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India in Asia: Deeper Engagement

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DAY 1: FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023	
11:30-11:45	<p>Arrival at CSEP office (6 Jose Rizal Marg, Chanakyapuri, opp. Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi)</p> <p><i>Delegates to be escorted across the road to the lunch venue - Shakuntalam Hall, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan</i></p>
12:00-12:10	Welcome remarks by Rakesh Mohan , President, CSEP
12:10-12:30	Address by Amitabh Kant , G20 Sherpa for India
12:30-13:45	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Departure for Neemrana
17:00-17:30	Arrival at Neemrana Fort-Palace and Check-in
17:30-18:30	<p>High Tea</p> <p><i>Venue: Qanat Lobby</i></p>
18:30-19:00	<p>Introduction to the Neemrana Fort: Its Evolution from the Ruins by Aman Nath</p> <p><i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p>
19:00-20:30	<p>Opening Session: Setting the Stage: Deepening India's Engagement with Asia</p> <p><i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Welcome: Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, CSEP</p> <p>Message from Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi</p> <p>Keynote Address: Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister, Singapore</p> <p>Inaugural Address: Shivshankar Menon, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP and Former National Security Advisor of India</p> <p>Conference Theme: Rakesh Mohan, President, CSEP</p>
20:30-22:30	<p>Cocktail and Dinner</p> <p><i>Venue: Mukut Bagh & Uncha Bagh</i></p>

DAY 2: SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

7:30-09:15	<p>Breakfast Venue: <i>Jalgiri Mahal</i></p>
9:30-11:00	<p>Session I: Impact of Geopolitics on Asia's Economic Options Venue: <i>Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator and Chairperson: Jaimini Bhagwati, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Paper 1: Impact on Asian Economies of Changes in G7 Trade and Investment Practices</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Eisuke Sakakibara, President, Institute of Indian Economic Studies, Japan</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Tetsuya Watanabe, Special Advisor to the President, ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia) and Visiting Professor at Graduate School of Public Policy, The University of Tokyo</p> <p>Yose Rizal Damuri, Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta</p> <p>Paper 2: Consequences for Asia's Financial Sector of Restrictions in the Movement of Capital and Potential Impairment of Multilateral Development Institutions</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Poonam Gupta, Director General, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Hoe Ee Khor, Chief Economist, ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO)</p> <p>Naushad Forbes, Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall and Member, CSEP Board</p>
11:00-11:20	<p>Tea/Coffee Break Venue: <i>Qanat Lobby</i></p>

11:30-13:00	<p>Session II: Human Development and Health Policy in Asia <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator: Sandhya Venkateswaran, Senior Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Chairperson: Amarjeet Sinha, Former Adviser to the Prime Minister (Social Sector) and Secretary to the Government of India</p> <p>Paper 1: Positioning Human Development in the National Development and Growth Plan</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Emmanuel Jimenez, Director General of Independent Evaluation, Asian Development Bank, Philippines</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Thang Vo, Director, Health and Agricultural Policy Research Institute University of Economics, Vietnam</p> <p>Nachiket Mor, Visiting Scientist, The Banyan Academy of Leadership in Mental Health</p> <p>Paper 2: The Role of Technological and Other Innovations in Healthcare</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Soonman Kwon, Professor, School of Public Health, Seoul National University</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Indrani Gupta, Professor and Head, Health Policy Research Unit, Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)</p> <p>Hasbullah Thabrany, Chief of Party, USAID Health Financing Activity Project, ThinkWell Global</p>
13:00-14:15	<p>Lunch <i>Venue: Aatam Sukh Bar</i></p>

<p>14:30-16:00</p>	<p>Session III: Trade Integration and Global Value Chains in the Asia Pacific Region <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator: Rajesh Chadha, Senior Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Chairperson: Anoop Singh, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Paper 1: Asia's Export Success: Industrial Policy or Free Trade Led?</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Kirida Bhaopichitr, Research Director for International Economics and Development Policy and Director for TDRI Economic Intelligence Service (TDRI EIS), Thailand</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Dushni Weerakoon, Executive Director, Institute of Policy Studies, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Yoon-Je Cho, Member, Monetary Policy Board of the Bank of Korea, Former Ambassador to the USA and the UK, and Professor Emeritus, Sogang University, South Korea</p> <p>Paper 2: Diversifying Global Value Chains in Asia</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Vo Tri Thanh, Chair of the Vietnamese Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and Senior Expert, Central Institute for Economic Management (CIEM)</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> Amita Batra, Professor of Economics, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p> <p>Shujiro Urata, Chairman, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry (RIETI) and Professor Emeritus, Waseda University</p>
<p>16:00-16:20</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee Break <i>Venue: Qanat Lobby</i></p>

16:30 – 18:00	<p>Session IV: The Geopolitical Effects of Economic Changes: Politics in Command <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curator and Chairperson: Shivshankar Menon, Distinguished Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Paper 1: The Rise of Asia: Economic Power and Geopolitical Implication</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Jong-Wha Lee, Dean, College of Political Science and Economics and Graduate School of Policy Studies, Korea University</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> C. Raja Mohan, Senior Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute Rohan Samarajiva, Chairman, LIRNEasia, Sri Lanka Madhav Das Nalapat, Manipal Advanced Research Group, Manipal Academy of Higher Education</p> <p>Paper 2: Asia’s Evolving Political Economy and India’s Role in it</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore and Former Permanent Secretary, Singapore</p> <p><i>Discussants:</i> P.S. Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board, India Shyam Saran, Former Foreign Secretary, India Kuik Cheng-Chwee, Head, Centre for Asian Studies, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies, National University of Malaysia</p>
19:00-19:45	<p>Lecture Demonstration and Bharatanatyam Recital by Rasika Khanna <i>Venue: Badroon Mahal</i></p>
20:00-22:00	<p>Cocktail and Dinner <i>Venue: Mukut Bagh & Uncha Bagh</i></p>

DAY 3: SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

07:30-09:15	<p>Breakfast Venue: <i>Jalgiri Mahal</i></p>
09:30-11:00	<p>Session V: Climate Change and Sustainability Venue: <i>Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Curators: Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Distinguished Fellow and Laveesh Bhandari, Senior Fellow, CSEP</p> <p>Chairperson: Montek Singh Ahluwalia</p> <p>Paper 1: Climate Catastrophe and Carbon Markets</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Vinod Thomas, Former Senior Vice President, The World Bank</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Jong Ho Hong, Professor of Economics, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University</p> <p>Paper 2: Scaling up Finance Needed for Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Tiza Mafira, Director, Climate Policy Initiative, Indonesia</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Syed Munir Khasru, Chairman, Institute of Policy, Advocacy and Governance, Bangladesh</p> <p>Paper 3: Asian Climate Funding Challenge and the Indonesian Experience</p> <p><i>Author:</i> Muhamad Chatib Basri, Professor, University of Indonesia, and former Minister of Finance, Indonesia</p> <p><i>Discussant:</i> Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, India</p> <p><i>Session Discussant:</i> Naoko Ishii, Executive Vice-President, University of Tokyo, Japan</p>
11:00-11:20	<p>Tea/Coffee Venue: <i>Qanat Lobby</i></p>

11:30-13:00	<p>Closing Session: Making up for Lost Time: Towards an Annual Conference <i>Venue: Qanat Hall</i></p> <p>Valedictory Address: Suman Bery, Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog, India</p> <p>The Future of India and ASEAN Engagement: Sihesak Phuangketkeow, Former Permanent Secretary, Thailand</p> <p>Reflections on the Way Ahead: Deepali Khanna, Vice President, Asia Region Office, The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p>Reflections: Danny Quah, Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore</p> <p>Onwards: Rakesh Mohan, President, CSEP</p>
13:00-14:00	<p>Lunch <i>Venue: Aatam Sukh Bar</i></p>
14:00	<p>Departure for New Delhi</p>

We request all delegates to arrive at Qanat Hall 5 minutes ahead of the scheduled start of sessions.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM
Senior Minister, Singapore

Tharman is Senior Minister in Singapore, having previously served for eight years as Deputy Prime Minister (2011-2018), as Finance Minister (2007-2015) and Education Minister (2003-2008). He is concurrently the Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore's central bank and financial regulator.

He co-chairs the Global Commission on the Economics of Water and is on the United Nations' High-Level Advisory Board on Effective Multilateralism. He co-chaired the G20 High Level Independent Panel on Global Financing for Pandemic Preparedness and Response in 2021. Tharman also led the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance that submitted its recommendations in 2018.

Tharman chairs the board of the Group of Thirty, an independent global council of economic and financial leaders from the public and private sectors and academia. He earlier chaired the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) for four years; he was its first Asian chair.

Tharman has spent his working life in public service, in roles principally related to economic and social policies.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS



SUMAN BERY

Vice-Chairperson, NITI Aayog

Suman Bery has recently taken over as Vice-Chairperson, NITI Aayog. He has served as Director-General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in New Delhi and Chief Economist of Shell International, based in Hague. Mr. Bery has served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; India's Statistical Commission; and Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy. He comments extensively in the media on economic issues, contributing a monthly column for a business newspaper. His professional writings include contributions on the political economy of reform, financial sector and banking reform, and energy trends and policy. Mr. Bery holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Oxford and did graduate work in public policy at Princeton University.

DELEGATES



SHANKAR ACHARYA

As the longest-serving Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India (1993-2001), Shankar Acharya was deeply involved in the economic reforms of the 1990s and served three successive governments of the Congress, the United Front and the National Democratic Alliance. He also served as Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (1997-2000); Member, Twelfth Finance Commission (2004); National Security Advisory Board (2009-2013); and as a member of the Reserve Bank of India's Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy (2005-2016). Earlier, he worked in the World Bank (1971-82) where he led the World Development Report team for 1979 and was Research Adviser to the Bank (1979-82). He returned to India in 1982 as Senior Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, before joining the Government as Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance (1985-90).

Since 2001 he has been Honorary Professor at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations. He has authored eleven books (mostly on Indian economic issues and policies) and several scholarly articles in academic journals. His two latest books, published in 2021, are *India's Economy, 2015-2020: Contemporary Commentary* (Academic Foundation) and *An Economist at Home and Abroad* (Harper Collins). Since 2003 he has been a regular columnist for the Business Standard. He was non-executive Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank for 12 years (2006-2018), one of India's newest and most successful private commercial banks.

Dr. Acharya has a BA from Oxford and a PhD from Harvard University. He has been Senior Visiting Fellow at Merton College, Oxford (2000) and Stanford University (2002) and Resident Scholar at Bellagio, Rockefeller Foundation (2013).



MONTEK SINGH AHLUWALIA

Montek Singh Ahluwalia, an economist, and civil servant, was former Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission, Government of India. He joined the Government in 1979 as Economic Adviser in the Ministry of Finance, after which he held a series of positions including Special Secretary to the Prime Minister; Commerce Secretary; Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs; Finance Secretary in the Ministry of Finance; Member of the Planning Commission; and Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. In 2001, he was appointed as the first Director of the newly created Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund. He resigned from that position in 2004 to take up the position of Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission which he held from 2004 to 2014.

Mr. Ahluwalia has been a key figure in Indian economic policy. He writes on various aspects of development economics and has been published in prominent Indian and international journals and books. He co-authored

Re-distribution with Growth: An Approach to Policy, which, published in 1975, was a path-breaking book on income distribution. In February 2020, he published his book, *Backstage: The Story Behind India's High Growth Years*, an insider's account of policymaking from 1985 to 2014.

For his outstanding contribution to economic policy and public service, he was conferred the prestigious 'Padma Vibhushan' in 2011, India's 2nd highest civilian award for exceptional and distinguished service.

Mr. Ahluwalia graduated from Delhi University and holds an MA and an MPhil in Economics from Oxford University. He is an Honorary Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.



YAMINI AIYAR

Yamini Aiyar is the President and Chief Executive of the Centre for Policy Research. In 2008, she founded the Accountability Initiative at CPR, which is credited with pioneering one of India's largest expenditure tracking surveys for elementary education.

Yamini's work sits at the intersection of research and policy practice. Her research interests span the fields of public finance, social policy, state capacity, federalism, governance and the study of contemporary politics in India. She has published widely in academic publications and the popular press and writes regularly on current affairs and policy matters in mainstream Indian newspapers.

Yamini serves on several government and international policy committees as well as boards of nonprofits and think tanks. Her recent policy commitments include: Commissioner and Chair, Governance Working Group, Lancet Commission on Reimagining India's Health System; Member, Chief Minister's Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council; Member, United Nations Committee of the Experts on Public Administration; and Council Member, United Nations University.



DEWI FORTUNA ANWAR

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International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) from 2010-2020; and the UN Secretary General Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters from 2008-2012. She obtained her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne, while her MA and BA (Hons) were from SOAS, University of London.



MUHAMAD CHATIB BASRI

Muhamad Chatib Basri is a former Minister of Finance of Indonesia. Previously he was the Chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board. He is now the Chairman of the PT Bank Mandiri Tbk. and Chairman of the PT XL-Axiata Tbk. Dr. Basri is a co-Chair of the Financial Intermediary Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (FIF PPR), hosted by the World Bank with technical support from the World Health Organization (WHO). He is a member of various international advisory councils including the High-Level Advisory Group on Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery and Growth formed by the World Bank and the IMF in the face of the dual crisis posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change; the World Bank Advisory Council on Gender and Development; Independent High Level Expert Group on Climate Finance for COP27; Group Eminent Personalities of the OECD Development Centre; and the Advisory Board, Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis, the Australian National University. He is also member of the Governing Board of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. He teaches at the Department of Economics, University of Indonesia and co-founded CReco Research, a Jakarta-based economic consulting firm. Dr. Basri was Ash Centre Senior Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School (2015-2016); Pacific Leadership Fellow at the Centre on Global Transformation, University of California at San Diego (2016); NTUC Professor of International Economic Relation, RSIS, NTU, Singapore (2016); and Thee Kian Wie Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Australian National University (2016-2017). His expertise is International Trade, Macroeconomics and Political Economy. He is the author of a number of papers published in international journals and actively writes for various leading newspaper and magazines in Indonesia.



AMITA BATRA

Amita Batra is Professor of Economics and former Chairperson of the Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Professor Batra was Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political Economy, University of Sydney in October 2018 and Visiting Professor at the University of Edinburgh in 2013. She has been visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad. Professor Batra is a member of the Advisory Group for G20 Finance Track Agenda, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India (January 2022-December 2023). She is on the editorial committee/board of several national/international journals. Professor Batra is also an occasional columnist for the Business Standard, a leading financial daily in India. She has written and published extensively on economic integration, preferential trade agreements and India's trade policy issues. Her latest book is titled *India's Trade Policy in the 21st Century*, Routledge, London, 2022. Professor Batra has an MA, M.Phil., PhD from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

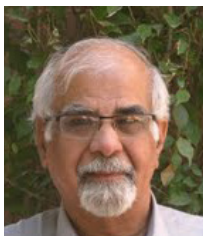


JAIMINI BHAGWATI

Jaimini Bhagwati is a 1976-batch Indian Foreign Service officer and is also a financial sector specialist. He was appointed as India's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom in 2011. Immediately prior to this appointment, Bhagwati was India's ambassador to the European Union, Belgium and Luxembourg. He was Joint Secretary (Capital Markets and Pension Reforms) in the Ministry of Finance from 1999-2002. He worked for eleven years in the World Bank Treasury in Washington DC and his responsibilities included issuance of IBRD bonds and pricing of associated derivatives transactions.

Bhagwati did his Master's in Physics from St. Stephen's college in Delhi and holds a Master's in Finance from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a PhD from Tufts University. In 2019, he authored *The Promise of India: How Prime Ministers Nehru to Modi Shaped the Nation (1947–2019)*. This book offers a fascinating analysis on the decision making of prime ministers since independence and the consequent economic and foreign policy fallout. Bhagwati has been writing a monthly column in the Business Standard newspaper since 2005.

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SURJIT BHALLA

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Surjit has taught at the Delhi School of Economics and served as executive director of the Policy Group in New Delhi, the country's first non-government funded think tank. He has worked as a research economist at the RAND Corporation, the Brookings Institution, and at both the research and treasury departments of the World Bank, as well as a consultant to Warburg Pincus. He has also worked on Wall Street in Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs.

He is the author of several academic articles as well as four books on globalisation and its effects on the world economy. He is the author of *Imagine There's No Country* (2002), *Second Among Equals – The Middle Class Kingdoms of India and China* (2007), *Devaluing to Prosperity* (2012), and *The New Wealth of Nations* (2017), a book which correctly forecast the changing nature of gender

equality via educational attainment. His first book, *Between the Wickets: The Who and Why of the Best in Cricket* (1987), developed a model for evaluating performance in sports and was published in 1987.

His most recent book *Citizen Raj: Indian Elections 1952-2019* analysed Indian elections since 1952 and accurately forecast the Modi victory in 2019. Surjit is also a regular contributor (over 1300 articles) to Indian newspapers, magazines, and television on financial markets, economics, politics and cricket.

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LAVEESH BHANDARI

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KIRIDA BHAOPICHITR

Kirida Bhaopichitr joined the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI), a leading independent think tank in Thailand, in 2015. She is currently the Director of TDRI Economic Intelligence Service (EIS) which is TDRI's corporate membership program. Dr. Kirida leads the preparation of content for the monthly seminars for corporate members on issues that are of high relevance and interest for business. Her specialisation spans monitoring and analysing developments of the global and Thai economies which includes the macroeconomic environment, geopolitical developments, megatrends, demographic changes, and technological development issues. Dr. Kirida is also currently an independent director on the Government Housing Bank's board of directors and on the Khon Kaen University Council.

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At the World Bank, she regularly contributed to the World Bank's bi-annual report on economic development, the East Asia and the Pacific Update. In 2010, Dr. Kirida spent a year at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington DC, where she worked on regional issues in East Asia and authored a paper on estimating remittance trends in South Asia.

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RAJESH CHADHA

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He was the Managing Editor of *Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research*, NCAER's international, peer-reviewed journal, from 2012 to 2019. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the Universities of Michigan, Melbourne, and Monash and Visiting Faculty at many prestigious academic and research institutes in India. He was nominated as GTAP Research Fellow (2004-2007) by the Global Trade Analysis Project, Purdue University, USA.

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Professor Kuik's publications have appeared in peer-reviewed journals and edited books. His essay, "The Essence of Hedging", won the Michael Leifer Memorial Prize awarded by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. He is co-author (with David Lampton and Selina Ho) of *Rivers of Iron: Railroads and Chinese Power in Southeast Asia* (2020). His current projects include: hedging in international relations, domestic politics and foreign policy choices, and the geopolitics of connectivity cooperation. Cheng-Chwee serves on the editorial boards of *Contemporary Southeast Asia*, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Asian Perspective*, *Asian Politics and Policy*, *International Journal of Asian Studies* (Cambridge University Press), and *East Asian Policy*.



YOSE RIZAL DAMURI

Yose Rizal Damuri is the Executive Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies. His research activities focus on international trade, regional integration and globalisation of value chain. He received his PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. He is active in many networks of research institutes in East Asia, such as in Asia Pacific Research Network on Trade (ARTNet) and ERIA Research Institute Network (ERIA-RIN) and Think 20, the think tank network of G20 countries. Currently he serves as the Co-Chair of Indonesia National Committee of Pacific Economic Cooperation (INCPEC), while also serving as a Member of the Governing Board of Economic Research Institute of ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Yose is also active in various policy forums in Indonesia, including as the Research Coordinator of Indonesia Service Dialogue, a forum dedicated for the development of services sector in Indonesia. He is a co-chair of Indonesia National Committee of Pacific Economic Council (INCPEC) and the founder of the Indonesia Bureau of Economic Research (IBER).



NAUSHAD FORBES

Naushad is co-Chairman of Forbes Marshall, India's leading process and energy efficiency company. He is Chairman, Ananta Aspen Centre, and Centre for Technology, Innovation and Economic Research (CTIER). Forbes Marshall helps Industry build and sustain highly efficient plants by reducing waste, optimising process and energy efficiency, and complying with regulatory requirements. Forbes Marshall has consistently ranked as a great place to work and aspires to be a multinational with Indian roots. Naushad was an occasional teacher at Stanford University from 1987 to 2004 where he developed courses on Technology in Newly Industrialising Countries. He received his Bachelor's, Master's and PhD Degrees from Stanford. Naushad is on the board of several educational institutions and public companies. Naushad has long been an active member of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and was president of CII for 2016–17. He is a founding member of Nayanta University, a full-service university opening in 2024, spearheaded by CII. Naushad's book, *The Struggle and the Promise: Restoring India's Potential*, was published by Harper Collins in 2022.



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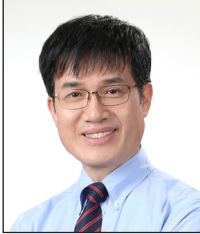
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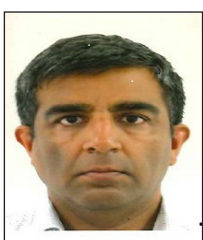
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At the State level, Amarjeet served in the education and health sectors. He has also had the opportunity to serve in the remote tribal district of Singhbhum in present day Jharkhand and in the Naxalite affected Jehanabad district of Bihar. He has also been training Indian Administrative Service Officer Trainees at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie on the social sector for the last 30 years. He has the distinction of having travelled to over 90% of India's districts to promote human development initiatives. Sinha has published seven books on public policy and many articles in publications such as *Lancet*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Economic Times*, *The Hindu*, *The Indian Express*, *The Times of India*, *The Business Standard*, *The Hindustan Times*, etc.

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Born in Mumbai, Rasika Khanna is the daughter of Renu and Krishen Khanna, the artist. She was fortunate to be initiated into Bharatanatyam by the legendary Balasaraswathi as a child in Chennai. Her love for Bharatanatyam as a solo art form was later nurtured by her subsequent gurus, Smt Lalitha Shastri, Shri Adayar Lakshman, Guru Nana Kasar and Smt. Kalanidhi Narayanan, each of whom gave her a different insight into the art form.

Rasika has performed professionally on many prestigious platforms both in India and abroad. In Asia she has performed in Jakarta and Bali in Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. She has taken her art further to the US, Europe, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Brazil, Tanzania, South Africa and Russia in Moscow and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg.

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