



# DECCAN DIALOGUE

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**SPEAKER PROFILE**

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## **Dr S Jaishankar**

**Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Government of India**

Earlier Dr S Jaishankar was President – Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from May 2018.

He was Foreign Secretary from 2015-18, Ambassador to United States from 2013-15, Ambassador to China from 2009-2013, High Commissioner to Singapore from 2007-2009 and Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2000-2004.

He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in Embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President's Secretariat.

Dr S. Jaishankar is a graduate of St. Stephen's College at the University of Delhi. He has an MA in Political Science and an M. Phil and Ph.D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019.



## **Ambassador Rahul Chhabra, IFS**

**Secretary, Economic Relations,  
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**

Mr. Rahul Chhabra took over the post of Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs on 8th June 2020.

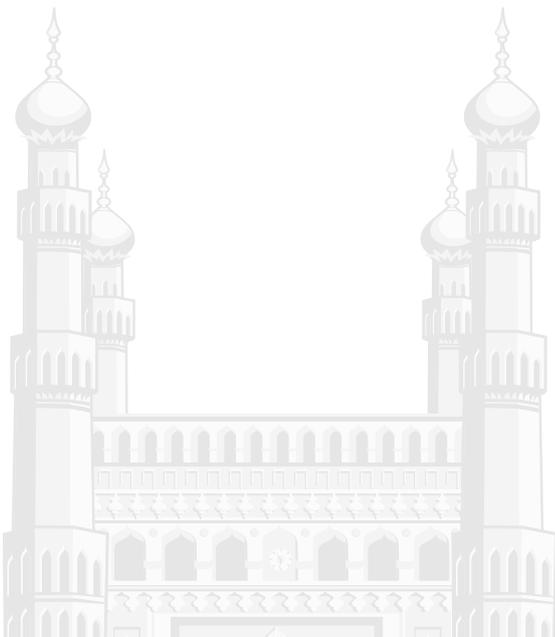
Prior to taking over his current post, Mr. Chhabra was High Commissioner to Kenya, Ambassador to Somalia and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) & the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), based in Nairobi from Nov. 2018 to June 2020. He was Ambassador to Hungary and Bosnia & Herzegovina from August 2015 to October 2018.

At Headquarters, he worked as Joint Secretary (Central Europe). He conceived and organized the first two editions of the India-Central Europe Business Forum which has now become a regular feature in the Indian business calendar. During this assignment, he was instrumental in focusing India's foreign policy towards the Arctic and the V-4.

While earlier serving in New Delhi, he worked to promote foreign investment flows into India, having been part of India's delegation to the World Economic Forum at Davos. Later, he served as Director for External Publicity at the Ministry of External Affairs and Director in the Foreign Secretary's Office.

During his stints abroad, Mr. Chhabra has served in Kenya, Hungary, China, United States, Philippines, France, Senegal and Belgium.

After an undergraduate degree in Economics, on the merit list, from the prestigious St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, he obtained a graduate degree in Economics, with a national scholarship, from the premier institute Delhi School of Economics and Masters in Business Administration from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Calcutta, where he was placed on the Roll of Honour.





## Sunil Kant Munjal

**Member, Executive Board, ISB  
and Chairman, Hero Enterprise**

An intrepid entrepreneur, investor and recently-turned author with multiple passions and interests, Sunil Kant Munjal is the youngest son of Brijmohan Lall Munjal, the Founder of the Hero Group. Besides setting up many new enterprises and providing strategic inputs for the Hero Group as chairman of Hero Corporate Service, he was also one of the managing directors of Hero Cycles, and subsequently the joint managing director of Hero MotoCorp (formerly Hero Honda). As the Chairman of Hero Enterprise, he oversees diverse service and manufacturing businesses, and has made strategic investments in areas ranging from e-commerce to hospitality both in India and overseas. Along with a few others, he has also helped create a base for risk capital, angel funding and venture funding in India through investments in digital learning, community transportation, healthcare, women empowerment and children's education. He has also invested in alternative asset management funds that take an entrepreneurial approach to socio-economic challenges.

He has been actively involved in corporate governance and policy advocacy for many decades. He sits on the boards of DCM Shriram, Escorts, Bharti Foundation, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs and the advisory boards of Coca Cola India, Indian Angels Network Fund and UK India Business Council (UKIBC). He has also been on the boards of IIT Ropar, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) and PNB Gilts Ltd and has chaired the board of Punjab Technical University. A key advocate of economic reforms, he is a former president of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the All India Management Association (AIMA) and continues to be involved with them. He has been on the Prime Minister's Council on Trade & Industry and in the 1990s, he was a member of the Narasimham Committee that scripted India's banking and financial sector reforms. He was also on the

Taskforce on Indirect Taxes (Kelkar Committee), that charted India's first roadmap for indirect taxes. He was also a member of the RBI's commission for labour reforms, and on the committee that defined roles for bank board members.

Sunil Kant Munjal is passionate about education, healthcare and skill development. He has co-founded BML Munjal University, a unique higher education venture that pioneers next practices in knowledge delivery and student development and is President of the Dayanand Medical College and Hospital, in Ludhiana, which has been ranked as a leading non-metro hospital and the number one private teaching hospital in North India. He also chairs the BCM Foundation, set up in memory of his grandfather, which runs schools and colleges across Punjab. He chairs the governing body of his alma mater, The Doon School, considered to be India's leading high school and chairs the board of MEPSC, a government and industry supported skills' initiative to create a professionally competent workforce for India. He also sits on the boards of IIM Ahmedabad (IIMA), Indian School of Business (ISB), Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) and University of Tokyo.

Sunil Kant Munjal continues his life-long love affair with the arts and literature. He set up the Ludhiana Sanskritik Samagam, a cultural body to promote the performing arts in Ludhiana. He has co-authored a coffee table book, All the World's A Stage that chronicles experiences with India's finest music and theatre artistes who performed at Ludhiana. He then founded the Serendipity Arts Foundation which runs unique education programs, residencies and research in art and culture, besides organizing an annual festival (Serendipity Art Festival) that has become one of the world's largest multi-disciplinary arts festivals in terms of scale, quality and curation of all art forms. He has also chronicled the incredible saga of Hero's founders in a book, The Making of Hero: Four Brothers, Two Wheels and a Revolution that Shaped India, which featured amongst India's prominent bestsellers for several months.

India's leading magazine India Today chose him as one of the "Faces of the Millennium" for business. In 2016, he won the Jehangir Ghandy Medal for Social and Industrial Peace. In the same year, he was conferred a D. Lit by SRM University, Chennai, and became a Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Directors. In 2018, Punjab University conferred on him the Udyog Rattan Award for role in the state's industrial development. He also received the GlobScot Award from the Scottish government in 2012 for being one of the prominent employers in Scotland.



## Professor Rajendra Srivastava

**Dean and Novartis Professor of Marketing Strategy and Innovation, Indian School of Business**

Rajendra Srivastava is the Dean of the Indian School of Business (ISB) and the Novartis Professor of Marketing strategy and Innovation. He comes with an experience of over 30 years as an academic and administrator. He has held several tenured faculty and administrative positions during his career. Before joining the ISB, he was Provost and Deputy President of Academic Affairs at Singapore Management University.

His research interests include Marketing Strategy, Marketing Metrics, and Brand/Customer Management. His current work focuses on Business Model Innovations, especially in Services, B2B, Technology and Emerging Markets. He is best known globally, for his work on measuring the impact of market-facing business processes (innovation, supply-chain and customer management), that create value for customers, and the value of market-based assets (customers, channels, brands and value networks). He is also well known for his work in competitive market structures and brand equity/strategic brand management. His latest research and teaching interests also include Strategic Performance Management, Marketing Accountability and Driving Growth and Shareholder Value.

Rajendra Srivastava is a highly cited scholar with work published in leading marketing journals. He is also the recipient of several awards and honours. He has been actively involved in setting up several new postgraduate and doctoral programmes as well as research centres and initiatives in close collaboration with industry. He has also been involved in consulting and senior management training with global MNCs and brings a unique blend of experiences integrating academic and business perspectives from the west and the east. He is committed to cross-functional integration in management of business processes and has championed inter-disciplinary research and academic programmes, and has nurtured multi-disciplinary areas of excellence in financial markets, innovation and business analytics.

Prior to SMU he held distinguished research chairs and senior management positions at the University of Texas at Austin and Emory University in Atlanta.

# DIALOGUE I

## INDIA'S CRITICAL ROLE IN 'HEALTHCARE DIPLOMACY: POLICY IMPLICATIONS'



### Arti Ahuja, IAS

**Additional Secretary - Health,  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,  
Government of India**

Arti Ahuja joined Indian Administrative Service in 1990 after completing her Masters in Economics and LLB and is currently posted as Additional Secretary & DG (CGHS & NACO) in the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India.

She has a career spanning more than 30 years in the Central Government and the State. She has been Secretary in various departments in the State, such as Handloom & Handicrafts, Women & Child Development, Health & Family Welfare and Tourism. Many of the system level reforms brought in by her in the nutrition and health sectors were recognized as national best practices by independent national and global organizations.

She has done Masters in Public Policy with specialization in Health Policies from Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University and Masters in Public Health from Harvard University.

She was a Member of the Independent Expert Group of the Global Nutrition Report, an independent Global Report brought out every year; and was also a Senior Honorary Research Associate at the Global Institute of Health, University College, London. She has written a number of articles for different Journals and Books.



### Dr Krishna Ella

**Chairman and Managing Director,  
Bharat Biotech International Limited**

Dr. Krishna Ella Graduated from University of Agriculture Science and Ph.D, from University of Wisconsin-Madison (1987-1992) and returned back to India in 1996 to start Bharat Biotech along with his wife Suchitra Ella.

Bharat Biotech believes in working on neglected diseases since many neglected diseases turns out to be a pandemic disease. Bharat Biotech being located India working on future problems of pandemic. The company has developed more than 16 vaccines and producing highest number of viral vaccines in the developing world (11 vaccines), Bharat Biotech was the first company in the developing world to develop Rotavirus vaccine ROTAVAC® and also the first company in the world to develop Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine TYPEBAR TCV®. Bharat Biotech sold more than 9 Billion doses of vaccines all over the world.

BBIL was the first company to file a global patent on Chikungunya and Zika Virus vaccine in the world. On our efforts to control the COVID-19 we are working on three difference platform technologies and two of them have already completed animal challenge studies and in various phases of clinical trials.

Most recently Bharat Biotech has been working on the development of three COVID-19 vaccine candidates, two of which are international collaborations with University of Wisconsin-Madison and Thomas Jefferson University. The third is an indigenous vaccine development project in collaboration with ICMR. Covaxin™ is India's 1st indigenous vaccine developed against COVID-19. The strain of SARS-CoV-2 used in this has been isolated from ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune. The vaccine has received an approval for phase-I and phase- II human trials by the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) and is under phase-2 clinical trials at present.



## Professor Mathukumalli Vidyasagar, FRS

**Distinguished Professor, Electrical Engineering,  
IIT Hyderabad**

Mathukumalli Vidyasagar was born in Guntur, India on September 29, 1947. He received the B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, in 1965, 1967 and 1969 respectively. Between 1969 and 1989, he was a Professor of Electrical Engineering at Marquette University, Concordia University, and the University of Waterloo. In 1989 he returned to India as the Director of the newly created Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (CAIR) in Bangalore, under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. Between 1989 and 2000, he built up CAIR into a leading research laboratory with about 40 scientists and a total of about 85 persons, working in areas such as flight control, robotics, neural networks, and image processing. In 2000 he moved to the Indian private sector as an Executive Vice President of India's largest software company, Tata Consultancy Services. In the city of Hyderabad, he created the Advanced Technology Center, an industrial R&D laboratory of around 80 engineers, working in areas such as computational biology, quantitative finance, e-security, identity management, and open source software to support Indian languages. In 2009 he retired from TCS and joined the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering & Computer Science at the University of Texas at Dallas, as a Cecil & Ida Green Chair in Systems Biology Science. In March 2010 he was named as the Founding Head of the newly created Bioengineering Department, a position that he relinquished in July 2013. In January 2015 he received the Jawaharlal Nehru Science Fellowship and divided his time between UT Dallas and the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad. In January 2018 he stopped teaching at UT Dallas and now resides full-time in Hyderabad. He continues his association with IIT Hyderabad. Since March 2020, he is a SERB National Science Chair, one of four in India.

His research interests are in the broad area of system and control theory, and its applications. In the recent past he has been interested in the area of compressed sensing, that is, finding sparse solutions to large under-determined problems. At present he is exploring whether ideas from statistical learning theory can be applied to problems of reinforcement learning. On the applications front, he is interested in applying ideas from machine learning to problems in computational biology with emphasis on cancer.

Vidyasagar has received a number of awards in recognition of his research contributions, including Fellowship in The Royal Society, the world's oldest scientific academy in continuous existence, the IEEE Control Systems (Technical Field) Award, the Rufus Oldenburger Medal of ASME, the John R. Ragazzini Education Award from AACC, and others. He is the author of thirteen books and more than 150 papers in peer-reviewed journals.



## Ambassador Ron Malka

**Ambassador of Israel to India**

Ambassador Ron Malka was born in Israel in 1965. He graduated in Economics and Business Administration from Bar Ilan University in 1990. Later, he completed MBA in Finance and Business Administration in 1994 and PhD in Economics in 2004.

Between 1983 and 2007, he was in military service from where he retired with the rank of Full Colonel. During this time, he served 9 years in the IDF Intelligence Corporation and for 16 years held managerial positions in the Chief of Staff's Financial Advisory Unit.

From 2008-2016 he was Senior Lecturer on Banking, Economics and Capital Markets at Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya and The Academic Center, Netanya.

From 2016-2018 he served as the Dean of the School of Financial Markets and Banking at the Academic Center of Law and Business.

Ambassador Malka provided financial advice and guidance to companies and institutions in the Israeli market, and international companies in public and private projects. In addition, he served as economic advisor to the Prime Minister's commission to review the defence budget.

He served as a Director (2008-2014) and Acting Chairman in the Board of Directors of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) (2013-2014). In addition, he was Member of the Finance and Budget Committee, TASE between 2009 and 2014. He has served as Chairman in Investment Committee, Audit and Financial Reports Committee in TASE.

From 2013 to 2018, he served as Director and Chairman of Investments, the ROM Fund (Municipal Employees) and Director and Chairman of the audit committee in SHABA- Automated Banking Services. Also, he was Director and Investment Chairman of AGUR, a company which manages advanced training funds for post-primary teachers. positions at the University of Texas at Austin and Emory University in Atlanta.



## Professor Sarang Deo

**Executive Director,  
Max Institute of Healthcare Management,  
Indian School of Business**

Sarang Deo is Professor of Operations Management at the Indian School of Business. His primary area of interest is health care operations with special emphasis on investigating the impact of operations decisions on population level health outcomes. He has studied the influenza vaccine supply chain and the phenomenon of ambulance diversion (in the US), the adult HIV treatment supply chains and the infant HIV diagnosis networks in sub-Saharan Africa, and more recently the TB diagnosis pathway in rural India. He frequently collaborates with international agencies such as the Clinton Health Access Initiative and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and his research has been funded by the US National Science Foundation and Grand Challenges Canada.

Prior to joining the ISB, Sarang was Assistant Professor at the Kellogg School of Management. He was a management consultant in the Accenture's Mumbai office before embarking on an academic career. Sarang has a PhD from UCLA Anderson School of Management, MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, and BTech from IIT Bombay.



## Ambassador Vikram K Doraiswami

**High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh**

Mr. Vikram K Doraiswami joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1992. Prior to joining the Indian Government, he worked for one year as a journalist. He took a Masters' Degree in History from the University of Delhi.

After his in-service training in New Delhi from 1992-1993, Mr Doraiswami was posted to the High Commission of India in Hong Kong in May 1994 as Third Secretary. He learnt Chinese, taking an elective diploma in that language at the New Asia Yale-in-Asia language school of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was posted to the Embassy of India in Beijing in September 1996 where he served for nearly four years.

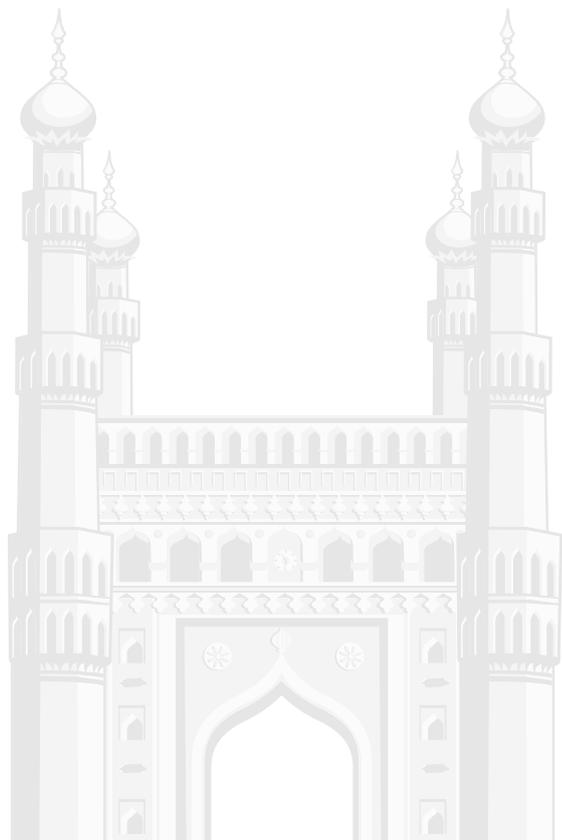
Upon returning to the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi in 2000, Mr. Doraiswami was appointed Deputy Chief of Protocol (Ceremonials). After two years he was seconded to the Prime Minister's Office. He later served as Private Secretary to the Prime Minister of India.

In 2006, Mr. Doraiswami was posted to the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York as Political Counsellor and in October 2009 he served as India's Consul General in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In July 2011, Mr. Doraiswami returned to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in New Delhi, where he was Head of the Division for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). During this period, he was also Coordinator for the Fourth Summit meeting of BRICS in New Delhi in March 2012.

From October 2012 to October 2014, Mr. Doraiswami was Joint Secretary of the Americas Division of the MEA. He became Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan in October 2014, before being assigned as India's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea in April 2015. Upon completion of this assignment, he returned to Headquarters in July 2018, serving as Head of Division for Bangladesh and Myanmar. In April 2019, he was tasked with setting up a new Division at MEA for the Indo-Pacific. Following a promotion in December 2019, he was designated Additional Secretary responsible for International Organizations and Summits.

Vikram Doraiswami's interests include reading, sports, fitness, travel and Jazz. He speaks Chinese, French and some Korean.

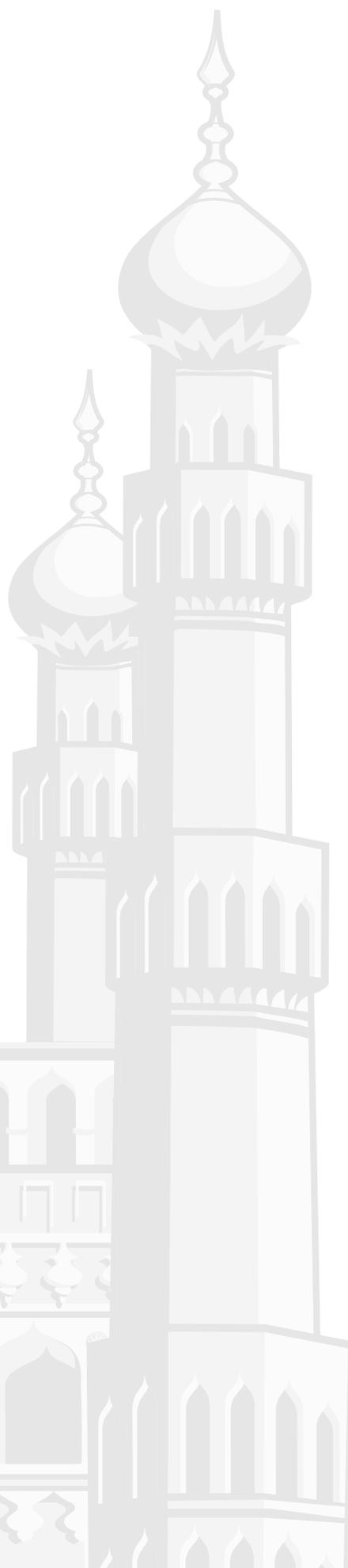




## Govindraj Ethiraj

**Founder, IndiaSpend and BOOM**

Govindraj is a television & print journalist and founder of Boom, a fact-checking initiative. He anchors seasonal shows on Indian news television--the current one being Aegons of Business on Bloomberg Quint, and the most recent being Policy Watch on public service broadcaster Rajya Sabha TV. He also writes for newspapers such as Business Standard. Previously, Govindraj was Founder-Editor in Chief of Bloomberg TV India, a 24-hours business news service launched out of Mumbai in 2008 and a partnership between Bloomberg LLP and the UTV Group in India. Prior to that, he worked with Business Standard as Editor (New Media) with a specific mandate of integrating the newspaper's news operations with its digital or web platform. He also spent around five years each with CNBC-TV18 and The Economic Times. He is a Fellow of The Aspen Institute, Colorado, and a winner of the BMW Foundation Responsible Leadership Award for 2014 and the 2018 McNulty Prize.



## DIALOGUE II

# ‘ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT’: SYNCHRONISING GLOBALISATION WITH DECENTRALISED COOPERATION



### Professor Chandan Chowdhury

Senior Associate Dean, and Executive Director,  
Munjal Institute for Global Manufacturing,  
Indian School of Business

Chandan Chowdhury is a Senior Associate Dean and a Practice Professor of Operations Management and Information Systems at the Indian School of Business. He is also the Executive Director leading the (1) Munjal Institute for Global Manufacturing and the (2) Punj-Lloyd Institute of Infrastructure Management at ISB. Professor Chandan did his MS in Mechanical Engineering and has doctorate from the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (formerly known as the Technical University of Budapest). Professor Chandan has been the recipient of numerous awards and his special areas of interest are operations and manufacturing management, innovation and ‘Technology Enabled Business Transformation’ and smart and sustainable city.

Prior to joining ISB, he served three top multinationals as Managing Director and Country Manager. He was CEO and Member Board of Directors at IFS-India (a 100% subsidiary of Industrial and Financial System, a Swedish Multinational, listed in Stockholm focussing on enterprise applications). He was also the Country Manager at IBM-Software Group (Strategic Accounts). Prior to joining ISB, he served Dassault Systemes over 5 years, initially as a Managing Director-India and subsequently as Vice President-Global Affairs. Dassault Systemes is a European multinational operating from approximately 140 countries. He was also a Member, Board of Directors at Dassault Systemes-India. He has lead business transformation initiatives in many leading corporate both in government and private sectors.

Professor Chandan has an excellent blend of academia and industry. During his last academic stint, he was a Professor, Dean (Academy), Chairman (Board of Research) and Member (Board of Governors) at NITIE (National Institute of Industrial Engineering, established as a joint initiative between United Nations and Government of India in 1963).

He is passionate about leveraging technology to make the world a better place to live in.



### Ambassador Dammu Ravi, IFS

Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India

Mr Dammu Ravi joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1989. He served in Indian Missions abroad in Mexico, Cuba, Brussels in various capacities from 1991 to 2001. He served at Headquarters in the Ministry of External Affairs as Director in the West Europe Division and also as Director, UN Division from 2001 to 2006. He was on deputation as Private Secretary to Minister of Tourism and Culture from March 2006 to May 2009. He was Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs responsible for India’s relations with Latin America and Caribbean countries from November 2009 to November 2013.

On deputation to Ministry of Commerce as Joint Secretary he handled Trade Policy matters; WTO issues, especially trade disputes, NAMA, fisheries negotiations and trade policy reviews. He was part of Indian delegation to WTO Ministerial Conference in Nairobi in November 2015 and in Buenos Aires in December 2017. He also handled India’s relations with regional bodies on trade matters such as G20, BRICS, Commonwealth, SCO, APEC, IORA, ASEM, UNCTAD etc. He was India’s chief negotiator in the mega regional free trade agreement ‘Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)’. On return to Ministry of External Affairs in March 2020 he has been designated as Additional Secretary coordinating COVID related issues.



## Debjani Ghosh

**President, NASSCOM**

Debjani Ghosh is the President of the National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM) since April 2018. A veteran of the technology industry, she is the fifth president of NASSCOM and the first woman at the helm. NASSCOM, is the premier trade body of the industry in India, with over 2800 Indian and multinational member companies. Guided by the vision of the country to adopt and integrate digital technologies, NASSCOM has been actively working towards enabling a digital transformation in the country through technology integration. As President of NASSCOM, Debjani is responsible for establishing new growth areas for the technology industry in India and works with governments and industry stakeholders to establish policies and initiatives that help accelerate the growth of the sector in India and across the world.

With multiple feathers in her cap, before joining NASSCOM, she was the first woman to lead Intel India and the Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT), she was also a member of the executive council at NASSCOM.

She is a firm believer in the power of technology in enhancing lives and livelihoods, leveraging it for societal good. She was instrumental in developing 'Think Digital, Think India' strategy to support India's digital transformation journey, especially as an enabler of inclusive growth and development. As the NASSCOM President, she actively works towards accentuating innovation and skilling to enable individuals and companies to leverage disruptive technologies. Her approach has been focused on a three-point agenda - talent development and re-skilling, working on the innovation culture in the country and collaborating with governments across the world to open new opportunities for the Indian IT industry. In January 2018, she was felicitated by the President of India under the auspices of the 'First Ladies' program, which honors exceptional women pioneers in their respective fields. She has also been listed in the '100 Most Influential Woman in UK-India Relations: Celebrating women' list. Debjani holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Osmania University in Hyderabad, India, and an MBA degree in marketing from S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research in Mumbai, India



## Deepak Bagla

**Managing Director and CEO, Invest India**

Deepak Bagla has a professional career of over three decades, starting with the World Bank in Washington DC. In 1989 he joined Citibank Global Corporate and Investment Banking team and held several responsibilities across Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. In 2007 he joined Private Equity to start an India dedicated fund for core infrastructure.

Mr. Bagla is currently Managing Director & CEO of Invest India, the National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency promoted by the Government of India. Invest India is also the execution agency for Government of India's Start-up initiative.

He is a special invitee on the official Bilateral CEO's Forum and a member of the Venture Capital Investment Committee of the US \$ 1.5 billion "Fund of Funds for Start-ups" established under the Prime Minister's Startup India action plan. He is also a member of the Ministry of Finance steering Committee on Fintech and a Member of the High-Level committee of the Atal Innovation Mission responsible for establishing and scaling up incubators and tinkering labs across India.

He was a special invitee to the Government of India's, "High Level Committee on Financing Infrastructure" – (2011- 2013), member of the Banking & Finance Committee of the Bureau of Indian Standards (ISO affiliate 2005-06) and a member of the committee established by the Government to recommend corporate governance norms for independent directors (2006). He was elected President of Delhi Management Association (2008-09).

Mr Bagla has a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Economics from St Stephens College, New Delhi and a dual Masters in International Diplomacy and International Trade and Finance from The School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington DC.



## Dr Sangita Reddy

**President, FICCI and Joint Managing Director,  
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd**

Dr. Sangita Reddy is a Global Healthcare Leader, Indian Entrepreneur and Humanitarian. She is the Joint Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Limited - Asia's largest and most trusted healthcare group. Dr. Sangita Reddy is also the President of The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

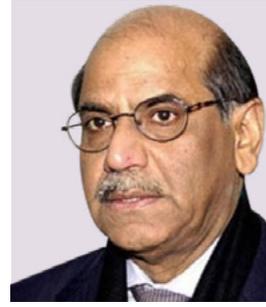
Passionately committed to transforming healthcare system through technological advancements, she is accelerating positive transformation for effective healthcare service delivery. She has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by Macquarie University Australia, in recognition of her untiring efforts and resolute commitment to bringing transformative changes in healthcare, development of Health IT and championing manifold initiatives both in India and abroad.

Influencing Global Healthcare - As a policy influencer and reformist, she is actively engaged with governments and industry bodies on aspects of public health and policy development. She has advocated and influenced policy reforms and is an acclaimed speaker on global healthcare forums around the world including the World Health Congress.

An Entrepreneur Promoting Affordable and Sustainable Social Initiatives - Committed to building a more inclusive healthcare ecosystem in the nation, one of her initiatives has been Apollo Reach, which aims to build a string of secondary care hospitals in rural areas across India. Dr. Sangita Reddy is also Chairman at Apollo Knowledge, an education initiative focused on shaping healthcare human capital for tomorrow.

Driving Humanitarian Initiatives - Dr. Sangita Reddy heads Apollo Philanthropy, an umbrella entity encompassing 'Save a Child's Heart Initiative', SAHI, CURE and the Billion Hearts Beating Foundation.

Awards and Recognitions - Dr. Sangita Reddy has been a recipient of numerous prestigious awards for business and leadership. In 2019, she was presented with the "Best Female Healthcare Leader" "Mediko award from the prestigious Indian Medical Association. International Women Entrepreneur 2019 award from the IWEF Foundation & The Healthcare Transformation Leader's Award' for her exemplary role in India's healthcare sector at India's Biggest Event on Innovation in Healthcare - 'Healthcare in today's Digital India. Dr. Sangita Reddy has also been featured by LinkedIn in the "Top Voices 2019 India List".

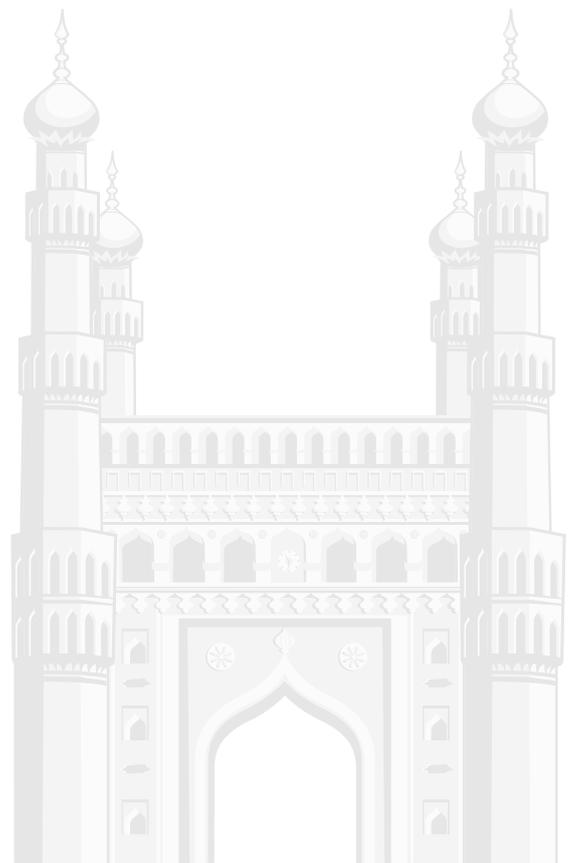


## Ambassador Shyam Saran, IFS (Retd.)

**Former Foreign Secretary of India**

Shyam Saran is a former Foreign Secretary of India and has served as Prime Minister's Special Envoy For Nuclear Affairs and Climate Change. After leaving government service in 2010, he has headed the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, a prestigious think tank focusing on economic issues (2011-2017) and was Chairman of the National Security Advisory Board under the National Security Council (2013-15). He is currently Life Trustee of India International Centre, Member of the Governing Board of the Centre for Policy Research and of the Institute of Chinese Studies, a Trustee at the World Wildlife Fund (India) and Member of the Executive Council of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He has recently published a book, How India Sees the World.

Shyam Saran was awarded the Padma Bhushan, the third highest civilian award, in 2011 for his contributions to civil service. In May 2019, he was conferred the Spring Order Gold and Silver Star by the Emperor of Japan for promoting India-Japan relations.





## Uma Sudhir

**Executive Editor (South), NDTV**

Uma Sudhir is Executive Editor (South) with New Delhi Television and oversees news operations for TV and digital platform from the south of the country.

The cornerstones of the journalism she practises have been recognised for fairness, sensitivity, a high degree of integrity and honesty, truth and fearlessness while maintaining neutrality.

Her reporting is incisive and analytical, creative awareness on ground realities, on a range of issues relating to politics, children, women, human rights, agriculture, human rights and minority issues.

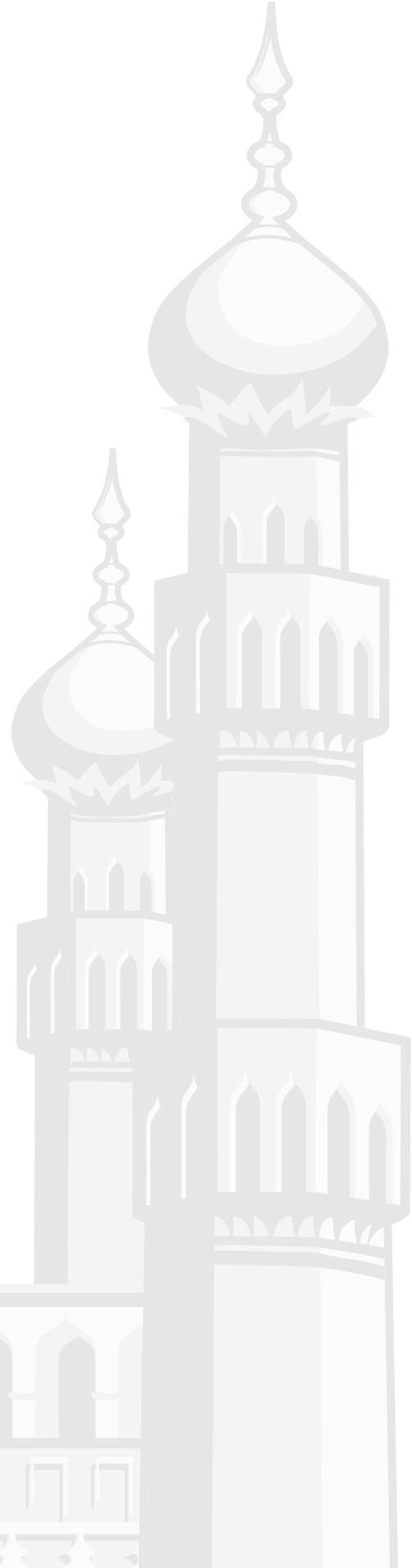
Uma has won prestigious awards including the prestigious Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Journalist, Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism for Uncovering India Invisible, for reports on migrant workers.

Uma got the UNFPA Laadli awards five times for reports on the girl child and infanticide, critical reports on policies for protection of the girl child.

Uma won for NDTV the International Press Institute award for excellence in journalism given away by President Abdul Kalam for a series on Baby India (India's girl child),

Other honours include:

- United Nations award for excellence in science writing for reports on fluorosis,
- An anti-corruption crusader award for reports on illegal mining in Bellary.
- Best woman journalist award by the Andhra Pradesh government
- World Tourism award for Best Documentary on Tirupati.



# VALEDICTORY DIALOGUE



## Shri Hardeep Singh Puri

**Hon'ble Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs (I/C);  
Civil Aviation (I/C); & Minister of State,  
Commerce & Industry, Government of India**

Born in Delhi, India 15 February 1952, educated University of Delhi, BA (Hons) History, First in order of Merit in 1971, MA(History) 1973 First Division. Prime Minister, Hindu College Parliament. Keen debater.

Joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1974. During a career spanning 39 years, served in senior positions at the Ministries of External Affairs and Defence. Held Ambassadorial level assignments in London and Brasilia and served as Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in Geneva and New York. Earlier served in India's Missions in Tokyo, and Colombo.

Extensive experience in multilateral diplomacy, served on three occasions as a member of India's Delegation to the GATT/United Nations in Geneva including as Ambassador and Permanent Representative from 2002 to 2005.

Long association with and specialization in trade-related matters and served on several Dispute Settlement Panels of the GATT and WTO.

Served at the headquarters of the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, as Under Secretary in the early 1980s, as Director and Chef de Cabinet to the Foreign Secretary in the early 1990s, as Joint Secretary of the Americas and Europe West Divisions and on deputation to the Ministry of Defence in the 1990s. Permanent Secretary dealing with economic relations in the Ministry of External Affairs from June 2008

to April 2009, before joining as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations in New York on 4 May, 2009.

President of the United Nations Security Council in August 2011 and November 2012. Chairman of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee in 2011-2012.

Retired from the Indian Foreign Service on 28 February, 2013 and joined the International Peace Institute (IPI), New York, a non-profit think tank with headquarters in New York and offices in Vienna and Manama. Senior Adviser from June to December 2013. Vice-President of the IPI and Secretary General of the Independent Commission on Multilateralism (ICM). Left the IPI on 31 March 2016.

Authored 'Perilous Interventions' – The Security Council and The Politics of Chaos, Harper Collins, September 2016. The book is already in its third print.

Delivered public lecture on India and the Western Liberal Democratic Order at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library on 23 January 2017.

Published India's Trade Policy Dilemma and the Role of Domestic Reform. Carnegie India, February 2017.

Appointed President of the Governing Body and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS).

Visiting faculty, The Graduate Institute in Geneva. Will be teaching a course on the Law and Practice of the United Nations Security Council.



## Shri K T Rama Rao

**Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Industry & Commerce, Information Technology, Government of Telangana**

The inclination towards public life was always there for KTR as he grew watching his father from close quarters. However, KTR decided that politics would be his life's calling as he was strongly influenced by a quotation from his University days. KTR made his political debut by winning from Sircilla Assembly Constituency in 2009. He was re-elected from the same constituency in 2014, in the first elections to Telangana Assembly, and assumed the charge of Cabinet Minister. KTR now holds the portfolios of IT, Industries & Commerce, MA&UD and NRI Affairs. In the brief span of three years, KTR has already left an indelible imprint on the growth path that the State of Telangana has embarked on. It's only the beginning.

Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao, popularly known as KTR, is a Cabinet Minister in the Government of Telangana, the 29th State of India. He is the Member of the Legislative Assembly from Sircilla Constituency since 2009.

Born in Siddipet on 24 July, 1976, KTR is the son of K Chandrashekar Rao, the first Chief Minister of Telangana. He grew up in a politically active family and completed his schooling from St. George's Grammar School, Hyderabad before going to Nizam College, Hyderabad. He studied M.Sc. in Biotechnology from University of Pune and also holds an MBA degree in Marketing and E-Commerce from City University of New York, NY.

After finishing his MBA, KTR worked in USA between 2001-06. But his interest in the prevailing socio-economic condition in the region brought him back to where his heart belongs – politics. He joined Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) and worked under the leadership of his father to bring Statehood to the region of Telangana. During this period, he travelled the length and breadth of the State and interacted with people to understand their problems and aspirations, which later helped in shaping his political career. KTR made his political entry in 2009 Assembly elections. He assumed the charge of a cabinet minister in the first Government of Telangana in June 2014.



## Professor Milind Sohoni

**Area Leader and Professor, Operations Management and Deputy Dean, Indian School of Business**

Milind Sohoni is a Area Leader and Professor of Operations Management at the Indian School of Business. He also serves as the Deputy Dean - Hyderabad Campus and Deputy Dean - Academic Affairs. His other academic appointments include visiting positions at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, IL.

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Professor Sohoni teaches courses on supply chain management, decision models and optimization, revenue management and pricing, and decision making under uncertainty.

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His current mandate is to facilitate greater engagement of various States and Union Territories of India with the world.

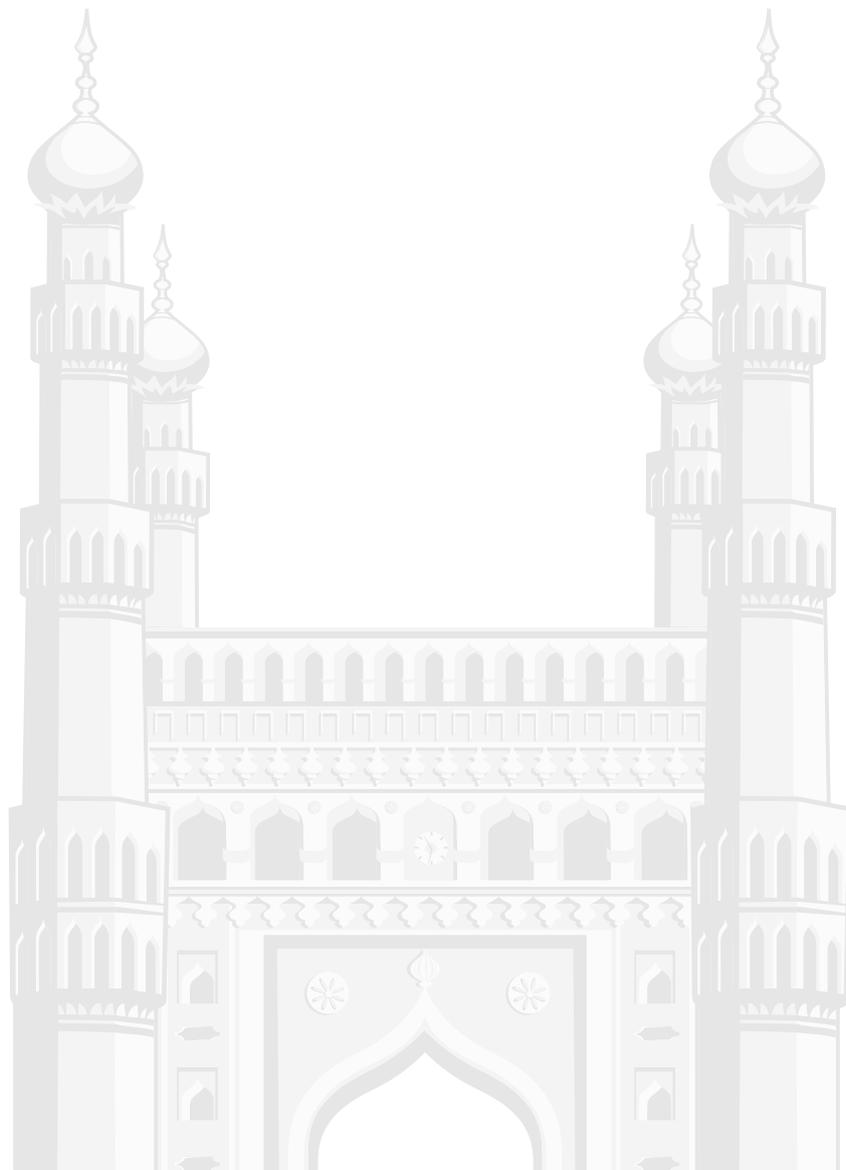


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