



Shri S. Ramadorai

Chairman- Axis Bank Foundation

Chairman- Advisory Board Tata STRIVE, Airasia, Tata Advanced Systems Ltd., Tata Technologies

Mr. Ramadorai has served as the Chairman of National Skill Development Agency (NSDA) and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). His approach is to standardize the skilling effort, ensure quality and commonality of outcomes by leveraging technology and create an inclusive environment to co-operate, collaborate & co-exist. He strongly believes that empowering youth with the right skills can define the future of the country. He is also the President of the Society for Rehabilitation of Crippled Children (SRCC) – which is building a super specialty children’s hospital in Mumbai. Mr. Ramadorai has been awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2006, CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2009 and The Economic Times - Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016. His academic credentials include a Bachelors degree in Physics from Delhi University (India), a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics and Telecommunications from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (India) and a Masters degree in Computer Science from the University of California – UCLA (USA).



Dr. Anil Gupta

Executive Vice Chair- National Innovation Foundation

Professor at the Centre for Management in Agriculture, IIM, Ahmedabad

Founder and Editor- Honey Bee Network

Dr. Gupta is a professor, an author, a philanthropist and a visionary. His mission is to expand the global as well as local space for innovations at grassroots and college level, link ideas among informal and formal sector, ensure recognition, respect and reward for creative people, creating knowledge networks for augmenting innovations and unfolding creative potential of individuals/institutions/societies through frugal, flexible and friendly empathetic innovations. His research focuses on sustainable agriculture, ethical issues in conservation and prosperity of biodiversity, building global value chain, etc. He has been awarded Padam Shri (2004), Best Researcher at IIMA (2015), Humanistic Management Lifetime Achievement Award by the Humanistic Management Network, at the 73rd Annual meeting of the Academy of Management, USA, 2013 and several other national and international honours. He is currently the Exec. Vice Chair for National Innovation Foundation (Nifindia.org); President, SRISTI (Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions, 2003-present); Editor, Honey Bee, a quarterly newsletter on grassroots green innovations (1990 – present); Secretary, Gian.org (1997-present) and Member, Board of Directors in EdCIL (India) Limited (2013 – present).



Dr. Tushaar Shah

Senior Fellow, International Water Management Institute

For the past 35 years, Dr. Shah's main research interests have been in water, land and livelihoods in South Asia, a subject on which he has published extensively. His notable contributions have been in comparative analyses of groundwater governance in South Asia, China and Mexico. More recently, his interests have lay in comparative analyses of water institutions and policies across Asia and between South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. Over the past 15 years, as a Senior Fellow of Colombo-based International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Dr. Shah has led the IWMI-Tata Water Policy Program which was chosen for the 2014 UN Water-for-Life Award for Best Practices in water management research. He was honoured with the Outstanding Scientist award of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) in 2002. He was also a member of Government of India's high level committee on restructuring Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). Mr. Shah serves on the boards of several academic institutions and NGOs and is an independent director on the board of the ICICI Bank along with being a serving member of Niti Ayog's Committee on Prime Minister's Krishi Sinchai Yojana.



Dr. Mihir Shah

President- Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation

Founder- Samaj Pragati Shahyog

Member - International Steering Committee, GIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE)

Visiting Professor- Shiv Nadar University and Ashoka University

Dr. Shah is the president of the Bharat Rural Livelihoods Foundation, which supports innovative civil society action in close partnership with state governments. He has spent more than two decades living and working in central tribal India, forging a new paradigm of inclusive and sustainable development. From 2009 to 2014, he was Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, holding the portfolios of Water Resources, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. He was the Keynote Speaker at the Global Water Summit in Rome in 2012. He also initiated a makeover of MGNREGA, the largest employment programme in human history, with a renewed emphasis on rural livelihoods based on construction of productive assets. He is also a distinguished visiting professor in Shiv Nadar University and Ashoka University. He graduated in Economics from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University (where he won the prestigious KC Nag Economics Prize) and did his post-graduation from Delhi School of Economics in the 1970s, before going on to complete a much-acclaimed doctoral dissertation at the Centre for Development Studies, Kerala.



Prof. N. Craig Smith

Chair Professor of Ethics and Social Responsibility- INSEAD
Academic Director of the CSR & Ethics Research Group in the INSEAD Social Innovation Centre

Prof. Smith is the INSEAD Chaired Professor of Ethics and Social Responsibility. His research is at the intersection of business and society, encompassing business ethics, corporate social responsibility, and sustainability. His current research projects examine the purpose of the firm, social contract theory, and stakeholder theory, strategic drivers of CSR/sustainability, marketing ethics, and sustainable consumption. He is the author, co-author or co-editor of six books and over thirty academic articles in journals. He has developed over forty case studies on business ethics and CSR/sustainability, including a number of award-winners and best-sellers. His most recent books are: *Mainstreaming Corporate Responsibility* (with Lenssen; published by Wiley 2009), *Global Challenges in Responsible Business* (with Bhattacharya, Vogel and Levine; published by Cambridge University Press, 2010), and *Marketing Ethics* (with Murphy; Sage 2012). Apart from being a regular speaker at international conferences, he conducts workshops with various organizations on business ethics and corporate responsibility/sustainability, including board level workshops on sustainability as part of the UN Global Compact Board Programme. He also serves on the Scientific Committee of Vigeo, the corporate social responsibility rating agency



Shri H. R. Dave

DMD- NABARD

Mr. Dave has successfully steered NABARD's engagements in rural development in the state of Gujarat, New Delhi and Arunachal Pradesh in the capacity of Regional Office in-charge. His major contributions include, building a shared vision and strategies of covering one third of India's rural poor under SHGs Bank Linkage Programme through one Million SHGs which is today the largest micro finance programme in the world, designing of third party monitoring of infrastructure projects which later got institutionalized as key monitoring tool for state funded infrastructure project and innovations in rural banking such as measures for mitigation of drought in Gujarat and JLG based scheme of financing of agricultural innovations. He has extensively worked on reforms in cooperative credit system. He was also a member of secretariat to RBI Committee on Enhancing Flow of Credit to Agriculture, besides executing advisory services assignments for national and international agencies such as GIZ and IFAD. Shri H R Dave has done his Post Graduate Diploma in Management from IIM, Ahmedabad in 1983.



I. V. Ramanuja Rao

Chairman & Managing Director- Centre for Indian Bamboo Resource & Technology (CIBART)
Director- International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)

Mr. Rao is the current chairman and MD of CIBART and is one of the 3-member team which established the International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR), an intergovernmental international organization, currently working with 39 member countries. He has also set up the largest plant tissue culture company in the world, Khoday Biotech, in Bangalore, with a capacity of 40 million plants per annum. In the year 2008, he was awarded 'World Bank Development Marketplace Peer Award' for best project globally. He has also been conferred with INSA Young Scientist Medal by INSA in 1982, by then Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi. He has extensively worked towards utilization of bamboo as a natural resource for creating and promoting organic bamboo fiber, bamboo boats for artisanal fisheries, tourism & rescue during flooding, Bamboo and agriwaste briquettes, and more similar products. He has also drafted national bamboo policy and action plan formulation for Madagascar, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania along with policies for inclusion of bamboo in government specifications in Ghana leading to increased bamboo school desk purchases, which created rural jobs and enterprises.



Joanna Kane-Potaka

Director, Strategic Marketing and Communication- ICRISAT
(International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics)

With a total of 25 years of professional experience, Joanna has worked in a wide variety of marketing-related areas including strategic marketing, communications, fundraising, knowledge management, and uptake of scientific research. In her early career days, she worked as an agricultural economist with the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and later got inducted into market research in the agribusiness area of the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. As a part of her professional journey, she has lived and worked in countries like India, Sri Lanka, Italy, Malaysia, Philippines and Australia. She has a Bachelor of Economics, Graduate Diploma of Management, Professional Post Graduate Diploma of Marketing and a Master of Science (Global Marketing). She is a certified practicing marketer in Australia, an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Marketing in the UK and a fellow of the Australian Marketing Institute.



Jagdeesh Rao

CEO- Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)

A practitioner from the very beginning, Mr. Rao began his professional life in 1986, working with rural communities in the semi-arid tracts of the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. He became the CEO of FES in 2001 and handles critical functions in strategic visioning and building an efficient team of practitioners at FES. The foundation for Ecological Security works with culturally diverse communities in varied ecological settings across the country to assist them secure, conserve and govern their natural surroundings, commons in particular. His area of practice and interest primarily includes conservation of forests and water in a landscape, semi-arid and dryland ecosystems, decentralized governance of natural resources, the political economy of common pool resources and bioregional planning with spatial technology.



Amir Ullah Khan

Research Director- Aequitas
Policy Consultant – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
Board Member - Digital Empowerment Foundation

Mr. Khan is a development economist with a special interest in the Digital Empowerment, Health, Agriculture, and the Education sectors. He is also a member of the G Sudhir Commission of Inquiry set up by the Telangana Government to measure the degree of deprivation among Socio religious groups in the state. He is the Editor of the Journal of Development Policy and Practice published by Sage. In his previous assignments, he has also consulted for the Ashoka foundation, NCAER, ICRIER, Planning Commission, Oxfam, USAID, World Bank, CII, FICCI, GtZ and many other multilateral and national development agencies. He has been an Adjunct Professor of Business and Law at the Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia and faculty at iPolicy with the Centre for Civil Society. His educational background includes a degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering from the Osmania University and a Masters diploma in Management from the Institute of Management at Anand. He has a PhD from the Jamia Millia Central University at New Delhi.



Prof. Girish K. Agrawal

Professor- Strategy and Policy, Institute of Rural Management Anand
Founding Fellow- Aspire Circle, (A group of NGO and CSR heads of Foundations in Social Leadership space)

Prof. Agrawal has over 19 years of teaching and 15 years of business and entrepreneurial experience. He has conducted Management Development Programs for senior corporate and public sector executives and conducted workshops under UGC/ AICTE affiliated programs for skill up gradation of University faculties. He was Awarded 'Thought Leader' award in 2014 by Cause Because, an online publication in CSR space. He was associated with GLOBE (Global Leadership and Organizational Behavior Effectiveness) research project conducted by Profs. Vipin Gupta and Robert House of Wharton Business School of USA in 69 countries. He is currently a Member, Advisory Board- Aga Khan Rural Support Program (India) initiative for 'Entrepreneurship Development Project for Tribal Youth of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, Member- Technical Committee of Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India and a member of a few more esteemed panels. He has earned his Ph.D. from IIT Bombay in Corporate and Business Strategy, is a MBA in Finance and has an engineering degree (BE) in mechanical.



Ashis Mondal

Founding Director- Action for Social Advancement (ASA)

Mr. Mondal is the founding Director of ASA, an Indian NGO, which supports over 1300 villages, primarily for farm based livelihoods development of smallholders. Over the past 25 years, Mr. Mondal's major contribution has been towards development of livelihoods for smallholders through natural resource management including sustainable agriculture and promotion of smallholder's organisation for agribusiness. He was a member of the National Advisory Council, an advisory body to the Prime Minister of India, during 2012-14. He holds significant consulting experience with the World Bank, FAO, Asian Development Bank, State's Planning Commission and several International NGOs. He has co-authored books "Monitoring for Outcomes in Community Driven Projects", published by The World Bank, Washington DC, 2007; and "A Handbook on using Participatory Monitoring and Learning Tools", published by the Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2007. He is a Post Graduate in development studies and has completed higher studies on development management from the University of East Anglia, U.K.



Naina Subberwal Batra

CEO, Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN)

With over 20 years of experience, Naina has been a part of the senior leadership team at Monitor Inclusive Markets, a mission driven consulting unit of the Monitor Group that aimed at catalyzing market based solutions for social change. In addition, she has worked in organizations such as KPMG and Citibank. She is currently the CEO of Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN). AVPN is a unique funders' network committed to building a vibrant and high impact philanthropy and social investment community across Asia. AVPN's mission is to catalyse the movement from traditional philanthropy to social investing for a more strategic, collaborative and outcome focused approach to addressing key social challenges facing Asia. Naina has a master's degree in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University where she graduated at the top of her class. She also holds a bachelor degree in Economics and International Relations from Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA and a General Course Diploma in economics from The London School of Economics.