramid are being left behind, it can be easy to gravitate towards the negative, to accept complacency. However, when selecting speakers and reviewing social entrepreneur applications this year, an unmistakable air of inspiration filled my office --- an air of change.

When founding Action For India seven years ago, our primary focus was centered on identifying social innovators and engaging the social enterprise ecosystem. However, we ourselves have been inspired to scale and evolve by the social impact community. AFI has since devised a myriad of new initiatives to better assist social ventures find partners, access capital, and connect with public and governmental institutions. We call this new trajectory and mission — Orbit 2.0. Orbit 2.0 aims to bridge the resource gaps, and to provide year-round mentorship and support to our SEs. Understanding the sector-specific need for patient capital, we will be launching the AFI Impact Investment Fund, designed to inject patient capital into high-impact ventures, and to assist social enterprises become investment-ready. Finding the right financial partners, at the right time, can have an immense impact on a social enterprise's scaling journey. Action For India intends to operate within that very same intersection.

Just a month ago, a fellow countryman Abhijit Banerjee, and his partner Esther DuFlo, won the Nobel Prize in Economics for their work with 'Poor Economics'. Rejecting the allure of instant gratification international development, Banerjee and DuFlo take the time to understand marginalized communities, in all their complexity and richness. AFI Social Entrepreneurs reflect this attention to detail every day, tailoring their tech-enabled solutions to local communities and providing tools for more stable and sustainable livelihoods.

Since AFI's inception, Social Entrepreneurs have been the true heroes here at Action For India, and we challenge each and every participant of this year's Annual Forum to engage meaningfully and to listen intently. There is an abundance of knowledge, diverse entrepreneurial experiences, and potential collaboration partners awaiting you all this weekend — cease the opportunity.

Warm Regards,
Sanjay Kadaveru
Founder & President, Action For India

Message from the Minister

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 8th Edition of Action For India's Annual Forum. It is an honor to participate in an event driven by the pursuit of positive change.

Hundreds of influencers and social entrepreneurs are here this weekend to converge around the themes of social impact, innovation, and vision. A vision that negates the acceptance of wide-spread inequality here in India - a vision that believes in harnessing intellectual capital, fiscal capital, and emerging technologies to have profound impact in our local communities. India has the world's largest think force, and as such, we must pursue and invest in opportunities that leverage our unique abilities and skill sets. In my capacity as Minister of IT E&C for the Government of Telangana, I have witnessed firsthand the innovation one can foster when you tear down barriers of entry and the other structures inhibiting entrepreneurial growth. Here in Hyderabad, we have utilized the very same frameworks and startup mentality to address systemic institutional and bureaucratic challenges. Through these collaborative efforts, we have made Telangana the #1 state in ease of doing business.

From synergistic partnerships such as T-Hub, our strong industry ties with the most marquee companies, to our streamlined business credentialization process, I firmly believe in what an entrepreneurial mindset can accomplish. I welcome all participant social entrepreneurs and influencers to consider Telangana when deciding on new geographies to grow, scale, and invest. Social innovation can have immense impact at scale, and that is why every individual's presence here at the AFI Annual Forum is so valuable. We are at a critical juncture as a country, and it is imperative that we collaborate to find a diverse range of solutions and technologies that reflect the intricate nature of our social challenges. If we are to achieve the levels of growth needed to catalyze systemic change, we must think critically, act intentionally, and scale quickly. Only then, will we be able to change India's trajectory.

Wishing you all a warm and collaborative Annual Forum.

Sincerely,

K T Rama Rao

*Minister for Industries & Commerce, IT,
Municipal Administration & Urban Development,
Public Enterprises, Sugar, Mines & Geology, NRI Affairs
Govt. of Telangana*





About Hyderabad

Hyderabad, the capital of the Indian state Telangana, is a historic city noted for its many monuments, temples, mosques and bazaars. The city was originally called Bhagyanagar after Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah's wife Bhagyamati, and prospered under the Qutb Shahi dynasty in the 16th and 17th centuries. Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah constructed Charminar in 1591, reportedly as a tribute to God's help in avoiding an epidemic. It is a huge structure with 4 minarets that represents Hyderabad in many places and publications even today.

It became popular as a hub of diamond and pearl trading, and lore has it that pearls would be sold spread out on the streets. A multitude of influences have shaped the character of the city in the last 400 years, and it continues to develop its role and outlook as part of the booming service industry revolution whilst preserving its rich cultural history.

One can get pearls in most jewelry shops, or head to Laad Bazaar, a historic market popular for bangles. It is located on one of the four main roads that branch out from the historic Chaminar.

About venue- Indian School of Business (ISB, HYD)

We are delighted to host our conference at the Indian School of Business Hyderabad! Indian School of Business (ISB) is a global business school offering world-class management education across its two campuses – Hyderabad and Mohali. The School has grown at a rapid pace over the sixteen years since its inception and already has several notable accomplishments to its credit – it is the youngest school ever to consistently rank among the top Global MBA programmes, one among the select 100 global B-schools to have AACSB and EQUIS accreditation, one of the largest providers of Executive Education in Asia, and the largest producer of research amongst Indian management institutions. A vibrant pool of research-oriented resident faculty, strong academic associations with leading global B-schools and the backing of an influential Board, have helped the ISB fast emerge as a premier global Business school in the emerging markets.

About Action For India (AFI)

AFI is a non profit organization that helps India's social enterprises address their challenges by providing them with access to technology, investors, mentorship, government agencies, local partners and business development support.

Mission

To help social innovators in India overcome barriers to scale and achieve greater impact at the bottom of the pyramid.

Launched in 2012, AFI is inspired and guided by Sam Pitroda, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister of India, a pioneer in leveraging technology and resources to address critical economic issues. AFI's financial supporters include Desh Deshpande, Adviser to the US President Barack Obama & Founder of the Deshpande Foundation.

AFI supports innovators in agriculture, education, energy, healthcare, financial inclusion and livelihoods. However, our initiatives are not limited to enterprises from these sector foci.

AFI provides support to social innovators through the following initiatives:

AFI 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



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 Impact Fund

Over the last eight years, AFI has built an ecosystem that identifies the top social ventures in India and helps them forge key partnerships to transition to the next level of growth. One of the key factors that prevents some of the most impactful companies from scaling is inadequate access to patient capital at the right time. The Impact fund is being established to address the need for capital in the key areas like agriculture, healthcare and financial inclusion. With a strong operational team and support from key relationships with strategic corporates, technology providers, and government, the fund looks to fill the gap in funding and provide comprehensive support to help these companies attain their full potential.

We are launching an Impact Investment Fund in Fall 2019 with the objective of making investments in early-stage social enterprises at the intersection of impact (healthcare, agriculture, education) and technology (AI / ML / Big Data / Analytics). One of the differentiators for the Fund is our emphasis on leveraging the Indian diaspora in Silicon Valley. The management team composed of former founders and expert investors hails from a diverse range of industries and functional domains, and will be in attendance at the Forum.



AFI Accelerator

AFI is building a social entrepreneurship accelerator at the Indian Institute of Technology at Hyderabad. Sponsored by the Dept. of Science & Technology, Government of India, the mission of the accelerator will be to help early-stage social enterprises within the sectors of Health-Tech, Ed-Tech, and Agri-Tech, by providing them with a full suite of support services vis-a-vis investment, mentoring, technology resources and government connects. Our vision for the accelerator is to become the go to destination for tech-enabled impact entrepreneurs from around the world who are looking to access emerging markets like India.

AFI Social Entrepreneurship Advisory Services

A year-round, continuous engagement program with the objective to help a 100 Social Entrepreneurs overcome business hurdles, transform their operations and become investment ready by 2021. We are doing this by providing access to funding, mentoring from expert resources and increased Government support.



AGENDA



Thursday, November 07, 2019

6:00 pm Registration and poster setup

7:00 pm Networking and Welcome Dinner

Award Ceremony

Friday, November 08, 2019

8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

9:30 am Opening Ceremony

9:45 am Founder's Welcome Address: Converging For Change

Sanjay Kadaveru (Founder, Action For India)

10:00 am Host's Welcome Remarks: Institutionalizing Innovation

Education will always be at the nexus of innovation, progress and social impact. In this session, Dr. Rajendra Srivastava, Dean of the Indian School of Business, will highlight the future of business education and dive into some of the essential characteristics to be a great leader within the social impact sphere.

Rajendra Srivastava (Dean, Indian School of Business)

10:15 am 1-min introductory pitch by SVC Finalists

Hold tight to your seats as the Top 10 Silicon Valley Challenge Finalists attempt to secure their spot for this year's SVC Trek. From these 10 Finalists, 5 SVC Fellows will be selected to partake in an all-expenses paid, two-week trip to Silicon Valley. Once in Silicon Valley, Fellows will meet with senior Technology executives, Sand Hill Road Investors, and Academics at the leading Bay-area Institutions.

10:30 am Launching of the consortium and signing of the MoU- "Transforming Telangana into a Global Hub of Technology enabled Social Innovation"

Interdisciplinary partnerships are the fulcrum of social innovation transformation in Hyderabad, and Telangana at large. In line with our mission to make Telangana a global hub for technology-enabled social innovation, Action For India is proud to announce a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the key players in the local impact community; IIT-Hyderabad, IIIT-Hyderabad, and THub. This session will discuss the vision and the impact we look to ignite with this cross-functional consortium.

Sanjay Kadaveru (Founder, AFI)

Ravi Narayan (T Hub)

P. J. Narayanan (IIIT Hyd)

Friday, November 08, 2019

10:40 am Address by the Chief Guest

"No force on earth can stop an idea whose time has come", a quote Shri KT Rama Rao has embodied since the first day he stepped into office. Our Chief Guest "KTR" will be addressing barriers to innovation, the power of impact-minded investment, and the latent potential embedded in the social enterprise ecosystem in India.
Shri KT Rama Rao (Cabinet Minister for IT E&C, MA&UD and Industries & Commerce Departments, Government of Telangana)

11:00 am Inaugural Address: Health of a Nation

Rural-urban health disparities and overcrowded hospitals are just a few stark challenges that healthcare entrepreneurs are tackling today. Dr. Sangita Reddy of Apollo Hospitals Group will examine how new developments in healthtech, digitalization, and telemedicine are increasing positive outcomes and accessibility to care in India.
Sangita Reddy (Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals)

11:20 am Tea/Coffee

11:40 am Plenary Panel 1: Transforming Telangana into a Global Hub of Social Innovation

Hyderabad, the capital of India's youngest state, as well as its surrounding communities have been trailblazers in building a thriving startup ecosystem, attracting massive tech investment, and creating a multitude of new professional opportunities. Our first Plenary Panel will take a deep-dive into the burgeoning social innovation occurring in Telangana.

Rama Devi L (Officer on Special Duty (OSD) ITE&C Department, Government of Telangana)

Ajit Rangnekar (Former Director, ISB)

Ravi Narayan (CEO T-HUB)

Phani Sharma (Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Government of Telangana)

David Wilcox (Founder, ReachScale- Boston) (Moderator)

12:20 pm AFI New Initiatives: Partnering for Impact Investment

AFI and its Investment Partners will discuss the Fund's strategic objectives, sector foci, and its mission to leverage the Indian diaspora in Silicon Valley to create larger social impact here in India.

Kumar Ganapathy (Founding partner, Enterprise Labs)

AGK Karunakaran (President & CEO, MulticoreWare Inc)

Sanjay Kadaveru (Founder, Action for India)

12:40 pm AFI New Initiatives: Social Entrepreneurship Accelerator at IIT-H

At Action For India, we believe that given the right tools and mentorship, social enterprises have the potential to scale beyond measure. Join AFI board members Amit Jain and Sanjay Kadaveru along with Prof. UB Desai and Prof. Venkatesham of IIT-Hyderabad, as they unpack this groundbreaking partnership

Prof. Venkatesham (Assistant Professor IIT Hyderabad)

Amit Jain (Venture Mentor & Former Chairman AFI)

Sanjay Kadaveru (Founder, Action for India)



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12:50 pm Plenary Panel 2: Scaling with Interdisciplinary Partners: Government, Media, and Private Corporations

Scaling social enterprises does not take place within a vacuum. It takes an array of interdisciplinary partners to achieve growth metrics and create sustainable solutions. This multifaceted session will explore how innovation and public policy are influenced by the Government, how media platforms allow social enterprises to effectively share their stories, and the ways in which private corporations can provide tools and infrastructure for technological development.

Rajiv Gowda (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Karnataka)

Anurag Batra (Chairman & Editor in Chief, BW Businessworld)

Mukund Rajan (Chairman, Ecube Investment Advisors Pvt Ltd, Ex-Tata Sons)

Suchitra Ella (JMD, Bharat Biotech)

1:30 pm Lunch

2:30 pm Innovation Across Industry: Sector-Specific Breakout Sessions

Creating sustainable and long-lasting social change requires disruption in all sectors and facets of society. AFI has curated an expert composition of industry experts and thought-leaders driving innovation across Education, Healthcare, Energy, Livelihoods, Agriculture, and Financial Inclusion. The AFI Sector Champions will facilitate these parallel interactive discussions, discuss expectations from government and ecosystem enablers, analyze key trends particular to each sector. Each session will engage panelists from the domains of technology, investment, government, and entrepreneurship.

In each sector-specific panel, two Sector Champions will lead the discussion among the panelists. It is intended to be an interactive, engaging discussion where the audience is expected to participate as well.

Education: Developing Minds and Empowering Youth

Ramya Venkatraman (Founder & CEO, Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) (Moderator)

Azeez Gupta (Head of strategic initiatives, Pratham Education Foundation) (Moderator)

Farhan Pettiwalla (Executive Director, Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital)

AGK Karunakaran (President & CEO, MulticoreWare Inc)

Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu (Member of parliament, AP)

Healthcare: Increasing Access and Quality of Care Through Innovation

Radha Rangswami (CEO, Vitas Pharma) (Moderator)

Satya Dash (Director, Path Impact Labs) (Moderator)

Amit Jain (Former Chairman, AFI)

Sreekanth P (Head Venture Capital Jubilant Bhartia Group)

Sujay Santra (Founder & CEO, iKure)

Ajit Rangnekar (Former Dean, ISB)

Energy: Fueling Growth Sustainably

Adwait Joshi (CEO, CLEAN) (Moderator)

Richie Ahuja (Senior Director, Global Climate Environmental Defense Fund) (Moderator)

Jyothilal (Principal Secretary, Transport, Government of Kerala)

Kartik Chandrashekhhar (Founder & CEO, Sangam Ventures)

Vikas Saluguti (Co-Founder, Fourth Partner Energy)

Shekhar Konidena (Head PPM Services, Hexagon Capability Center India)

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2:30 pm Livelihoods: Scaling Community Engagement

Santanu Paul (Co-Founder & CEO, TalentSprint) (Moderator)
GV Krishnagopal (Chief Executive Officer, Access Livelihoods Consulting India)
KC Mishra (Chairman & Founder, eKutir group)
Santanu Bhattacharya (Chief Data Scientist, airtel X Labs)
Phani Sama (Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Government of Telangana)

Agriculture: Planting the Seeds of Prosperity

Hemendra Mathur (Venture Partners, Bharat Innovation Fund) (Moderator)
Sandeep Raju (Co-founder and Director, Samaaru)
Shashank Kumar (Founder & CEO, DeHaat) (Moderator)
Jinesh Shah (Managing Partner, Omnivore)
Rikin Gandhi (CEO, Digital Green)
Kumar Ganapathy (CEO, Digital Green)

Financial Inclusion: Redefining Equity

Mahesh Kanumury (Managing Director & Founder, Arivali Partners) (Moderator)
Pavan Mamidi (Director, Centre for social change and behaviour)

Other

BS Rao (Vice President - Marketing, CtrlS Datacenter) (Moderator)
Saurav Banerjee (Venture Partner, Kalaari Capital)
Aniket Deogar (Co-Founder & CEO Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions)

4:00 pm Plenary Panel 3: Demystifying Venture Funding: How To Secure Capital For Your Scaling Journey

This capital-focused session is composed of expert panelists who have each successfully raised millions in venture capital and impact investment. Our speakers will share their "secret recipes" to increase investor buy-in, shed light on how they raised money at critical junctures of their scaling journeys and best-practices they would like to impart to the next generation of social entrepreneurs.

Jinesh Shah (Managing Partner, Omnivore)
Rajat Garg (Co-Founder, myUpchar),
Shashank Kumar (Founder & CEO, DeHaat)
Dr. Arjun Vaidya (CEO, Dr. Vaidya's)

5:00 pm Tea / Coffee

And

Social entrepreneur and Influencer networking: Session 1

A networking space designed to facilitate meaningful engagements between participant social entrepreneurs and influencers. Utilizing posters as visual aids, Social Entrepreneurs will be able to concisely communicate their targeted social issues, product and service offerings, capital structures, and partnership opportunities. The Social Entrepreneurs will pitch their enterprises and collaboration opportunities whilst the Influencers rotate through the facilitated space.

6:30 pm Gala Dinner

Saturday, November 09, 2019

8:30 am Registration and Breakfast

9:30 am Keynote Address by Dr. Sam Pitroda- Social Entrepreneurship: Taking stock and Projecting to the future

Virtual Keynote address (via live video-feed)

Sam Pitroda

10:00 am Plenary Panel: Next Generation Technologies and Social Impact

21st century social challenges necessitate that we use an arsenal of technologies to alleviate disparities, leverage data, and create impact. This Plenary Panel session will engage participants on the latest innovations in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, etc.

Ramesh Loganathan (Professor of Practice, Co-innovations; IIIT Hyderabad) (Moderator)

Santanu PAul (Co-Founder & CEO, TalentSprint)

Prem Kumar Vislawath (Founder and Chief Innovator, Marut Drones)

Pavan Adipuram (Founder and CEO, Chitmonks)

10:40 am Functional Breakout Sessions

Building effective cross-functional teams, implementing novel technologies, and raising capital are all daily challenges that social entrepreneurs face. This selection of domain and function-specific parallel sessions will address prevalent business-critical issues that many SEs encounter on their scaling journeys.

Fundraising: Obtaining Buy-In and Finding The Right Capital Partners

Kumar Ganapathy (Founding partner, Enterprise Labs)

Government: Cutting the Red Tape

Hiranmay Mahanta (Managing Director, Techpedia) (Moderator)

Mr. Mudit Narain (Program Director, Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Ayog)

Rama Devi L (Officer on Special Duty (OSD) ITE&C Department
Government of Telangana)

Mr. Sagar Jagadam (Officer on Special Duty (Dept. of IT), Government of Andhra Pradesh)

Recruitment: How To Attract Mission-Driven Talent

Mr. Satyam Vyas (CEO & Founder, Arthan) (Moderator)

AGK Karunakaran (President & CEO, MulticoreWare Inc)

Anu Prasad (Founder-Director, India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS))

Gaurav Shah (Founder, ISDM)

11:30 pm Social entrepreneur and Influencer networking: Session 2 and Tea/coffee

A networking space designed to facilitate meaningful engagements between participant social entrepreneurs and influencers. Utilizing posters as visual aids, SE's will be able to concisely communicate their targeted social issues, product and service offerings, capital structures, and partnership opportunities. The Social Entrepreneurs will pitch their enterprises and collaboration opportunities whilst the Influencers rotate through the facilitated space.

12:30 pm Plenary Panel 5: Scaling For Impact

The path from the "whiteboard"... to solution implementation... is often not a straight path. To shed more light on these multifaceted challenges, our panelists will discuss effective methodologies and tools that removed many of the barriers for their product launch, community building, and impact evaluation success.

David Wilcox (Founder, ReachScale (Boston)) (Moderator)

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GV Krishnagopal (Co-Founder, WayBeyond Media Pvt Ltd)
Ramesh Kaza (Senior Vice President, Chief Information Officer, State Street)
Vikram Vuppala (Founder & CEO, NephroPlus)

1:00 pm Networking Lunch

2:00 pm Plenary Panel 6: Women Entrepreneurs- Raising a Gender Lens to the Entrepreneurial Journey

Presentation of "AFI Woman Entrepreneur of the Year" Award

According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, women constitute around 14% of the total entrepreneur base in India. The AFI team believes with more innovation and institutional support, we could see these numbers move towards parity. Plenary Panel 6 will discuss the entrepreneurial journey with a gender lens.

Juhee Ahmad (Chief Executive Officer Dlabs Incubator, Indian School of Business)

Sylvia Smetana (Co-Founder at Divershefy Inc. & Partner at Angaros Group)

Rama Devi Lanka (OSD, Govt. of Telangana)

Ajaita Shah (CEO, Frontier Markets)

2:40 pm Sector-Specific Breakout Sessions In Summary : Key Insights and Takeaways Presentation of "AFI Sector Entrepreneur of the Year" Awards

3:20 pm Afternoon Break

3:40 pm The Last Mile: Silicon Valley Challenge Final Pitch

They Top 10 Social Entrepreneurs have prepared, executed and inspired! Now they pitch to the SVC Jury in the last and final stage of the Silicon Valley Challenge to earn one among the 5 tickets to California.

4:40 pm Vote of Thanks

A vote of appreciation and gratitude for the work being done, and the fellowship had at this year's Annual Forum.

BS Rao (Vice Chairman, AFI Board)

4:50 pm TV Keynote Panel: role of gov. in scaling social impact

Uma Sudhir (Executive Editor, NDTV)

Joel Reifman (Consul General, Consulate General of The USA, Hyderabad)

Dr. Andrew Fleming (British Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Hyderabad)

Jayesh Ranjan (Principal Secretary, IT; Govt. Of Telangana)

5:40 pm Presentation of the AFI SVC Awards

6:00 pm Closing Remarks and Departure

The word "SPEAKERS" is centered in a bold, dark teal font. It is surrounded by several thin, light gray diagonal lines that intersect at various angles, creating a dynamic, abstract background.

SPEAKERS

Sangita Reddy

Dr. Sangita Reddy is a Global Healthcare Influencer, Healthcare Technocrat, Social Entrepreneur and Humanitarian. She has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Macquarie University Australia, in recognition of the transformative changes in healthcare and development of Health IT. She is an Honorary Consul of Brazil in Hyderabad. Influencing Global Healthcare - Dr. Sangita Reddy is a member of The World Economic Forum, Rockefeller working Group, Sr. Vice President & Director of FICCI, past member on Health for the Twelfth Five Year Plan, Planning Commission, Govt of India. She is also a Member of the Tech Devpt Board, Department of Science and Tech, Govt of India and is an Executive Member at NASSCOM.



SPEAKERS

Sam Pitroda

Mr. Sam Pitroda is an internationally respected telecom inventor, entrepreneur, development thinker, and policy maker. Credited with having laid the foundation for India's telecommunications and technology revolution of the 1980s, Mr. Pitroda has been a leading campaigner to help bridge the global digital divide. During his tenure as Advisor to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Mr. Pitroda led six Technology Missions related to telecommunications, water, literacy, immunization, dairy production, and oil seeds. He was also the founder and first Chairman of India's Telecom Commission. In these plural roles, Mr. Pitroda helped revolutionize India's development philosophies and policies with a focus on access to technology as the key to social change.



Rajendra Srivastava

Dean, ISB Hyderabad

Rajendra Srivastava is the Dean of the Indian School of Business (ISB) and the Novartis Professor of Marketing strategy and Innovation. He comes with an experience of over 30 years as an academic and administrator. He has held several tenured faculty and administrative positions during his career. Before joining the ISB, he was Provost and Deputy President of Academic Affairs at Singapore Management University. His research interests include Marketing Strategy, Marketing Metrics, and Brand/Customer Management. His current work focuses on Business Model Innovations, especially in Services, B2B, Technology and Emerging Markets. He is best known globally, for his work on measuring the impact of market-facing business processes (innovation, supply-chain and customer management), that create value for customers, and the value of market-based assets (customers, channels, brands and value networks). He is also well known for his work in competitive market structures and brand equity/strategic brand management. Prior to SMU he held distinguished research chairs and senior management positions at the University of Texas at Austin and Emory University in Atlanta.



Ajit Rangnekar

Former Dean, ISB Hyderabad

Ajit Rangnekar was the Dean of the Indian School of Business (ISB) from January 2009 to December 2015. Prior to that, he held the position of Deputy Dean at the School from March 2003 to December 2008. Rangnekar has a background spanning over thirty years in Consulting and Industry across different countries in Asia. Before joining the ISB, he was the Country Head, first for Price Waterhouse Consulting and then for PwC Consulting, in Hong Kong and the Philippines. He was head of the Telecom and Entertainment Industry Consulting practice for PwC in East Asia (China to Indonesia). He worked with Associated Cements Companies, India prior to moving to Hong Kong. Rangnekar holds an undergraduate degree from the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and completed his post graduation in Management from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



Phanindra Sama

CIO, Government of Telangana

Phanindra Sama is the Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Government of Telangana. In his role as the CIO, he leads the Government's mission to foster innovation driven economy in the State. Prior to joining the Government, he was the CEO & Founder of redBus.in, India's largest bus ticketing company. He is also one of the Founding Patrons of Kakatiya Sandbox (www.kakatiyasandbox.org), a social impact organisation that nurtures active citizenship for economic prosperity in his hometown, Nizamabad. Phani is ranked 3 amongst India's Most Promising Entrepreneurs by Business World. He has been chosen as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. He was awarded Entrepreneur of the year award under IT, ITES category by ET NOW, the Fortune 40 under 40 twice, and the BITSAA 30 under 30 award. He was also selected as Endeavor Entrepreneur (www.endeavor.org) and TiE Entrepreneur (www.tie.org).



SPEAKERS

Sujay Santra

Founder & CEO iKure

After having worked in leading MNCs for over 12 years, Sujay started iKure with the vision to provide quality healthcare which is affordable and accessible, up to the last mile using technology intervention. Sujay has led iKure to many milestones. In recognition of his outstanding efforts in the field of social innovation, he was awarded the Ashoka Fellowship in 2015 & received the appreciation from President of India. He has also been recognized as one of the top 100 most impactful healthcare leaders by World health and wellness congress and awards. iKure has received highly acclaimed top 40 awards across national and international platforms. Recently they bagged first position in Global Sourcing Council 3S award for Technology. The venture has been covered in major publications, newspaper & magazines including Forbes, Devex, Times of India, Economic Times, NDTV, CNNIBN, Times Now.



Rajeev Gowda

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha from Karnataka

Professor Rajeev Gowda is a Rajya Sabha MP from Karnataka and a Spokesperson for the Congress party. He has a BA from St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, an MA in Economics from Fordham University and a PhD in Public Policy and Management from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He has been a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, Berkeley and taught at the University of Oklahoma. Until recently, he was Professor of Economics and Social Sciences at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore and a Director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India. He has authored and edited books, scholarly articles and reports on policy issues. He has mentored start up companies and works on urban renewal and youth empowerment, among other areas of interest. He has been a Carnegie Council Global Ethics Fellow. He was the founder secretary of the Karnataka Quiz Association and national runner up on BBC TV's Mastermind India in 2002.



SPEAKERS

Annurag Batra

Chairman & Editor in Chief, BW Businessworld

Dr. Annurag Batra is a serial entrepreneur, media mogul, a journalist and an eternal optimist rolled into one. He is a B. Tech in Computer Sciences, a degree, which he acquired before joining Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurgaon, one of India's leading Business Schools. He is a first-generation entrepreneur and currently the Chairman of BW Businessworld- the iconic 39 year old business media and magazine brand. Since taking over BW Businessworld, Dr. Batra has expanded the media organization into digital, events and BW communities and has taken into its fold www.digitalmarket.asia, Asia's leading website on digital marketing, www.everythingexperiential.com India's leading experiential marketing website and launched BW hotelier in partnership with hotelier international.



David Wilcox

Founder, ReachScale (Boston)



David Wilcox founded ReachScale to align the social advocacy goals of corporations with high potential social entrepreneurs working in areas of common interest. Creating ReachScale was a personal response to finding so many exciting and visionary social entrepreneurs with scalable impact models that lacked an organic path to funding and growth. By coupling the talent, leadership and financial resources of leading corporations with the innovative, high impact social enterprises, underutilized resources and the networks of both ecosystems are catalyzed.

Wilcox has brought idea-driven and creative advocacy to his work with start ups, Fortune 50s and non profits. He has been a CEO, CMO and head of business development (among other positions) for a number of firms including technology start ups, consulting, think tanks and digital enterprises. With a hybrid background in business and social consciousness, he is currently focusing on global affordable housing and education initiatives. A long time resident of Brookline Massachusetts (near Boston), Wilcox has traveled extensively and speaks fluent Spanish and he has an MBA from Harvard.

Rama Devi Lanka

A career spanning different domains from Civil engineering to Information Technology to e-Governance across Government, not for profit, private and start-up companies located in India and the USA garnering skills in IT consulting, IT strategy, Policy Formulation, supporting entrepreneurship and start-ups / innovators in emerging technologies. She played a role in the Digital India growth story by way of conceptualization and design of a number of e-Governance projects that are crucial in bringing in reforms and transformation in various domains in the government such as Health, Visa-Immigration, Civil Aviation, Atomic Energy and Urban Local Bodies. Currently, heading the Emerging Technologies Wing at Information Technology, Electronics and Communications (ITE&C) Department, Government of Telangana, her role is to formulate and execute strategies that would help in realizing the vision of the State to be a leader in emerging technologies.



Jayesh Ranjan

Secretary, Information Technology (IT);
Government of Telangana



SPEAKERS

Shri. Lavu Sri Krishna Devaraylu

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Narasaraopet

Mr. Lavu Sri Krishna Devaraylu is a member of the 17th Lok Sabha, elected from the Narasaraopet Parliamentary constituency, Andhra Pradesh. He is also the Vice Chairman of Vigan Group. After pursuing Journalism and Mass Communications from La Trobe University, Australia, Mr. Devarayalu returned to India to work extensively among the people of Andhra Pradesh. He is an ardent proponent of accessible and quality education, especially for the socially and economically weaker classes. Along with education he has highlighted the urgent need for direct action in the field of healthcare and water conservation. Mr. Devarayalu supports and partners with those who see potential and hope in the masses.



Sanjay Kadaveru

Founder, AFI



Sanjay Kadaveru is the Founder & President of Action For India (AFI). Prior to launching AFI, Sanjay managed investments at The Seven Hills Group, a family office based in the US, where he supported the deployment of \$50M in capital across several sectors: energy, media, IT, infrastructure and education. He is also a co-founder of the Center for Healthcare Innovation, a US based not-for-profit thought-leadership organization focusing on the life sciences. Sanjay is a Charter Member of The Indus Entrepreneurs, the world's largest network of entrepreneurs, and served as a Co-Chair for TiECon East. He also co-founded the AP Technology Leadership Council, a non-profit networking organization created to provide pro-bono business consulting services to civic and governmental causes in the state of Andhra Pradesh. Sanjay is a graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology at Madras and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

SPEAKERS

Ashwin Naik

Dr. Ashwin Naik is a Healthcare Entrepreneur, Investor, and Author. Over the course of two decades, he has garnered extensive industry experience in healthcare delivery, social enterprise, and health-tech startups, establishing and supporting multiple leading-edge healthcare organisations across India along the way. Dr. Naik has written and spoken about leadership, entrepreneurship, rural health and social entrepreneurship at various forums around the world, including World Health Congress, NHS Alliance, Ashoka Future Forum, Global Philanthropy Forum, and Africa Health summit (KPMG). Dr. Naik has been recognized as a Economic Times Leaders under 40, Young Global Leader (YGL) 2012 By World Economic Forum, Young Leader by Asia Society Asia21 in 2011, Senior Ashoka Fellow in 2010, Finalist for the India Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2010 by Schwab Foundation, Ted India fellow for 2009. Dare Magazine India in its April 2011 edition profiled Ashwin as 50 inspiring Entrepreneurs of India.



Ramya Venkataraman

Ramya Venkataraman is Founder & CEO of Centre for Teacher Accreditation (CENTA) Pvt. Ltd., www.centa.org, a social enterprise that is making teaching a rewarding and attractive profession through its CENTA Certification and Micro-Credentials, Teaching Quotient and Teaching Professionals' Olympiad, which connect outstanding teachers to great opportunities. An IIT-IIM alum from the 1990s, prior to founding CENTA, Ramya was with McKinsey & Company for 15+ years, including building and heading the Education Practice for the last 5 years. In the first 10 years of her career (1999-2009), Ramya has worked in other industry sectors, especially manufacturing and infrastructure, and several geographies – India, North America, Europe, Asia – and she continues to bring that broad professional experience to bear in her education work.



SPEAKERS



Satya Dash

His interests lie in the interface of government, public agencies, industry & the third sector. His work is focused on national & global science and bio-science policy, strategies for 'business of science', design, understanding & navigating non-linear & complex systems, influencing & impacting political will. I'm passionate about both S&T strategy & importantly its implementation & outcomes.

Amit Jain



He has been a social entrepreneur & a practitioner of social & rural marketing in Healthcare, Water & Sanitation, Environment , Education, Nutrition & Livelihood domains for past 20 years. Has led large teams, translating organizational vision into scalable enterprise/project models in Public-Private arena , Not-For Profit as well as Corporate (including CSR) & varied Social entrepreneurial start-ups -several of these mainstreamed by civil society & government organizations (worked with partners like USAID, DFID-UK, European Commission, GIZ , SIDA, BMGF ,GPOBA /World Bank, OPIC, UNFPA, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Global Fund, MSDF, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), TATA Trusts, PHFI, ASHOKA , AAPI-USA , Calvert Fdn , Capgemini , P&G USA, Max Healthcare, Abbott Healthcare , Vedanta Group UK , Anand Mahindra Group , Danone , Govt of India /State Govts.

SPEAKERS

Pavan Mamidi

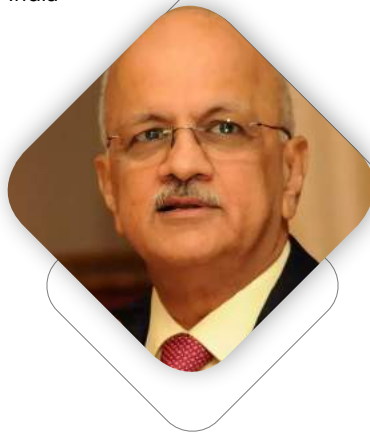
Experienced Director with a demonstrated history of working in research and policy advisory space. Skilled in Experimental Research Design, Quantitative Methods, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Teaching, and Cooking ethnic Telangana food. Strong professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) focused on Social Sciences from University of Oxford, and a Masters (LL.M.) from Harvard Law School.



R Chandrashekhara

Former President of NASSCOM & Telecom Secretary of India

Former President of NASSCOM & Telecom Secretary of India. Chandrashekhara has been the Chairman of Telecom Commission and Secretary in the Department of Telecommunications in the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Government of India since September, 2010 till his retirement from Government service in March, 2013. Earlier, he served as the Secretary in the Department of Information Technology. He was the principal architect behind a triad of policies covering Telecommunications, Electronics and Information Technology that were unveiled in draft form by the Government of India in October 2011. All the three policies were approved by the Government in 2012. As the Secretary of the Department of Information Technology, he steered the formulation of national policies for the IT sector and for promoting Electronic System Design and Manufacturing and R&D in the Electronics and the IT sector. Earlier, he established the first Department of Information Technology in the country in the state of Andhra Pradesh and was Secretary of the Department from June, 1997 to December, 1999.

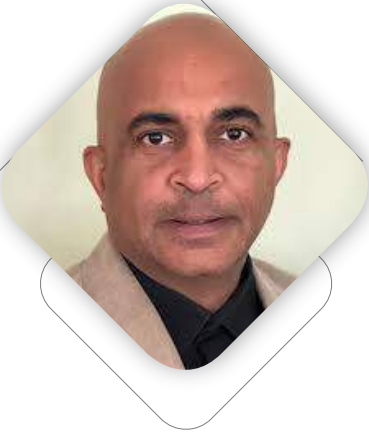


SPEAKERS



Kumar Ganapathy

Founded 2 companies in different enterprise sectors across two macro cycles : \$200M raised, 1.3B exit value. Holds 75+ patents, 12 technical publications. Expertise in cloud infrastructure, Enterprise Datacenters, Flash storage, DSP, Semiconductors, Wireless baseband



AGK Karunakaran

Founder, ReachScale (Boston)

Specializes in outsourcing of Electronics product development, offshore design activities, Computing, communication high end consumer product development experience, Bootstrapping a company, managing global operations, Non-profit management and governance.

SPEAKERS

Mukund Rajan

Chairman, ECube Investment Advisors

Dr. Rajan is the Chairman of ECube Investment Advisors, which is launching India's first active engagement Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) fund. Prior to this, he served with the Tata group, as the first Brand Custodian and director on several Tata boards. He is currently the Chairman of the Environment Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Dr Rajan's doctoral dissertation as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University was published by Oxford University Press in 1996, titled "Global Environmental Politics". His second book, "The Brand Custodian" was published by HarperCollins in 2019.



Radha Rangarajan

Head, Innovation and Strategy at the MedTech Incubator at IIITH

Dr. Radha Rangarajan is Head, Innovation and Strategy at the MedTech Incubator at the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad. Radha received her Bachelor's degree from Stanford University and Ph.D. from Rockefeller University, New York. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health. Upon returning to India, Radha held several positions at the Drug Discovery division of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories between 2003 and 2009. Thereafter, she co-founded Vitas Pharma in 2011, where she drove the scientific strategy to identify novel antibiotics and companion diagnostics to detect and treat highly resistant infections. Radha was awarded the FICCI Award of Excellence- Women in R&D in February 2019. Radha was selected to be part of the "Champions of Change" initiative of Prime Minister Modi and the NITI Aayog in 2017.



SPEAKERS

Jinesh Shah

Managing Partner, Omnivore

Jinesh co-founded Omnivore with Mark Kahn in 2010. Previously, he was Vice President and CFO at Nexus Venture Partners, one of India's leading venture capital funds. Earlier in his career, Jinesh worked in corporate finance roles for Datamatics (leading Treasury/M&A), Patni Computers (initiating the IPO process), and HCL Technologies (founding the BPO business). Jinesh is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council for Food Systems Innovation and a member of the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Agriculture & Food Processing Committee. Jinesh is a Chartered Accountant with a B.Com from R A Poddar College and an MMS (Finance) from JBIMS.



Shri. K. R. Jyothilal

Principal Secretary, Transport , Government of Kerala



He is Principal Secretary to Government of Kerala and looks after transport, aviation, metro, railway and fisheries. He is an IAS officer in the Kerala cadre and holds a B.Tech from IIT Madras. He also holds an MBA degree. He has held positions as Secretary, Transport and Aviation; Secretary, Tourism Department Secretary, Information Technology Secretary, Consumer Affairs; Department Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies; Collector, Kannur and Trivandrum Secretary, General Administration Department.

He is a government administrator with more than twenty five years of experience in administration and a deep understanding of Transport sector & Aviation industry (having worked closely with airport project commissioning in the State of Kerala). He is highly experienced in matters expected to be faced specifically by Airport operator of Trivandrum Airport.

SPEAKERS

Ravi Narayan

CEO, T-Hub

Ravi is the CEO at T-Hub, which leads India's pioneering innovation ecosystem that powers next-generation products & new business models. In his two-decade long career, Ravi has been a product engineer, entrepreneur, investor, mentor, & leader. He has co-founded three companies that he led from inception to successful acquisition. As the global director of Microsoft for Startups, Ravi established Accelerators & co-sold programs across the world. He has chaired TiE Entrepreneurial Summit, NASSCOM Product Conclave, & PAN IIT Conclave. An engineer from IIT Madras, Ravi also holds an MS & MBA from the University of Southern California.



Advait Joshi

CEO, CLEAN

For over a decade now, Advait has delivered in setting up new ventures, organizational development, and market development through strategic leadership roles. Before CLEAN, Advait was part of the senior management at Samhita Social Ventures Pvt. Ltd. He has been instrumental in the growth of the organization from its start-up stage to the position of the trusted and leading CSR Consulting firm in India. He led a team to secure grants and investments, build synergistic relationships with companies, philanthropic foundations, social organizations and bi-lateral / multi-lateral agencies. Prior to Samhita, Advait started with co-founding a waste-to-energy startup, CH Four, which grew to a \$200,000 revenue in just 3 years.



SPEAKERS

Karthik Chandrashekhar

Founder & CEO, Sangam Ventures

Karthik started Sangam Ventures to find a new model to provide early stage support for climate change pioneers. As part of his effort to assist early stage founders, Karthik also help start AIC-Sangam, a cleantech incubator in Delhi, for which he serves as Chairman and is co-founder and product manager @ LexStart.com, a start-up that provides legal and compliance assistance to start-ups. Prior to Sangam, Karthik led cleantech investments in India for Acumen where he led and managed investments in start-ups including Orb Energy and Husk Power Systems. Prior to that he was with TVS Capital Funds where he focused on developing investment thesis for providing basic services in water, energy and agriculture for inclusive growth. At TVS Capital, he also assisted CII and Prof. C.K. Prahalad in developing vision for India@75. Karthik holds an MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Masters in Public Policy & Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a B. Tech from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.



Farhan Pettiwala

Executive Director & Head Development – India & South Asia Akhand Jyoti Eye Hospital

Farhan has had a distinguished 27 year long career as a serial entrepreneur, a senior corporate executive with multinational corporations in India, Australia, UAE, Singapore and has been engaged in running for-profit and not-for-profit social organizations. A gold medallist Mechanical Engineer from Pune University, Farhan left civil services and studied business management at Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad and subsequently did the Advanced Management Programme from Harvard Business School. Farhan has served as CEO/COO of firms such as – Carrier (UTC Group), Norfolk Group (ASX Listed), ISS Facility Management (Denmark) and Enactus (USA). He has been recognized by The Honourable Prime Minister of India and The President of India as the emerging Business leader of the year. Farhan currently serves as an Honorary Advisor to the Prime Minister of India (PMO) and is also a nominee on The Task Force for Skill Development in CII India@75. He is regularly invited to share his ideas on platforms such as – TiE, World Economic Forum and various summits such as The Economist and The Economic Times.



Svati Bhogle

Svati Bhogle Manages 2 social enterprises- TIDE and Sustaintech. TIDE is a non profit organization devoted to promoting sustainable development through technological interventions; thus, a not for profit society that works at the interface of science and society.

Sustaintech India Pvt Ltd (SIPL) is a leading start up company in the Green Energy area, promoted by a dedicated team of alumni from IITs and IIMs, and supported by a group of well-respected international investors. The Company currently operates in South India, addressing the commercial cook stove market in small towns and semi urban areas, and has established an excellent reputation for its range of energy efficient products over the past 3 years, with over 1500 installations.



Santanu Paul

Co-Founder & CEO, TalentSprint

Santanu is an entrepreneur, technocrat and opinion writer. He is the co-founder and chief executive of TalentSprint. From 2003-2008, Santanu worked for Virtusa Corporation as Senior Vice President for Global Delivery Operations and Head of Indian Operations, and was part of the global leadership team when the company went public on NASDAQ in 2007. From 1999-2003, Santanu worked as Chief Technology Officer at Viveca and Openpages, both venture-backed technology firms based in Boston. From 1995-1998, he was a Computer Scientist at IBM's prestigious T.J. Watson Research Lab in Yorktown Heights, New York. Santanu received his B.Tech from IIT Madras and his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, both in Computer Science. His academic record over time earned him the Rackham Doctoral Fellowship, the IBM Canada Fellowship, the LaCroute Fellowship, and the National Talent Scholarship. He is an author or co-author of twenty international technology papers and two United States patents. He is an Independent Board Director at the National Payments Corporation of India and NSDL Payments Bank.



SPEAKERS



Vikas Saluguti

Vikas Saluguti is a Serial Entrepreneur / Investor in ventures across healthcare, education, water and information technology. A former Investment Banker with ABN Amro in Europe for over 10 years. Vikas holds a Masters in Sustainability Leadership from Cambridge University, an MBA from INSEAD and a Bachelors in Civil Engineering.

B.S. Rao

Entrepreneur, Author and an Industry veteran

B.S.Rao is a 'Seasoned Strategist', Author, 'Social Sector Evangelist', and a 'Business Turnaround Specialist' 'with over two decades of rich and diverse experience managing 'Successful Start-Ups' as an Entrepreneur and an Industry veteran who has crafted successful marketing, global expansion strategies, effected business turnaround's and enhanced business growth ranging between 3X to 10X. He has steered organizations towards delivering enviable EBITDA, 'Top Line' and 'Bottom Line' besides mentoring promising as well as challenged entrepreneurs in social and non-social sectors.

He is a Winner of Several Industry awards including Best CMO of the Year Award consecutively from 2015 until 2019. He has also been awarded the Best Marketing Strategist Award and is considered as one of the 100 Best Marketing Minds of India.

B.S.Rao is an Alumnus of Indian Institute of Management (IIM). He currently steers the Marketing efforts at CtrlS Datacenters Ltd in his role as Vice President, Marketing besides serving Action For India (AFI) as Vice Chairman in his honorary role.



Hemendra Mathur

Hemendra has over 23 years of experience in venture capital, private equity, management consulting and investment banking. Hemendra in his career has invested in several early stage agritech and mid-sized companies in the agricultural supply chain. He is a mentor, investor and board member in many food and ag-tech start-ups working on innovations in agri-inputs, market linkages, mechanization, food nutrition and farmer financing. He is working as a Venture Partner with Bharat Innovation Fund –investing in deep-tech start-ups across sectors. Hemendra is also a co-founder of ThinkAg – a platform for accelerating the adoption of innovations in agriculture space. In his previous assignments; he has worked with SEAF, Yes Bank, Rabobank, KSA Technopak and ORG-MARG. He has authored many papers on the subject and speaks regularly at conferences pertaining to food and agribusiness sector as well as start-up ecosystem. He is a management graduate from IIM (Ahmedabad) and Agricultural Engineer from Rajasthan Agricultural University.



Richie Ahuja

He is an entrepreneur; problem solver for development, inclusive growth, business sustainability and environmental resilience; risk taker and change agent with expertise in climate change & development in Asia; data driven development; Climate Smart Agriculture; climate change and Food Systems; climate finance; decentralized renewable energy; and building institutions and coalitions. He is co-author of several peer-reviewed papers and book chapters and has extensive experience with various media formats, and launching (with our partners The Hunger Project) a climate change educational movie (Aarohan) that has now been translated into multiple local languages. He has several years of global work experience in India, Australia, UK, USA and the Caribbean spanning industries ranging from telecom, logistics, petrochemicals, banking, and software.



SPEAKERS

Sekhar Konidena

Sekhar, currently is part of the Global Services Council and heads Services division of PPM at Hexagon Capability Center India (HCCI), one of the key technology global R&D hubs for Hexagon. He has been deeply involved in the digitization process through consultancy and architectural program for many Owner Operators and EPCs across globe. Prior to this role, Sekhar was involved in design and development of SMART Digital Asset of Hexagon products. He holds a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Barkatullah University, Bhopal.



Rajat Garg



Rajat is a serial entrepreneur, having founded companies like Shimplify.com and SocialAppsHQ prior to starting myUpchar, India's biggest and the single largest portal providing credible information and creating health awareness in Hindi. Starting as a Research Engineer at C-Dot, Rajat soon moved to Amazon as a Product Manager, leading efforts to deliver new initiatives to enable Amazon's entry into new markets to drive incremental traffic to its website. He was also responsible for conceptualising for products like aStore and managed large scale systems to drive double digit revenue growth. Rajat's stint at Amazon was followed by a key role at DataSphere Technologies where he headed the real-estate segment. That is when the entrepreneurship bug bit him and Garg started Shimplify, an e-commerce venture that sold authentic and artisanal Indian products sourced from smaller vendors who had limited access. Soon after the website became operational in Hindi, a sudden spurt was witnessed with Ayurveda contributing 50% to the business. A little bit of research and the reason for this spurt was known. The fact that the content was made available in a language that most Indians communicated had played the trick. This, coupled with the realisation that 'healthcare is one of the most researched topic online', resulted in the birth of myUpchar. Rajat graduated from Delhi College of Engineering and subsequently completed his Masters in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

KC Misra

He is a social entrepreneur and innovator and the founder and chairman of eKutir group of companies. He has 30 years of leadership exposure in social entrepreneurship and Bottom of Pyramid market. He has a strong experience in rural banking, agriculture, microfinance, development, and technology services. He is a Global Ashoka fellow and widely recognized for his inclusive business models and social innovation. KC has been instrumental in driving excellence from his wide range of experience in the domain of agriculture, sanitation and clean and affordable energy for the Bottom of Pyramid population in rural areas. KC is an alumnus of Delhi University, India and certified in "Innovative organizational model of farmers, Corporate Leadership and sustainable new generation Co-operatives" from Graduate Institute of Cooperative Leadership (GICA), University of Missouri, Columbia, USA. He has been inducted as "Ashoka Changemakers" Fellow in 2012.



Kartik Desai

Kartik leads Asha Impact. He has led investments into and serves on the boards of start-ups across housing, financial services, waste, education and technology. Kartik is a board member of the Impact Investors Council, co-chair of the ANDE India Learning Lab on SME Finance, member of the PM's 'Champions of Change' group of young CEOs and member of Niti Aayog's working group on 'Housing for All' and 'Swachh Bharat'. Prior to founding Asha in 2014, Kartik has a decade of experience in venture capital, entrepreneurship, investment banking and international development in India and the US. He helped set up two \$60 million impact investment funds, Lok Capital II, focused on financial inclusion in India, and Aavishkaar Frontier Fund, setting up its operations in South Asia, in between founding QNA, and being a judge on The Real Deal. Prior to joining the impact investment industry in 2007, Kartik worked for three years with DSP Merrill Lynch in its investment banking and private equity teams in Mumbai and also consulted for the United Nations Development Program and Rockefeller Foundation while studying in New York. Kartik has a Bachelors degree in Finance from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and a Masters degree in International Affairs from Columbia University (SIPA).



Juhee Ahmed

Chief Executive Officer of DLabs Incubator Association at the Indian School of Business with 25 years of experience as a Communications and Marketing Professional, Juhee has work experience across the corporate sector, education, entrepreneurship and nonprofits in India, Australia and the USA. Before DLabs, she led a Deep Tech and Healthcare Incubator at IIT Hyderabad. Prior to this Juhee spent 13+ years in different roles within Microsoft India including leading the Communications and the CSR Function at Microsoft India R & D Pvt. Ltd (India Development Center- Hyderabad). Juhee was part of the team that launched Microsoft Ventures in India, has worked closely as an Advisor/Volunteer for Grace Hopper Conference for Women in Tech in India, Member for Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Microsoft Stem program for engineers from engineers from Tier2 colleges across Telangana. Her career started as a news reporter for Australian Broadcasting Corporation in Melbourne, Australia.



Anu Prasad

Founder-Director, (ILSS)



Anu Prasad is the Founder-Director of India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS). Prior to setting up ILSS in 2017, Anu was the founding Deputy Dean of the prestigious Young India Fellowship (YIF) and a founding member of Ashoka University, India's first liberal arts university. Before joining the social sector, Anu held leadership roles at multinational companies such as American Express and TNT. At Amex, she led the implementation of Amex's global financial reengineering as a part of launching Amex Financial Resource Centre in India. At TNT, she was the Head of Finance for the company's North India region. An entrepreneur at heart, Anu has also co-founded and managed a successful travel company. She has also been a consultant for Dell Foundation on education projects. Anu is an avid reader, an active volunteer in civic causes, and a passionate believer in lifelong learning, all of which she incorporates into the ILSS proposition of learning and values-based leadership. Anu also mentors young professionals and senior leaders. Anu graduated from HR College, Mumbai, and received her MBA from IMI, New Delhi.

Hiranmay Mahanta

Mr. Hiranmay Mahanta is a member of Global Shaper community an initiative of World Economic Forum (WEF). He is also a member of Start-up Policy Implementation Committee of AICTE and played a crucial role in developing the national roadmap for student start-up framework. He co-founded Techpedia while in college at SVNIT Surat which is a unique innovation platform to harness creative potential of young students. He played a key role in developing country's 1st large scale distributed innovation process at GTU Innovation Council catering to half a million students and acts as Honorary Director of this since its inception. GTU Innovation Council has supported nearly 350 patent filings and nurtured over 100 student start-ups at GTU. He also played a crucial role in developing Student Start-up and Innovation Policy, Govt. of Gujarat which is trying to create a unique innovation & start-up ecosystem across 65 universities in Gujarat catering to 1.4 million students. He is also a member of Innovation & Start-up Unit, CII Western region. Hiranmay is based in Ahmedabad.



Gopala Krishnan

Co-Founder, WayBeyond Media Pvt Ltd

Gopala Krishnan (GK) is a social entrepreneur working on maternal and child health issues. He works with the Indian Academy of Pediatrics on 5 projects, two are aimed at caregivers, to enhance standards at the point of care. The other three are operating at scale, reaching millions of mothers and children directly. His projects include – IPAN, Waybeyond Media (www.waybeyond.in), Poshan (www.poshan.org), Immunizeindia (www.immunizeindia.org) and IAP Vaani Earlier in his career, GK managed venture capital funded companies in India and China. He blogs at www.gopalakrishnan.co.in



SPEAKERS

Rikin Gandhi

Rikin co-founded Digital Green at Microsoft Research to use peer-to-peer videos to share agricultural practices among farming communities. He now also leads Loop, an Uber Pool to transport and sell farmers' fresh fruit and vegetable produce at market. His work has reached more than 2 million farmers across Africa and Asia. Rikin studied computer science at Carnegie Mellon University and aerospace engineering at MIT, and is a licensed private pilot.



Ajaita Shah



After completing her degree in international relations from Tufts University, Ajaita worked with leading microfinance organizations such as Ujjivan Financial Services, Bharat Financial Inclusion, Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). In 2011, Ajaita founded Frontier Markets (FM). With 15 years of experience in microfinance and clean energy distribution, Ajaita drives efficiency in sales by applying a gender-centric lens to deliver solutions to rural households. She speaks frequently at global summits set up by the International Finance Corporation, World Bank, United Nations, and investment communities to provide an entrepreneurial perspective to address SDGs 5 and 7, to reframe thinking about the evolution of gender, finance, entrepreneurship, and energy access. Ajaita is a board member for the Shine Campaign and she is a long-term advisor of the Ashden India Collective and the People-Centred Accelerator (SE4ALL).. She established the Frontier Innovations Foundation in 2012, which connects entrepreneurs who are solving the challenge of last-mile distribution to a support network, donor capital, and development institutions.

SPEAKERS

Sandeep Raju

Sandeep Raju is co-founder and director at Samaaru India, an agri financial and value chain services venture on a mission to make farming a desirable occupation and support the development of farmers and rural entrepreneurs at scale. Sandeep also supports Synthara (silicon tech for edge computing) and Haqdarshak (citizen services) in non-executive board roles and is a modest private investor in ~10 ventures across India, Switzerland, USA and Singapore. He earlier served as CIO at Pioneering Ventures, incubation partners for Samaaru. Prior to starting up, Sandeep had an 18-year career with India's leading technology and outsourcing companies, where he led P&L units, M&A, investments and new business incubation activities. He is an alumnus of India's leading business and engineering schools and is based in Basel, Switzerland.



Arjun Vaidya

Arjun Vaidya is the CEO at Dr. Vaidya's: New Age Ayurveda. Prior to his entrepreneurial stint, Arjun graduated from Brown University, USA with a BA in International Relations and Economics. He then worked in private equity at a consumer sector focused fund, L Capital Asia (the private equity arm of the Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy Group). In October 2016, Arjun quit his job to take on his 150-year-old family legacy of Ayurvedic formulations that his grandfather left behind. Dr. Vaidya's aims to take the traditional science of Ayurveda to the 21st century by using innovative packaging, branding and new formats of products. Arjun was recently the first Ayurvedic Entrepreneur to be featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List for 2019 and BW 40 Under 40 List! With innovative concepts like LIVitup (Hangover Shield) and Chakaash (Herbal Health Toffees), Dr. Vaidya's has captured the imagination of thousands of consumers to become India's largest digital Ayurveda brand. In June 2019, Dr. Vaidya's raised ~USD 5m (~INR 35 Cr) from the RP Sanjiv Goenka Group for the brand's next leg of growth. Outside of work, Arjun is an advisor to football focused NGO, Just for Kicks, is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper and a Mentor at the Atal Innovation Mission.



Ashwin Naik

Ashwin Naik is on a mission to catalyze wellbeing and impact. He is passionate about healthcare access and an advocate for strong primary health as the backbone of healthcare systems worldwide. He consults with organisations around the world, as the founding partner of We Scale Impact. He is also a Resident Fellow at Ashoka. In addition he co- founded Vaatsalya (India's first rural hospitals network) and Seraniti (India's first integrated mental health organization). He also leads DisruptHealth, a health focused ecosystem enabler based in Bangalore/ Pune and is actively involved in the sector as an advisor and angel investor. He is the author of two books – The Healthcare Gamechangers, which profiles innovations around the world which have the potential to change the way healthcare is delivered, and #ChangeStartsYoung, a book about young changemakers who are starting as early as 11 years young.



Azeez Gupta

Head of Strategic Initiatives, Pratham Foundation



Azeez Gupta is the Head of Strategic Initiatives at Pratham, one of India's most reputed education non-profits impacting 8 million children annually. He is a graduate of the Harvard Business School and IIT Delhi, and was formerly a management consultant at McKinsey and Company. Azeez's responsibilities include scaling the digital learning initiative (reaching 250,000 children presently) and key organisational functions such as finance and talent. Before his current role, he led Pratham's award-winning skills development program, providing livelihoods to 25,000 youth annually. Azeez is a published opinion writer and speaker in prominent publications and institutions. He was selected as an Education Innovation Fellow at the Harvard Institute for Learning and Teaching, and nominated to the Social Enterprise Initiative Advisory Board at HBS. Azeez is a recipient of the Horace W. Goldsmith Fellowship for social entrepreneurship at HBS and was awarded institute prizes for all-round excellence at IIT-Delhi.

SPEAKERS

Uma Sudhir

Executive Editor with New Delhi Television (NDTV)

She has been awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2017 by The Media Foundation. She got the Ramnath Goenka award for Excellence in Journalism for Uncovering India Invisible. She got the UNFPA Laadli awards five times for reports on the girl child and infanticide, critical reports on policies for protection of the girl child. Uma got the IPI award for excellence in journalism given away by President Abdul Kalam for a series on Baby India (India's girl child), Uma continues to be an on-the-field reporter, covering from the ground, first hand, important political and other news developments across south India with sensitivity, perspective and understanding. She also specialises in going beyond the immediate news story, to analyse the underlying issues, explore related and critical aspects, to tell in-depth stories of people and issues, in an engaging manner in the long format. She likes to tell every and any story in a simple way that can touch the heart and leave a thought in the viewer's mind and psyche.



K Rama Devi

Mrs. Kanneganti Rama Devi is the Founder and President of Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (formerly known as ALEAP). Being an educator, business consultant, social worker, and a successful Indian entrepreneur, she is an inspiration to many aspiring entrepreneurs. Mrs. Rama Devi is known for her conceptual abilities as well as Interpersonal Relations. She also established Shivani Engineering Works, which is into body building of buses for Road Transport Corporation of AP and Telangana having a turnover of 8 crores, providing employment to 50 people. With a Transformative idea Mrs. Rama Devi started an exclusive Industrial Estate for Women in Andhra Pradesh. The estate has been acclaimed as the best and 1st Industrial estate for women in India under public and private partnership.



SPEAKERS



Dr. P.J. Narayanan

Professor & Director, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad

P. J. Narayanan is a Professor at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad and the institute's current director since April 2013. He is known for his work in computer vision, computer graphics, and parallel computing on the GPU.



Dr. B. Venkatesham

Assitant Professor , IIT Hyderabad

His areas of Intrests include Vibrations and Acoustics
Current Research Interests: Vibrations, Engineering Acoustics, Industrial Noise control, Acoustic-Structural Coupled Systems and Sound Quality.

SPEAKERS

Sreekanth Perepu

Head Venture Capital, Jubilant Bhartia Group

Experienced Investment and M&A professional, Angel Investor and Board Observer with more than 14 years of buy side, sell side, fund raising and valuation advisory across Technology, Internet, e-commerce, Healthcare, Education, Industrials/Manufacturing, Infrastructure/EPC and Real Estate sectors. Have worked across New York, Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Hyderabad.



Prem Kumar Vislawath

Founder & Chief Innovator, Marut Drones

I have a desire to be a part of the change that today's visionary leaders, of all areas, are marching towards. I am on a constant exploration ...for ideas, for methodologies and for people. The human-race has evolved from a satisfied, naive and dispersed community to a highly sophisticated, connected and dis-satisfied one; I try to abstain fretting...and try to evolve by being an active part of the immense growth, a giant leap, the mankind is to fathom in the 21st century. I enjoy meeting like minded enthusiasts in the spheres of technology, design and product development;my calling is collaborating with them for a mutually beneficial association. In a nutshell, I'm on an expedition. A constant expedition to explore ideas, methodologies and people.



SPEAKERS



Shashank Kumar

Founder, DeHaat and B.Tech from IIT Delhi

Aniket Deogar

Co-Founder & CEO, Haqdarshak Empowerment Solutions



I am the cofounder of a social impact organization – Haqdarshak. Haqdarshak's mission is to ensure that the benefits of varied government and private schemes reach the people they are intended to help across India. Our goal is to empower citizens, both rural and urban, by providing easy access to schemes as well as eligibility information, and reliable support to assist in getting the benefit for the same. We do this by blending a technology platform which all the information and access to these schemes; with the in-person guidance and support needed through our community of 'Haqdarshaks' who work with citizens to inform and give them access to their rights to government schemes in India. My role as the CEO is to overall lead the team, which is now 75 members strong spreading across 10 states of India. My key deliverables are fundraising, strategy, hiring and operations. I also work on the overall partnerships and network development model within Haqdarshak to scale our services pan India.

SPEAKERS

Pavan Adipuram

He runs a company called ChitMonks which is awarded as the "Most Innovative Blockchain Startup" in the state formation day awards of Telangana 2018. He is building a Citizen centric, Financially inclusive Bharat by creating the largest network of Savers and Borrowers on Blockchain. He is working closely with the industry for more than 3.5 years. He believes that bringing a decentralized and distributed system for ROSCAs with regulators on the same network, will help to decentralize the regulator's activity, He is currently working with Telangana State Government to bring the entire ROSCA operations across the state onto this network.



Shri. Ghanshyam Tiwari

National Spokesperson, Samajwadi Party

Ghanshyam Tiwari, National Spokesperson for Samajwadi Party, stood for Parliament from Bihar in 2019. He is an alumnus of Harvard, Kellogg, IIM Bangalore, and NITK Surathkal and an edtech entrepreneur running GoodEd Technologies, a high school video coaching company. He also serves as the CoChair of EdTech Committee at IAMAI. Ghanshyam has advised Chief Ministers and Parliamentarians, served global organizations such as BMGF and LSE, worked at McKinsey, Intel, and Texas Instruments. His mission is to help every girl student in India pass high school and help the school and college drop-outs build a viable career. He is active on Twitter: @GhanshyamTiwari and reachable at email: gtiwari@learner.in



SPEAKERS

Shiv Aggarwal

CEO, MyEarth.Id

Shiv Aggarwal is the CEO of MyEarth.Id, a Decentralised Identity Management Platform. He is a technology entrepreneur working with niche technologies, including Blockchain and cryptocurrencies. He is also the founder & director of Fumae.tech, London based Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies experts and also leads the Identity and Hashgraph groups at Government Blockchain Association, an international non-profit organization. Shiv has more than 14 years of IT Industry experience, having worked with global brands like Bank of America, Lloyds of London and Unilever. Shiv has a global corporate exposure, working across US, UK and India.



Shri. Mudit Narain

Programme Director, Niti Aayog

Public policy, development, and governance work interested in two broad fields: (a) innovation and entrepreneurship; (b) energy policy, climate change, and infrastructure regulation. Currently based at the Niti Aayog, managing the Atal Innovation Mission, which aims to create an innovation culture, and the requisite infrastructure, in the country. Proud of the thousands of hours spent to earn my two master's degrees from MIT, which taught me how to make sense of a chaotic world. Salute to the 'Tvte!



SPEAKERS

Ramesh Kaza

Senior Vice President & CIO, State Street

Strategic Global Delivery Executive, capable of managing complex and diversified technology and infrastructure services. Ability to manage very large teams and multi million dollars portfolio .(Predominantly Financial Services) Specialties: Technology & Infrastructure Services Management | Global Delivery/Sourcing | Global Team Management | Strategy Planning & Development | Multi country work experience



Sylvia Smetana

Co-Founder, Divershefy Inc. & Partner, Angaros Group

For more than 25 years Sylvia Smetana has held leading roles as financial manager, advisor, entrepreneur and board member in organizations located both in Europe and the US. She worked with value driven CEOs and business owners to build a high performing business cultures and empower women to reach the top. With an MBA from the University of Vienna (Austria) she started her career with KPMG. She moved to Germany to work as a business consultant and a few years later to the US to take on the role of a Finance Director. After 10 years she joined the Change Leadership Expert Company Growth River in the US as a senior consultant helping large and small businesses achieve their growth potential. Building on this she founded a consulting company in Austria in 2013 and moved to Germany to work with the Growth River Team in Europe. She now calls India her home and joined Angaros Group as a partner in 2017. Sylvia's passion is helping women to become top leaders and enabling more diversity in leadership. She is a founding partner of the Angaros Initiative "Divershefy" striving to bring more qualified women into boardrooms and C-suites worldwide.



Mr. Saurav Banerjee

Venture Partner, Kalaari Capital

Saurav Banerjee joined Kalaari capital as Venture Partner in January 2019. Saurav has over 20 years of experience in Media and Entertainment and Financial Consultancy. He has been in the leadership team of NDTV since 2006 first as CFO and later as Co-CEO of the NDTV Group. He has been a part of the core team that spearheaded NDTV's growth as an industry leader and as the most respected media company in the country. He started his career with PwC in their Global Capital Market Group. Saurav is adept at providing leadership in matters pertaining to mergers & acquisitions, change management, stakeholder engagement and business strategy. He has vast experience in setting up new ventures, realigning operations, raising seed funding, equity and debt financing, financial restructuring, financial analysis and mitigating risks. Saurav is a Chartered Accountant and did the Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School. He is also on the board of Welham Boys School in Dehradun. Saurav is an avid reader and loves to travel.



GV Krishnagopal

CEO, Access Livelihoods Consulting India

A rural management professional from IRMA, he is passionate about working with the economically marginalized in their efforts to transform their lives and be self-reliant. His experience in the development sector extends to over 15 years primarily with specific focus in development of producer owned organizations (cooperatives and producer companies). He has had the opportunity to be the Manager_ Dairy Cooperative Promotion in Cooperative Development Foundation to promote, design and develop India's first all - women cooperative dairy enterprise at Mulukanoor, Karimnagar District, Andhra Pradesh. He later worked with Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty on extending support to self help groups of women in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh where they were enabled to manage the large self sustaining food security program. His areas of interests include enterprise promotion, employment generation, cooperatives and producer companies, managerial applications for development and institution development. He extends consulting services on evaluation & assessment, strategic & business planning, capacity building, research & studies. He has presented papers including: "Tribal Livelihoods – Emerging Initiatives" – in a National Seminar on Tribal Livelihoods and "Role of Cooperatives in Financial Inclusion" to College of Agricultural Banking, Reserve Bank of India. He has also represented the interest of farmers and producers in National Advisory Committee Meetings.



Gaurav Shah

Founder at Indian School of Development Management



Suchitra Ella

JMD , Bharat Biotech

Mrs. Suchitra Ella is the Joint Managing Director of Bharat Biotech, which she co-founded with Dr. Ella in 1996. With experience in customer operations, finance, marketing and business development, Mrs. Ella is a strong pillar of support and guidance at Bharat, overseeing a wide range of operations in the company. Mrs. Suchitra Ella is also the Chairperson of CII Indian Women Network. She serves on the Boards of ISB Well Wisher's Trust and United Way Hyderabad—an International Charity Partner focused on social empowerment in local communities with focus on livelihoods, health and education. She was a former Board member of TTD. Mrs. Suchitra strongly believes in corporate citizenship and social responsibility. She spearheads the CSR initiatives of the company. Mrs. Ella holds a BA in Economics and Social Sciences from the University of Madras. She followed this up with diploma in business development from UWCU—Madison, diploma in real estate management from University of South Carolina and post-graduate diploma in patent law from NALSAR—Hyderabad. Several awards have been conferred on her including the South Indian Business Achievers Award 2016, Zee TV Best Women Entrepreneur Award, SAARC Women Entrepreneur Award etc.



Satyam Vyas

CEO & Founder, Arthan

Satyam is the founder of Arthan, a social enterprise that provides strategic human capital consulting support to mission-driven organisations. Arthan offers both technology products and recruitment services that help build great teams and simultaneously prepares underprivileged government school children for the future of work. Satyam has spent a decade in education, skill development and social entrepreneurship. Satyam believes that education can provide the tools necessary to change the world. He dreams to have a defined career path for all children and youth in the country. In the last one decade, Satyam has designed, implemented, scaled and impacted the lives of more than two million children studying in government schools in India. In the past, he has worked with leading non-profits in India-Pratham. Satyam is a THINK fellow, holds an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from Delhi University and executive degrees in social entrepreneurship and leading successful social programs from Stanford Business School and Harvard Kennedy School.



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SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

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Aashutos Kumar

Director, AARNAINNOVATIVE IT SOLUTIONS PVT LIMITED

Aashutos Kumar holds a B.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering from IIT Kanpur. He worked for corporate Sun Microsystems, New York Mercantile Exchange and Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Aashutos's Controlled Crop Cultivation system aims to save thousands of farmers from committing suicide every year and also to save Lakhs of Crores of tax payers money spent on farm loan waiver schemes. He has 6 pending patents on his name. Aashutos loves to practice Nunchuk and a mix of Yoga & Martial-Art. He won Gold medal in Tae-Kwon-Do National Championship this year.



Social Entrepreneurs

Abhi Gawri

Co-founder, Loopworm

An IITR alum, Abhi Gawri always strived for social impact through entrepreneurship before he embarked on a journey of converting food waste into protein by co-founding Loopworm. At Loopworm, he is rearing insects on food waste to produce a natural feed ingredient for animal feed companies and bringing the food waste back into the circular loop.



Abhilash Joseph

Co-founder & CEO, Leo&Mike

Abhilash is co-founder and CEO at Leo&Mike. He is an experienced founder with a demonstrated history of starting-up and scaling businesses. With an overall work experience of 13 years, he has started and run profitable businesses in education, technology and construction industries. He is an MBA/PGP from Indian School of Business (ISB). He received the 'Young Leader Award' in 2015 for his contributions to the Indian School of Business and Class of 2015



Social Entrepreneurs

Abhinav Jha

Founder, Culture CoLab

He Studied Mechanical Engg and Management at the University of Edinburgh and University of California San Diego. He worked at the National Innovation Foundation. He is passionate about entrepreneurship and has been failing at it since he was 12 years old.



Abilash Haridass

Co-Founder, WEGoT Utility Solutions Private Limited

Abilash Haridass is one of the Co-Founders at WEGoT Utility Solutions, a company that has built an IoT enabled platform which reduces the demand for water in buildings by 50% and has resulted in savings of over 1 billion liters of water. He is driven by rapid and sustainable growth. Getting this life saving product into the hands of millions of people is his calling.



Social Entrepreneurs

Ajat Shatru

Founder & CEO, GharSeNaukri.com

Gained experience with time and left his job to start his own business ventures which have a socio-economic impact on Indian society. Women power, independence, finance, confidence are means of women empowerment. His ventures GharSeNaukri.com and WomenInBusiness.in aim for complete women engagement through jobs and home business opportunities to help them earn and be independent. He has a well-defined vision of changing the attitude of our society, especially among women in their relations, employment, freedom and the overall space they deserve. Striving to be the world's biggest Opportunity creator for women by the year 2022.





Akanksha Chandele

Founder, I Am

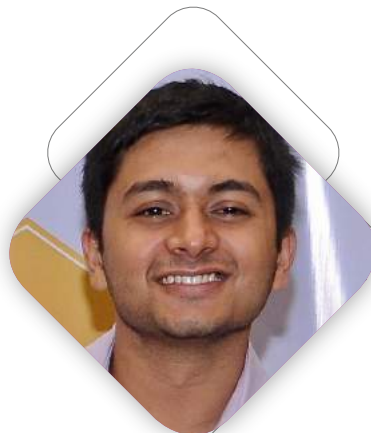
Akanksha is a counselling psychologist and trainer, actively engaged in the field of child, adolescent & adult mental wellbeing. She is a certified practitioner of Arts Based Therapy, Family Therapy and Trauma counselling with a strong focus to work for the prevention of child sexual abuse and gender sensitization. With a deep inclination to work for the mental wellbeing of the marginalized population, Akanksha has developed and implemented several therapeutic interventions and programs at various NGOs and Schools

Social Entrepreneurs

Akshay Dixit

Co-Founder and COO, Vesatogo Innovations

Akshay has completed his engineering in computer science from Pune University and has been engaged in various organizations since college days. He has headed the local chapter of AIESEC, World's largest youth run organization and has 2.5+ years of experience of working in the social (rural in particular) domain. Prior to starting Vesatogo Innovations, he was the business development head of Preleaf Technology focusing on reducing preventable maternal deaths in rural India. He is passionate about solving social challenges using technologies which can impact the lives of a billion people.



Aman Kesharwani

Chief executive officer, Algol Technology

Aman Kesharwani is founder and chief executive officer of Algol Technology. He holds B.Tech. in computer science & engg. from IIT Delhi with over fifteen years of experience in software and hardware design, development and testing. He has worked as a consultant for companies like Conexant and Clearspeed Technologies, UK and has been an ex-employee of tech giants like Yahoo and Pitney Bowes.



Social Entrepreneurs

Anil Kumar Reddy

CEO & Co-Founder, Donatekart

Anil Kumar Reddy is a 24-year-old young entrepreneur who founded Donatekart with a vision to bring transparency in the Indian retail giving space. He was the CMO & Co-Founder of Newspot which used to publish news in short format on a mobile app. He has worked in the social sector for over 6 Years volunteering and assisting many NGOs in Operations & Fundraising. In 2018, Anil was named in 40 Under 40 list of Inspiring Entrepreneurs by The New Indian Express.





Anil Nair

Co Founder, Bionic Hope Private Limited

RoboBionics is a company that manufactures Upper Limb Prosthesis for people with Disability or Amputation below elbow, rather than calling them disabled we call them differently abled people. The vision of our company is to rehabilitate the differently abled people so that they "Never Feel Broken".

Social Entrepreneurs

Ankit Kumar

Founder and CEO, Golden Grain Enterprises

Studied MBA from Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed University) Agra, and has work experience of 14 years in sales and marketing and social entrepreneurship primarily in ecommerce for Investorsathi, zillykraft.com, medical devices (myhealthklub.com) and finally footwear (shoegaro.com). While working with footwear Industry he came in contact with various artisans now working as laborers in factories and got to know their glorious past and how they ended up as laborers. To address this concern of declining art of handmade shoemaking, he started his journey of social entrepreneurship towards generating sustainable livelihoods for these artisans.



Anupam Sinhal

Founder, BookMyBai.com

Bookmybai is one of India's leading platforms which helps underprivileged women get a high paying and reliable job of a domestic worker.



Social Entrepreneurs

B.Pavan Kumar Gupta

Licencor, Avan Tech Innovation Private Limited

He is passionate towards working to develop Innovative products which are mostly related to Environmental conservation. In this regard he invented E-Bicycle in 2010 and Starter based Water level control unit in 2017 and it was applied for a Patent (Currently it is under Examination). He has given Licence to a Startup recognized company to commercialize the product in the year 2018 October. His aim is to make and give Indigenous solutions to the society.



Dr B R Athani

Executive Director, Nutriplus Foods Pvt Ltd



Dr B.R.Athani is a development management professional with 35 years of experience in community based enterprises, primarily, the farm based. By training, he is a veterinarian and rural management alumni from IRMA. Has wide experience in promoting and enhancing livestock based livelihoods (dairying, sheep, goat), organic farming and supply chains across agribusiness verticals. His main focus is to work with markets to bring in systemic changes to ensure equitable returns for the producers. He is also working as consultant to UNDP for their livelihood based projects in Maharashtra, apart from an adviser to many of the development networks in the country.

Social Entrepreneurs

Benjamin Raja

Founder & CEO, Farmagain Agro Private Limited

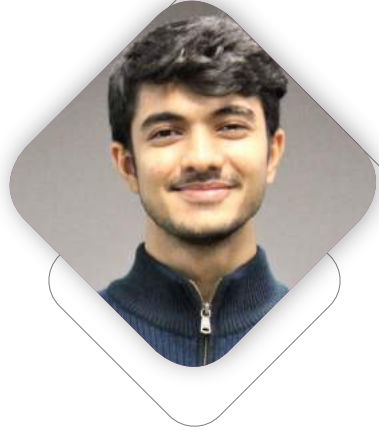
Mr. Benjamin Raja worked as Senior Management Executive in leading MNCs such as Honeywell & LVMH. With a Post-Graduate degree in Computer Science and profound insight in R&D, Mr. Benjamin worked in India and abroad for over 17 years. Despite his apex role, he opted to retire with an intention to contribute to the Indian society. He was passionate about improving Agricultural productivity by bringing in the most modern technology into the core of Precision-Agriculture. His innovation is revolutionary and can bring down water and fertilizer usage while substantially improving productivity and thus, make farming a great career opportunity for the Young-India.



Bonny Dave

Founder, Design & Customer Relations Lead, Trestle Labs

While Bonny was pursuing his engineering, a chance visit to the Blind Peoples Association along with a friend crystallized his expectation from his education in engineering. He looked at engineering as a means to bridge the gap between human aspirations and resources. Today, as the Founder of Trestle Labs, he designs and builds products that excite and motivate people with blindness and visual-impairment to go beyond their perceived limits, offering services that help unlock aspirations for learners. The awards and recognition that have followed his startup's work seem to indicate that this is just the beginning of how technology can be used as an enabler and empower people, irrespective of their disability.



Social Entrepreneurs

Chandni Rajendran

Co-founder, CEO, Tactopus Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd.

Chandni Rajendran is an interaction designer and entrepreneur, leading an ed-tech startup, Tactopus Learning Solutions. Tactopus makes multi-sensory, tech-enabled learning resources for children of ages 3+, with a focus on making them inclusive, accessible and beneficial to all children including those with disabilities - visual, learning and developmental. She is a graduate from IDC School of Design, IIT Bombay.



David Eshkol Patnala

Founder & Chief Technologist, Jerusha Green Motors Inc.

He is the founder of Jerusha Green Motors and he is a green technologist and an environmentalist. He works with all internal combustion engines. He specializes in mileage or fuel efficiency boosting of all vehicular engines that run on petrol, diesel, LPG & CNG. He was an innovator tuned into an entrepreneur using his 5M Mileage Boost technology. His USP is engine diagnostics, emission reduction and performance boosting in all IC engines.



Social Entrepreneurs

Dhaval Udani

Founder & CEO, Danamojo

Dhaval, the Founder & CEO of danamojo is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and a Computer Science graduate from VJTI, Mumbai. Dhaval has an experience of over 15 years spanning technology, management consulting and philanthropy advisory. Dhaval has worked with multi-nationals such as Citigroup and A. T. Kearney before he began his social sector journey with GivelIndia initially as a volunteer in 2006 before joining full-time in 2008. He led GivelIndia as the CEO for 4 years from 2011 to 2014. During his association with GivelIndia, retail fundraising increased from Rs. 7 cr to Rs. 42 cr through more than 150,000 donors. Dhaval is also an Aspen Fellow and a part of its India Leadership Initiative.



Dhirendra Pratap Singh

Chief Executive Officer, Milaan Foundation

Dhirendra Pratap Singh is the CEO of Milaan Foundation, a non-profit which envisions an inclusive and equal world, where every girl has the knowledge, skills and social environment to pursue her dreams and explore her full potential. With a Masters degree in Development Studies and BSc (Honours) in Mathematics, he has also been a recipient of the Karamveer Puruskar and Youth Ambassador for Peace Award. He is a graduate of Artira - Leadership Accelerator Program at IIM Bangalore. In 2017, Dhirendra was a part of the Indian delegation to South Asian Youth Summit in Afghanistan.



Social Entrepreneurs

Eshan Sadasivan

Founder and CEO, PROSOC Innovators Pvt Ltd

He is a product design enthusiast and started PROSOC Innovators Pvt Ltd in 2015 soon after his Master's degree in Product Design from IIT Kanpur. The idea of DESKIT came from seeing the common problem faced by students in government schools. To help children sit with proper body posture and study comfortably a durable, stable product was required at a nominal price point. To bridge this gap and motivate students to study comfortably and sincerely, DESKIT was designed and developed. PROducts for SOCIety is innovating products of social importance.



G Satya Dev

CEO, ABY Farmers LLP



Satya Dev holds Post-Graduate Diploma in Rural Management IRMA and a B. Tech (Mech) from JNTU. During his 20 years of experience, Satya has got the opportunity to work with more than 50 institutions which include national and international Development organisations, Government departments at state and central levels and he has coordinated large livelihood projects and gained experience in the design and implementation of collective enterprises for increasing the income levels of marginalised people. Satya has facilitated more than 25 collective enterprises on different livelihoods viz., dairy, agriculture, handlooms etc. He has worked on value addition of commodities like Redgram, Soyabean, Groundnut and Milk.

Social Entrepreneurs

Ganesh Hassan Shankar

Founder and CEO, FluxGen Engineering Technologies

Founder and CEO of FluxGen Technologies, visiting faculty at the Center for Continuing Education at Indian Institute of Science, Founder of The Sustainability Mafia, Co-founder 14W Technologies, Cyclist for life and driven by purpose.



Dr. Geetanjali Chopra

Founder and President, Wishes and Blessings

Dr Geetanjali Chopra completed her schooling from the Convent of Jesus and Mary, New Delhi, Bachelors from Lady Shri Ram College for Women, and her Masters, M.Phil, and Ph.D from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. In addition, she has undertaken courses in international law from the Hague and Utrecht University in the Netherlands. Professionally, she kick-started her career in the field of Journalism, and later moved on to academics. She finally followed her lifelong dream and pursued a career in the field of social service. Her efforts have been recognised and awarded by the government as well as private and media institutions. She has also delivered several TEDx talks, sharing her journey and experiences as a social activist.



Social Entrepreneurs

Hari Prasath

Co.Founder & Chief Business Officer, ACCULI LABS PRIVATE LIMITED

He is a product design enthusiast and started PROSOC Innovators Pvt Ltd in 2015 soon after his Master's degree in Product Design from IIT Kanpur. The idea of DESKIT came from seeing the common problem faced by students in government schools. To help children sit with proper body posture and study comfortably a durable, stable product was required at a nominal price point. To bridge this gap and motivate students to study comfortably and sincerely, DESKIT was designed and developed. PROducts for SOCiety is innovating products of social importance.

Jayanth Neelakanta

CEO, Socratease

Dr Jayanth Neelakanta has a PhD in Physics from Syracuse University. He has over 8 years of teaching experience in India and the US. He is also a full-stack web developer. Jayanth is very keen on ensuring that everyone in the world has easy access to good-quality educational content. He also firmly believes that personalised self-learning is critical to effective education. He founded Socratease to make learning more joyful and interactive. Socratease uses users' interactions with the content to better understand their learning gaps. It then serves content that remedies these learning gaps.



Social Entrepreneurs

Keshava Prasad S

Project Director, Sampoorana Swaraj Foundation

Mr. Keshava Prasad is the Project Director for NLT at Sampoorana Swaraj Foundation. Most recently he was Vice President of Agile Transformation, Citibank, Singapore. Previously, he has worked at SapientNitro in Senior Management Position, WIPRO, and INKROMA.



Kiran Verma

Founder, Change With One Foundation

Kiran Verma is the founder of Simply Blood, world's first virtual blood donation platform. A school dropout who became marketing head. One accident where he got to know that his own blood was sold changed his life and he took a pledge to end any kind of death happening due to lack of blood in India by 2025.



Social Entrepreneurs

Kiran Vuppala

CEO and Founder, Cerelia Nutritech Pvt Ltd

N V V Kiran Vuppala, a bonafide biotechnologist by degree and technopreneur by passion with extensive detailed research and experimental knowledge in the diverse areas of life sciences. Proven history of collaborations with cross functional teams to achieve continuous improvement and far-reaching objectives. Presently, the CEO & Co-founder of Cerelia Nutritech, a healthcare startup incorporated with an aim to create impact by transforming the lives of millions to make their lives healthier and happier. Also, a BIRAC Social Innovator under SPARSH program of BIRAC, DBT, GoI, brings his interdisciplinary experience in product management, investments having 9 years of experiences.



Kushant Uppal

Founder and MD, Intelizon Energy Pvt Ltd

Dr Kushant has 20 years of techno-commercial success designing and launching technology products in the solar and telecom markets. His hands on experience leading R&D, operations, sales and marketing creates a unique business experience. He is a global leader having managed business operations in USA, Canada, Europe, Africa and Asia. Prior to creating a profitable social venture in Intelizon Energy, he incubated multiple Rs1000million businesses in the optical telecom sector in the USA. He holds a BTECH from IIT M and an MS/PHD from the University of Southern California.



Social Entrepreneurs

KVKLN Rao

Avyantra Health Technologies

KVKLN Rao has over 24 years of experience in IT & Analytics, Manufacturing domain and has undergone a fellowship course on healthcare entrepreneurship at a premier institute with intensive clinical immersion for over 500 hours. He graduated with a B.Tech from Nagpur University, MBA from TAPMI Manipal, and holds a one-year Business Analytics & Intelligence (BAI) certification from IIM Bangalore. He is also a PMP Certified project management professional. He is deeply passionate about healthcare entrepreneurship and works full time (100% involvement) in the start-up funded by him.



Manjeet Singh

CEO, Smiling Star Advisory Pvt Ltd

Manjeet is CEO of Buddy4Study, Asia's largest scholarship platform. Manjeet is a serial entrepreneur and has started and got successful exits from Elucit Software Services Pvt Ltd and Pinig Tech Pvt Ltd. Manjeet has done B.Tech from MERI, kolkata and has worked with IBM, and MTN-Africa



Social Entrepreneurs

Dr. Megha Phansalkar

Founder and Trustee, Tisser Rural Handicrafts Pvt Ltd and Tisser Artisan Trust

An Urban Regional Planner with an experience of 20 years in the development sector, Dr Megha Phansalkar specializes in community led development in rural water supply, rural/ urban sanitation and rural development with a focus on livelihoods. While she works as a WASH and Livelihood consultant with the World Bank (WB), Megha is a social entrepreneur and founder of Tisser. Megha is Resident Representative for WB driven India's NRLP NRETP in the State of Maharashtra. Dr.Phansalkar was invited by Stanford University (February 2018) to deliver a lecture on WASH livelihood convergence. She is elected in Steering Committee for three years to represent South Asia in WSSCC (Water Supply Sanitation Collaborative Council, Geneva) WSSCC is a body with UNOPS



Nikhil Gehlot

Co-Founder & Chief Innovation Officer, Solecraft



Nikhil Gehlot is the Co-founder & Chief Innovation Officer of Solecraft (Genesole Private Limited) and Director of Ideaforge Innovations Private Limited. He has four years of experience in both the profit and non-profit sectors. He is a graduate in Civil Engineering from SRM University, India. He has worked with Development Alternative, VSO India and Ashoka: Innovators for Public. His expertise includes strategic collaboration, Problem-solving, and Enabling technologies to create inclusiveness and reach the masses. He has been the recipient of Multiple Scholarships and awards. His creative and technical work has been featured in Limca Books of World Records and prestigious journals. He is a fellow at IDEX and Changemakerxchange (Supported by Ashoka and Robert Borsch Foundation)

Social Entrepreneurs

Palak Madan

Founder, WatOR

Palak is the founder at WatOR. She has received a grant from Oxford University based philanthropic organisation to conduct research and pilot the intervention in India. Being a CS graduate, she has previously worked in various technology startups in AI and healthcare domain; some of them are Blackbox AI (based out of US), Untangle AI (Singapore), JustDoc (India), Emotion Reader etc. Besides her work at WatOR, her research work revolves around Future of Machine Intelligence, long-term ethical problems of robust and beneficial Artificial Intelligence, simulation theory, ethical reasoning, rationality, and developing ecosystem around how to do the most possible good in the world with technology. She likes to focus on big picture questions facing humanity.



Partha Chakraborty

Chief Scientific Officer, Arogyam Medisoftware Pvt LTD

Partha is an inventor and social innovator with the vision and leadership insights to plan, direct and achieve scale. His work involves development of cognitive IOT devices for agriculture and healthcare, enabling quality and affordable diagnostic testing. His work is showcased at Agnii, innovation portal of office of principal scientific advisor of Govt of India, selected by NITI Aayog in startup conclave on smart agriculture, featured at WHO global forum on medical devices, given the best solution award for rural healthcare by NASSCOM life sciences healthcare innovation, future leadership award in ABP Infocom.



Social Entrepreneurs

Prakash Vaghasiya

CEO and Founder, Vise Organic

Mr. Prakash Vaghasiya holds a masters in Pharmacy and has an experience of 7 years in Product Development and marketing of Agriculture Inputs. He is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering For leaders in Innovation, United Kingdom. He has been a winner of National Award for Social Innovation He was recognised by DIPP as a Startup By Government of Gujarat under Startup Gujarat Scheme. He was also a winner of pre Accelerator from CIIE, IIM Ahmedabad. He has gathered support from Marico Innovation Foundation and Innovate2cultivate program. He was a finalist in Janhit Jagran event.



Prashanth Patkar

Co founder - Head Operations, Anvayaa Kin Care Pvt Ltd

Co-founder at Anvayaa and Head Operations with 7+ years of cross-industry experience in Strategy , Operations, Sales, Marketing and Quality Assurance of large scale offshore Projects. A self starter - with a belief of creating an environment that encourages innovation. Strongly driven by process.



Social Entrepreneurs

Prashant Pal

Founder & CEO, Pushp-kiran Union for Real Enlightenment (PURE)

19 years of Social & Industrial problem solving expertise across NGOs, Corporates, Start-ups of Process Improvement, Impact assessment, Monitoring & Evaluation & Project Management using various improvement methodologies. He is passionate about a lot of causes which include solving problems of un-employability among literate youth, promoting Women Entrepreneurship, providing mentoring and seed funding support as part of CSR initiatives, identify & nurture talents in Education, Sports, Art, Culture & other fields. He has led CSR initiatives and has established an incubation center.



Riddhi Chhajer

Manager - Strategy Implementation, Leap Skills

Riddhi is a part of the Core Strategy Team at Leap Skills. As a member of the COO office, she works closely with product, tech, and execution teams to ensure that the entire machinery works together and is always aligned with the organization's innovation and impact driven vision. She is an alumna from Ashoka University and comes with prior experience in market research and business development.



Social Entrepreneurs

Rishabh Choudhary

CTO & Executive Director, BharatRohan Airborne Innovations Private Limited

Rishabh is an Aeronautical Engineer with a passion to design aircraft and spacecraft for societal impact. His focus has been on lean structural design wherein every part of the aircraft serves the purpose for which it has been designed for. At BharatRohan, he is working to develop state-of-art Unmanned Aircraft, to ensure airworthiness of all the flights, integration of different payload and streamlining the remote sensing acquisition process. He leads a team of more than 23 trained UAV Pilots all over the country.



Satheesh Kumar Paddolker

Founder & CEO, Kratos Innovation Labs

Satheesh is Fintech certified from MIT. He is on a mission to solve customers 'pain points', thus ensuring a decent 'return on investment' on Blockchain investments for the customers.



Social Entrepreneurs

Satish Cherukumalli

Co-Founder & CEO, TrakitNow, Inc

Satish Cherukumalli is an entrepreneur, co-founder and CEO of TrakitNow – a company that innovates technology to improve the quality of life in a number of areas. Before he turned entrepreneur in 2010, he worked with some of the leading MNCs and Fortune 500 companies. Satish has Bachelor's in Computers Science & Engineering and an MBA from Webster University USA. His career spans several industries including manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, logistics, automotive and agriculture & in several countries like US, Europe, China, India and Australia. Satish is passionate about new technology and how to utilize it to add value to communities around the globe.



Shahid Aboobacker

Trustee, Rehab India Foundation

Shahid Aboobacker is a Trustee of Rehab India Foundation. He has been working closely with the NGO since 2011, with his professional inputs and strategic insights to the social development cause. He was elevated as a trustee of Rehab India Foundation in 2018. He is an alumnus of the College of Engineering (CET), Trivandrum. He is an Architect, Creative Director, Curator as well as a Marketing consultant with experience in the UAE, India and the Philippines. He is the founder of a creative firm based in Kochi called Zacksworth and is a director of a Mumbai based Mcomedge Private Limited, while previously co-curated projects like Philippines Dawn to Dawn and Celebrate Kerala.



Social Entrepreneurs

Shahnaz Shaikh

Founder &CEO, AI-GENIX INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD

She founded a business that invents technology for sustainable farming, which helps to address the global hunger threat and food security issue. Their ground-breaking crop protection technologies and crop management solutions are transforming the dynamics of the farming industry, enabling millions of farmers to produce high-quality, toxic pesticide residue free food and increase the yield by optimizing the use of available resources.



Shailaja Rangarajan

Founder, Director, Rimagined



She is a Supply Chain process consultant turned SWM volunteer turned Entrepreneur. She worked in the IT industry for around 15 years before she chose to become a full time volunteer investing time in getting more people and communities to adopt and implement SWM practices. While doing this work and while wading through garbage, she realized the segregation and “responsible” disposal of waste can only act as a Band-aid fix. That led her to launch Rimagined in 2016, an enterprise that focuses on Upcycling of waste. The business model has evolved to include Sustainable livelihoods as our second foundation principle.

Social Entrepreneurs

Shruti

CEO, Founder, Octopolis Technologies; Sair

Shruti is the CEO and co-founder of Sair, a venture in the travel-tech and heritage space. She is connecting people who want to understand India with those who have an authentic perspective to share. She has worked across venture capital, grant-making, and consulting. She graduated with an MBA from Harvard Business School and the Director's Gold Medal from Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi.



Siddharth Bajoria

MD, Re-bag.in

He is a social entrepreneur with a prior experience of working at JP Morgan; currently working on a mission to curb the usage of single use plastic as well as using this as an opportunity to create a healthy source of income for underprivileged women.



Social Entrepreneurs

Sitaram Komaragiri

Co-founder and CEO, Khadyam speciality foods pvt ltd

Sitaram holds a Master's in microbiology and having been brought up in a family rooted firmly held in a rustic setting, the seeds of interest in agriculture were sown at a very early age. He laid the foundation of khadyam with a passion to empower community based on sustainable farming.



Subray M Hegde

Managing Director, Kaushalya Vikas Kendra

Subbu Hegde worked at Bosch for 22 years Finance, General Management and leading business units. Now he is a social entrepreneur engaged in skill development and poverty alleviation since 2013. He has created livelihoods for over 1000 poor school and college dropouts and married women by training them in vocational skills and arranging placements. Kaushalya Vikas Kendra (KVik), which he leads in honorary capacity, is a Sec 8 company with a vision of providing skilled manpower to industry by providing affordable, fun-to-learn, flexible and self-employment oriented training in skills that are in demand.



Social Entrepreneurs

Sudhir Kamath

Managing Trustee, Shreni Community Trust

Sudhir has arrived at Social Impact initiatives after over 30 years of experience in entrepreneurship, business development, sales and operations in diverse fields of plastics, office automation, building materials, IT consulting and educational programs in India and USA. His experience in these diverse industries and his engagement in the last decade with educational programs, coupled with his interest in history and sociology, has led him to his current endeavour - Shrenis - that aims to leverage traditional knowledge systems and occupational networks in the social economy to integrate indigenous industry by using culturally congruent and peer led interventions.



Suraj Sudhakar

CEO, CoolCoach

Rebel at heart. I wanted to be a millionaire when I was 6, an archeologist when I was 10, a hacker by day/bartender by night when I was 20. I found true north and joined the social sector as a volunteer when I was 23. 12+ years later, I am still learning. Motorcyclist. Sportsperson. Fascinated by books, warrior cultures and the science of habits and success.



Social Entrepreneurs

Varun Jami

Co-founder & Partner, GreenJams Infrastructures LLP

He is co-founder of GreenJams Infrastructures LLP, an award-winning construction based startup founded in 2017. He graduated from Jindal Global Law School with a B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) degree. In his final year, at the age of 22, he was featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia – Industry, Manufacturing & Energy, 2019. He found his passion in engaging with disruptive technologies that promote social welfare and sustainable development.



Venkata Krishna Deep Rayaprolu

FOUNDER, MILLGRO SUPERFOODS



I draw from seven years of a non-salaried way of life, an ivy league certificate in social impact strategy (UPenn, USA) and four years of corporate employee experience - eleven years in total. Currently I am building a social enterprise in Hyderabad. Women farmer empowerment, farmer suicides, Millet rage in Southern India are what I'm working on. I have recently delivered a TEDx talk.

Social Entrepreneurs

Vidyut Mohan

Co-founder, Takachar

Vidyut Mohan is the co-founder and CEO of Takachar. Passionate about energy access and supporting rural livelihoods, Vidyut became interested in biomass-based energy/chemical development due to its untapped potential and close association with farmers. After initial exploration for his master's thesis, he returned to India to work with village communities in the Himalayas to convert pine needle waste into a marketable charcoal-based product. This work led him to discover a way to dramatically scale farm residue utilization through technology, as well as to support farm-based livelihoods—which led to the formation of Takachar. Vidyut was named an UNLEASH Energy Talent in 2017, and is a fellow at the School for Social Entrepreneurs India. Vidyut is a 2019 Echoing Green Fellow.



Vihari Kanukollu

Urbankisaan hydrotech private limited, Urbankisaan.



Social Entrepreneurs

Vijayakumar Mani

Co-Founder & Director, I Support Farming

An Engineer by Academics! A Recruiter by Profession! A Farmer by Passion! & An Entrepreneur at Heart! Co-Founder & Director of I Support Farming, Platform which enables the people from cities to take up farming & support agriculture. Apart from that he is also a Managing Partner at Vista Hire Consultants, a Boutique Recruitment Consulting Firm, based out of Chennai. Has around 10 years of experience in the areas of Executive Search, Leadership hiring, Talent Acquisition and Recruitment Strategy with hands on experience in Startup hiring & ramp up. Adept in Working with CEOs & Promoters of the various organizations in driving strategies at the executive levels.



Vijayan

COO, 21CTtechs

Eco inventor, interested for energy, water, wastes, health

Social Entrepreneurs

Lavin Samuel

TECH LEAD, EMPATHY DESIGN LABS PVT LTD

As a Tech Lead, he leads and works on Hardware and embedded related activities of the product solution.



Hiresha Verma

Founder & Chairperson, Han Agrocare

Founder of Hanzen International and Han Agrocare. Some of the Awards and Honors earned from National and International organizations include WE CAN award from US Embassy in 2017, National award for Mushroom Farming by Govt. of India ICAR in 2016, State award for Mushroom Farming by Uttarakhand Govt. in 2016, Successful Business women of Uttarakhand in 2016, Udhog Ratna Award 2015, Women of the Decade Award 2014, Women entrepreneur Award 2014, Women entrepreneur Award 2012, Gold Medal from Poona University with 89%.



Social Entrepreneurs

Priyadarshini Dey

Director, NexConnect Ventures Pvt Ltd

She is a Social Entrepreneur, Activist, Teacher and Researcher working on social inclusion and access to quality of education using social technologies. NexConnect Ventures seeks to create avenues of access to students in remote areas, using ICT based LIVE learning from quality teachers. As a founding member of her start-up she also looks after the organizational management, marketing and business development of the company. As an activist she headed a very important women's rights based movements. She has also taught at the University of Calcutta as a lecturer and has been university examiner in Sociology.



Rohit Bagaria

Founder & CVO, Budli.in



Rohit Bagaria is a zentrepreneur and Founder & CVO of Budli.in ('Budli' means Change in Hindi). He has 18 years of experience in various sectors, including software startup in Silicon Valley, manufacturing and international B2B sales across 35 countries and eCommerce in India, China & US. Former Director of Founder Institute (international startup accelerator & launch program) in Kolkata. His education is from UC Berkeley, California & St. Xavier's, Kolkata. He has won awards like Startup of the Year, EO Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year, CNBC Future of India Business Excellence and Business Leadership Award and has been featured in various national and international media such as BBC World & Fortune Magazine. He has also been invited to speak at various forums and is the author of 'Embrace Change'.

Social Entrepreneurs

Seemant Dadwal

CEO, Meraki Foundation

After graduating from IIM Bangalore, Seemant founded Meraki, a Section 8 non-profit established with a vision to build an India of school ready children. At Meraki he leads program and fundraising. Prior to IIM B, he led Microsoft's 'Classroom of the Future' program driving program design and on-ground implementation. He began his stint with program design as National Lead - Math, Teach for India (TFI) where he developed large scale interventions implemented across 400+ teachers in 5 TFI cities. Prior to that, he taught in an under-resourced private school in Delhi as a TFI fellow. He is an engineer by training and started his career as a software professional with Infosys.



Shashank Gandrapu

Concept founder, Goodclap

As a professional he has about 6 years experience (including 3 years of Articleship experience). He was instrumental in conceptualizing Goodclap and in its execution, and he also championed the business affairs of HR Footprints and its business units (verticals) Talentmandi, HR Studio and LQube.



Social Entrepreneurs



Siddharth Nair

Founder, Xfinito Biodesigns Private Limited

A Technologist, entrepreneur and researcher, with an aim to develop cost-effective designs with multi-disciplinary focus around the field of Healthcare Technologies, Robotics, Electronics and Automobile."



Trivikram Kumar Dogga

CEO, XMACHINES

Founder of XMACHINES. Mechatronic Engineer by training from City University of Hong Kong

Social Entrepreneurs

Vidhushi Aggarwal

Feminance

Feminance has been founded by Vidhushi Aggarwal, a banking industry veteran with experience across Wealth Management, Financial Planning, Investments, Insurance and Risk Management. Vidushi completed her B.Tech in ECE from Pantnagar University and MBA in finance from NITIE, Mumbai. She has worked with Citibank for 8 years. She has managed the investment portfolios of 60-80Cr in Hyderabad as a Senior Manager, before she founded Feminance. With a strong educational & professional background, she intends to bring the specialised investment advisory services to women of India, as this space has been primarily dominated to cater to the needs of male investors.



Yugandhar Reddy Dodda

Founder, Chief Enabler, V Reap

Yugandhar is a passionate professional with two decades of experience in leading performing teams. A strong believer in enabling and empowering individuals to realize their potential. He is very passionate about solving rural problems through social entrepreneurship. An Educator at heart insisting that meaningful actions contribute to the bottom line and that it is important for sustenance. VREAP through this platform is positively inspiring and productively engaging rural youth and women as change agents of their village through Social Entrepreneurship.



Social
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Prabir Mishra	Khadyam speciality foods pvt ltd	Agriculture
Pragati Chaswal	SowGood	Environment
Prakashbhai Vaghasiya	Vise Organic	Agriculture
Shashank Gandrapu	Goodclap	Finance
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Sirish Turlapati	Iris Educare Limited	Education
SMITA SINGHAL	ABSOLUTE WATER PVT. LTD.	Organic waste (other)
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