

Speaker's Profile

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi, IAS, Chairman, CBSE

Mr. Chaturvedi is a 1987 batch IAS (Madhya Pradesh Cadre). As the chairman CBSE he is devoted to learn about the various activities of CBSE and committed to improve the efficiency as well as the functioning of the Board. Before taking over the current profile he has served as Joint Secretary (Implementation Cell) 7th Central Pay Commission. He has also served as Principal Secretary, Deptt. of Revenue and Relief Commissioner, Deptt. of General Administration & other important departments. He has also contributed significantly as Addl. Chief Electoral Officer in Vidhan Sabha General Election-2003 and Lok Sabha General Election-2004 were successfully conducted. First time in Madhya Pradesh, on complaint, Polling Parties of all 3500 Polling Stations in Distt. Rewa were replaced by poll officials drawn from other Districts by running a special train. He is a constant learner, has attended trainings from institutes of international repute like Institute of Public-Private Partnerships, Inc. Washington (USA), RIPA International, London (UK) & IIMs.



Day 1 - Session 1

Time : 1:30 PM to 2:15 PM

SOFT SKILLS APPROACH TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Salony Priya, Director, UMEED FOUNDATION, Kolkata

Mrs. Salony Priya is a counseling psychologist working in the area of Education Management, Human Development & Training, student empowerment & comprehensive counseling. She is founder Director of Ummeed Counselling & Consulting services, Calcutta. A Trustee of UMEED FOUNDATION, an organization that works for underprivileged children in the field of mental health. Mrs. S. Priya has strongly advocated for evolving SCHOOLS AS LEARNING ORGANISATION.



Dr. Chinu Agrawal, Founder Director, Feeling Minds, Agra

An acclaimed parenting and child psychology expert, trained by Dr Ann Vernon, President, Albert Ellis Institute, NY, USA. An internationally certified MBTI professional from CPP, USA. Renowned Career Expert, helped thousands of students choose their best career fit scientifically and systematically. Developed "An Application based module of Transactional Analysis" after extensive work in this subject. Developed "Story House" Program for children with low confidence and learning difficulties. Designed a unique Emotional Education Curriculum for children and adolescent, E-Cube Training (Experiential Emotional Education). Successfully designed and implemented the student development program for over 20,000 students in the last ten years.



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Mrs. Santhya Ravindran, Yellow Train School

With a Masters in Business Management worked in the Corporate world for over 12 years both In India and Overseas in the areas of leadership development, human resources and innovation. Researcher, writer and speaker of various themes in education and child development such as spirituality, mindfulness, inclusion, theater and waldorf education. She holds Diplomas and Certificates in Pedagogy, design and leadership in education.



Dr. Indu Khetarpal, (Member, ETMA Trust)

Principal of Salwan Public School, Rajinder Nagar and Secretary, Salwan Education Trust. She is a National Award winning teacher. Indu has addressed many learned gatherings in various countries in the world.

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Time : 2:15 PM to 4:00 PM

ICT Skills: An integral part of skill development

Prof Dr. Sugata Mitra, Professor of Educational Technology at the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University, UK.

A PHD in Physics credited with more than 25 inventions in the area of cognitive science and educational technology. He conducted the Hole in the Wall (HIW) experiment, in the year 1999. He termed this as Minimally Invasive Education (MIE). The experiment has since been repeated at many places. He was conferred the prestigious Dewang Mehta Award for Innovation in Information Technology in the year 2005. In 2013, he was awarded the first \$1 million TED prize, to put his educational ideas together to create seven laboratories called 'Schools in the Cloud'. Here he is studying learning as emergent phenomena in an educational self organizing system



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Dr. M. Sasi Kumar, Director, C-DAC

Dr. Sasi Kumar is a B.Tech from IIT Madras, and Masters from IISc Bangalore. His PhD is from BITS, Pilani. He has been with CDAC Mumbai for the last 30 years. He is now Associate Director with CDAC Mumbai, and heads its educational technology and open source divisions. His areas of interest include artificial intelligence, of technology in education (covering OER, LMS, intelligent tutoring systems, personalized instruction, and assessment technology). He is also author of a book on Parallel computing by Prentice Hall.



Dr. Rajesh Hassija

Dr. Hassija is a Teacher by passion and profession. Having won many national awards like National Teacher Award, 2003 he is a member, National Accreditation Board for Education & Training, QCI, India. He is a Mentor and Team builder on Quality education and Organizational Development. He has been a Strategic Facilitator encouraging adoption of latest innovating Teaching, Learning knowhow, an Advisor, Information and Communication Technology & Master Trainer for Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation, CBSE. He has authored more than 60 books in Computer Science and Mathematics) including Computerica and "Mathematics Harvest Series"

Day 1 - Session 3

Time : 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM

Vocational Education: A Paradigm Shift

Dr. Ulhas Kamat (CEO, i - create)

Ulhas Kamat is an accomplished business leader. His extensive international work has included staff and line responsibilities in both developed and developing countries. Ulhas has also been active in professional circles. He enjoys teaching and mentoring. He held progressive management positions with many companies. In Kenya, as Chairman of KAMEA (Kenya Apparel Manufacturers and Exporters Association) he was actively involved from the Kenyan side in the passage of AGOA. After Till his return to India in the year 2008, he was the Director of Program Services at the Washington DC MBDC.

Keeping in view his vast experience and contribution to the subject of Entrepreneurship, Ulhas was invited by the Chairman of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to join the Committee of Courses on Entrepreneurship as a Member in the year 2012. Ulhas is the Director – India for I Create, Inc and CEO of I Create India.



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Dr. Harish Chaudhry, Prof. & Head Dept. of Management Studies, IIT, Delhi

He did his schooling from The Doon School, Dehradun, B-Tech in Chemical Engineering from IIT Kanpur, PGDM in Marketing / Behavioral Sciences from IIM, Bangalore and a PhD from IIT Delhi. He has worked in companies like Dunlop India Ltd., NIIT and RAAG Systems before joining academics as a faculty with the Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi. As an outstanding teacher and learner, Harish Chaudhry has done certification course in TQM/ISO9000 and is a certified Lead Assessor by RWTUV, Germany. He also attended a course in ERP conducted by Baan Systems, Holland, besides many other training programmes.



Dr. Ganesan V. (M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D.), Principal

Born in Malaysia, Dr. Ganesan Veloo received his early education under Cambridge and later completed his PhD degree in India. Started his career as a teacher at school level and as a lecturer at University level along with active research work. Became an Entrepreneur, a Director and Principal of Takshshela in 1996 and since then has been doing immense work in the field of Educational processes and standardization, an innovator, contributing to the nations progress and development. He was awarded "The Young Scientist Scheme Award" in 1989 by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) New Delhi, and was also awarded "Research Associateship" in 1991 by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi.

Dr. Biswajit Saha, Additional Director, CBSE, Delhi

Dr. Saha looking after Vocational Education Cell of CBSE. He is involved with design of curriculum, Development of Text book and organizing various Teachers Training Programme besides representing CBSE in various National & International Committee for the holistic development of Education of this country. So far Dr Saha has edited more than 65 Books, which were published by CBSE and many are in pipelines. Prior to join in CBSE, He has worked with Govt. Engineering College (Tripura Institute of Technology), Agartala for more than ten years as Asstt. Professor and Head (Computer Science & Engg.), he also served as OSD (Technical Education), Government of Tripura.



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Day 2 - Session 4

Time : 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

The Big Connect: Building Strategies for a Futuristic Skill Eco System



Aman Kumar Singh, Principal Secretary, Chief Minister, H&E, Electronics & IT

Shri Singh along with other portfolios is also Chairman of Naya Raipur Development Authority and Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board. He specialises in the field of Energy, IT, Taxation, Housing, Environment and City Development. Shri Singh is an alumnus of Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT), Bhopal. He has been a member of Board of Governors of IIT Kanpur, currently a Member of Board of Governors of IIT-Indore. Shri Singh is considered as a leading expert in the field of Energy, IT & Infrastructure Development. He has been involved in planning, conceptualising and development of the first green field 'Smart City' of India called as 'Naya Raipur'. He is a recipient of UN Award for preparing the best global Human Development Report of Chhattisgarh State for the year 2007. He is a regular contributor in magazines and dailies like 'India Today', 'ET', The Indian Express and Business Standards, etc.

**Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary,
Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts**

Assumed office as one of the Youngest Vice Chancellors of the country. Former Vice Chancellor in the Kushabhau Thakre University of Journalism and Mass Communication, Raipur for Two Terms (Ten years) since March 2005 Established the University as its founder Vice Chancellor. Planned course, staff, activities and campus for the University. Conceived this University as India's first "Media Gurukul" to nurture professionals with value, mission and commitment Handled a Nationwide net work of over 500 institutions imparting education in I.T. Computer Application, Journalism and Mass Communication. A practicing Communicator, A Journalist, Author and playwright, Associated with cultural organizations like Sanskar Bharti, Rangashri Little Ballet Troupe, Rangayatri.



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Dr. K.K. AGGARWAL, VC, K R Mangalam University

Prof. Aggarwal is the Chairman, Engineering Evaluation & Accreditation Committee for all Engineering programs being conducted in Affiliated Colleges, all over the Country. Prof. Aggarwal was honoured by the Reliability Society of IEEE, USA He was declared as the Man of Decade, Man of the Century and finally Man of the Millennium by American Bibliographical Institute, USA was also awarded Delhi Ratan by the All India Conference of Intellectuals. International Biographical Centre, England has published his biography in "The First Five Hundred – at the new millennium" in July 2000. Prof. Aggarwal was conferred Distinguished Fellowship in 2010 and the very First Life Time Achievement Award in 2011 by the Institute of Electronics and Tele-Communication Engineers, India



Phoram Desai, The River Side School

Phoram Desai with 15 years of experience at Riverside, is leading the teacher team of Key Stage 1 (Pre K to Grade 2). She has a keen interest in dramatics, oratory, writing and cinema. She effortlessly brings all these talents into her classroom to provide an interactive and highly charged learning environment. Along with co-leading the Key stage1 program at Riverside, she contributes greatly to creating a rich repository of documentation at Riverside. She has conducted multitude of workshops, training and also represented Riverside at conferences and seminars. Phoram is an Arts graduate from Mumbai University and has completed her Diploma in Early Childhood Education from SNDT University, Mumbai as well as B.Ed from IGNOU.

Day 2 - Session 5

Time : 10:45 AM to 12:15 AM

Integrated Role of Industry and Academic Institutions in Bridging the Skill Gap

Dr. B.S. Sahay, Dirctor, IIM, Raipur

Prof. Sahay has 33 years of experience in teaching, research, consultancy, executive education, and industries. He is Founder Director of IIM Raipur. Prior to joining IIM, he was the Director of MDI, Gurgaon & IMT, Ghaziabad. He was also an Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology, Australia and Founding Chairman of Centre for Supply Chain Management. He was the Principal Coordinator for Quality Improvement Programme in Management, sponsored by AICTE. He serves on the Editorial Board of International Journal of Logistics Management, Supply Chain Management: International Journal of Physical Distribution and Logistics Management, Journal of Enterprise Information Management, Business Process Management Journal, Journal of Indian Business Research etc & has been the founding Editor of International Journal of Value Chain Management and Guest Editor of many international journals.



Speaker's Profile

Dr Onkar Singh, VC, UPTU

He is the founder vice chancellor of Madan Mohan Malviya University , Gorakhpur. Dr. Singh is Member of the Board of Governor of Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and Indian Institute of Technology, BHU Varanasi, Member of Northern Regional Committee, AICTE New Delhi, He is the recipient of National Scholarship throughout education and has received AICTE Young Teacher Career Award in year 2000, Award of 100 Most Influential Vice Chancellors-2016, Exemplary Leader Award – Asia's Education Excellence Award-2016 alongwith Letters of Appreciation for his contributions from his superiors on various occasions in the past.



Dr. M.K. Verma, VC, CSVTU, Chhattisgarh

Dr. Verma is B.E. & M.Tech from MANIT, Bhopal and has pursued Ph.D from DAV, Indore. He has Teaching and research experience of around 27 years in State, Central Government & Autonomous Technical Institutions. Along with many other awards he has been awarded with Who's Who in Science and Engineering, Shiksha Ratan Puraskar and Certificate of Excellence by India International Friendship Society, New Delhi, Young Scientist Award by Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Improvement in Hydraulic efficiency of turbine manufactured (BHEL). He has also been felicitated as renowned Technical Teacher (2009) by State Institute of Engineers & Engineer of the year Award 2008, by State Institute of Engineers.

Dr. A. Senthil Kumaran, The Learners Confluence

Dr Senthil has started his new venture the Learners Confluence for educational services in India and developing a technology platform for Teachers for enhancing peer learning and knowledge sharing. He has worked as Principal Counsellor & Head Education Excellence Initiatives of CII Institute of Quality (CII IQ). He joined CII IQ on April 2002 and since then has been helping educational institutions to accelerate their journey in excellence within India and abroad. He worked as a faculty and Member of Strategic Core Group with Christ College (now Christ University), Bangalore for over 10 years before embarking on the journey with CII IQ. He was responsible for initiating CII's Schools Excellence Cluster, over 16 such cluster in government, government aided and private management schools have benefited of these initiatives. He was responsible for the launch of CII Education excellence model. Most of the clusters have been designed on the basis of this the model. He initiated most sought after International Learning Missions for School Senior Leadership Team to Singapore (4 missions with National Institute of Education International Singapore) and Finland (one with CCE, University of Helsinki)



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Day 2 - Session 6

Time : 12:15 PM to 01:45 PM

Creating Skill Linkages in Schools and Higher Education: Solutions, Services, Innovation

Mr. G. Balasubramanian, Former Director Academics CBSE

Mr. Balasubramanian graduated in Chemistry from Presidency college, Chennai. Post-graduation in Analytical & Inorganic Chemistry from Madras University, Post-graduation in Hindi from Sri Venkateswara University and Post-graduation in Education from Annamalai University. He is a certified Master Trainer for Skills Development from Glasgow UK. He joined the Central Board of Secondary Education as a Joint Secretary in 1984 and has worked in several capacities in Academics, Examination, Confidential and Administration branches of CBSE. Elevated to the Post of Director (Academic) in 1997, he held the additional charge of the Chief Vigilance Officer of the Board. He had been the chairman of the Curriculum Reforms Committee and Examination Reforms Committee in the Government of Tamilnadu.



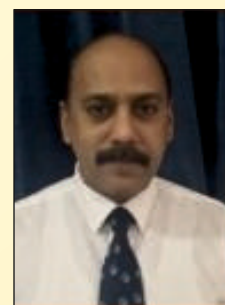
Dr. Prabhu Agrawal, V.C., O. P. Jindal University, Raigarh

Dr. Aggarwal has a Bachelor of Technology from IIT Kanpur and a MBA and Ph.D. from the University of Washington, Seattle, USA in management sciences and operations strategy. Dr. Aggarwal has over 25 years of experience in academics and institution building having served as the founding Director of Jindal Institute of Leadership Development and Executive Education, India, Assistant Dean for Executive and Professional Programs, Mason School of Business, College of William and Mary, Virginia, Faculty of business management at various universities such as the University of Washington, USA, College of William and Mary, Virginia, USA, Jindal Global Business School, India and Brazilian Business School, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Aggarwal is an active teacher, speaker and consultant in the areas of operational excellence, supply chain optimization, business analytics, and breakthrough performance.

Mr. Y.S.K. Seshu Kumar, IFS

Joint Secretary & DG National Literacy Mission Authority

Y.S.K. SESHU KUMAR, He is presently working as Joint Secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy of Ministry of Human Resource Development and also Director General, National Literacy Mission Authority. Shri Seshu Kumar belongs to 1987 batch of the Indian Forest Service of Uttar Pradesh Cadre. He has more than 25 years of administrative experience and has served in various capacities. He served for 5 years in Andhra Pradesh overlooking the largest housing programme in the country for the poor. He has worked as Officer on Special Duty to the Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence and also served as OSD to Minister of Human Resource Development. He was Director, Central Tibetan Schools. He has also held additional charge of the post of Chairman, CBSE for a year till July 2016.

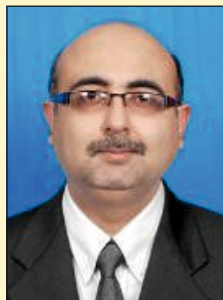


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Day 2 - Session 7

Time : 02:45 PM to 04:15 PM

Global Perspectives: School Skilling Models in
Different Countries and their relevance in Indian Context



Mr. Harish Nachnani, Festo, Bangalore

Mr. Harish is an Electrical Engineer, MBA, an accomplished Sales Specialist with 13 years experience which includes, Sales in Electrical Automation Industry, Project Collaboration, Online Project Information Management & Electrical Products like Cables, Cable Accessories, Transformers etc. Domain Expertise in Indian Electrical Automation Markets, Industrial Markets, Infrastructure Segment, Product and Solution Sales, SaaS (Cloud Computing) He specializes in Sales & Product, Market Development, Business Development & Marketing & Solution Sales.

Ms. Rittika Parruck, British Council

Rittika Parruck has been with British Council since May 2012. In her earlier roles she has acted in various roles for 7 years. Her work at the British Council involves planning the school programme for India. Besides strategic planning she also oversaw the delivery of these programmes. She has also worked as a Teacher and International link Coordinator for Vidya Devi Jindal School Hisar Haryana, Taught Biology and science at Middle School and House mistress. Coordinated International Links for the schools and introduced international exchange programme.



Dr. Sarah Richardson (PhD, MA, BA)

Research Director, Australian Council for Educational Research India

Dr. Sarah Richardson is the Research Director of the Australian Council for Educational Research India, in her role she directs multiple educational research projects around the world in the areas of assessment, evaluation, data collection and analysis, survey implementation and policy advice. Key areas of research for Dr Richardson include international education, graduate employability and learning outcomes. Dr Richardson holds a PhD in Politics and Education from the University of Melbourne, a Master of Arts Degree in International Relations from the Universiteit van Amsterdam in The Netherlands and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Human Geography from the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom. Dr Richardson has published widely, her most recent book was published by Routledge in 2016 and is entitled 'Cosmopolitan Learning for a Global Era: University Education in an Interconnected World'.



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Ms. Ameeta Mulla Wattal is the Principal, Springdales School

She is Chairperson, National Progressive Schools' Conference. She has worked in the sphere of Education for over three decades. She specialized in a variety of fields ranging from Creative Arts, special needs, Curriculum Development and Peace Studies. She has held several posts in India and abroad, at both school and university level. She is a recipient of the prestigious National Teachers Award 2005 from the President of India, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul 2009 – 10. She is on the UNESCO committee in Geneva for education of peace and human rights. She has conceived and produced the material for the school reforms in Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), the Value Education Kit and Gender Manual for SCERT.



Mr. Jatinder Singh, Secretary, PHD Chambers

Mr. Singh is a Management expert with over 20 years of experience in organizational capacity building, training and academics. He is a LLB, MLM, MBA, PhD (Management) & has expertise in MSMEs, Innovation Management, Start-ups. He is also associated as Senior Secretary, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi. He has Published articles in leading newspaper and research journals. Presented more than 20 research papers in national and international seminars and conferences. His prominent Books are Towards Career Success & Way to Success Step-by-Step.

Day 2 - Session 8

Time : 04:30 PM to 05:30 PM

Role of Heritage Crafts and Green Skills & Sustainable Development

Ms. Zeenat Niazi, VP, Development Alternatives

Ms. Niazi is a trained moderator and facilitator who holds Master's in Architecture discipline from McGill University, Montreal. She has over 26 years' experience in the field of habitat processes and housing technology involving women construction workers, masons and Women's Self Help Groups. She has managed, coordinated and built capacities in numerous projects for the design of habitat processes in both social housing and post-disaster situations, including post-tsunami response initiatives in South India. Additional areas of Ms. Niazi's professional engagement comprise the dissemination of large-scale environmentally friendly housing technologies in rural and urban areas, networking and policy development.



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Mr. Virendra Rawat, Green School

Mr. Virendra Rawat is Founder of Green School Initiative, mentoring more than 120 Private Schools, Universities and Colleges in India, UAE and USA. He is the first Indian Nominated by government of India for the USD 50,000.00 UNESCO JAPAN Prize for sustainability in Education- 2015. He is also first Indian Honored by the Hon. Speaker of House of Representative of Massachusetts, United States of America, for making Green difference in Education. Mr Rawat is the Founder member of Board of Management of C U Shah University, Gujarat, and offering more than 70 Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Doctoral programs. He is also Mentor for Government Green Schools in Gujarat.

Mr. Bhupesh Tiwari, Saathi NGO

Mr. Bhupesh is working with the vision of Striving to achieve Ideal Self Sustained Rural Economy And Establish a Exploitation Free Artisan Community. He has pursued Diploma in Ceramics, Established training Centers under UNDP-KVIC Project in rural Chhattisgarh. Organizing and Participating in Prominent Craft Exhibitions in all over India and Abroad. Participated as a Resource Person in various National and International Workshops on Craft, Culture and Poverty Community Development etc.



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Day 3 - Session 9

Time : 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Skill Development for Inclusivity

Dr. Sumit Roy, Founder, Digdarshika, Bhopal

Clinical Psychologist and Psychotherapist, Founder & erstwhile ED, DIGDARSHIKA, Institute of Rehabilitation & Research, Bhopal (an NGO) Director, ROY INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH & ALLIED SCIENCES (P) Ltd., Bhopal A Soft-Skills trainer with Several Corporate bodies (P&G; Eicher Tractors; Lupin; HEG etc.), The BHEL, the Judicial Academy; the MP Academy of Administration, Govt. of MP, Disaster Mgmt. Instt.; Various Govt. Departments & agencies and NGOs. Has won President of India Award and an Award by the Governor of MP also 3 National Awards for his outstanding work in his field.



Ms. Seema Tuli, Amarjyoti School, Noida

Mrs. Tuli is associated with the pioneering concept of integrated education, the schools run by Amar Jyoti in Delhi and Gwalior have an equal number of children with and without disability studying together. The intellectually challenged are socially integrated in the same premises as per their special needs. The Trust also runs a number of Vocational Skills courses. In September 2008, Amar Jyoti Charitable Trust has started a Professional Practice Certificate course in "Aspects of Learning Difficulties for children and young people with disability" in collaboration with Roehampton University, UK and accredited by Rehabilitation Council of India. The Trust is preparing to start yet another one year course in Post Graduate and three months Certificate course in Working with Pupils with Learning Difficulties in Physical Education and Sport with Roehampton University.

Day 3 - Session 10

Time : 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Effective Implementation Arts & Sports as tools to promote youth development (Theatre, Music, & Dance)

Mr. K. Shrikant, Former Indian Skipper

Mr. K. Srikkanth has been an ace skipper for India, has played domestic cricket for Tamil Nadu and South Zone. Known for his aggressive batting style, he was an early role model for opening batsmen in future years to adopt a similar approach to take advantage of fielding restrictions in the initial overs. He was made the captain of the Indian team in 1989. He remained the captain of the team for India's tour of Pakistan in 1989 and managed to draw all the four Tests of the series. He retired from international cricket in 1993. He was the first Indian player to score a half-century and pick up 5 wickets in an ODI. He achieved this feat against New Zealand at Visakhapatnam in 1988.



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Dr. Shovana Narain, Kathak Guru & Renowned Dancer

Charting new paths, Guru Shovana Narayan is perhaps the only example of a person who has relentlessly pursued two parallel exacting professional careers of A DANCER & An IAS officer. Padmashri Guru Shovana Narayan is India's most celebrated Kathak Guru and Maestro of the present age. She has been conferred with numerous awards, outstanding among which are the Padmashri Award for excellence and outstanding contribution to dance by the President of India in 1992 the Sangeet Natak Akademi award by the President of India for 1999-2000 in 2001. Her life, her works, her dignity and demeanor have made her a role model and peer for millions of girls of the younger generation of today.

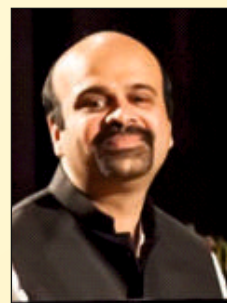


Mr. Rajeev Lochan , Former Director, NGMA

Prof Rajeev Lochan, Director, National Gallery of Modern Art, has been at the helm of affairs since 2001. A practicing artist, Prof. Lochan graduated from the Faculty of Fine Arts, M.S University of Baroda with a specialization in Creative Painting. He remained a U.P. Lalit Kala Akademi Cultural Scholar (1987) and was a National Scholar(1980) of the Union Ministry of Education and Culture. He was a recipient of the Japanese Government, Monbusho, Research Scholarship (1985-87). Subsequently he also received the Japanese Government Research Fellowship in 1994 and Senior Fellowship, Ministry of H.R.D., Dept. of Culture, Govt. of India (1997). D.Litt. from Kyoto City University of Arts, Kyoto, Japan (2015) He has extensively lectured at several important universities and forums both in India and Japan. He has been an academican and was on the Faculty of Delhi University and Jamia Millia Islamia along with other important institutions like Mass Communication and Research Centre, CCRT, etc.

Mr. Anil Shrinivasan ,RHAPSODY Music For Children

Anil Srinivasan is an accomplished classical pianist, the first to be awarded the coveted Sangeet Natak Akademi youth award in 2010 for creative and experimental music, India's national honour for musicians under 35. His various collaborative works – with several of India's top artistes have come in for critical acclaim. He is best known for his collaboration with Sikkil Gurucharan, with whom he has produced ten highly popular albums. His active involvement in music has seen his performances all over the globe. He has been a TED speaker, chaired conferences on music in venues as diverse as Liverpool Hope University and the University of Mumbai and has represented India across multiple forums involving arts education. Importantly, he is the founder of the hugely successful "Rhapsody" music education initiative.



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Mrs. De Haan Saskia Rao, Shubhendra & Saskia Rao Foundation, New Delhi

Saskia Rao-de Haas is a virtuoso cellist, composer and music educator from the Netherlands based in India. She was trained as a Western cellist from a young age onwards, but changed direction when she came in touch with Indian music in 1993. she is not only known as a master performer of Indian classical music and creator of the new instrument the Indian cello, but also as a prolific music educator. She has written an entire music curriculum for Indian schools, trains music educators and has written and published 'Dhwani' and 'Vadya' to introduce children to Indian classical music.



Smt. Sanjna Kapoor, Actress & founder Prithvi Theatre's Children wing JUNOON

Sanjna Kapoor is co-founder of Junoon, a social enterprise that aims to create platforms for theatre in India. Sanjna is well known for her passionate work with theatre over two decades, and for having built Prithvi Theatre into one of India's premier cultural hubs. She is responsible for having brought to Indian audiences some of the finest of world and Indian theatre, being the first to introduce a touring theatre festival into the Indian scene. She has also played a key role as catalyst for theatre for children. Her vision, commitment and enthusiasm ensure that she keeps bringing the richness of theatre into people's lives in multiple ways. She currently spearheads Junoon's school programme, and continues the legacy of both the Kapoors and the Kendals to take theatre to people across the country. Sanjna has also been responsible for initiating the India Theatre Forum network for theatre practitioners. Her current focus is working towards an all-India theatre alliance, based on a practical sharing of resources and ideas, as well as consolidating and strengthening theatre practice in India. She is one of the core team member and facilitator of SMART India, Strategic Management in the Art of Theatre a theatre management training programme.

Mr. KDP RAO, IAS

Chairman, Revenue Board, Govt. of CG

Mr. Rao is an IAS officer of 1988 batch of Chhattisgarh cadre. Earlier to this assignment, he has served as Chairman, Board of Secondary Education, Chhattisgarh.

