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Sonam Wangchuk

Innovator and Education Reformist

Sonam Wangchuk has been working in the field of education reform for more than 27 years. In 1988, he founded SECMOL (Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh), which aims to bring reforms in the government school system in Ladakh. In 1994, he was instrumental in the launch of Operation New Hope, a triangular collaboration of the government, village communities and the civil society to bring reforms in the government schools system. The program resulted in an increase in pass percentage of 10th grade (matriculation) students in govt. schools from the dismal 5% to 55% in initial seven years and 75% at present. He has also founded the SECMOL Alternative School Campus near Leh which is a special school focusing on non-academically inclined students.

Mr. Wangchuk has been teaching innovation at the SECMOL Alternative School, where together with the students he designed and built solar heated buildings that are low cost, made of earth/mud but maintain +15 C even when the outside temperature is -15 C in Ladakhi winters. In order to solve the water crisis facing mountain regions due to climate change and fast melting glaciers he invented the Ice Stupa artificial glacier which stores the wasting stream waters in winter in the form of giant ice cones or stupas and releases the water in late spring as they melt. He has been granted several awards and titles such as; The GQ Men Of The Year Award for Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2017 in India, The Rolex Award for Enterprise 2016 in Hollywood USA, The Terra Award 2016 for World's best Earth Buildings in Lyon France, The UNESCO Chair for Earth Architecture for India in 2014 and more.





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Amit Chandra

Managing Director, Bain Capital Mumbai

Mr. Chandra joined Bain Capital as a Managing Director in early 2008, and is a part of the firm's leadership team in Asia. He received his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from VJTI, Bombay University, post which he worked at India's leading engineering & construction firm, Larsen & Toubro. He then received his MBA from Boston College and was awarded the school's Distinguished Alumni in 2007.

Prior to joining Bain Capital, Amit spent most of his professional career at DSP Merrill Lynch, a leading investment bank in India. At the firm, he had direct oversight of its Global Markets & Investment Banking business, which included the firm's substantial principal investment businesses. He retired from DSP Merrill Lynch in 2007 as its Board Member & Managing Director, to move to Private Equity.

Mr. Chandra was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2007 and was named in Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list by Forbes in 2016, along with his wife Archana. He is currently or in the past has served as a Member of the Board of Directors of a number of leading companies, like Tata Sons, Genpact, L&T Finance, Emcure Pharmaceuticals, Piramal Enterprises, and Tata Investment Corporation. He is also active in India's not for profit space, and is or has been associated as a Trustee of the Tata Trusts, as a Founder/Board Member of Ashoka University, a Board Member of Give India (India's leading philanthropic exchange) and The Akanksha Foundation. He's also a Member of the Advisory Boards of Bridgespan in India, the Centre for Social Impact & Philanthropy, and Swades Foundation.





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Arun Maira

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Help Age International;
Chairman of the Foundation for MSME Clusters;
and President of the Consumer Unity and Trust Society of India

Arun Maira is a thought leader on social and economic development and transformational change and leadership. Some of his recent books are Listening for Well-Being: Conversations with People Not Like Us; Redesigning the Airplane While Flying: Reforming Institutions; Transforming Capitalism: Improving the World for Everyone; and Discordant Democrats: Five Steps to Consensus. He is a frequent speaker at international forums on the reform of institutions.

He was a Member of the Planning Commission of India from 2009 to 2014, and a Member of the National Innovation Council. He was Chairman of The Boston Consulting Group in India from 2000-2008. Earlier, he worked with the Tata Group for 25 years in senior management and board positions.

Arun Maira has been Chairman of the Quality Council of India, Save the Children India, and the Axis Bank Foundation. He has served on the boards of the UN Global Compact and several social work organizations and educational institutions in India and abroad. He has also served on the National Council of the Confederation of Indian Industry for many years.





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Mr. Praveen Singh Pardeshi

Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra

Mr. Pardeshi has over 30 years of experience in the Indian Administration Services, having served in key positions such as Principal Secretary Revenue and Forest, Municipal Commissioner - Pune Municipal Corporation, District Collector (Latur and Solapur) and is currently the Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

He has worked extensively in areas such as large-scale infrastructure, forest and conservation, labor laws and reform, social development programmes, among others. He single-handedly led the relief and rehabilitation efforts post the Latur earthquake in 1993 and has set the benchmark for effective disaster management in the country. He has also served in many global leadership roles at the United Nations Development Programme on rehabilitation and disaster relief projects, in collaboration with the World Bank.

Given his passion for sustainable development, Mr. Pardeshi has been instrumental in setting up Village Social Transformation Foundation, an organization aimed at creating 1000 model villages across Maharashtra, with an objective of holistic development through convergence with leading CSR Foundations and the citizens of the state. Mr. Pardeshi is a gold medalist in the IAS, with degrees in economics from London School of Economics and Delhi University. He has also published several papers and articles, including one on India's eco-development and sustainability. He is also extremely passionate about wildlife and environment.





S Ramadorai

Chairman, Axis Bank Foundation, Advisory Board Tata STRIVE, AirAsia India, Tata Advanced Systems Ltd., Tata Technologies

Mr Ramadorai, Padma Bhushan and CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire), is the exemplary leader who transformed Tata Consultancy Services to become a leading global IT services company during his tenure as its CEO. He has been in public service since February 2011 when he was appointed as the advisor to the then Prime Minister for the National Skills Development Council. He went on to head the National Skill Development Corporation and the National Skill Development Agency till 2016.

Currently Mr Ramadorai is the Chairman of AirAsia (India) Pvt Ltd., and also serves as an Independent Director on the Boards of Hindustan Unilever Limited, Asian Paints Limited and Piramal Enterprises Limited. He is the Chairman of the Council of Management at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) and the Chairman of the Governing Board at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). 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.

