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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ON
PROMOTING HAPPINESS THROUGH PUBLIC POLICY

(16 November 2019; Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Lucknow)

*Programme Schedule &
Profiles of Speakers*

If you have the power to make someone HAPPY, DO IT! The world needs More of that.



Sessionwise Schedules

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November 16, 2019 at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn, Lucknow

INAUGURAL SESSION
(9:30 am to 11:40 pm)

09.30 am to 10.00 am	Registration
10.00 am to 10.02 am	Lighting the Lamp
10.02 am to 10.07 am	Welcome: Mr. Keshav Varma, IAS (Retd.) Advisor, Government of Uttar Pradesh
10.07 am to 10.10 am	Concept: Dr. Amrita Dass President, Global Lucknow
10.10 am to 11.00 am	Inaugural Address: Hon.Mr. T.S. Powdyel Former Minister of Education, Royal Govt. of Bhutan <i>(Theme: Gross National happiness: Search for an Alternative Development Paradigm)</i> Followed by release of Convention Journal 2019
11.00 am to 11.30 am	Keynote Speaker: Dr. H.R. Nagendra Chancellor, Vyasa University Bangalore and Yoga Adviser to Prime Minister of India Followed by Global Lucknow-Lucknow Management Association Happiness Award for Student
11.30 am to 11.35 am	Key Perspectives: Mr. Alok Ranjan, (IAS Retd) Former Chief Secretary of UP and Patron, LMA
11.35 am to 11.40 am	Vote of Thanks and Mementos: Mr A.K. Mathur, Sr Vice President LMA
11.40 am to 12.00 noon	Tea

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Programme Schedule

Session 1: Education and Employment

12.00 noon to 01.15 pm

Session Chair

Dr. Amrita Dass

Founder Director Institute of Career Studies

12.00 noon to 12.05 pm	Opening Remarks by Session Chairman
12.05 pm to 12.20 pm	Panellist: Professor Geshe Ngawang Samten Vice Chancellor, Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies
12.20 pm to 12.35 pm	Panellist: Professor Aya Okada Nagoya University Japan
12.35 pm to 12.50 pm	Panellist: Professor Bharat Bhaskar, Director IIM Raipur
12.50 pm to 01.05 pm	Panellist: Ms. Deepali Batra Psychological Academic Learning Services (PALS), New Delhi
01.05 pm to 01.10 pm	Q&A Session
01.10 pm to 01.15 pm	Closing remarks of Session Chair
01.15 pm	Presentation of Mementos
1.15 pm to 2.00 pm	Lunch
2 pm to 2.15pm	LMA Annual Awards

Session2: Health and Environment

02.15 pm to 03.15 pm

Session Chair

Dr. Gourdas Choudhuri

Director & HOD of Department of Gastroenterology

Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram.

02.15 pm to 02.20 pm	Opening Remarks by Session Chairman
02.20 pm to 02.35 pm	Panellist: Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar CEO & Principal Scientist, Community Empowerment Lab
02.35 pm to 02.50 pm	Panellist: Dr. Rajesh Gopal Secretary General, Global Tiger Forum
02.50 pm to 03.05 pm	Panellist: Prof. Abbas Ali Mahdi Former Vice Chancellor Era University
03.05 pm to 03.10 pm	Q&A Session
3.10 pm to 03.15 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Session Chairman
03.15 pm	Presentation of Mementos

Session 3: Economic Well-being, and Liveability

3.15 pm to 05.00 pm

Session Chair

Mr. Keshav Varma, IAS (Retd.)

Advisor, Government of Uttar Pradesh

03.15 pm to 03.20 pm	Opening Remarks by Session Chairman
03.20 pm to 03.35 pm	Panellist: Mr. D.S. Mishra, IAS Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India
03.35 pm to 03.50 pm	Panellist: Mr. Shishir Mehta Partner-Banking & Finance, Khaitan& Company, Mumbai

03.50 pm to 04.05 pm	Panelist: Ms. Anita Horam Director - Video, Conde'Nast'-India, Mumbai
04.05 pm to 04.20 pm	Panelist: Mr. V.Y. Verma Former Director, HR, LG-Electronics
04.20 pm to 04.25 pm	Q&A Session
04.25 pm to 04.30 p.m.	Closing Remarks by Session Chairman
04.30 pm	Presentation of Mementos

Session 4: Call for Action

04.30 pm to 4:50 pm

Session Chair

Mr. A.K. Mathur

Sr. Vice President LMA

04.50 pm to 04.55 pm	Opening Remarks by Session Chair Senior Vice-President, Lucknow Management Association
04.55 pm to 05.05 pm	Panelist: Ms. Bulbul Godiyal Vice-President, Global Lucknow
05.05 pm to 05.15 pm	Panelist: Ms. Sunita Aron Secretary, Global Lucknow
05.15 to 05.20	Closing remarks by Session chair and Vote of thanks
05.20 pm	Tea

Profiles of Speakers

Mr. Keshav Varma



Mr. Keshav Varma, had an exceptional and pioneering record of achievement as the Municipal Commissioner of Ahmedabad, India, a city of over six million, where he was credited with rejuvenating the organization with a much enhanced public image, high staff morale, and a well-defined strategic approach. During his tenure, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation received an AA(SO) credit rating, and issued the “Ahmedabad City Bond”, the first municipal bond issued in South Asia without central or state government guarantees. Mr. Varma subsequently joined the World Bank as Sector Director of East Asia Urban Development and Disaster Management, a position he held until August, 2009, where he led the reconstruction and recovery work in Aceh, Sichuan and Myanmar in response to major natural disasters. He also led World Bank's multi-billion dollar urban projects in China and cities of East Asia. Mr Varma is also part of important think tanks in urban policy and is well networked with important universities such as Harvard, MIT, Clemson, Duke where he teaches urban practice. He is also the Founding President of the International City Managers Association of India.

Based on his track record, entrepreneurship, and passion for balancing the needs of conservation and development, Mr. Varma conceived and mobilized a broad coalition of partners for the Global Tiger Initiative, and served as the Founding Director for Global Tiger Initiative (GTI), World Bank which quickly became a special program stimulating a partnership of 13 tiger range countries and international partners on the conservation of wild tigers. Mr. Varma's main focus has been to change the conversation about conservation and introduce innovative ideas in the field of biodiversity and conservation. He has worked to create

convergence and alignment among the strategies and needs of governments, business and communities through the development of Wildlife Business Councils (WBC) such as the Indian Wildlife Business Council. In 2013, Mr. Varma broadened the scope of GTI, to offer advisory services to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic for an initiative for conservation and protection of the Snow Leopard launched by President of Kyrgyz Republic and involving 12 range countries. He has been appointed as the senior international advisor to the Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystems Protection (GSLEP) program ever since.

He is now the CEO and Executive Director of the Global Tiger Initiative Council, with Mr Robert Zoellick, former President of the World Bank and current Chairman of the Advisory Board of Goldman Sachs, as its Chairman. It covers 20 range countries and focuses on the conservation of tigers and snow leopards in the wild, with the Global Tiger forum (GTF) and GSLEP as its technical implementing arms. The council includes some of the most influential global leaders from business and industry, international financial institutions, international conservation agencies, academia and politics as its charter members.

Mr. Varma is the advisor to the Government of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh on the urban agenda, and the Chairman of the Sabarmati Riverfront Development Corporation.

Mr. Keshav Varma belongs to the 1976 batch of the Indian Administrative Service (I.A.S.) - Gujarat Cadre.

Dr. Amrita Dass



Dr. Amrita Dass is a leading Educationist and Career-Consultant of the country and has the distinction of pioneering the career counselling and guidance services in India. She is the Founder-Director of the Institute for Career Studies (ICS International) and the Chairperson and Managing Director of ICS Education Ltd.

ICS International has conducted career counselling and guidance programmes in more than 300 schools, colleges, professional institutes and universities in India and abroad. The institute was recognised with **The Times Group “Award for Excellence in Education”** by the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. Dass has had a meritorious academic background. She topped the Lucknow University and was awarded two gold medals. Thereafter, she pursued her doctoral studies at the University of Lucknow and the London University as a Fellow of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). She has participated in many international conferences such as the U.N. Social Summit - Denmark, U.N. Conference on Women - China, the State of the World Forum - U.S.A, Global Knowledge Partnership - Malaysia by the World Bank. She has visited universities the world over as a special invitee and expert resource person.

Dr. Dass is a consultant for a number of leading schools of the country and has served on the Boards of many prestigious Public Schools of India. She is currently a Board Member of the renowned Avadh Girls'

Post Graduate College, Lucknow, besides being on the Boards of Auckland House School, Shimla, Bishop Cotton School, Shimla and Nirmal Bhartia School, New Delhi. A multi-faceted personality, she has been an Advisor to the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Member-Steering Committee on Women and Child Development, Planning Commission (9th Five Year Plan) and an Ex-Officio Director of the State Bank of India. She has also designed and conducted numerous training programmes on Leadership for Edu-Leaders on Leadership in Education; Excellence in Education for Teachers and Leadership and Management for NGOs and Corporates.

As a columnist for many prominent newspapers of the country, Dr. Dass writes on a wide range of educational, career and leadership issues.

Known for her deep knowledge, insights, and futuristic vision, Dr. Dass has recently organized two international conferences on Education and Careers with a focus on Education and Careers 4.0, bringing together all stake holders to make our students future ready - the first ever conferences to be held in the world!

Her professional and philanthropic contribution has received many accolades. She is the recipient of the Lions Club Award for Outstanding Social Work; the Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence; TCS-Women Achiever of the Year Award and the Outstanding Women Achiever Award by LMA. Her biography has been included in the Who's Who in the World 2015 (32nd Ed.) for exemplary contribution in the fields of Education and Career Guidance.

Hon. Mr. T.S. Powdyel



Hon. Mr. Thakur S Powdyel is an educator by choice, conviction and passion. As the country's first democratically elected Minister of Education, he moved Bhutan towards fulfilling the MDGs and the country's constitutional mandate for education. His major interests include institutional integrity, national self-respect, moral literacy and gross national happiness. Powdyel was often referred to as the most foot-travelled education minister in the world.

Powdyel's vision of holistic education as expressed in *My Green School* has been translated into several languages. He is the author of *As I Am, So Is My Nation*, *Right of Vision & Occasional Views*, and principal author of *The Light of My Life*. His latest book *Gyal-Khab* is a reflection on State, citizen and citizenship education.

Powdyel is a recipient of the *International Gusi Peace Prize*, the *Global Education Award*, and the *Distinguished Service Award* for his pioneering work in Education as well as the *Coronation Gold Medal* 2008 and the *Institutional Award: The Honour of Druk Thuksey* 2012.

Hon. Mr. Powdyel invested his public office with a rare and chastening quality of integrity, service and selflessness in the evolving Bhutanese democratic landscape in honour of his country and fellow-citizens, born of his deeply-held beliefs and convictions.

Professor Powdyel has been chair and member of several commissions and boards and is currently on the International Advisory Panel of the Malaysia-based Sejahtera Leadership Initiative.

Dr. H.R. Nagendra



H. R. Nagendra, born on New Year's Day 1943 in the south Indian state of Karnataka, graduated in mechanical engineering and continued his studies to secure a doctoral degree (PhD) from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru. He started his career by joining IISc as a member of faculty of mechanical engineering in 1968 and held the post till 1975. In between, he served as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of British Columbia in 1970 followed by a stint at Marshall Space Flight Center of NASA during 1970–71. During his stay in the US, he was also associated with Harvard University as a consultant at their Engineering Sciences Laboratory from 1970 to 1972 after which he moved to London and worked as a visiting faculty at Imperial College of Science and Technology. Returning to India, he resumed his career at IISc which would stretch for two more years till he started his association in 1975 with Vivekananda Kendra, a spiritual organization founded in 1972 by Eknath Ranade, by taking up the post of the honorary director of the training centre at the organization's headquarters in Kanyakumari.

For the next quarter of a century, Nagendra was involved with organizational and operational activities of Vivekananda Kendra. He became the national secretary of *Yoga Shiksha Vibhag*, the yoga education centre of the organization in 1975 and held the post till he was elected as the national vice president of the organization in 1993. In between, he also held the post of the Secretary of *Vivekananda Kendra Yoga Therapy and Research Committee* from 1979 to 1986 and the post of the Secretary of Vivekananda Kendra Yoga Research Foundation and the Director of Indian Yoga Institute from 1986 to 2000. In 2000, he

became the president of Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana, which was started as a society in 2000, and when the society started its academic programs in 2002, he became its founder vice chancellor. The university was subsequently recognized by the University Grants Commission as a deemed university. He served as the vice chancellor of the university till 2013 when Ramachandra G. Bhat took over the position but continues his association with the university as its chancellor. He has also served as a member of the *working group on health* of the erstwhile Planning Commission of India.

Mr. Alok Ranjan



Mr. Alok Ranjan is a retired 1978 batch IAS officer from the U.P Cadre. He retired on 1 July 2016 after holding the office of Chief Secretary for the Government of Uttar Pradesh (the highest ranking Civil Service official in the State Government of Uttar Pradesh) for over two years. Prior to this he has held various portfolios including Infrastructure and Industrial Development Commissioner (IIDC) and Agriculture Production Commissioner (APC) for the state of Uttar Pradesh.

After retirement, he was appointed as the Chief Adviser to Chief Minister of U.P and Chairman U.P.S.I.D.C (Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation). He resigned from this post following the defeat of the incumbent Samajwadi Party government in the state assembly elections.

An established thought leader and public speaker he has given talks at various educational and business forums such as CII (Confederation of Indian Industry), PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, IIM's etc. He is an author of two books, and also writes articles for leading national publications such as Times of India, Economic Times, Business Standard, HT and more.

Alok Ranjan's wife, Surabhi Ranjan is a professional singer and social worker. She was honoured with Yash Bharti award by the state government for her exemplary contribution in the fields of art, culture, cinema and sports.

Mr. Alok Ranjan is a Past President LMA and now its Patron



Mr. Arun Kumar Mathur currently Sr. Vice President Lucknow Management Association is a power sector professional. He has been an Advisor to Crisil Infrastructure Advisory, Indian Institute of Management Lucknow and Mercer Human Resource Consulting.

Mr. Mathur is a former Chief Engineer and Director General (Power Purchase Agreements) of erstwhile U.P. State Electricity Board responsible for facilitating private sector investments in power projects in Uttar Pradesh. In this role he was responsible for power purchase agreements & escrow capacity finalization, representing U.P. in High Powered Crisis Resolution Group on IPP projects headed by Union Power Minister, formulating environmental and social policies for transmission projects and policy formulation in various areas preceding re-structuring of power sector in Uttar Pradesh. Earlier, he held the positions of Chief Engineer/ General Manager (Civil), President Electricity Service Commission, Superintending Engineer, Dy. Director, Staff College and other positions responsible for execution of civil works in thermal power stations, transmission and distribution projects of UPSEB.

After restructuring of power sector in U.P. he worked as Chief General Manager and then Executive Director in U.P. Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd., responsible for thermal generation in the state of Uttar Pradesh. Authored several papers to bring clarity in the generation tariff structure, initiate reforms in UPRVUNL and facilitate PPA between UPPCL & UPRVUNL.

Bachelor in Civil Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University, Mr. Mathur has authored many technical papers and reports; two of his papers were accepted for presentation in International conferences. He has attended and organized several major conferences on technical and management subjects.

Mr. Mathur has been actively associated with Lucknow Management Association since August, 2001 and has held various elected posts in the Association including its full time Executive Director till recently and is currently its Sr. Vice President. During this period, LMA rose from AIMA category 4 to category 1 management association, winning AIMA best local management association award in various categories for seven years LMA's assets rose almost hundred folds since 2002. Mr. Mathur's significant contribution in growth of LMA is widely recognized. Mr. Mathur has been nominated as Director of LMA Annual Conventions since 2005.

Professor Geshe Ngawang Samten



Born on July 7, 1956 at Dokhar in Central Tibet, Professor Samten came to India along with his parents after the Chinese occupation of Tibet in 1959. He studied at the Central School for Tibetans in Chandragiri, Orissa, and thereafter at the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies at Sarnath, where he earned the titles of Shastri, Acharya and M.Phil. He possesses a rare combination of the schooling on modern lines as well as the Tibetan monastic education system. He had his monastic education at Gaden Shartse Monastery at Mundgod in Karnataka. He obtained Geshe Dhorampa and later Geshe Lharampa degree, equivalent to Ph.D. degree in the modern system.

He began his academic career in the Research Department, and became Head of the Research Department devoted to the restoration of the lost Buddhist texts into Sanskrit, based on the classical Tibetan translations made in ancient times jointly by the Indian and Tibetan Pundits. This unique research activity evinces his erudition both in the classical Tibetan and Sanskrit languages as well as the rare translation skills. As a result of his outstanding achievement in his field, he was promoted to the position of Professor of Buddhist Philosophy. He is also actively engaged in Hindi translations of Buddhist texts in Sanskrit and Tibetan. Professor Samten, with his special interest in the philosophy of Nagarjuna, published the definitive critical edition of the *Ratnavali* with its commentary as the result of his post-graduate research. He is credited with important publications, such as a critical edition of *Abhidhammattha Samgaho*, a critical edition of Sanskrit and Tibetan versions of the *Pindidrita* and the *Pancakrama* of Nagarjuna, and co-

authored *The Ocean of Reasoning*, an annotated English translation of the commentary on Nagarjuna's *Mulamadhyamaka Karika* by the Tibetan master thinker Tson-Kha-Pa, published by Oxford University Press. *The Ocean of Reasoning* is acclaimed far and wide.

He has made substantial contribution to the improvement of academic standards at CUTS, particularly through teaching and research. He is instrumental in promoting Buddhist Studies in India. A number of Indian universities have greatly been benefited by his scholarship and insight in formulating courses in Buddhist studies. He strongly advocates to make the education system instrumental in transforming the students through inculcation of value along with development of skills in various fields.

He frequently travels across the continents lecturing to academic audiences in the United States, Europe, Australia, Russia, some of the Asian countries and as well in India. He has been in action at various national and international seminars, workshops and conferences. He has held Visiting Professorial assignments at Hampshire, Amherst and Smith Colleges in the USA and at the University of Tasmania in Australia.

In virtue of his sagacity and wisdom, Professor Samten has been on numerous academic bodies of Universities and expert committees of the Ministries of Government of India, and as a member on the boards of several Institutes in USA, Canada, Thailand, France and Austria. He has also served in the Editorial Board of International Association of Tibetan Studies in Harvard. He has been the Vice President of Association of Indian Universities, and has served chairman/member of various expert committees constituted by the University Grant Commission of India.

In 2009, he has been awarded *Padma Shri* (one of the country's highest civilian awards) by the President of India for his distinguished services in the field of education and literature.

In 2016, he has been awarded *Vesak Samman* by the Government of India in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the preservation, development and promotion of Indian philosophy, arts and culture

within and outside India, as well as his lifelong services towards dissemination of Buddhist studies and establishment of academic institutions.

He is currently the Vice-Chancellor of Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (Deemed University), Sarnath, Varanasi.



Dr. Aya Okada is Vice Trustee for International Cooperation and Professor of Political Economy at the Graduate School of International Development (GSID), Nagoya University. She holds an M.Phil. in Development Studies from the University of Sussex and a Ph.D. in Economic Development from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Her research interests include economic and social development, regional planning, education and skills development, and gender and development.

Her publications include books such as *Industrial Skills Development: Globalization and Human Resource Development in Developing Countries* (co-edited, 2008, in Japanese), numerous book chapters, and articles in international journals such as *World Development*. Dr. Okada was Research Fellow at MIT's Industrial Performance Center (IPC) in 1997–1998. More recently, she was a visiting scholar at MIT and visiting professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University in India, both as an Abe Fellow awarded by the Social Science Research Council. More recently, she has also played consulting/advisory roles in development projects sponsored by JICA, UNESCO, and the Japanese government.



Prof. Bhasker has been serving IIM Raipur as the Director since March 2017 and has taken the institute to new achievements since then. He has featured prominently as the face of the institute and contributed greatly to its visibility, strengthening its reputation as one of

Prof. Bhasker completed his B.Tech in Electronics and Communication Engineering from IIT Roorkee in 1980. He received his Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1992, and he joined the education sector shortly afterwards in 1996 by joining IIM Lucknow. Prof. Bhasker was with IIM Lucknow for 23 years, where he was the Chairman of the IT and Systems Management Department. He also served in the capacities of Director and Dean in 2015 and between 2003 and 2005 respectively.

Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIM Raipur was awarded the prestigious Best Director of Business School Award at the 12th annual conference of Indian Subcontinent Decision Sciences Institute (ISDSI). This award was given to Prof. Bhasker for exemplary leadership displayed by him as Director, IIM Raipur.

Ms. Deepali Batra



Deepali Batra: Deepali Batra is Consultant Clinical Psychologist, the Founder Director of PALS for Children & Adults. She is a Sr. Consultant Clinical Psychologist at MAX HEALTH CARE. She is registered with Rehabilitation Council of India. She has been awarded best performance in school psychology award for her contribution in the field of school psychology in the year 2014. She has been felicitated with Child & Adolescent Mental Health Award in the year 2018. She has been invited as a resource person at institutes like NIMH, NIEPMD, S.C.E.R.T., Samagra shiksha project, Delhi University, various colleges and universities etc. She has done a large number of workshops for principals and teachers of various schools in areas like learning disability, behavioural problems, Risky Behaviours (Suicide attempts), Parenting in Digital Era etc. She has an experience of more than 14 years in field of Psychology.

Her articles on various psychological issues have got published in the national dailies such as Times of India, Hindustan Times, The Asian Age, Deccan Chronicle, Mumbai Mirror, Navbharat Times, Dainik Jagran etc and various magazines such as Times Wellness, Spandan, Vanita, Sakhi etc. In several shows of National TV channels as Zee TV, India TV, Sahara Samay, NDTV, E TV, Live India, Focus TV, she has been invited as Expert Speakers.

Dr. Gourdas Choudhuri



Dr. Gourdas Choudhuri is a leading gastroenterologist, medical educator, researcher and columnist of national eminence, with rich experience of over 30 years in the medical profession. He is currently Director and HOD, Gastroenterology & Hepatobiliary Sciences, at Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurgaon. He is also a Visiting Consultant at the Sahara Hospital in Lucknow.

An MBBS graduate from JIPMER Pondicherry in 1978, Dr. Choudhuri obtained the MD (Medicine) & DM (Gastroenterology) degrees from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, in 1982 and 1984 respectively. He is a distinguished Fellow of many prestigious bodies, including the American College of Gastroenterology (FACG), the Indian College of Physicians (FICP), the Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS), and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI). Over the years, Dr. Choudhuri has been widely recognised in his field and is the recipient of several awards acknowledging his contribution.

Dr. Gourdas Choudhuri served as a faculty member for 25 years at Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow. During his tenure as Professor & Head of Gastroenterology for 10 years, the department was ranked among the top five in the country. Just prior to his current assignment with Fortis, Dr. Choudhuri was Vice Chairman, Institute of Digestive & Hepatobiliary Sciences, at Medanta, The Medicity, Gurgaon.

Dr. Choudhuri has pioneered many initiatives in the treatment of hepatobiliary and pancreatic diseases in the country. He initiated endoscopic ultrasonography (EUS) and extra corporeal shockwave biliary lithotripsy (ESWL) in the early nineties in India. As Honorary Secretary and President of the Indian Society of Gastroenterology, Dr Choudhuri played a leadership role in developing liver- and digestive health in the country. He also helped create and spread awareness on health issues in the country, especially among school and college students, through the Hope Initiative.

Dr. Choudhuri has about 180 publications to his credit and has edited five books. A select few have been listed elsewhere on this website, but details of most of the others can easily be referenced via a search for “Choudhuri G” in PubMed.

Dr. Choudhuri has served as Council member of international bodies such as the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO), Asia Pacific Association of Gastroenterology (APAGE) and Coalition for Eradication of Viral Hepatitis from Asia Pacific (CEVHAP). He has also been a Fellow of the World Health Organization (WHO) for Health Promotion.

Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar



Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar is Founder and CEO of Community Empowerment Lab – a community embedded global co-laboratory based out of Shivgarh, Uttar Pradesh. The Lab provides an enriching environment for multidisciplinary community-based research for developing new human-centric approaches, methodologies, and products to address maternal, newborn as well as child healthcare and neurodevelopment needs.

Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar is currently leading an implementation science study to universalize Kangaroo Care, in Uttar Pradesh through the health care facilities with the objective of designing a blueprint for scale throughout the Indian health system. He recently also completed a large scale experiment along with Ariadne Labs, Boston, to investigate a coaching-based WHO Safe Childbirth Checklist Program that was conducted in 60 pairs of primary care facilities across 24 districts of Uttar Pradesh, which led to an increase in adherence to essential care practices among birth attendants.

He serves on several technical advisory boards of global, governmental, and professional bodies including the Global Alliance for Vaccine Initiative and the Technical Advisory Group on Kangaroo Mother Care for Government of India. He has received multiple Grand Challenges Awards, was a Rockefeller Bellagio Resident, and has published widely in leading global scientific journals. He is also a featured speaker at ChildX Symposium Stanford and TEDx Delhi. He mentors young public health professionals and serves as guest faculty at leading academic and policy institutions. Dr. Vishwajeet Kumar is an alumnus and former faculty of Johns Hopkins University Baltimore USA.

Dr. Rajesh Gopal



Dr. Rajesh Gopal has been closely associated with ‘Project Tiger’ in India for almost 35 years. As a former member of the Indian Forest Service, he was the Director of several tiger rich reserves in Central India like Kanha and Bandhavgarh for over a decade, while taking many initiatives to protect the tiger, its habitat and prey. He implemented special innovative in-situ actions to conserve the endangered Central Indian swamp deer as well. As a zoologist with a doctorate on the ‘*Barasingha*’ (swampdeer), Rajesh Gopal brought experience in the science of field management, while restructuring the management plan of Kanha.

His subsequent long stint working for the Government of India as the national coordinator of Project Tiger resulted in many milestone initiatives on the tiger front, including switching to the double sampling method using camera traps for country level tiger assessment; inclusion of a separate set of legal provisions for tiger conservation in India’s national legislation; revision of the Project Tiger scheme with enhanced resource allocation; increase in Project Tiger coverage from 25 reserves in 2001 to 47 in 2015; and creation of National Tiger Conservation Authority, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau. Additional initiatives included year round tiger monitoring, e-surveillance, creation of a tiger photo database national repository, deploying special operators in the field, institutionalising smart patrolling, tiger translocation to low density habitats, and supporting research projects in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India.

Such concerted efforts have brought in a paradigm shift in tiger conservation, with a strengthened exclusive ‘tiger agenda’ in core areas, complemented by an equally aggressive ‘inclusive’ co-occurrence agenda in buffers and corridors to address the human-tiger interface. Rajesh Gopal has authored three books and a number of research papers and has received several awards including the JN Fellowship. Rajesh is now the Secretary General of the Global Tiger Forum, engaged with tiger range countries and partners to strengthen tiger conservation globally.

Professor Abbas Ali Mahdi



Professor Abbas Ali Mahdi was Vice Chancellor, Era University, Lucknow till recently and has returned to his substantive position as Professor and Head Department of Biochemistry at King George's Medical University, Lucknow (India). He has made pioneering contributions in the area of natural products, metal toxicity and Free Radical Biology and has over thirty years of research and teaching experience with 330 publications (having over 7000 citations), including 25 book chapters to his credit. He has written five books and has been Editor/Member Editorial Board of many Journals. His current area of research interest is mainly metal toxicity. As Vice Chancellor Era University, he is credited with starting a Department of Happiness in the University.

Mr. Durga Shanker Mishra



Mr. Durga Shanker Mishra (born 4 December 1961) is a 1984 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre. He is the current Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary of India. He is also the Chairman of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.

Mr. Mishra has served in various key positions for both the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh during his career, like as Principal Secretary (Appointment and Personnel), Secretary (Tax and Registration), Secretary (Health and Family Welfare), Managing Director of Uttar Pradesh Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Corporation (SDCFC), district magistrate and collector of Agra and Sonbhadra districts, Vice Chairman of Kanpur Development Authority and as the municipal commissioner of Kanpur in the Uttar Pradesh government, and as the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary, additional secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development, joint secretary in the Ministry of Mines, joint secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and as the chief vigilance officer of the Airports Authority of India in the Indian government.

He is graduate (BTech) in electrical engineering from IIT Kanpur. He's also holds a MBA degree in international business from the University of Western Sydney. Mishra also holds a postgraduate diploma in public policy from International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. In addition, Mishra holds a postgraduate diploma in human resource management.

Mr. Shishir Mehta



Mr. Shishir Mehta has played an instrumental role in establishing Khaitan & Co's Banking & Finance practice over the last decade and regularly represents domestic and international banks, financial institutions, NBFCs, companies, sponsors and promoters on a wide range of debt financing transactions. His core practice includes advising on credit facilities, security creation, ECBs, ODIs, NCDs, private credit and structured finance solutions and he also actively advises on restructurings, pre-insolvency resolutions and bankruptcy/insolvency matters. Over the years, Shishir has been involved in several leading transactions and his significant international and domestic experience puts him in a unique position to support the banking, corporate and cross-border needs of clients.

Shishir is ranked since 2011 as a leading Banking & Finance practitioner in India by Chambers Global and Chambers Asia-Pacific and over the years has been described by Chambers as “bridging the gap between Western and Indian parties excellently”, “providing responsive and succinct advice, both of which are critical to cross-border deals”, “highly focused on the commercial impact of legal issues and guidance on international issues” and “having good commitment and thorough knowledge base”. He is also listed as a leading attorney by IFLR1000 and Asia Law, recognized as an Expert by Who's Who Legal and recommended for his expertise by The Legal 500.

Prior to joining Khaitan & Co as a partner in 2010, Shishir practiced at Slaughter and May in London (2000-2004) and at White & Case LLP in New York and London (2005-2009). He is a graduate of NLSIU Bangalore (1999), holds LLM degrees from LSE (2000) and Columbia Law School (2005) and is admitted to practice law in India, New York and England & Wales. Shishir also has a special interest in matters relating to the State of Gujarat, India.

Ms. Anita Horam



Anita has experience as an entrepreneur, strategic consultant and content maker for television & digital platforms specializing in high concept originals in the lifestyle and pop culture space.

Her newest assignment as the creative and business head of Video at Condé Nast India, is to build from ground up, a multi-level video business vertical for the group that spans content for OTT, TV and Web.

After stints at Channel V, MTV & UTV, she founded VIA EARTH™ - a boutique facility that created unscripted, non-fiction entertainment content for TV with a focus on lifestyle & leisure subjects.

Considered one of the country's leading content providers for long format series in this genre, its catalog features multi award-winning content (both commissioned & original for syndication), for major global networks including the BBC, CNN International, The Discovery Networks, Fox, TLC, TV3, The Living Channel, TVNZ, The History Channel, Star, Zee, NDTV, amongst several others.

Her first entrepreneurial projects in the digital space were MOHAWK™ and an ideas lab, stART&D™ - both of which she co-founded to create and curate original fashion & style related content and events from India.

Anita has regularly provided strategic consultancies to brands and platforms. Some of these include - as creative head for FTV for strategizing their on air content as well as brand building & off air extensions; programming head for Network 18's education channel for DTH TOPPER; creative & strategy pre launch for entertainment news channel E24; programming strategy for digital music start up Songdew; and, branding & outreach for the Yale funded green economy project Corporation 2020.

Dr. Yasho. V. Verma



Dr. Yasho V. Verma is a multifaceted personality. He is a well acclaimed Thought Leader, Mentor, Business Advisor, Speaker and Author.

He is/was

Member of Boards of Bank, Management Institutes, Corporates viz. Dena Bank, FORE School of Management Delhi, Nandan Denim Limited, Rinac India Limited, VECARE Consumer Science Pvt. Ltd., Indiannica Learning Pvt. Ltd. etc.

1. Consultant to World Bank
2. Advisor / Consultant in area of Strategy, Operations, HR etc. to Corporates like Videocon Group of Industries, Cargo service company, Samsung Inc. etc.
3. Consultant with some of Fortune 500 technology / consumer companies
4. Advisor to some top Consulting organizations
5. Regularly writes in national magazines and newspapers such as Business Today online , Business World Online, Exhibit
6. Visiting faculty to premium management schools in the area of HR & OB and Strategy.

His last corporate responsibility was as Chief Executive Officer of MIRC Electronics till Jan 2014.

He was earlier Director (Home Appliances) of LG Electronics India looking after a business of Rupees 8,000 crores (approximately USD 1.2 billion). He was Chief Operating Officer during 2010-11. He joined LG Electronics India in 1997, as Vice President. In 2008 he was the first non-Korean to be elevated as Executive in LG Global hierarchy.

He started his career with TATA Steel in Jamshedpur and worked there for around 12 years. Dr. Verma is an Engineering graduate, with Post Graduation in Business Administration and Ph.D. in area of Organizational Behavior from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.

He was rated as ‘HERETIC’ by Business Today and Gallup and covered on cover page of Business Today ,a prestigious business magazine in India , in 1997 .First non-Korean to be elevated in Global hierarchy as Executive . He has delivered several lectures in India and abroad and has addressed boards / leadership teams of prestigious companies in India and abroad viz. ITC; JK Group; Ispat Group, Bangkok; Oerlikon, Italy; GE etc.

He has visited London Business School, Seoul University, and Wharton Management School, Philadelphia for guest lectures, in addition to premier Management Institutes in India. He has been conferred Honorary Fellowship by All India Management Association for significant contribution towards professional management. He was also member Council of Management of All India Management Association. He was President Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers (CEAMA) for 2009-11.

He has authored a book “Passion – The Untold Story of LG Electronics”. He is also the Honorary Editor for Journal of Projective Psychology and Mental Health by Anchorage USA. Some of the awards he received include:

- National Award for Excellence in Talent Management 2015 by Thomas Assessments–DMA
- CEO with HR Orientation, 2014, by Global HR Excellence Award

- Thought Leader Award, 2012
- Leaders of Tomorrow Award by Asian Leadership Awards, 2011
- HR Role model and Visionary Leader Award by Star News Talent Leadership & HR Awards, 2011
- HR Super Star Award by Asia's Best Employee Brand Award, 2010

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Masters in Personnel Management & Industrial Relations, University Business School, Punjab University, Chandigarh (1981)

Ph.D, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (1996)

Ms. Sunita Aron



After two successful Tedx talks, Sunita Aron has been thinking of academics - so much learning to share while continuing my own learning. The opportunity has come as Governor Chancellor's nominee on the Board of Management of Hardev Joshi University of Mass Communication, Jaipur. she has always enjoyed spending time with students and this seems to be just a beginning.

As Resident Editor, Hindustan Times, though her main job is news management and man management, Sunita is an author, reporter, an anchor and an activist. She goes to colleges, IIMs, IIT's for media advocacy as she has come to the conclusion that people in high positions don't know how the media functions.

Being based in Uttar Pradesh, politics remains her staple diet.. However what excites her and ignites her imagination are achievers in any field and anywhere- in small towns, in villages, or anywhere in the world. She has come across brilliant and brave women who fought all odds to achieve what they wanted to.

And even after three decades in her job, she sometimes feels it was just the other day when she had walked into HT as cub reporter— where the years went away- she still doesn't know. May be because she believes ' You live till you learn' and Challenges only give you Strength. She has written three books and is keen to write another on *Ten Women who Influenced Me Most*. They were not politicians or professors but simple literate or illiterate women, living in rural and semi urban areas.

Ms. Bulbul Godiyal



Senior Advocate and former additional advocate general Ms. Bulbul Godiyal is alumnus of Lucknow's St. Agnes School and IT College, Government Woman College Rohtak and Lucknow University. Ms. Godiyal became the U.P.'s first Woman Senior Advocate and first Woman Additional Advocate General and held this position from 2012 to 2017. She is a Member of the Bar Council of Uttar and she has more than thirty years of practice in the Lucknow Bench of the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad. She has worked on both Civil side and Criminal side and she has also dealt with matters relating to Service Laws, such as Education, Labours Laws, Cooperative and State Government and other than State Govt. Employees miscellaneous and constitutional matters such as Excise, Mines Minerals, Sugar Industries and other Contractual matters.

Ms. Goldiyal has been associated with large number of social, cultural and literary organizations.

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