



DR. KARAN SINGH

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Dr. Karan Singh has been privileged to enjoy a rather unique spectrum of experiences. He was born into the ruling family of the State of Jammu & Kashmir, one of the largest of the hundreds of Indian States within the British Empire. Dr. Karan Singh is the son of the last ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Kashmir and Jammu, Maharaj Hari Singh.

He is a member of India's Upper House of Parliament, the Rajya Sabha. He has been engaged in active politics since the time he was appointed the Sadar-i-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir at the age of 18. He also moved to federal politics several times. He's served in the Minister for Health and Family planning and Minister of Education and Culture. He had also been appointed Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Cell of the Congress Party.



Dr. Karan Singh has also given some key contributions to the field of environment. He was involved as the Chairman of the Indian Board for Wildlife, as well as the Project Tiger Steering Committee, one of the most successful conservation projects anywhere in the world.

He is the President of Peoples Commission on Environment & Development (India), which holds public hearings around the country, reports of which are regularly published. He is also a Trustee of the Green Cross International.

Education has been a lifelong interest for him, as a lifelong student. He has also served as Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Jammu and Kashmir University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, and NIIT University. He was a member of the UNESCO International Commission on Education for the Twenty-first Century, the report of which was published in 1996 under the evocative title "Learning: the Treasure Within". He has written on various aspects of education.



DR. LEENA SRIVASTAVA

Vice chancellor, TERI University

Dr. Leena Srivastava is the Vice Chancellor of the TERI University in addition to being an Honorary Executive Director at TERI, New Delhi. The TERI University is a graduate institution engaged in teaching and research on sustainability issues, with nearly 700 students - over a hundred of whom are PhD students.



Dr. Srivastava is a member of various Committees and Boards both at the international and national levels. At a think tank/science level she serves on the Energy Advisory Board of the World Economic Forum; Scientific Advisory Panel of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs), UNEP; International Advisory Board of the Helmholtz Programme Technology, Innovation and Society (TIS) and the Helmholtz Alliance Future Infrastructures for Meeting Energy Demands - Towards Sustainability and Social Compatibility Initiative (ENERGY-TRANS). She also serves on the research advisory boards of the Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan; the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Germany; and the Alfred Deakin Research Institute, Australia.

She is on the Executive Committee of Sustainable Energy for All after having served on the Advisory Group on Energy and Climate of the UN Secretary General. She was also a member on the Expert Committee to formulate India's Energy Policy, Planning Commission, Government of India; National Security Advisory Board, Government of India and the Expert Committee on Auto Fuels, Government of India. She was a Co-ordinating Lead Author for Working Group III of the Third Assessment Report of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and cross-cutting theme Anchor on "Sustainable Development" for the Fourth Assessment Report of the IPCC.

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Dr. Ashok Khosla

Chairman, Development Alternatives

After post-graduate degrees in experimental physics from Cambridge and Harvard Universities, Ashok Khosla became Director of the Indian Government's first Environment Office in 1972 and then Director of Infoterra at UNEP in 1976. Since 1983 he has been Chairman of Development Alternatives, a social enterprise that promotes commercially viable and environmentally friendly technologies. Dr Khosla is also Co-Chair of the UN's International Resource Panel and member of the China Council for International Environment and Development. He was President of IUCN (2008 to 2012) and Club of Rome (2005 to 2012) and is a recipient of the OBE, the UN Sasakawa Environment Prize, the Zayed Environment Prize, the WWF Duke of Edinburgh Medal, and the Schwab Foundation Outstanding Social Entrepreneur Award.



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MR. JOE MADIATH

Founder, Gram Vikas

Joe Madiath has spent 30 years working in development among the poorest communities in Orissa, India. Drawn there in 1971 to help communities that had been ravaged by a cyclone, Joe stayed on as an activist focused on sustainable development projects. He founded Gram Vikas in 1979 which is growing into one of the largest non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Orissa.

Gram Vikas originally focused on providing renewable energy for rural communities, building more than 54,000 biogas units. Over time, Gram Vikas developed its more holistic model of development, based on Joe's conviction that every family in a village must have healthy living practices and an improved quality of life before total development can occur. This model has transformed at least 1,000 villages and has proven that the rural poor can and will pay for better sanitation and water facilities.



Joe Madiath is a founder of the Voluntary Association Network of India and the Orissa Development Action Forum. He currently serves on the Governing Board of several institutions including Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technologies (CAPART), Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and BASIX. He has been part of various consultative committees of the central and state governments. Gram Vikas and Joe Madiath have received several national and international awards in recognition of their work, including the Allan Shawn Feinstein World Hunger Award for 1995-96 from Brown University, USA; the Dr. K.S. Rao Memorial National Award, 1998 for outstanding Lifetime contribution to the development of new and renewable sources of energy from the Solar Energy Society of India.

Joe Madiath is part of the group of Outstanding Social entrepreneurs selected by the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship, Geneva and Skoll Foundation, USA. In 2005, he was awarded the Social Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution in improving the plight of the rural masses, from The Godfrey Phillips Red & White Bravery Awards. In July 2006, Joe Madiath was also awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree (Honoris Causa) by the Gurukul Lutheran Theological College, Chennai.

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Ravi Chaudhry is a leadership guru, author, public intellectual, mentor to CEOs, and strategy consultant to governments, corporations and civil society. Ethical Markets USA refers to him as “one of the new voices showing new ways ahead”.

He is a *Fellow of World Business Academy*, a network of global thought leaders that represent some of the best and brightest men and women shaping today's landscape. He is a much sought-after speaker on *Leadership, Governance, Innovation & Future of Business, Economy and Society*.

His book, ***Quest for Exceptional Leadership: Mirage to Reality*** has been globally acclaimed as “the best in years and a rare combination of sound business thinking and accessible philosophy.”



He is the founder Chairman of CeNext Consulting and Investment Pvt Ltd, New Delhi. His clients include Fortune 1000 corporations, Governments of Switzerland, Turkey, Brazil, Norway, Austria and Canada. Earlier, he was CEO/Chairman of four companies in Tata Group, India.

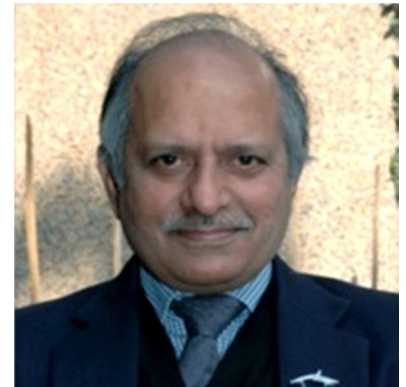
He is International Board Director, Future 500 USA; and a Member of the Club Of Rome Initiative for Ethics in 21st century; EVIAN Brains Trust at IMD Switzerland; EthicMark® Judges Panel, USA, New Civilization Youth Entrepreneurship Initiative, Japan and Executive Committee of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.



MR. RAVI SINGH

Secretary General and CEO, WWF India

Ravi Singh is the Secretary General and CEO of WWF-India since 2003. Mr. Singh has over thirty years of working experience and domain knowledge of the banking sector and organisational behaviour.



Mr. Singh has been involved in conservation related issues since 1976 and has been a member of several conservation organizations, which included WWF and the BNHS. As the head of WWF-India, the country's largest conservation organization, Mr. Singh participates in national fora including those covering biodiversity and aspects of reducing human footprint. He played squash at national levels, is a keen traveler, a member of the Himalayan Club, an avid reader. His other interests include Indian History, High Altitude Trekking, Photography and Natural History.

Some of the priorities areas of his work as the SG and CEO are to provide strategic direction to the conservation work of WWF-India and to add qualitatively to the WWF's contribution to conservation. WWF works with Species, Forestry, Freshwater & Wetlands, Climate Change, Education, Law, Policy & Sustainable Livelihoods throughout India. In his position as the head of India's largest conservation organisation, Mr. Singh has participated several national for a including the Standing Committee of the Indian Board of Wildlife, as a member of the Board of Directors of IIFM, and in committees of States' and other institutions. He was a member of WWF International's Executive Committee. He is the Vice-President of the Himalayan Club and one of the founder members of the Eco-Tourism Society of India.

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MR. Santhosh Mathew

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India

Santhosh Mathew is a political economist with extensive experience as a civil servant within the Indian Administrative Service. With a PhD in Development Studies from IDS, Sussex, he combines teaching and research with his assignments in the civil service. He is currently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Rural Development.

He has previously taught at India's civil service college in Mussoorie (1994-2000) and was National Program Director (2000-03) of the Leadership for Environment and Development (LEAD) program in India.

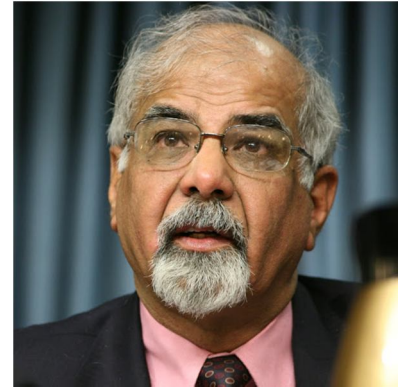




MR. SURJIT BHALLA

Chairman and MD, Oxus Investments

Surjit S. Bhalla is the Chairman and MD of Oxus Investments, a New Delhi-based economic research, asset management, and emerging-markets advisory firm. He holds a PhD in Economics from Princeton University, a Master in Public and International Affairs from Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, and a BSEE degree from Purdue University.



He is the author of *Imagine There's no Country: Poverty, Inequality and Growth in an era of Globalization* (2002) and *Devaluing to Prosperity* (2012, forthcoming).

He is actively engaged in economic and policy research and publishes academic research articles regularly, most recent being "The Need and Costs and Alternatives to the Food Security Bill", *Yojana*, January 2014. He has a regular column in a leading financial newspaper and his views on economics and politics are regularly reported by the media, print and TV.

In the past, he has worked as a research economist at the Rand Corporation, the Brookings Institution, and at both the research and treasury departments of the World Bank and was a consultant to Warburg Pincus. He has also worked on Wall Street in Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs. In India, he served as Executive Director of the Policy Group in New Delhi, the country's first non-government funded think tank. He has been on several government committees, including the two capital account convertibility committees of the RBI (1997 and 2006). He has also been a member of the Secondary Market Advisory Committee of SEBI and of the National Statistical Commission of India. His first book, *Between the Wickets: The Who and Why of the Best in Cricket* (1987), developed a model for evaluating performance in sports.