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Dr Ashok Khosla
Founder - Chairperson, Development Alternatives (DA)



Ashok Khosla chairs the Board of the thirty-four year-old Development Alternatives Group. Headquartered in New Delhi, the DA Group was among the first civil society organizations set up to address the issues of sustainable development as a whole. It also pioneered the concept of social enterprise, creating business-like approaches for eradicating poverty and conserving the natural resource base. 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 is in board on board of CEE and WRI. He was the President of IUCN (2008 to 2012) and Club of Rome (2005 to 2012) and is a recipient of The Order of the British Empire (OBE), a Senior Ashoka Fellow, Patron of LEAD-India and has received the the UN Sasakawa Environment Prize, the Zayed Environment Prize, the WWF Duke of Edinburgh Medal, and the Schwab Foundation Outstanding Social Entrepreneur and the Stockholm Challenge Award. He has a BA in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University and a PhD in Experimental Physics from Harvard University. Dr. Ashok Khosla is honored with the UNEP Science-Policy Lifetime Award this year for his services to the environment, in the betterment to the lives of others.

Mr George C. Varughese
President, Development Alternatives (DA)



Mr George C. Varughese President, Development Alternatives (DA) has over two decades of experience in environment and development. He has worked on national and international policy formulation, technical training programmes, building partnerships and managing large-scale field programmes, involving community participation. Mr Varughese is a member of several international and national governing bodies, advisory panels, and working groups like Green Economy Coalition (GEC), World Bank Community Development Carbon Fund (CDCF), Global Water Partnership (GWP), UNEP - Global Environment Outlook (GEO), International Union of Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Planning Commission and various ministries of the Government of India. He has also spearheaded several civil society initiatives like the Credibility Alliance, Independent Research Forum (IRF), a global civil society network for post-2015 development agenda. Mr Varughese was the founding Co-Chair of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA). He is also Member Board of Studies – School of Planning and Architecture, Ambedkar University Delhi.

Mr Gokul Patnaik
Chairman, Global AgriSystem Pvt. Ltd.



Gokul Patnaik is the Chairman of Global AgriSystem Pvt. Ltd. He is also the Vice Chairman of Katra Group. Mr Patnaik had an illustrious career as a civil servant. Mr. Gokul Patnaik has been the President of the All India Food Processors' Association, a member of the National Council of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and a member of the Task Force on Agriculture of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He is on the Board of Governors of Thapar Institute of Engineering & Technology, which is a deemed university excelling in Engineering and Biotechnology. He is also a member of the Chief Minister's Advisory Committee on Agriculture for the Governments of Madhya Pradesh. As a member of the prestigious IAS, he had served in senior positions both with the Government of Punjab and Government of India. While in Government, he headed a number of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation (PSIDC), Punjab MARFED, Punjab Agro Industries Corporation (PAIC) and The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce.

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Shri Krishna Kumar

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As the Deputy Director General in the Social Statistics Division, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, he is in-charge of the Environment Statistics Unit responsible for dealing with the matters relating to Sustainable Development Goals, Environmental Economic Accounting, Environment Statistics, Statistics relating to Climate Change, Disaster Statistics and Health and Nutrition Statistics. He represents India on the Inter Agency and Expert Group for Sustainable Development Goals Indicator Framework set up by the United Nations Statistical Commission for developing global indicator framework for monitoring of Sustainable Development Goals. He is also the member of the Working Group set up by the NITI Aayog to look into the various aspects of national Sustainable Development Goals. He has also served as the Director in the Ministry of Rural Development, wherein he was actively involved in evolving the policies for implementation of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) by the State Governments, monitoring and for that purpose developing Management Information System for MGNREGA. While serving as the Joint Director in the Ministry of Development for the North-Eastern Region, Krishna Kumar had played a major role in conceptualizing and framing policies for implementation of Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for area.

Shri Mangesh Tyagi

Principal Advisor, Madhya Pradesh State Planning Commission



Shri Mangesh Tyagi is a development planner with key expertise in the areas of grassroots governance and decentralized planning process and policy, programme management, institutional strengthening, monitoring and evaluation in state planning commission, Government of Madhya Pradesh. Mangesh Tyagi is presently posted as "Principal Advisor", Madhya Pradesh State Planning Commission, Bhopal, and is responsible for preparation of state plan providing inputs on design, convergence, monitoring and evaluation of all the programmes and schemes of development. He is having in-depth knowledge of structure, programs and processes of all the Government departments and local governing bodies. He belongs to the 1983 batch of "Indian Forest Service" with 25 years of experience of working in Government of MP.

Dr Parth J Shah

Founder - President, Centre for Civil Society (CCS)



Parth J. Shah is founder president of the Centre for Civil Society (CCS), an independent, nonprofit think tank in New Delhi. CCS offers public policy solutions within the framework of the rule of law, subsidiarity, community engagement and competitive markets. Parth serves on the Senate of the Central Universities of Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. He is also on Education Taskforce of Delhi and Karnataka governments. Parth holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Michigan and has been a visiting faculty at JNU and M S University, Vadodara. His research and advocacy work focuses on the themes of economic freedom (law, liberty and livelihood campaign), choice and competition in education (fund students, not schools), property rights approach for the environment (terracotta vision of stewardship), and good governance (new public management and the duty to publish). He has published academic articles in the areas of development economics, welfare economics, business-cycle theory, free or laissez-faire banking, and currency-board systems.

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SPEAKERS PROFILE

Dr P. K. Anand

Senior Consultant, NITI Aayog, Government of India

Dr P. K. Anand holds MSc (Physics) and MSc (Economics) from London School of Economics. He is a Fellow of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and holds a PhD in Economics. He currently works in NITI Aayog, Government of India (GoI), Mid-Term 12th Five-Year Plan Appraisal and handles Evaluations. Before his retirement from IAS, he had served in the State Government of Rajasthan. He was the Senior Advisor, Planning Commission of Government of India (GoI). He had also served as the Secretary (JS) in the Ministry of Rural Development and in the Ministry of Defence and was the Director (Exports) in the Ministry of Textiles. In Planning Commission, besides Industry, Minerals, Research, Economic Divisions he was also heading Programme Evaluation Organisation having 15 field units across the country. He was also awarded gold medal in Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA).



Dr Rajesh Tandon

President & Founder, Participatory Research in Asia

Rajesh Tandon is an internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. He founded Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), a voluntary organisation providing support to grassroots initiatives in South Asia and continues to be in Chief Functionary since 1982. He was appointed Co-Chair of the prestigious UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education, for two terms (2012 – 2016 and 2016 – 2020). After completing electronics engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, Dr. Tandon obtained a gold medal in management from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta. He later pursued his PhD in organisational science at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, a marked departure from physical science subjects. Dr Tandon has authored more than 100 articles, a dozen books and numerous training manuals on democratic governance, civic engagement, civil society, governance and management of NGOs, participatory research and people-centred development.



Mr Rajib Kumar Debnath

Independent Consultant, Advisory Services

Rajib Kumar Debnath is a Post Graduate in Environmental Management and Graduate in Civil Engineering. He has a rich experience of over 20 years, in providing advisory and assurance services from the platform of consulting majors such as EY, Deloitte, Grant Thornton, etc. in over 200 companies. The CSR and Sustainability practice of a consulting major that was erstwhile managed by him for a significant duration had been nominated as "Best CSR and Sustainability Strategic Advisor" by a prominent media house. At the policy level, Rajib had facilitated in the making of the National Voluntary Guidelines. He has facilitated a lot of companies in phasing out ozone depleting substances in alignment with Montreal Protocol and for abatement of carbon emission through accrual of significant volume of carbon credits through the Kyoto Protocol route. He has authored and contributed on books on "Sustainability Governance in India" in association with Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI), Hyderabad and "Handbook for Industrial Managers on Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Managers". He had prepared a white paper on e-waste for ASSOCHAM, which later became the base document for e-waste legislation.



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Mr Ravi Bhatnagar

Manager, External Affairs, Reckitt Benckiser (RB) India



Ravi Bhatnagar works as Manager, External Affairs with Reckitt Benckiser (RB) India. He holds Masters in Health Administration (MHA with Research) from Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). A member of Harvard Leadership Square, he has held prime offices with Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI), Population Services International (PSI), The World Bank and Aga Khan Health Services, India. He has played key role in shaping Caregiver and Public Policy Work, Global Business Coalition on Health (GBC Health), Quality Checklists in Public Health Interventions along with product innovation and renovation to benefit marginalised communities. He has worked on some of the most path-breaking product launches in India impacting Public Policy on MDGs and SDGs.

Mr Rijit Sengupta

Chief Operating Officer, Centre for Responsible Business



Rijit Sengupta, holds a Post graduate degree in Agriculture from University of Calcutta, and a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Systems Management (specializing in Environment Management) from the Indian Institute of Social Welfare and Business Management (IISW&BM), Calcutta. He is an Alumni of the United Nations University (Tokyo) programme on International Cooperation and Development. He has experience of over sixteen years in various areas of Sustainable Development policy and practice.

Ms Seema Arora

Executive Director, CII-ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development



Seema Arora has twenty five years of experience in the field of Environmental Management and Sustainable Development. She pioneered the creation of services on Environment and Sustainable Development within CII. Seema Arora works on designing innovative products and frameworks to build the business case for industry to invest in Sustainability. She is also providing inputs to defining Sustainable development Action plans at State level. Her main areas of interest include environmental policy, management systems, corporate sustainability, institutional strengthening and capacity building. Seema Arora has a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Delhi University. She is a member of the Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Governance for Sustainability and the Polaris Committee of FBN International.

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Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu

Union Minister for Railways, Government of India

Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu is a fourth time Member of the Lok Sabha from Rajapur Constituency of Maharashtra and the current Union Minister for Railways, Government of India. He was Industry Minister, Government of India in his first spell. Then, he was Minister of Environment and Forests, Government of India and formerly, Minister of Fertilizers & Chemicals. He was the Union Minister for Power, Government of India until August 2002. He is well known for his easy accessibility to the public, which not only acts as a deterrent to the bureaucratic delays and corruption in the functioning of the Ministry, but also encourages new ideas and view-points. Shri Prabhu believes in listening to criticism of the Government's policies, which he says, helps in reorienting the policies towards the greater common good. He is also a believer in people's participation in the working of the Ministries under him, especially through the involvement of NGOs and people's groups.



Mr Tushar Pandey

Senior President, Public and Social Policies Management (PSPM) Group, Yes Bank Ltd.

Tushar Pandey heads the Public and Social Policies Management (PSPM) and North East Region Initiatives (NER-I) at YES BANK and YES Institute. He has over 20 years of professional experience with expertise in Public Policy, Governance & Institutional Reforms, and Public Private Partnerships (PPP). Tushar has been a Co-Principal Investigator under the Government of India-World Bank sponsored National Agri Innovation Project (NAIP). He is also a part of the Australian Council of International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) project towards Sustainable Agriculture Intensification in West Bengal and Bangladesh. He is a part of the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) forum of Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), developing the concept of Climate Smart Agriculture. Tushar is an executive alumnus of Harvard Kennedy School of Government and an Indo-US Cochran Fellow on Agricultural Policy from US Department of Agriculture. He holds a M.Sc. (H) Economics and B.E (H) Mechanical Engineering from Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani.



Ms Zeenat Niazi

Vice President, Development Alternatives (DA)

Zeenat Niazi, vice-president of Development Alternatives Group and Co-Chair, Climate Action Network, South Asia, has over 26 years' experience in the social development sector. She is an architect and a planner by training, with a specialisation in rural habitat development issues and additional training in policy analysis and advocacy. She has over two decades of experience in design and strategic action in the area of sustainable rural habitat development. She is a member in the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Building Technologies for NIRD and the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee of the Sustainable Buildings Council of UNEP-10 year framework Programme. She is also a member of the Empowered Committee on Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana2022 (Rural), Ministry of Rural Development (Government of India).



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