

Horasis India Meeting

Virtual Event, July 24, 2021 (Indian Standard Time)

Co-host:

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

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- Ashishkumar Chauhan, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BSE, India
- R Dinesh, Managing Director, TVS Supply Chain Solutions Limited, India
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- Dilip Piramal, Chairman, VIP Industries, India
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Schedule for July 24 (Indian Standard Time)

Morning sessions	Afternoon sessions
07.30-08.15 Horasis Community Building	12.45-13.30 Plenary India's emerging industry & trade architecture
08.15-08.59 Digital Breakfast Sessions - Indian demographics support boom - Advertising stimulates India New Normal - Mentoring of Indian startups - India's gig economy - Succession planning - Developing female entrepreneurs - Integrating data analytics with R&D - Guarding against the Next Crisis	13.30-14.15 Plenary Economic outlook
08.59-09.00 Welcome Session Horasis and CII welcome participants	14.15-15.00 Parallel Sessions - India's Modernity - Strategic Management - Shoring India's Crypto Opportunity? - Greater Caspian region - Making India the Next Startup Nation - Indian Brands - Industry-Academic Collaborations
09.00-09.45 Opening Plenary Resilient India	15.00-15.45 Parallel Sessions - Countering the Crisis - Make-in-India post-COVID - Global Green Deal - Leveraging Indian Innovation - Indian economic and global goals - Free Trade Advantages for India - Harnessing e-commerce post-COVID-19
09.45-10.30 Parallel Sessions - India may engage with RCEP - Choosing where to work - Indian regional self-reliance - India's new education policy - Indian circular economy - Navigating fact & fiction - India's Artistic Inspiration	15.45-16.30 Parallel Sessions - Indian democracy in action - Boosting VC Capabilities - Revising Indian health goals - TechTech – the next break-out - Public debt, private profit - Nurturing new technology - Attraction of Indian off-shoring - Creation of Wealth by the Underprivileged - Boosting Supply Chain Viability
10.30-11.15 Parallel Sessions - Indian city modernization - Indian Firms' Global Expansion - Employment and gender gap - Training of AI - Fatigue of at-home meetings - India's ASEAN Engagement - Shaping leaders of tomorrow	16.30-17.15 Plenary Envisioning Indian Narratives Real power is Soft Power
11.15-12.00 Parallel Sessions - Advancing the Fifth Industrial Revolution - Clusters as a behavioral need - Equitable COVID management - Indian FinTech - Data-driven Indian social sector - Decarbonizing India's energy - Restoring Economic Growth - The role of higher education - Contemporary Indian art reimagined	17.15-18.00 Plenary Madhya Pradesh India's Health Emergency
12.00-12.45 Plenary Globalization and Self-reliance Horasis Community Building	18.00-18.45 Closing Plenary India's Moves Towards Economic Growth
	18.45-18.46 Closing Remarks Horasis summary and review
	18.46-19.30 Closing Parallel Sessions - Judging AI's correctness - Modernizing Indian philanthropy - India's developing economy lifts growth - Rural India's boom - India's Future of Work - Temporally Relieving Global Constraints - Repositioning Capitalism - The US and India - Sustainable and Impact Investing - How do we Detect the Next Dangerous Virus
	19.30-20.15 Horasis Community Building

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07.30-08.15 Horasis Community Building

Horasis is providing a matchmaking tool to connect with other delegates - each participant will be randomly matched with another to speak for 5 minutes by video, then become paired with another, and so on. It is hoped that these brainstorming links will unite delegates and initiate creativity to inspire the rest of the meeting time.

08.15-08.59 Digital Breakfast Sessions

India's Demographics Support a Boom Economy

In many Western nations, the Baby-boomers have retired, the Millennials are past their peak, and now the Gen-Z are in charge: each group has exerted unique change. Indian demographics are much younger, with worker numbers peaking in 2027. How can India reap the benefits of its demographic dividend, post-COVID? And how will India's surgent development interact globally in the future?

- **Skye Belote**, Managing Director, Pacific Pine, USA
- **Antonio Cantalapiedra**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Woonivers, Spain
- **Sanjoe Jose**, Chief Executive Officer, Talview, USA
- **Arjun Pratap**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, EDGE, India

Chaired by

- **Shivaji Bagchi**, Managing Editor, Unravel, Singapore

Stimulating India's New Normal Development

Now more than ever, it is important to promote a positive message about adapting to the new normal and to create social and economic prosperity for all. By when will social distancing subside and more open lives begin? How to support an instant boom in demand, and make it long-term sustainable?

- **Murthy R Nuni**, Managing Partner, Marshal Funds, United Kingdom
- **Roopen Roy**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sumantrana, India
- **R R Shibu**, Chief Executive Officer, Hatch Spaces, India
- **Jonathan Stone**, Co-founder & Visionary, Impact The Change, USA

Chaired by

- **Indrajit Gupta**, Co-founder and Director, Founding Fuel, India

Mentoring of Indian Startups

Aided by e-commerce across India several new brand names are being energized by the Mentor Connect Programme to lift their potential. They will be tutored to overcome strategic and functional challenges. How might the government contribute? What infrastructure support will engage with these startups to up-scale their businesses?

- **Anil Advani**, Founder and Managing Partner, Inventus Law, USA
- **Divyang Arora**, Investor and Operator in Startups, USA
- **Gaurav Chaturvedi**, Partner, Kae Capital, India
- **Vijay Rajendran**, Head of Global Corporate Growth, 500 Startups Ecosystems, USA
- **Marc Verissimo**, Executive Chairman, Lighter Capital, USA

Chaired by

- **Vivek Atray**, Founder, Vibrant Advisory Services, India

India and its Large Gig Economy

India has nearly 500 million workers – the biggest employer is agriculture (200 million). Of the rest, many were furloughed and have found new employment in the growing informal economy. In developed economies these ‘gig workers’ have obtained legal rights and higher pay. Is this possible in the Indian gig sector? What would that imply? Are there any sectors in India without a gig aspect?

- **Stacy Kenworthy**, Chairman, Asylum Investment Group, USA
- **Nkem Khumbah**, Chairman, Africa Development Futures Group, USA
- **Jayesh Ranjan**, Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana, India

Chaired by

- **Vijay Sambamurthi**, Founder and Managing Partner, Lexygen, India

Succession Planning Stimulated by the COVID Panic

The rapid global spread of COVID-19 caused Indian high-wealth family offices to reassess succession planning. As younger generations were tech-savvy the on-coming tech-disruption could be surmounted – but what are the other opportunities? Will government domestic policies help or hinder family office planning? How much is dependent on global recovery?

- **Neha Berlia**, Member of Management Board, Apeejay Stya Group, Switzerland
- **Shuva Mandal**, Managing Partner, Fox Mandal & Associates, India
- **Mark Mueller-Eberstein**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Adgetec Corporation, USA
- **Tatsuya Masubuchi**, Chief Executive Officer, HighNetWorthLab, Japan

Chaired by

- **Richard Rekhy**, Member of the Board, KPMG, UAE

Developing Young Indian Women to be Entrepreneurs

It is often difficult for Indian women to leave home to learn new skills – their traditional family pressures are home-focused. How to encourage and support more women to pursue STEM? How to make learning exciting as it will be the future of economic growth and the key to supporting their future family? How to make the world-of-work safer for women?

- **Asha Jadeja**, Trustee, Motwani Jadeja Family Foundation, USA
- **RL Narayanan**, Vice Chairman, Centre for Innovation in Education and Empowerment, India
- **Preeti Dubey**, Founder, Strive High, Singapore
- **Jayshree Seth**, Corporate Scientist and Chief Science Advocate, 3M, USA

Chaired by

- **Parag Amin**, Chief Mentor and Founding Director, iCreate, USA

Integrating India's Data Analytics with its R&D Potential

India, only by the intimate analysis of its rich data, will it find great niche R&D sectors, potentially speeding up innovations new businesses and markets. How will the private sectors advance these ideas? How can government help?

- **Troy Sadkowsky**, Founder, Datalogical Services, Australia
- **Srikanth Velamakanni**, Co-founder and Group Chief Executive, Fractal Analytics, India

Chaired by

- **B Thiagarajan**, Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, India

Guarding against the Next Crisis

The greater frequency of pandemics and other catastrophic risks have created a deep challenge: are there better forecasting modes or scenario analyses that will deliver proactive responses to future catastrophic shocks? How can India's public and private sector guard against the next crisis? How can India cooperate with its foreign partners?

- **Natalia Blokhina**, Co-founder, Brighter Ventures Inc, USA
- **Rajiv Mathur**, Managing Director, The Fuel Delivery, India
- **Scott Mordell**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, The Forrader Group, USA
- **Mihaela Ulteru**, President, IMPACT Institute for the Digital Economy, USA

Chaired by

- **Kenji Yokoyama**, President, Association of Asia Pacific Business Schools, Japan

08.59-09.00 Welcome: Horasis and CII welcome participants

Horasis and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) welcome participants to the 2021 Horasis India Meeting. The COVID-19 pandemic has shown that new solutions from government and businesses are needed now, and in the future, to control the spread of the virus: to raise hope and growth prospects. How are Indian leaders in business, politics and society implementing transformative change?

- **Frank-Jürgen Richter**, Chairman, Horasis, Switzerland

09.00-09.45 Opening Plenary Panel: Resilient India

This digital plenary session is hosted by CII

The second wave of Covid-19 has been managed with minimal restrictions on economic activity, and the Indian economy is expected to attain a high growth rate in the second half of the fiscal year. How did Indian industry adapt to the changing situations and how did it ensure resilience? How can the global industry community partner with India's growth story?

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- **Vikram Kirloskar**, Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor, India
- **Rekha M. Menon**, Chairperson and Senior Managing Director, Accenture Solutions India, India

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- **Naushad Forbes**, Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall, India

09.45-10.30 Parallel Sessions

Engagement by India May Strengthen RCEP

India already has FTA accords with most of the RCEP nations, so it is difficult to say it will benefit more if it joins to larger group. Basically, political solidarity would be enhanced and differences perhaps more easily resolved. First, how might national leaders pull together to overcome the ravages of COVID-19 and its variants to create a more positive future? Then, what other pressure points need venting?

- **Motoya Kitamura**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Northvillage Investment, Japan
- **Pham Tuan Anh**, Chief Information Officer, Becamex Smart City Office, Vietnam
- **Yoshiki Sasaki**, Chief Executive Officer, Japan Strategic Capital, Japan

Chaired by

- **Ravi Velloor**, Associate Editor, The Straits Times, Singapore

An Indian's Right to Choose Their Place of Work

India has almost 50 percent of its workforce in manual labor in its agriculture sector. The COVID pandemic caused a revolution all staffs – as many were told to work at home if they could. How has this choice affected Indian businesses in cities and in the countryside? What will be the long-term effect on productive innovation, diversity and entrepreneurship?

- **Shikhar Aggarwal**, Joint Managing Director, BLS International, India
- **Nikhil Chawla**, Founder and Executive Editor, The Unbiased Blog, India
- **Nandakishore Harikumar**, Chief Executive Officer, TSanct Technologies, India
- **Dinesh Malkani**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Smarten Spaces, Singapore
- **Sarabjit Singh**, Managing Director, Akal Information Systems, India

Chaired by

- **Hemali Chhopia**, Senior Assistant Editor, The Times of India, India

Searching for Regional Self-Reliance Sets India Apart

India's ramping-up of technology and manufacturing capabilities has attracted foreign investment leading to its improved export market. Can the Government and States maintain the right balance of taxes and ownership laws to continue to attract investors? Will India become the 'new but different' manufacturing hub of Asia? What further developments are needed?

- **Suman Bose**, Principal and Co-founder, GoFar Advisory and Investments, Singapore
- **Komal Talwar**, Founder and Chair, Xlpat, India

Chaired by

- **Adrija Bose**, Senior Editor, BOOM, India

India's New Education Policy

The government's 2020 education policy changes offer a more liberal education and vocational training to address future technological, social and leadership issues even at a global level. India will have the world's largest workforce by 2027: will it achieve the needed upskilling in six years to lift India and the world economy? What are the short-term education sector needs?

- **Sushma Paul Berlia**, President, Apeejay Stya & Svrn Group, India
- **Peje Emilsson**, Founder and Chairman, Kunskapsskolan Education, Sweden
- **Mitakshara Kumari**, Advisor, State Planning Commission, Government of Chhattisgarh, India
- **Divya Lal**, Founder and Managing Director, Fliplearn Education, India
- **Sandeep Pachpande**, Chairman, ASM Group of Institutes, India
- **Kartik Sharma**, Co-Founder, DcodeAI, India

Chaired by

- **Atul Temurnikar**, Executive Chairman, Global Schools Foundation, Singapore

The New Circular Economy Goals Developing in India

India, in signing a global accord to ban wastage of plastics is only one initial step of its commitment triplet – eliminate, innovate and circulate. How will India achieve a new mind-set to eliminate plastic toys, and wrappings? And how will it achieve the broader goals of a fully circular economy from birth to eventual recycling of its many objects? What is the deep desire for change? Can India achieve these goals by 2025?

- **Sunday Adejo**, Co-Founder, Biodry2Energy, United Kingdom
 - **Balasaheb Darade**, Founding Partner, Magnate Inc, India
 - **Bonnie Liao**, Executive Director and Founding Member, Social Enterprise Research Academy, Hong Kong
 - **Ullhas M. Nimkar**, Chairman and Managing Director, NimkarTek Technical Services, India
- Chaired by*
- **Venky Vembu**, Executive Editor, IIT Madras Shaastra, India

Navigating Between Fact and Opinion

The rush to save the planet from climate change deeply affects India. We must comprehend every proposed solution's full life-cycle costs, not just the short-term effects. How do we balance absolute values – facts and fictions, promoted by opinions? Are we educated well enough to make judgements when statements from politicians and science change over time?

- **Aditya Berlia**, Founder, Svrn-Apeejay Journalism Foundation, India
 - **Akash Bhavsar**, Co-founder, WaterQuest, India
 - **Danny Teal**, Chief Executive Officer, Data Logical Services, USA
- Chaired by*
- **Robinder Sachdev**, President, Imagindia Institute, India

Promoting India's Artistic Inspiration beyond COVID

Indian artists have played a pivotal role in engaging, and educating communities through epic tales - transcending boundaries with humility. The digitization across India and other novel forms of creative engagement offer a unique opportunity for artists to give hope for a future beyond COVID. Which role can art play in instilling values across space and time? What is the future of India's cultural depositories of the Arts?

- **Sahil Arora**, Founder, Method Gallery, India
 - **Manav Gupta**, Artist, India
 - **Siva Kumar**, Professor of History of Art, Visva-Bharati University, India
 - **Dhananjay Singh**, Artist, India
 - **Geeta Vadhera**, Artist, India
- Chaired by*
- **Medhavi Gandhi**, Founder, The Heritage Lab, India

10.30-11.15 Parallel Sessions

Indian City Modernization Based on Global Cooperation

Global city initiatives can prompt better solutions for individual issues and generally support overwhelmed city managers. How might these city solutions be adapted to Indian mega- and smaller cities to aid their coherent development? How are global mayoral compacts aiding both climate change planning and personal well-being? What are the next steps?

- **Arun Amirtham**, Chairman, 5 Elements Sustainable Development Group, Switzerland
- **Patricia Bonaert**, Enlightener, MixR.net, Italy
- **Nitin Potdar**, Partner, J. Sagar Associates, India
- **Theodore J. Waz**, Member of the Board, WEDC-Smart Cities, USA

Chaired by

- **Arvind Sethumadhavan**, Member of the Executive Committee, Smart Cities Network, Singapore

Indian Firms' Global Expansion

Outbound investments from India have undergone a considerable change not only in terms of magnitude but also in terms of geographical spread. Where and in what sectors are Indian investments focussed? And what are the main challenges post-COVID facing Indian firms expanding abroad?

- **Tarun Gupta**, Managing Partner, T&A Consulting, India
- **Aarti Jhunjhunwala**, Executive Director, Fineotex Chemical Limited, India
- **Bhaskar Majumdar**, Managing Partner, Unicorn India Fund, United Kingdom
- **Andrea Monni**, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Blue Spark Hub, Singapore
- **Stephen Phillips**, Director General, Invest Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

Chaired by

- **Spriha Srivastava**, Executive Editor, Business Insider, USA

Negotiating Full Employment to Close Gender Gap

India, like all other nations signed up to the UN Sustainable Development Goals in 2015. Following the recent global decline in GDP (due to COVID), how will India generate enough jobs for all, even with its high growth rate? Can the government be successfully interventionist on this matter to open more jobs for women, thus closing the gender gap?

- **Amelia Lopez Huix**, General Partner, MCI Partners, The Netherlands
- **Prachee Kale**, Director, The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), USA
- **Marnie Watson**, Managing Director, ANZ, Sannam S4, Australia

Chaired by

- **Itika Sharma**, Editor, Quartz India, India

More Workers are Needed to Train AI

Most AI systems need to be trained, and many Indian home workers can provide image tagging, dialect deciphering, or content modifying on social media - all aligned to AI systems training. Is this high-tech solution appropriate or applicable in labor intensive India? Will a larger Indian input bias the culture of learning systems?

- **Marta F. Belcher**, General Counsel, Protocol Labs, USA
- **Tejpreet S. Chopra**, President & Chief Executive Officer, BLP Group, India
- **Toufi Saliba**, Chief Executive Officer, Toda.Network, USA
- **Jithin VG**, Chief Executive Officer, Accubits Technologies, USA

Chaired by

- **Alokesh Bhattacharyya**, Senior Editor, The Economic Times, India

At-home Meetings are COVID-safe, but Neglect Serendipity

At one time one could gather round the office water font and casually discuss. This is impossible in the pandemic home-working space – one is alone, or with many digital discussants: it is fatiguing. How can remote working maintain and stimulate, even increase innovation? How will the new position of Chief Fatigue Officer guide staff?

- **Alexander Athanassoulas**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Stirixis, Greece
- **Ciprian Dan Costea**, Member of the Board, Autonova, Romania
- **Pina Hirano**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Asteria, Japan
- **Rakesh Murali**, Co-founder, Stratonik, India

Chaired by

- **Saurabh Shukla**, Founder and Editor in Chief, NewsMobile, India

India's ASEAN Engagement Needs a Digital Push

In a post-COVID world, India needs to pivot its ASEAN engagement from physical connectivity to digital connectivity. With ASEAN doubling down on digital transformation of its economies and adopting strategic roadmaps such as ASEAN digital masterplan 2025, the timing is right for India to step up its digital engagement with ASEAN. This panel will explore how India and ASEAN can engage each other effectively to tap this digital opportunity?

- **Jwalant Desai**, Managing Director, American University of Phnom Penh Innovation Center, Cambodia
- **Gulu Lalvani**, Chairman, Royal Phuket Marina, Thailand
- **Bill Nguyen**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, ABS Institute, Vietnam
- **Alok Patnia**, Managing Partner, Taxmantra Global, Singapore
- **Kanesan Veluppillai**, Partner, INSYNQ Partners Group, Malaysia

Chaired by

- **Sriram Chakravarthi**, Partner, Rajah & Tann Singapore, Singapore

Shaping Leaders of Tomorrow

There are few CEOs who have really risen through the ranks, and in today's complex COVID environment they might become rarer. What training is needed to be elevated to the C-Board? What skills are needed at top levels? Are Indian managers demanding a different training mode to the western model?

- **Sam Adeyemi**, Principal Consultant, Sam Adeyemi GLC, Nigeria
 - **Dariusz Gibasiewicz**, Chief Executive Officer, Smart Aviation Training Innovative Solution Company, Poland
 - **Andy Habermacher**, Founder, leadingbrains, Switzerland
 - **Maryanne Morrow**, Chief Executive Officer, 9th Gear, USA
 - **Ganesh Rengaswamy**, Co-founder, Quona, India
- Chaired by*
- **Annette Nijs**, Former Cabinet Minister for Education, Science and Culture, The Netherlands

11.15-12.00 Parallel Sessions

Advancing the Fifth Industrial Revolution

Earlier industrial revolutions broke existing boundaries with creative disruption. The 5th Industrial Revolution will disrupt as well - by means of heightened digitalization - but with humanity and humility as it shall make the world better rather than just more efficient. How can the Fifth Industrial Revolution help us beat COVID-19? And what is India's role in it?

- **Andrew McGregor**, Director and Founder, Oomvelt Research, USA
 - **Gopi Krishna Reddy**, Executive Director, Grene Robotics, India
 - **Amit Sharma**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Tata Consulting Engineers, India
 - **Suket Singhal**, Group Chief Executive Officer, Secure Meters Limited, India
- Chaired by*
- **Atul Kulkarni**, Director, Eurasia Special Technologies, India

Clusters as a Behavioral Need

Indian cities provided innovators, financiers, or artists close reach to one's fellows – the casual meetings which nurture and trigger novel responses to ideas. The COVID pandemic has separated individuals. How can India use technology to support clusters? Have we advanced technology well enough to reduce the need for close contact, and risking virus re-transmission? What is the long-term answer?

- **Betty Enyo Kumahor**, Founder and Managing Partner, The Cobalt Partners, Ghana
 - **Alfredo Morales**, Visiting Researcher, MIT Media Lab, USA
 - **Jordi Ràfols**, Chief Executive Officer, Innoget.com, Spain
- Chaired by*
- **Nalin K. Singh**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Orbit Future Academy, Singapore

Equitable COVID Management Solutions

Even in India the evolution of the COVID pandemic state by state has illustrated the fine balance between politics and science. Slow data aggregation and partial analysis and an excess of opinion has led to decreasing trust. Could there have been a better mode for India's lockdown management? What are the lessons learned – for small and for populous nations, in cities and in the countryside?

- **Stuart Hutton**, Chief Investment Officer, Simply Ethical, United Kingdom
- **Rajiv Luthra**, Founder and Managing Partner, Luthra & Luthra, India
- **Vaibhav Ajay Mishra**, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, MudraCircle, India
- **Isabelle C. Nüssli**, Chairperson, Responsible Leadership AG, Switzerland
- **Romal Shetty**, President – Consulting, Deloitte India, India

Chaired by

- **Pavan Lall**, Associate Editor, Business Standard, India

The Blossoming of India's FinTech

With strong customer demand India's FinTech is booming, renewed government policy framing is helping. While many use payments gateways, mobile wallets and mobile banking many others are excluded from technology. How to ensure full access to mobile phones and digital coverage? How to incentivize rural providers?

- **Shruti Chandra**, Senior Assistant Vice President, Invest India, India
- **Ravi Shankar Chaturvedi**, Director of Research, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, USA
- **Victor Guixer**, Managing Partner, Guixer & Partners, Spain
- **Shashidhar Kanukolanu**, Chief Executive Officer, e4e Labs, USA
- **Archish Mittal**, Director of the Managing Board, Financepeer, India

Chaired by

- **Rishi Mehra**, Chief Executive Officer, Wishfin, India

Challenges of Indian Data-driven Social Sector

The pandemic initiated new agriculture thrusts in AI and IoT within start-ups, but many thousands of farmers remain unaware of potential aid. How can precision farming be encouraged with robotics and other infrastructures? Who will provide policy support, training and the development of non-traditional crops to combat climate change?

- **Parag Agarwal**, Chairman, Janajal, UAE
- **Avi Basu**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Wingsure, USA
- **Sushill K Jivarajka**, Chairman, Artheon Group, India
- **Santosh Kaveti**, Chairman and Founder, ProArch, Singapore

Chaired by

- **Ron Somers**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, India First Group, USA

Decarbonizing India's Power Industry

The global climate change challenges India as its economic growth calls for a doubling of energy supply, and coal can supply this need. Conservative businesses, often family run, need more innovation and more R&D to guide their long-term energy-reducing strategy. How can academia-industry collaboration provide solutions? How can government help?

- **Pranav Bhanage**, Chief Executive Officer, Petronas Lubricant (India), India
- **Vijay Karia**, Chairman, Ravin Group, India
- **Devin Narang**, Managing Director, Sindicatum Sustainable Resource, India
- **Richard Rossow**, Senior Director, McLarty Associates, USA

Chaired by

- **Sreekanth Venkataraman**, Energy Consulting Practice Lead, The Digital Economist, USA

Restoring Economic Growth

With the unprecedented COVID-shock, India's budget is going to be under stress in years to come, creating difficult environments for economic growth. How to minimize the social and economic cost of the pandemic? What are the policy options for returning to buoyant growth? Which economic development model will prevail?

- **Raj Airey**, General Partner, Convergence Partners, Switzerland
- **Ashish Chhawchharia**, Partner, Grant Thornton, India
- **Nicholas Johnson**, Chief Executive Officer, Economists Without Borders, Australia
- **Mahesh Kotecha**, President, Structured Credit International Corp., USA
- **Rajiv Lall**, Chairman, IDFC Institute, India

Chaired by

- **Metin Guvener**, Founding Chairman, The Salon, United Kingdom

The Role of Higher Education in Addressing Current and Future Challenges

The higher education is facing dynamic processes of technological change, globalization and digitization. COVID-19 accelerated these processes and presented further challenges to all Universities, in India and globally. How can Universities survive and adapt to the post-pandemic world? Long-term in the era of mega-data, artificial intelligence and faster changes, what shall universities undertake as to be equipped to innovate and drive the process of change, not simply depend on it?

- **C. Raj Kumar**, Founding Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University, India
- **Pankaj Mittal**, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities, India
- **Sabu S. Padmas**, Founding Director, The India Centre, University of Southampton, UK
- **Colin Picker**, Executive Dean, Faculty of Business & Law University of Wollongong, Australia
- **John Shields**, Professor, The University of Sydney Business School, Australia

Chaired by

- **Vesselin Popovski**, Professor & Vice Dean, Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India

Contemporary Indian Art Reimagined

New forms of artistic expression develop constantly – some today as a cultural response to the pandemic, and others in reaction to the environmental conditions in India and the world. Indian artists throughout history have been avant-garde communicators of the country's most pressing issues. What is Indian contemporary art and how does it relate with Indian cosmology and philosophy? And how do Indian artists and art institutions define the post-COVID era?

- **Kavitha Balakrishnan**, Artist, Author and Art Educator, India
- **Jai Danani**, Founder, The Art Vault, India
- **Puneet Kaushik**, Artist, India
- **Priya Pall**, Independent Museums Specialist, India
- **Roshini Vadehra**, Director, Vadehra Art Gallery, India

Chaired by

- **Tarana Sawhney**, Chairperson, CII Taskforce on Arts & Culture, India

12.00-12.45 Plenary: Oscillating between Globalization and Self-reliance

The Indian Government plans for Self-Reliance to build a \$5 trillion economy across its infrastructures, manufacturing and supply chains. It looks to rapid internal development, globalization and open markets. How to sustain this energy across all the states struck by COVID? What new outlooks are needed to re-skill the workforce as firms grasp new technologies?

- **R Mukundan**, Managing Director, Tata Chemicals, India
- **Dilip Piramal**, Chairman, VIP Industries, India
- **Vinod Sekhar**, Chairman and Group Chief Executive Officer, Petra Group, Malaysia
- **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, Former Prime Minister, Sri Lanka

Chaired by

- **Pranjal Sharma**, Contributing Editor, Business Standard, India

Horasis Community Building

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12.45-13.30 Plenary: India's Emerging Industry & Trade Architecture

Over the last few years, India has been steadily framing policies to give a boost to manufacturing, revitalize infrastructure and improve the ease of doing business. India is also looking at negotiating bilateral trade and investment agreements with major economies which would enable Indian industry to further deepen its business linkages with these markets. With Covid-19 as a backdrop, Indian industry has demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurial skills to meet the healthcare and other requirements. How will this convergence of economic reforms, trade agreements and entrepreneurial capacity redraw India's growth map? How can trade support faster growth?

- **Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, India

With:

- **T V Narendran**, President, CII; CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Limited, India

Chaired by

- **Chandrajit Banerjee**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India

13.30-14.15 Plenary: India and The Global Economic Outlook

The world faces existential issues at present. The COVID pandemic is not solved and might roll on for years and there are geo-political tensions between many nations. Yet, India looks to its positive growth. The government looks to generate sustainable growth and attract inward investment. Also, India is actively engaging with other nations to work together across regions and globally for peace and prosperity. How will the world's nations react?

- **Ashishkumar Chauhan**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, BSE, India
- **Vijay Eswaran**, Chairman, QI Group, Hong Kong
- **Prakash Hinduja**, Chairman Europe, Hinduja Group, Switzerland
- **Rajive Kaul**, Chairman, Nicco Group, India

Chaired by

- **Nik Gowing**, Founder and Director, Thinking the Unthinkable, United Kingdom

14.15-15.00 Parallel Sessions

India's Modernity built on Rich Cultural Heritage

Our collective culture is our bedrock - it makes us who we are. As Indian hi-tech continues to advance, its deep cultural heritage might give it new insights for the future. What might these be? Where might the future take India, and us with it?

- **Michael Durrie**, Chief Content Officer, The Digital Economist, Germany
- **Bhavna Kakar**, Editor and Publisher, TAKE on Art Magazine, India
- **Sanjeev Kumar**, Chief Executive Officer, D+O Group, United Kingdom
- **Sudhir Sharma**, Chairman, Mitkat Advisory Services, India
- **Brahmeshanandacharya Swamiji**, Spiritual Leader, India

Chaired by

- **John Cook**, Chairman, Rock Lake Advisors, Switzerland

Strategic Management for a Pandemized World

Over decades little has altered in management teaching, or in financial analyses: we have lived in times of extraordinary growth. Now, post-COVID we will have to devise new paradigms for corporate strategies. What are the emergent imperatives of the CEOs? How do Indian business leaders adopt their corporate strategies for growth?

- **Shoummo K Acharya**, Chief Executive Officer, eTrans Solutions, India
- **Turki Faisal Al Rasheed**, Chairman, Chairman of Golden Grass, Saudi Arabia
- **Abdulaziz Albakr**, Chairman, BMT, Saudi Arabia
- **Jean-Pierre Cubizolle**, Founder and Managing Director, CHC, Switzerland
- **Mathias Ernst**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Essentia Futura International, Portugal

Chaired by

- **Tarun Anand**, Chairman and Founder, Universal Business School, India

Shoring India's Crypto Opportunity?

Central banks world-wide are investigating the placement of cryptocurrencies in their vaults. The coins are costly: in market terms, and in terms of polluting emissions from their creation, called 'mining'. What are the dangers of incorporating crypto-assets into India's Central Bank portfolio? Might their interactions at the margin of traditional banking invite digital sabotage?

- **David Drake**, Founder and Chairman, LDJ Capital, USA
- **Sandeep Gulati**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Toroid, USA
- **Stephen Meade**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, MonetaPro, USA
- **Swaneet Singh**, Chief Executive Officer, Mzaalo, India

Chaired by

- **Douglas Graham**, Founder, Global Ideation, USA

Indian Exploration of Trade and Investment with the Greater Caspian Region

The Indian government is exploring trade and investment facilitation with the Greater Caspian Region to expedite exports and imports, investment strategies, medical tourism, other business projects. New accords will develop sourcing of raw materials like oil, gas and minerals, and exchange of specialist skills from India to support development of the Greater Caspian Region. What are the opportunities and challenges facing this exploration? How will states and corporations react and develop common solutions?

- **Claude Beglé**, Chairman, Symbioswiss, Switzerland
- **Sham Bathija**, Former Minister and Senior Advisor for Economic Affairs to the President of Afghanistan, Afghanistan
- **Rakesh Gaur**, President – Railways, Kalpataru Power Transmission, India
- **Gulnara Salimova**, President and Managing Director, Uzbek-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Switzerland

Chaired by

- **Murat Seitnepesov**, Chairman, Caspian Week, Switzerland

Making India the Next Startup Nation

India's economy and society seems naturally entrepreneurial, the country rebuilds that creativity year after year, especially now with the COVID pandemics. What nurtures this? Is it India's regulation system, legal framework or behavior rising from cultural backgrounds? How can India turn itself into a start-up nation?

- **Nirav Choksi**, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer, CredAble, India
- **Raghav Kanoria**, Partner, Anchor Group, Switzerland
- **Samrendra Mohan Kumar**, Co-founder and Managing Director, MitKat Advisory, India
- **Peter Lazou**, Founding Member, Otherdots Foundation, United Kingdom
- **Nandini Vaidyanathan**, Chairman and Managing Director, CARMa Venture Services, India

Chaired by

- **Anuradha Agarwal**, Founder, Think North Consulting, India

Indian Brands: Moving up the Global Level Playing Field Post-COVID

Ambitious Indian firms want to become branded players in developed markets. Many Indian brands turned challenges into opportunities by pivoting at the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. What will it take to establish brand awareness overseas? How to build sustainable brands?

- **Gary Barker**, Chief Executive Officer, Ditto Sustainable Brand Solutions, USA
- **Varun Mathur**, Chief Executive Officer, Vertice Entertainment, India
- **Siddhaant Mohta**, Consultant, Dentons, France
- **Yasho Saboo**, Founder and Managing Director, KDDL-Taratec, India

Chaired by

- **Harjiv Singh**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Gutenberg, USA

Industry-Academic Collaborations to Achieve the SDGs

European Universities are increasingly committed to bringing impact for society globally, and academic-industry collaborations in Indian on such topics as negative emissions, water sanitation and urbanism & affordable housing endeavor to this end. Why are academia-industry collaborations important for providing such solutions? What complementarities exist in collaborations between Indian and foreign partners?

- **Aravind Purushothaman Vellayani**, Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
- **Saket Pande**, Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- **Ajit Mathai**, Founding Partner, mByom, India
- **Priyanka Kaushal**, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India
- **Taneha Bacchin**, Assistant Professor, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Chaired by

- **Marie Kummerlowe**, Policy Advisor, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- **Krista Knopper**, Senior Advisor, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

15.00-15.45 Parallel Sessions

Countering the Crisis

The panel addresses how Covid-19 affected India and the subsequent response by the people and the government of India in countering the crisis that emerged out of the pandemic. What is the impact of the pandemic on the health, education, and economy of India? How did Philanthropy help the country in countering the emergent problem?

- **Lyric Hughes Hale**, Editor-in-Chief, EconVue, USA
- **Pravin Khatau**, Chairman, Londinium Asset Management, Monaco
- **Pankaj Mittal**, Secretary-General, Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi
- **Srikanth Moringi**, Chief Executive Officer, Shareerika Swasthatha Avagahana Foundation, India
- **Vijay Shankar Pandey**, Former Secretary, Government of India, India

Chaired by

- **Balaganapathi Devarakonda**, Professor and Head of Philosophy, Delhi University, India

The Make-in-India Programme Post- COVID

The COVID pandemic caused India to suffer a slowdown in imports and exports, and thus the Make-in-India Programme. Which sectors have shown most resilience? How will this program open as global competition increases post-COVID? Can and will the government help weaker sectors?

- **Vikash Agarwal**, President, Rupa & Company, India
- **Girish Bhagat**, Partner, Paramone Advisory, India
- **Shailendra Goswami**, Chairman and Managing Director, Pushkaraj Group, India
- **Yatindra R Sharma**, Managing Director, KHS India, India

Chaired by

- **Yogesh Singh**, Partner, Trilegal, India

The Need for a New Global Green Deal

The COVID pandemic halted travel and all the leisure industry; but post-COVID, pollution levels will rise quickly. Some countries state they are on target, most are not – how can they be helped? What are the best target sectors to advance global reductions? Initially reductions are costly, in the end very beneficial – how to persuade all to follow these paths? What is India's stance?

- **Noel Akpata**, Chief Executive Officer, Stratex Pro, Nigeria
- **Shrinjay Joshi**, Founder, Shyamal Joshi & Associates, India
- **Sunil Lalvani**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Project Maji, United Arab Emirates
- **Virendra Rawat**, Originator, Global Green Schooling Concept, India

Chaired by

- **William Bohnett**, Chairman, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, USA

Leveraging Innovation in a post-COVID World

Across the world, entrepreneurs struggle to make themselves and their companies successful. The move toward digitization is affecting all business sectors and this shift is opening new doors of opportunity but these shifts do not impact all sectors equally. Are there sectors that will benefit disproportionately from innovation? Are there sectors that can deliver higher returns for a nation in a post-COVID world?

- **Angela Huang**, Founder and President, Tempo Bioscience, USA
- **Timothy J. Nichol**, Dean, Liverpool Business School, United Kingdom
- **Ajay Poddar**, Managing Director, Synergy Environics, India
- **Navroop Sahdev**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Digital Economist, USA

Chaired by

- **Jerry Power**, Founder, I3 Systems, USA

Balancing India's Economic and Global Goals

India's difficult choice is between becoming net-zero for energy emissions by 2050 and pursuing economic development. Its emissions are one third that of China and one eighth the US – how might it address COP26 in November? What would be the best compromise, as it needs greater electrification over all sectors to develop its economy?

- **Rouben Indjikian**, Professor, Webster University Geneva, Switzerland
- **Venkat Matoory**, Institutional Advisor, India
- **Vineet Mittal**, Chairman, Avaada Energy, India

Chaired by

- **Xavier Prabhu**, Founder and Managing Director, PRHUB, India

Free Trade Advantages for India

India's physical and human resources are in high demand overseas and their exploitation would boost Indian incomes and inward investment, as well as presenting open access to foreign goods. Free Trade Agreements cement political as well as economic links. What are the win/wins for Indian FTA's? Could Indian FTAs help balance international anxieties between Western and Eastern nations?

- **Muzamil Abdelkarim**, Chief Executive Officer, African Trade Alliance, Sudan
- **Akshay Bhalla**, Office Managing Partner – North, KPMG, India
- **Srita Heide**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Srita Heide International, Germany
- **John West**, Executive Director, Asian Century Institute, Australia

Chaired by

- **Dinesh Dhamija**, Chairman, Copper Beech Group, United Kingdom

Harnessing e-commerce post-COVID-19: Opportunities for Indian SMEs

As Indian entrepreneurs follow the successful management of COVID their attention returns to deeper integration of their business. Not only has digitization affected everyone at a personal level, shopping habits from COVID continue – we demand home delivery. How will India's SME's across production, local logistics and Fintech combine to offer deeper, faster personal service?

- **Gopal Jain**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India, India
- **Aruna Sharma**, Former Secretary, Government of India, India
- **Sabina Dewan**, Founder and Executive Director, JustJobs Network, India
- **Nirupama Soundararajan**, Senior Fellow & Head of Research, Pahle India Foundation, India

Chaired by

- **Vinod Kumar Wuthoo**, President, India SME Forum, India

15.45-16.30 Parallel Sessions

Testing the Strength of Indian Democracy

Democracies thrive on discussion, but occasionally too much talk slows progress. This might be the case in discussions between State parliaments and the national government. How to ensure all have the right to comment, and to exercise their needs to be different across this large sub-continent? How to guide active discussion towards resolutions and agreed compromises without resort to any violence? What presses Indian democracy the most?

- **Sanjaya Baru**, Former Advisor and Spokesperson of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, India
- **Makarand Paranjape**, Director, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, India

Chaired by

- **Lou Marinoff**, Professor of Philosophy, The City College of New York, USA

Boosting VC Capabilities

The COVID-pandemic froze fund flow into startups as venture capitalists exercise caution. But India's startup ecosystem is beginning to thrive again. Upon which sectors ought Venture Capital to concentrate first to support post-COVID ventures? What strengths can it share immediately?

- **Viveck Agarwal**, Co-founder, InDutch Ventures, The Netherlands
- **Peter J R Aylwin**, Director, Aetos Limited, United Kingdom
- **Shachindra Nath**, Executive Chairman, Ugro Capital, India

Chaired by

- **Jayesh Parekh**, Managing Partner, Good Protein Fund, Singapore

Revising Indian Health Care Goals Post-COVID

Analyses have shown how all contributed to the COVID solutions, and supported initial demands with magnificent effort. How will the Indian health care system be responsive to a future pandemic, both for new patients, and also for the parallel needs of non-pandemic patients? What balance is needed? How will strategic facilities reserves be created?

- **Arjun Ananth**, Managing Director, Medall Healthcare, India
- **Kevin Chen**, Chief Executive Officer, Edoc Acquisition, USA
- **Kewal Handa**, Chairman, Salus Lifecare, India
- **Arjun Mallik**, Managing Director East Africa, Prudential Africa, United Kingdom

Chaired by

- **Prabhu Mishra**, Chief Executive Officer, StemGenn Therapeutics, India

TechTech: the Next Big Breakout

The world is suffering a chip famine even as India offers large cash incentives to chip manufacturers from its Made-in-India Programme. Chip making is to increase in the US; and Asian fab specialists are investing billions across the globe. With 5G and IoT increasingly being deployed what does more chip fabrication imply for India? How might new factories alter HighTech geo-politics?

- **Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya**, Founder and CEO, Ekgaon Technology, India
- **Jitesh Shetty**, Founder, Qwiklabs (Subsidiary of Google), USA

Chaired by

- **Sunil Nihal Duggal**, Chief Executive Officer, Twenty 4 Ventures Group, India

Reducing Indian Public Debt via Private Profits

Economists have long believed that public spending on infrastructures yields private sector profits. India continues to invest in its massive infrastructure spend. Can other Asian nations do the same to ensure regional high economic growth even as their demographics fall? How to sell this idea to reluctant politicians? How to ensure a rapid timescale is met?

- **Erik Berglof**, Chief Economist, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank, China
- **Ned Cloonan**, Chairman, Ned Cloonan Associates, USA
- **Mahesh M Gandhi**, Managing Director, AFII Capital, Germany
- **Vinod Juneja**, Vice President, SAARC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, India

Chaired by

- **Arun Sharma**, President, Grovepike Associates, USA

Nurturing New Technology Development

Many of our objects beyond the next five years are not yet invented, but the kernels of the future ideas need to be nurtured. How to ensure people mix to discuss their fantasy products given the COVID lockdowns? How to permit venture capitalists to meet these innovators? Will the effects of COVID hamper entrepreneurship and how to solve this?

- **Chris Barkey**, Managing Director, Barkey GmbH, Germany
- **Milivoje Batista**, Chief Executive Officer, AtromG8, Switzerland
- **Brett Hickey**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Star Mountain Capital, USA

Chaired by

- **Srikar Reddy**, Chief Executive Officer, Sonata Software, India

The Growing Attraction of Indian Off-shoring

Governments look for inwards investment to stimulate their local economies. What is the attraction of India as the world's next factory? What can be made in India better than in Europe, the US, or elsewhere in Asia? Are there any difficulties in re-locating global supply chains to service a growing Indian export volume?

- **SivaKumar Gunturu**, Chief Executive Officer, Maple Software, India
- **Shamit Khemka**, Founder and Managing Director, SynapselIndia, India
- **Paul Sanar**, Chairman, KloudGaze, USA

Chaired by

- **Hindol Sengupta**, Vice President, Invest India, India

Creation of Wealth by the Underprivileged for the Underprivileged

The foundation of India lies in the rural heartland and is built by micro enterprises, cooperatives, and producers companies. Why has India not been able to achieve this untapped potential - empowering the Underprivileged Community for creating wealth for themselves? How can the government, social impact funds, financial institutions, and support ecosystems further evolve to support this?

- **C. P. Gurnani**, Chief Executive Manager and Managing Director, Tech Mahindra, India
- **Vineet Rai**, Founder and Chairman, Aavishkaar Group, India
- **Abraham Stephanos**, Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products, India

Chaired by

- **Suryanil Ghosh**, Chairman, TotalStart Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Developers, India

Boosting Supply Chain Viability for Competitive Advantage

Indian SMEs face inefficiencies in supply chains and logistics. SME's rarely have access to foreign producers, deal with fragmented and incomplete information, and overpay for logistics. Can digitization of supply help Indian SMEs to decrease their cost of sourcing? Will secured return cargo for Indian freight forwarders lead to lower transportation costs for SMEs?

- **Stephen Edkins**, Chief Executive Officer, Rice Exchange, Singapore
- **Cristiano Fibbi**, Head of Strategy, Integral Group, Switzerland
- **Ashok Saigal**, Managing Director, Frontier Technologies, India
- **Shreekant Somany**, Chairman and Managing Director, Somany Ceramics, India
- **Shamika Sirimanne**, Director, Division on Technology and Logistics, UNCTAD, Switzerland

Chaired by

- **Murat Seitnepesov**, Chairman, Caspian Week, Switzerland

16.30-17.15 Plenary Sessions

Envisioning Indian Narratives

India through its development path has become a land of opportunity. Its diversely leads to distinctive prospects which need careful nurturing. What changes might be beneficial to India's future? What narratives will accelerate India into a post-COVID digital age?

- **Murtaza Khorakiwala**, Managing Director, Wockhardt, India
- **Sunil Mehta**, Chairman, YES Bank, India
- **Nasser Munjee**, Chairman, Development Credit Bank, India
- **Anish Shah**, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Mahindra & Mahindra, India
- **Deborah Wince-Smith**, President, United States Council on Competitiveness, USA

Chaired by

- **Clifton Leaf**, Former Editor in Chief, Fortune Magazine, USA

Real Power is Soft Power - Philanthropy in Art and Culture

During COVID, it was the arts that millions of people turned to for comfort, relief and respite. With contesting priorities in a developing country the significance of arts and culture in stimulating conversations, driving economic growth, fostering community cohesion, and as soft power is often ignored. Why do we need to change that perception without any more delay? What role can corporate support play and why should we all care?

- **Pheroza Godrej**, Founder, Cymroza Art Gallery, India
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw**, Executive Chairperson and Founder, Biocon, India
- **Sunil Kant Munjal**, Chairman, Hero Corporate Services, India

Chaired by

- **Abhishek Poddar**, Founder-Trustee, Museum of Art & Photography, India

17.15-18.00 Plenary Sessions

Madhya Pradesh – India's Emerging Economic Tiger

Madhya Pradesh (MP) is India's ideal investment destination as approximately 50% of India's total population comes under its catchment area. Over the last decade the state has witnessed socio- economic development in the areas of education, agriculture and infrastructure leading to employment generation and enhanced economic development. What strategies worked for the state? How is the state competing to attract new investments?

- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, India

With

- **Vineet Mittal**, Chairman, Avaada Energy, India

Chaired by

- **Sanjay Kumar Shukla**, Principal Secretary, Dept of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Madhya Pradesh, India

India's Health Emergency - Delivering Vaccine to All, and Now

This digital plenary session is hosted by AIMA

Immediate availability of COVID vaccines and antiviral medicines to everyone is critical for India's economic health. General vaccination is the only source of confidence to enable the necessary movement and meeting of the people. How to ramp up vaccine production for its third and possibly fourth wave of infections? How can the focus be changed from the cost and control of the vaccine to its general economic benefits? How will India's experience aid other nations?

- **Preetha Reddy**, Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals, India
- **Harsh Pati Singhania**, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, JK Paper, India
- **Naresh Trehan**, Founder, Medanta, India

Introduced by

- **Rekha Sethi**, Director General, All India Management Association (AIMA), India

Chaired by

- **Sunil Kant Munjal**, Chairman, Hero Corporate Services, India

18.00-18.45 Closing Plenary: India's Moves Towards Economic Growth

India is vaccinating rapidly to overcome the shock of the COVID pandemic while promoting self-reliance and developing innovation and entrepreneurship. India wishes to better integrate globally based on these new strengths. What highlights need to be promoted of its excellent firms, its business leaders and its new innovations? What factors might delay its resurgence?

- **Kris Gopalakrishnan**, Chairman, Axilor Ventures, India
- **Hemant Kanoria**, Chairman, Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited, India
- **Gunjan Sinha**, Chairman, MetricStream, USA
- **Preeti Sinha**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Capital Development Fund, United Nations
- **Frank G. Wisner**, Under Secretary of State (ret.), USA

Chaired by

- **Norman Pearlstine**, Senior Advisor and former Executive Editor, Los Angeles Times, USA

18.45-18.46 Closing Remarks

What have we learned through this meeting? What new ideas and new realities are being promoted by the government, civic leaders and business that will invigorate India? Will India help solve the global breakdown in social cohesion and promote inclusivity and diversity? And how might it create a greater cohesion across Asia?

- **Frank-Jürgen Richter**, Chairman, Horasis, Switzerland

18.46-19.30 Closing Parallel Sessions

AI May Outgrow Our Capacity to Judge It

AI reflects the beliefs and biases of those who structure it, and who may be incapable of judging it. Will India's IT strengths and exports check this bias through their overseas managers and their local controls? Is it too alarmist to say AI is only a set of computer coded algorithms so is benign? Who can exert oversight?

- **David Bruemmer**, Chief Strategy Officer, NextDroid, USA
- **Jeh Daruvala**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Yactraq Online, Canada
- **Junaid Islam**, Partner, OODA, USA
- **William R. Palaia**, Founder, Tgther, USA
- **Ed Sewell**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Velocity AI, USA

Chaired by

- **Gurvinder Ahluwalia**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Digital Twin Labs, USA

Modernizing Indian Philanthropy, Originally Rooted in Tradition

People and planet were traditionally supported by philanthropists, but now corporate social responsibility [CSR] requirements attempt to complement these goals, as regards business philanthropy, impacting profit. Is CSR the most appropriate modern, legally required mechanism for "corporate giving"?. What are the primary aspects of change that Indian business must achieve to meet today's needs for corporate philanthropy? And is personal philanthropy (side-lined by CSR)?

- **Preeyam Budhia**, President, Business Development, Patton Group of Companies, India
- **Sundar Mahalingam**, Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Corporation, India
- **Dnyaneshwar Mulay**, Member, National Human Rights Commission, India
- **Sushil Premchand**, Managing Director, PRS Services, Switzerland

Chaired by

- **Pramit Pal Chaudhuri**, Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times, India

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The Global Visions Community

India's Developing Economy Lifts Local and Export Growth

From a low base India has struggled to become a focused manufacturing economy supplying local needs as well as exporting. What has changed recently – is it government reforms stimulating local growth? Or are geo-politics looking for a buttress against other nations? How do other nations react to India's new strength?

- **Francesca Bruni**, President, Art Valley, Italy
- **Alexander R. Malaket**, President, OPUS Advisory Services International Inc, Canada
- **Purnima Voria**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, National US India Chamber of Commerce, USA

Chaired by

- **Jayanta Poddar**, Chairman and Managing Director, Decorazzi Paints & Coatings, India

Translating Rural India into an Economic Powerhouse

There are about 400 million people in India's rural sector, but few are salaried – most are casual or self-employed. How can the government facilitate transition from the informal to the formal economy? Will the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act promote local growth? How will rural skills be developed?

- **Rudra Chatterjee**, Chairman, Obeetee, India
- **Sindhu Bhaskar**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, EST Global Inc., USA
- **Shital Kasat**, Co-Founder and Chief Growth Officer, S4S Technologies, India
- **Pankaj Kumar Singh**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, PCS Ventures, India

Chaired by

- **Niraj Sharan**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Aura, USA

India's Future of Work

In India, as elsewhere, managers have to explain to ousted workers why efficient robots are being used – and explain also to the government departments who may fund the unemployed. How can India, with its large demographic dividend, support increased job losses when many males and far too many females are unemployed? How to absorb India's working population in socially esteemed work?

- **Hamoon Ekhtiari**, Chief Executive Officer, FutureFit AI, Canada
- **Amandeep Midha**, Principal IT Consultant, BEC, Denmark
- **Giridhar Nagaraja**, Chief Executive Officer, Sakhatech, India
- **Girish Ramachandran**, President Asia Pacific, TCS, Singapore
- **Shardul Shroff**, Executive Chairman, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co, India

Chaired by

- **Jerry Hultin**, Chair, New York Academy of Sciences, USA

Temporarily Relieving Global Constraints

Prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic the global economy was being stressed by trade disputes, rapidly changing demand and supply across many commercial sectors and the onset of an oil-pricing contest. All have caused geo-political confusion. What constraints might be relieved by the Indian government, even temporarily, as we grapple with solving the COVID crisis? What are the ideological issues slowing solutions?

- **Andrew Bate**, Chief Executive Office, Safely, USA
- **Yash Chandan**, Founder, Biopapro, India
- **Zia Mody**, Founder and Managing Partner, AZB & Partners, India
- **Firdaus Kharas**, Chairman, Chocolate Moose Media, Canada

Chaired by

- **Asif Iqbal**, President, Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO), India

Repositioning Capitalism

Several visionaries have clamored to make our society and economies more sustainable, inclusive and long-term orientated: now, after the shock of the COVID pandemic there is a chance to undertake this massive reorientation. How will India proceed with this task? How will it co-operate with other nations to create a better, more inclusive world?

- **Amanullah Aman**, Co-Founder and Managing Director, OmVira, India
- **Donald Baldeosingh**, President, ENMAN Group, Trinidad and Tobago
- **Ernesto Nuñez**, Chief Executive Officer, Love4all, Mexico
- **Sashi Reddi**, Managing Partner, SRI Capital, USA
- **Arvind Uppal**, Chairman, Whirlpool India, India

Chaired by

- **Seann Nelipinath**, Chairman, India Chamber of Commerce USA, USA

The US and India: Natural Partners for the Post-virus Era

The US and India are discussing an agreement to reinstate the Generalized System of Preference for India in exchange for certain market access commitments to the US, leading potentially to a bilateral Free Trade Agreement. Why do both countries strategically need each other? What is the Future of US-India relations?

- **Sanjay Budhia**, Managing Director, Patton Group of Companies, India
- **Sandy R. Climan**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Entertainment Media Ventures, USA
- **Nagaraja Kumar Deevi**, Managing Partner, Deevi, USA
- **Kenneth Juster**, Former United States Ambassador to India, USA
- **Ram Shanmugam**, Founder, AutonomIQ, India

Chaired by

- **Mukesh Aghi**, President and Chief Executive Officer, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, USA

Accelerating India's Transition towards Sustainable and Impact Investing

The pandemic creates an opportunity for transforming the Indian economy while practicing Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) integration. ESG investments are indeed fast gaining traction in India – what are the best practices to invest in firms that demonstrate solid ESG credentials? And how can sustainable investments save the world?

- **Amit Bhatia**, Founder, Aspire Circle, India
- **Ravi Chidambaram**, President and Co-Founder, TC Capital, Singapore
- **David Goldsmith**, President, Goldsmith Organization, USA
- **Chirag Mehta**, Senior Fund Manager, Quantum Asset Management, India

Chaired by

- **Dwight N. Hopkins**, Founding Director, ESG Research Initiative Center at the University of Chicago, USA

How do we Detect the Next Dangerous Virus - before it's too late?

India had fared rather well previous waves of COVID infections. However the appearance of the Delta variant (and its companion Delta +) has spread havoc in the country and later in the world. Why is the world so helpless against the emergence of new pandemics, even at a time when we were supposedly actively working on it? Can we create a global system to be prepared to identify and limit "Disease X"?

- **Claude Beglé**, Chairman, Symbioswiss, Switzerland
 - **Manuel Carballo**, Executive Director, ICMHD, Switzerland
 - **José Ramón Calvo**, President, Institute of Multidisciplinary Research, Spain
 - **Vesselin Popovski**, Professor and Vice Dean of Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University, India
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- **Murat Seitnepesov**, Chairman, Caspian Week, Switzerland

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