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Ashwini Chhatre serves as faculty at the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad. He has an undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Delhi and a PhD in Political Science from Duke University. Prior to his PhD, he spent 11 years working with local communities and social movements on democratic governance of natural resources in India.

He was the Giorgio Ruffolo Post-doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science at Harvard University during 2006-07, and served as faculty in the Department of Geography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 2007 to 2015. His research broadly deals with the intersections of democracy with environment and development, with focus on rural livelihood dynamics in rainfed systems across different agro-ecological and socio-political contexts. He has co-authored a book and published articles in Science PNAS, Annual Review of Environment and Resources, Conservation Biology, Journal of Peasant Studies, World Development, and other journals.

Some of his recent research interests are– Analyzing the impact of MNREGA investments on cropping patterns, economic activity, and environment; Promotion of cultivation and consumption of nutri-cereals in scheduled areas of Maharashtra; Understanding sensitivity of grain yields to historical climate variability in India etc. Apart from research, he is also leading several grants at ISB. One such prestigious project, India Data Portal, a BMGF grant, aims to serve as a one stop open-access data repository portal for public data and visualizations on agriculture, rural development and financial inclusion, to help journalists write and develop comprehensive, fact-based stories.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Amarjeet Sinha
Advisor to the Prime Minister
Government of India

Amarjeet Sinha is currently posted as Advisor to the Prime Minister. An Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer of Bihar Cadre of 1983 batch, he retired as Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India. He has 36 years of experience in Government, largely in the social sector. He has had the unique distinction of having played a major role in designing Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (India's main programme for universal education), the National Rural Health Mission, and in bringing about governance reforms in programmes for rural areas covering livelihoods, employment, housing, social security and road construction.

He has also been training Indian Administrative Service Officer Trainees at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie on the social sector over the last one and a half decade. He has the distinction of having travelled to over 90% of India's districts to promote human development initiatives.

Mr. Sinha has published several books and a large number of articles in publications such as Lancet, Economic and Political Weekly, Economic Times, The Hindu, The Indian Express, The Times of India, The Business Standard, The Hindustan Times, etc. His latest book is "An India for Everyone – A Path to Inclusive Development", published by Harper Collins.

A student of St. Stephen's College, he topped the Delhi University and is a recipient of the National Talent Scholarship, the Rhodes Scholarship and the Oxford Cambridge Society of India Scholarship. He has also been the President of the St. Stephen's College Students' Union Society.



Bhaskar Chakravorti
Dean of Global Business
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Bhaskar Chakravorti is the Dean of Global Business at The Fletcher School at Tufts University and founding executive director of Fletcher's Institute for Business in the Global Context. The Institute's objective is to "connect the world of business with the world." At the Institute, Bhaskar has launched multiple initiatives, e.g. The Digital Planet, Inclusion Inc., The "Turn?" Conference series, among others.

In addition, Bhaskar also serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, is an advisory board member for the UNDP's International Center for the Private Sector in Development based in Istanbul, is a non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution India, and is the Senior Advisor for Digital Inclusion at the MasterCard Center for Inclusive Growth. He is a regular writer and columnist for multiple widely read publications, e.g. Harvard Business Review, Forbes, The Guardian, Indian Express, Huffington Post, and is a former op-ed columnist on Innovation for the Washington Post. He is the author of the widely acclaimed book, "The Slow Pace of Fast Change: Bringing Innovations to Market in a Connected World" (Harvard Business Press). His papers and articles appear in top-tier academic journals, multiple books and in widely-read media, e.g. New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, Washington Post, CNN, Foreign Affairs, BusinessWeek, and CNBC. He has provided commentary to the media, e.g. BBC, National Public Radio, Al Jazeera, CCTV, NBC, New York Times, WSJ, The Economist, The Times of London, and Times of India, among many others, on a variety of issues ranging from innovation to digital transformation to sustainable development.

Bhaskar's Ph.D. in Economics is from the University of Rochester and his M.A. from the Delhi School of Economics and B.A. (honors) from Delhi University's St. Stephen's College.

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Jayant Sinha
Member of Parliament
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Government of India

Mr. Sinha is a second term Member of Parliament from Jharkhand, India. He won his Lok Sabha elections in 2014 and 2019 with record margins. As Chairperson of the Standing Committee for Finance, he leads the 31 member Parliamentary panel that has oversight of the Ministries of Finance, Corporate Affairs, Statistics & Program Implementation, and the NITI Aayog (the government planning agency). In addition, the panel has Parliamentary responsibility for the Reserve Bank of India, the Securities & Exchange Board of India, the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board, and the Insurance and Pension regulatory authorities.

Previously, Mr. Sinha served on India's Council of Ministers from 2014 to 2019; first, as the Minister of State for Finance and then as the Minister of State for Civil Aviation. During his time as a Minister, he gained wide recognition as an innovative and results-oriented policymaker with singular successes ranging from piloting the legislation that brought in India's game-changing bankruptcy code to establishing India's sovereign wealth fund (the National Infrastructure Investment Fund) to privatizing multiple airports under an entirely new regulatory framework. As Aviation Minister, Mr. Sinha was instrumental in upgrading safety and security across India's fast-growing aviation system. He launched the UDAN Regional Connectivity Scheme which expanded the number of operational airports in India by 50% in just three years. Mr. Sinha also implemented several major digital initiatives such as the DigitalSky Drone policy and the DigiYatra digital traveler program.

Prior to his career in public service, Mr. Sinha was Partner at Omidyar Network (ON) and the Managing Director of Omidyar Network India Advisors, where he led overall investment strategy and operations in India from 2009 to 2013. At Omidyar, he made venture capital investments in a variety of companies including two unicorns: Quikr and DailyHunt. Before joining Omidyar Network, he was Managing Director at Courage Capital Management, where he led Global Technology and India-related investing for a billion dollar global special situations hedge fund. Mr. Sinha joined Courage Capital in 2006 after twelve years with McKinsey & Company, where he was a Partner in the Boston and Delhi offices, and co-led the Global Software & Services Practice.

As a global thought leader, Mr. Sinha is a widely published author with articles in the Financial Times, Times of India, Economic Times, Indian Express, Business Standard, Harvard Business Review, and the McKinsey Quarterly. He has pioneered new thinking on platform-based businesses, market regulation, innovation-driven entrepreneurship, and sustainable development. He is sought after in the global and Indian media for his perspectives on these topics.

Mr. Sinha has an MBA with Distinction from the Harvard Business School, an MS in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a BTech with Distinction from the IIT Delhi. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni award from IIT Delhi in 2015.

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Rumki Basu
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Rumki Basu, Professor of Public Administration and currently the Director, Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies in Jamia Millia Islamia is also the former Head of the Department of Political Science, Jamia.

She has published 13 books, 26 articles and 18 book chapters on issues of Public Policy & Governance, International Organization, and the Political Economy of Development in India. She has presented papers in the World Congress of Political Science in Berlin (1994), Seoul (1997), Santiago (2009), Madrid (2012) and Poznan (2016), besides participating in International Workshops in South Asia and the Pacific Region.

She has received the Indian Council of Social Science Research Teacher Fellowship Award. Her important works include: Economic Liberalization and Poverty Alleviation: Social Sector Expenditures and Centre State Relations 2000, Public Administration: Concepts and Theories New Edition 2007, Globalization and the Changing Role of the State (edited) 2008, Governance & Human Capital: The 21st Century Agenda (co-edited) 2011, Democracy and Good Governance: Reinventing the Public Service Delivery System in India (co-edited) 2014 and Indian Administration: Structure Performance and Reform (2019). Her latest three books, Democracy and Public Policy in the Post Covid-19 world: Choices and Outcomes (2021), Public Administration in the 21st century (2019) and Governance in South Asia (2017) have been published by Routledge, Francis and Taylor Group.

Her books and research papers have been published by Macmillan, Sage, Routledge and Springer. She was awarded the Bharat Jyoti Award in 2013 by the India International Friendship Society. As Director of the Sarojini Naidu Women's Studies Centre in Jamia, she was instrumental in introducing the MA Gender Studies Programme in the Centre for Women's Studies from 2015.

She has given several talks and lectures in Academic Staff Colleges and universities across India on issues of Gender, Public Policy and Governance. Received the Mary Hamilton Award - 2021 as recognition for the major contributions made to the field of International Public Administration by the American Society for Public Administration.

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V. Srinivas
IAS, DG, NCGG and Addl.
Secretary, DARPG
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V.Srinivas is the Additional Secretary to Government of India, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances with additional charge of Director General National Centre for Good Governance. In DARPG he has authored the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure 2019, the Good Governance Index 2019 and the National e-Services Delivery Assessment 2019 and played a leadership role in Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2019 & 2020, the National e-Governance Conferences at Shillong in 2019 and Mumbai in 2020, the implementation of e-Office in Government of India, CPGRAMS reforms and the recognition of the National Centre for Good Governance as an institute of focus by the Ministry of External Affairs.

V.Srinivas has a Master's degree in Chemical Engineering from College of Technology, Osmania University. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1989, at age 22, and has 32 years of distinguished service. He has served as Deputy Director (Administration) AIIMS, Director General National Archives of India, Deputy Secretary and Joint Secretary in Government of India, Secretary to Government of Rajasthan, Advisor to India's Executive Director in the International Monetary Fund (2003-2006), Private Secretary to Finance Minister of India and Private Secretary to External Affairs Minister. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Revenue for Rajasthan, Ajmer and the Rajasthan Tax Board.

V.Srinivas is a recipient of Digital India Awards in 2020 and 2016 for e-Office and Digital AIIMS projects, the AIIMS Leadership Excellence Awards 2016 and 2017 for AIIMS OPD Transformation Project and AIIMS Housing Redevelopment Project, the Kaya Kalp (Clean Hospital) Awards 2016, 2017 for Clean and Green AIIMS, Merit Certificates with Cash Award and Citation from Government of Rajasthan in 1998 and 2018 for Excellence in Public Administration conferred by Chief Minister on Independence Day, and 3 National Productivity Council Awards in 1995 and 1997 for Highest Productivity in Rainfed Agriculture. He is recognized for his leadership role in the Digital Rajsva Mandal project and the Rajasthan Revenue Courts Grid.

V.Srinivas is an Indian Council of World Affairs Fellow for 2017-19 for his book "India's Relations with the International Monetary Fund – 25 years in Perspective" published in 2019. V.Srinivas's second book "Towards a New India – Governance Transformed 2014-19" was also published in 2019. V.Srinivas has authored 167 articles/ papers on public finance and public administration and delivered 65 orations.

He is a senior administrator, a respected academician and an institution builder par excellence.

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Abhishek Kathuria is an Assistant Professor of Information Systems at the Indian School of Business (ISB). His interests lie at the intersection of technology and strategy. His research examines the business value of IT, focusing on innovation, digital platform strategies, and emerging economies. His work has been published or is forthcoming in premier academic journals, and received multiple best paper nominations and awards at various academic conferences. Abhishek has taught Information Management, Technology Entrepreneurship, IT Strategy, Analytics, and System Design in BBA, MBA, and Executive MBA programs in the US, Hong Kong, China and India.

Prior to joining the ISB, Abhishek was an Assistant Professor of Innovation and Information Management at The University of Hong Kong. He holds a PhD from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University, an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management Indore, and an undergraduate degree in information technology from Delhi University.



Abhishek Singh
IAS, CEO – MyGov, President and
CEO – NeGD MD and CEO –
Digital India Corporation

Abhishek Singh is an officer of the 1995 batch of IAS with diverse experience of administration, managing law and order, implementing development programs, and of policy formulation at Central Government with regard to use of technology for improving governance. He is presently posted as CEO MyGov with additional charge of President & CEO NeGD and also MD & CEO, Digital India Corporation.

Mr. Singh did his Master's in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School of Government as a Mason fellow in May 2013. He did his B.Tech and M.Tech from IIT Kanpur. He has worked in Nagaland (1995–2001 & 2006–2009) and Uttar Pradesh (2001–05) and has been responsible for implementing development schemes at the grass root level, ensuring law and order as also for collecting revenues for the State.



Purushottam Kaushik
Head - Centre for the Fourth
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Purushottam Kaushik heads the Fourth Industrial Revolution Network, India Centre. He has an Engineering graduate degree from Punjab Engineering College, and an MBA from Faculty of Management Studies, BHU.

Purushottam Kaushik (Puru) joined World Economic Forum in March 2020 and has 26 years of experience in Telecom and IT in sales leadership and management consulting roles. Puru started his career in 1995 and has worked in various Telecom companies including Alcatel Systems, Lucent Technologies, and Nortel Network till 2009. From 2009 to 2016, he was at Cisco systems, India as Managing Director Sales.

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Rohini Srivathsa
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Dr. Rohini Srivathsa is the National Technology Officer at Microsoft India. In her role, she is responsible for driving innovation and growth through 'tech-intensity' – across customers and partners, in industry and the government. Rohini began her career in R&D at AT&T Bell Laboratories and has 25+ technical and business publications in ACM/IEEE and other journals. She engaged with CxOs across emerging markets during her strategy consulting career at the Boston Consulting Group and IBM Global Business Services.

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Shalini Rajneesh
Additional Chief Secretary at
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Dr. Shalini Rajneesh is an IAS Officer and is currently serving as the Additional Chief Secretary at the Planning Department, Government of Karnataka. She was the IAS Women Topper in 1989 Batch. She handled Government to Citizen Service Delivery, Business Process Re-engineering in Government, E-Governance projects and big data Analytics, Women Empowerment, Entrepreneurship Development, Corporate social Responsibility, Social Media and Networking. She is awarded the National E-Governance award by the Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India as well as the Best IAS award by the Newspapers Association of India (NAI).

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Aarushi Jain
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Abhishek Handa is a PhD Research Scholar at the Department of Political Science, University Of Delhi, and is working on his research thesis, "Power, Market, Knowledge: The Political Economy of Medicinal Plants In India." His research interests include themes like "Emergence of Capitalist Modernity and Politics Of Knowledge", "Debates on Modernity and the Critiques of Dominant Science and Epistemology", "Modern Development and its Critics", "Issues around Environment and Ecology", "Politics of Alternative Vision of Development", "Commodification and Commercialisation of Traditional Medicines and its Social, Economic, Ecological and Epistemic Dimensions", "Modern Agriculture and Politics of Green Revolution", "Modern Capitalist Farming and its Social, Economic, Epistemic and Ecological consequences".



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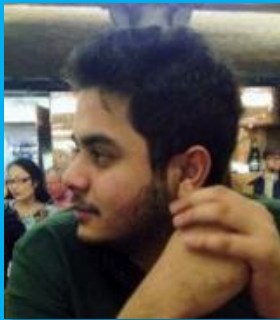
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Advait Palepu
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MediaNama

Advait Palepu is currently a journalist with MediaNama. He has covered the banking and finance sector for the last 4 years with publications like BloombergQuint and Business Standard. A graduate in comparative politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, his interests lie in corporate finance, fintech, data and privacy, frauds and public policy.



Anandita Pathak
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Anandita Pathak is a final year undergraduate student of History at the University of Delhi. She wishes to comprehend the varied socio-economic realities that exist around the world today by engaging on the ground and to learn more and more about the world we live in. She hopes to work towards making the world a better place for its residents.

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Anant Kamath
Assistant Professor
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Anant Kamath is a sociologist of technology, and his interests expand into economic-sociology and the political economy of development. His doctoral work was at the United Nations University/MERIT (The Netherlands), before which he studied at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS, Trivandrum), Madras School of Economics (Chennai) and St. Joseph's College (Bangalore). Anant's interests within technological studies have been around the economic-sociology of technological outcomes, inclining towards social constructivist and feminist-historical perspectives on technology. Sociological concerns like social capital, inequality, urban transition, social mobility, marginalisation, gender, and caste, are central to technological enquiries. He has employed a variety of methods such as network analysis, archival work, oral histories, social construction of technology, etc. Anant has published in various international journals. His latest book "The Social Context of Technological Experiences" released in 2020 under Routledge, while he also brought out a book in 2015, again under Routledge titled "Industrial Innovation, Networks, and Economic Development." His third book volume (co-authored) is on neoliberal urban transition and digital experiences among street-based sex workers in Bangalore city, for which Cambridge University Press has signed a contract.



Anil Kumar Pandey
PhD Student
NITIE Mumbai

Anil Kumar Pandey is a PhD Candidate at the Finance and Economics department at NITIE Mumbai. His research focuses on macro-based asset pricing, derivatives, fixed income, and financial econometrics. It could be characterized as a measurement of various risks that financial markets are facing and understanding how these risks could translate into expected return. He particularly focuses on the importance of market crashes, private and sovereign defaults, and unexpected changes in policy – events that may occur infrequently, but whose impact can be devastating on financial markets and on the economy overall. His past work has practical applications in risk management at financial institutions because it increases awareness of and provides quantitative tools to gauge how bad things can be. This research helps interpret high average returns in asset management companies because these are often associated with rare but massive losses. Currently, he is interested in the changing nature of monetary policy and sovereign defaults, when a sovereign was historically viewed as an exceptionally high-quality borrower.



Ankita Nanda
Partnerships & Design Associate
Good Business Lab

Ankita Nanda works on strategic partnerships and designing research interventions at Good Business Lab. Her research interests include decoding the trends behind India's falling female labour force participation rate. She did her undergraduate in Political Science and Sociology at Ashoka University. Prior to working at GBL, she was working on increasing citizen engagement with the Indian Parliament at PRS Legislative Research.

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Anu Tiwari
Partner
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Anu Tiwari, with over 15 years of experience, is a Partner in the Corporate, M&A and Financial Institutions Advisory Practice at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. He advises clients on matters related to public and private M&A, raising capital, commercial agreements, and activism. Anu represents both Indian and multinational fintech, banking, broker-dealer, exchange, asset management, speciality finance and information technology companies on transactional, enforcement and regulatory matters. He has been a member of RBI's Committee on Household Finance, SEBI's Working Group on Mutual Fund Regulation, Fintech Committee of the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and a visiting faculty at the SP Jain School of Global Management. Mr. Tiwari has been recognised by Chambers & Partners, IFLR, Merger Market and as Lawyer of the Year 2021, India, by Global Law Experts for his work in the M&A, Financial Regulatory and Blockchain/Cryptocurrency space.



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Anushka Bhilwar is currently pursuing her post-graduation in Public Policy from the University of Stirling, United Kingdom with a focus on Gender and International Cooperation. In the past, she completed her graduation in Social Sciences and Humanities, a triple major interdisciplinary program from Ambedkar University, Delhi. She has worked with United Nations Development Program, New Delhi to document the impact of COVID-19 in India and the response of the Government of India. Furthermore, she also worked on three impact and evaluation studies under the guidance of Dr. Charru Malhotra, Associate Professor, IIPA on – National Knowledge Network, Technology Development for Indian Languages, and Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan. Their research areas, not limited to, pertain from Ambedkar Studies, gender, political history, data privacy, and smart cities. As an independent researcher, she has also co-authored and contributed a chapter on Designing Inclusive Smart Cities – The Indian Context – Morgan Kaufmann (an imprint of Elsevier Inc.) : Solving Urban Infrastructure Problems Using Smart City Technologies Handbook.



Arindam Banerjee
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Arindam Banerjee is a co-founder and Partner at Policy and Development Advisory Group (PDAG). A public policy and communications specialist, he currently advises the Chief Minister – Jharkhand on key welfare policy issues, media outreach and digital communications. He also oversees key research and policy partnerships between PDAG and other academic and public policy organisations. Prior to PDAG, Arindam read for the Masters in Public Policy at Blavatnik School of Government at University of Oxford as a Chevening Scholar. He also worked closely with Nobel Laureates Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo as a policy manager at the Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) across New Delhi, Ranchi and Boston. Arindam was also one of the 145 Prime Minister's Rural Development Fellows (PMRDF) with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. As a PMRDF, he worked for more than 3 years to support and advise the district administration of West Midnapore, a high Left Wing Extremism affected district. Arindam has also worked as a Political Correspondent with the Indian Express newspaper and has also written for both national and international publications and web portals.

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Arjun Goswami
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Arjun Goswami is the Director – Public Policy Practice at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (CAM). At CAM, Mr. Goswami heads work for public and private clients, thought leadership and external partnerships focussed on ESG / PPP for the technology, financial and infrastructure sectors. Before joining CAM, he was with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines as Chief, Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group (RCI) from 2009 and with ADB since 1996. As the chief of RCI, Mr. Goswami was responsible for operational planning, RCI corporate reporting, RCI quality and skills enhancement, innovative RCI pipeline development through operationally relevant knowledge products, key seminars and RCI resource mobilization; joint initiatives with Sector and Thematic Groups; Chair/Member of Integrity Oversight Committee; Chair, Appeals Committee. Prior to ADB, Mr. Goswami was the Head of Legal and Compliance at the Standard Chartered Bank, Mumbai from 1992 to 1996, and as an Attorney with Swidler & Berlin, Washington, D.C., USA from 1987 to 1992.



Arun Kumar Singh
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Arun Kumar Singh is currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political science at Multinational Modi Post Graduate College, Modinagar, Ghaziabad (affiliated to Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut). Along with that he is also pursuing a PhD on the topic, "Politics of Knowledge in Development: Understanding Sugarcane crisis in Uttar Pradesh" from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. His area of interest lies in developmental politics and politics of knowledge in modern scientific technology, especially in sugar, jaggery and related sectors.



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Arun Prabhu is the head of the Technology, Media and Telecommunications practice at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas. He advises extensively on matters relating to technology, data centres, data protection and privacy including issues surrounding data collection, processing, protection and retention, in addition to the formulation of policies and best practices designed to mitigate the legal risks associated with processing and transfer of data. Apart from the above, he also advises in the areas of gaming and gambling related legislations. He writes, speaks, comments and consults extensively with various industry, government bodies and regulators in relation to developments in the rapidly evolving legal regime surrounding regulation of personal and non-personal data in India, including the Right to Privacy and Aadhaar judgments, Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019, non-personal data governance framework, information solicitation frameworks and sector-specific aspects such as relevant cybersecurity and localization requirements.

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Arun Tawde
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Arun Tawde is a certified Executive coach, NLP Practitioner and Behavioural Skills Trainer. He has an overall experience of 26 years. With his rich corporate experience, he has thorough insights on the business and life coaching needs of people, and this absolutely helps his clients to find optimal solutions for their desired outcome. Arun's coaching process helps clients improve their outlook on work and life, leadership skills and unlocking their true potential. This translates into positive lasting changes in the client's life and behaviour and therefore, into positive changes for his/her team's and organization's performance. He encourages the client's self-discovery and self-awareness process. He has also developed an effective Relationship Building model. Being a post graduate in economics, Arun has performed roles as an economist and financial advisory professional for over 22 years during his tenure in various corporates and MNC consulting firms. And therefore, his methodology is based on years of study and practice of human behaviour, management, consulting, business, training, coaching and neuro-linguistic programming (NLP). As a contribution to financial inclusion, Arun motivates and trains rural and urban citizens from various states of India to use digital payment systems to their advantage.



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Arunender Singh is a computer science engineer and lawyer by qualification. He completed engineering (B.Tech-M.Tech) as well as LLB (Intellectual Property Rights) from IIT Kharagpur. He did his LLM (Public International Law) from the University of Amsterdam. He was awarded the Amsterdam Merit Scholarship. He has written and published papers in journals of repute. He has discussed the relationship of a "big data society" and the susceptibility of countries to data breaches in a piece titled "The Personal Protection Bill is Inadequate in the age of Big Data" (The Opinion, Moneycontrol; <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/trends/current-affairs-trends/definition-of-kilogram-changed-after-130-years-3192901.html>). Arunender contributes to the international legal developments related to "forests" in the Yearbook of International Environmental Law published by the OUP. Recently, he wrote a blog post on the impact of Covid-19 on digital rights, highlighting the creeping governance functions performed by private entities, like information and communication technology (ICT) platforms, in the governmental realm.



Arvind Patil
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Arvind Patil is a design practitioner with expertise in HCD Research, Systems Thinking, Service Design and New Product Development. Currently, he is working with Good Business Lab (a labor innovation start-up) as a Design and Program Manager and leads the Design vertical. His area of interest is design for development, social innovation, holistic wellbeing, and organisational development. He holds a Master's in Strategic Design Management from the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, India.

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Ashutosh Tiwari is working as an Assistant Professor at Dharm Samaj College, Aligarh. He obtained his Doctoral degree from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He did his Master's degree in Biotechnology and M.Phil Studies in Science Policy from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has been a distinguished teacher, administrator and researcher. Dr Tiwari has written many articles in International journals and books.



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Asilata Karandikar is an Assistant Professor in the department of Political Science at Wilson College, Mumbai. Through her research, she seeks to examine the deployment of technological innovations in governance and its ensuing politics. Previously, she has conducted research in the interdisciplinary field of gender and medical education. She is keen on exploring women's writings, as also the representation and politics of gender in film.



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