

The City Dialogues...

on climate change



MUMBAI & PUNE



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Cities are the cradles of civilisation. How will they fare as the impact of climate change hits us?

The City Dialogues are the start of a conversation to understand the implications of climate change for India's cities and her people.

They feature leaders from the following sectors as Panelists in a moderated discussion: politics and municipal administration; arts and culture; business and industry; civil society; science and academe.

They are intended to spark pro-active city strategies on adaptation and mitigation for more climate-resilient development in India.

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Mumbai Panelists

JINDAL, Ms Sangita



Sangita Jindal, a Mumbai-based patron of the arts, is the founder-chairperson of the Jindal South West Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the O P Jindal group.

The Foundation is involved in art, culture, education, heritage conservation and sports. She also runs Jindal Arts Creative Interaction Centre, a centre for inter-disciplinary arts activity, and an influential magazine, Art India.

She is also involved in revamping J J School of Art in Mumbai. An Eisenhower Fellow in 2004, Ms Jindal is the chairperson of the Hampi Foundation which is working with the Karnataka government on preservation of the historic site.

For her active participation in issues relating to Mumbai, the "I love Mumbai" Committee conferred upon her the Best Citizens Award for the year 2002.

SAHGAL, Mr Bittu



Bittu Sahgal is editor Sanctuary Asia, a wildlife and ecology bi-monthly magazine, now in its 25th year. He also founded Cub Magazine (for young Indians) and edits the Indian edition of The Ecologist, UK. founded by Edward Goldsmith.

His has always believed that the quality of life on the planet will plummet if ecosystems become victim to development which has been borne out by recent evidence of climate change, a direct consequence of flawed development strategies employed by, both, the Industrial

North and the Aspiring-to-be-Industrial South.

He is at the forefront of the battle to save the tiger which he describes as a metaphor for all of nature and whose forests he suggests are critical to the world's fight back against climate change. Five years ago he founded *Kids for Tigers, the Sanctuary Tiger Programme*, India's largest mass-contact nature conservation movement, which reaches out to over one million Indian children and their parents in 20 cities.

He has been in several boards and committees of Central Government of India in context of environment and wildlife. Most significant of the honorary positions that Sahgal holds presently are Member, Maharashtra Wildlife Board, Honorary Wildlife Warden, Mumbai, Co-chairman, Maharashtra Nature Park, Member IUCN, Member Executive Committee, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.

RAJEEV, Mr R A



Shri R.A. Rajeev is Addl. Municipal Commissioner with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai.

Earlier he has worked as Managing Director with The Maharashtra State Co-op. Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation Ltd.

Prior to this, Shri R.A. Rajeev, I.A.S. of 1987 batch (I.P.S. in 1986) held important post such as Assistant Collector Jalgaon / Chalisgaon, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad, Thane and Pune; Collector, Gadchiroli; Deputy Secretary of Rural Development Department, Government of Maharashtra; Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, General Manager of The Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Shri R. A. Rajeev also worked as Private Secretary to Union Minister of State for Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and M.D. of Maharashtra State Co-operative Milk Federation, popularly known as 'Mahanand'.

PATHAK, Mr Shailesh



Mr Shailesh Pathak is Director- Investments at ICICI Venture. He is also a keen environmentalist, and has completed his Diploma in Ornithology from BNHS in 1995. He has been actively associated with the conservation movement, and has persuaded villages to voluntarily relocate from core zones of Protected Areas.

In his 21 year career as an Infrastructure and Finance specialist, Mr Pathak has been in investment banking for 5 years and in public service for 16 years- embodying a Public Private Partnership (PPP) himself.

From 1990 to 2006, he worked with the State Government of two Indian States. Among other assignments, he was Managing Director of the State's Infrastructure Development Corporation for over three years, Later, he was Secretary Public Works Department, with 900 engineers working on Highways.

He graduated in 1984 from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi, and then went to Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, passing out in 1986. He has also finished his LLB and a Diploma in Business Finance.

PATHAK, Mr Jaimini



Jaimini Pathak is a writer, Actor, and DIRECTOR & PRODUCER. He began career in the theatre in 1990, as an actor. His Current work as an actor and director includes MAHADEVBHAI, a 2-hour solo performance based on the diaries maintained by Mahadev Desai, secretary and onlooker to Mahatma Gandhi. 3, SAKINA MANZIL - a love story of the city, against the backdrop of the Bombay Dock Explosion of 1944 and Anton Chekhov's THE SEAGULL.

We see writer director and actor Jaimini in ONCE UPON A...TIGER! The play utilizes a fun-filled format, to inform the audience about many important issues like conservation, the environment, ecology, forests, rivers, etc, keeping the tiger in focus, both, as a symbol, and as an endangered species.

In 1999, he turned director and producer with the formation of independent theatre group, WORKING TITLE, with Suruchi Aulakh. Since then he produced 14 offbeat, alternative work with original scripts and new talent.

He has conducted several THEATRE WORKSHOPS in renowned schools and colleges throughout India.

He is also often seen in cinema, television serials and commercial. The other feather to his multi facade hat is journalism.

KUMAR, Dr Rakesh



Dr. Rakesh Kumar is working for National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, part of Council and Scientific and Industrial Research and presently stationed at Mumbai Zonal Center as scientist and head.

He is M.Tech in Environmental Science & Engineering and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering. He is also qualified ISO 14001 EMS auditor through RAB UK and EARA, USA.

His main area of expertise is in development of appropriate technology for environmental quality improvement.

He has been awarded the best scientist award, for NEERI and nominated for CSIR Young Scientist Award. He is also the recipient of Commonwealth Commission Award, UK. He has also been awarded with "Environmental Leadership Award" by US Asia Environmental Partnership and US-AID for outstanding contribution in improving quality of life for the population of Asia. In NEERI, he has been awarded with best patent for the year 2005-2006.

He has eight patents on pollution control devices, besides several papers in national and international Journals and conferences and a book for Commonwealth of Learning, Canada.

He is member of several committees at state, central and International level.

Pune Panelists

BAJAJ, Mr Madhur



Mr. Bajaj is Director and Vice Chairman of Bajaj Auto Limited – a leader in the motorised 2 and 3 wheeler sector. He is also the Chairman of Maharashtra Scooters Limited, besides being Director of Bajaj Electricals Limited and other companies of the Bajaj Group.

He is an alumni of Doon School, Dehra Dun. After obtaining his B.Com Degree from Sydenham College, Bombay, in 1973, he did his MBA at International Institute of

Management Development (IMD), Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1979.

He is the immediate President of SIAM, the apex association of Indian automobile manufacturers.

He is the current National Council Member of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Past-Chairman of its Western Region.

He is the President of Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), the apex Industries Association of Pune.

PARDESHI, Mr Praveensingh



Shri Praveensingh Pardeshi, is the Municipal Commissioner, Pune. He has acquired his Masters from London School of Economics. He started his carrier at 1991 as a Collector at Latur and Solapur. He has been the Municipal Commissioner, Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation. He has been associated with United Nations – Development Programme, and Regional Programme – United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction. He has been the Head of Post Conflict Recovery Programme.

CHAVAN, Ms Vandana Hemant



Adv. Ms. Vandana Hemant Chavan is a practicing advocate. She has been equally active in legal, social, political and academic arenas and has been recognized widely in Pune, state and National level for her exemplary work.

She was elected to the post of Secretary, Pune Bar Association, 1987 – 88, worked as Member, District Legal Aid Committee, Pune and Legal Aid Committee Symbiosis Law College.

Have delivered talks/lectures at Rotary, Lions, Jaycees, Innerwheel Clubs Asia Society, USA, in 2000. She has been resource person at The All India Institute of Local Self Government, Mumbai, for the various training programs for elected representatives and officials of the Local self-governments in India and at YASHADA, a premier training Institute for Senior Government Officials.

Most significant of her political achievements are being elected 'MAYOR OF PUNE', thrice as Councillor to the Pune Municipal Corporation.

She is involved in SPECIAL INITIATIVES IN THE CITY OF PUNE such as Cleanliness Drive for the city, initiative to involve youth and educated women in social activities in the city, recreation Centre for the Senior Citizens. And ALERT – a network initiative to bring about dialogue between government, elected representatives and the citizens.

CHAUDHARI, Mr Pramod



Pramod Chaudhari is Chairman, Praj Industries Limited, India - a business that specializes in clean, green and renewable alternate fuel with a focus on ethanol and biodiesel technology. After graduating as a Mechanical Engineer from IIT Bombay, he established Praj Industries Ltd. in 1984 that now extends across 5 continents.

He has contributed to the National Biofuels Policy as a member of the Committee on Development of Biofuels – Planning

Commission, Government of India, for introduction of renewable fuels in India.

He believes in continuous learning and to strengthen his own expertise. He blends entrepreneurial spirit with professional management style to perfection. His ability to channelize the energy of individuals from different walks of life towards their chosen goals is remarkable. He has the rare quality of being able to look beyond and build a picture of the future. Pramod has been profiled in a book called 'Thought Leaders' by a leading Indian Author, which focuses on visionary entrepreneurs. He co-authored a book 'As is *what Is*', a story of the journey of Praj which recounts its trials, tribulations and achievements. He is the recipient of several award for his innovation and distinguished entrepreneurship.

BONAGIRI, Mr Shekhar



Shekhar Bhonagiri is a graduate in law & Business Management & has been practicing law for the past 18 years. He is a Legal & Human Resource consultant to various companies in Pune & Bangalore. He has also been teaching Legal aspects of Business & Industrial relations at Symbiosis Institute of Management, Indira Institute for Management, & IMDR.

He conducts outdoor nature camps for children between 7-15 years called Camp Chameleon.

He was the co ordinator of the Citizens Initiative against De reservation which campaigned against the Municipal Corporations policy of allowing construction on hill tops in Pune. He is actively involved in social causes & supports NGOs involved with education for the girl child in rural areas.

Mumbai & Pune Moderator

MEHRA, Ms Malini



Malini is the founder & CEO of the Centre for Social Markets. A political scientist and gender specialist by training, Malini has degrees from Smith College and Institute of Development Studies (Univ. of Sussex). She has worked on sustainability issues in civil society, business, and government for more than 20 years, and been featured in leading media including CNN, BBC, TIME and FORTUNE.

In 2007, she was named an 'Asia 21 Young Leader' by the Asia Society of the US. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Commerce and Manufactures (RSA), the Remarque Foundation, and British-American Project. She serves on numerous nonprofit & international advisory boards, including major multinationals such as Unilever, BHP Billiton and Fortis.

Unusually for an Indian citizen, Malini worked in the UK government, where she led on international sustainable development partnerships, and was the architect of the UK's pioneering *Sustainable Development Dialogues (SDDs)* with China, India, Brazil, South Africa and Mexico.

She has also served as an Advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as a member of his High Level Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations; and worked on the UN's influential Human Development Reports on Democracy (2002) and Human Rights (2000).

Climate Challenge India is an independent, non-partisan, non-political educational effort designed to spread awareness and generate positive energy on climate issues in India.

The first effort of its type in India, Climate Challenge India, started in early 2007 as a multi-year programme of activities. It seeks to build a new climate of hope and opportunity on climate change, as the global community begins to face up to the enormity of the challenge.

The initiative's starting point is that countries such as India can no longer afford to sit back, but must take leadership on climate change out of enlightened self-interest.

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