

## NOMINATION JURY COMMITTEE MEETING 2011

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### Brief Biographies of Nomination Jury Members

#### **Dr A K Raha**

PCCF and Head of Forest Force  
Directorate of Forest, Govt of West Bengal  
Kolkata



Dr Raha is a 1977 batch Indian Forest service officer. He is a post graduate in Physics from Delhi University and also has a post graduate degree in Forestry (AIFC) from Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun. He is presently posted as PCCF/ WB, as Head of the Forest Directorate, from April 2007. His present job includes managing the natural resources and administration of entire state-owned forest and wildlife of West Bengal, sanction and controlling budget for the Forest Directorate, managing around 15000 staff and officers of Directorate, organizing Sustainable Forest Management, extension of forestry activities and implementation of modern tools of management like e-governance and GIS/ Remote Sensing. He also has several publications to his credit.

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#### **Prof Amaresh Chakraborty**

Head, Direction and Screenplay Writing  
Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI)  
Kolkata



Prof. Chakraborty is a graduate of the Burdwan University, and did a PG Diploma in Cinema, Film & Television Institute (FTII), Pune specialising in Film Direction. He has worked as freelance filmmaker, based in Kolkata, writing directing television serials for Doordarshan, corporate documentaries, advertising and educational films. He joined Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute, Kolkata (SRFTI) as faculty in 1999. Since then he is heading the Direction & Screenplay Writing Department of SRFTI.

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#### **Col Atul Pratap Singh**

Director Ecology (Policy)  
Indian Army  
New Delhi



An army officer's son, Col. Atul Pratap Singh is a thoroughbred infantry officer whose four generations have served in the Rajput Regiment continuously and he too is carrying on the legacy of his ancestors. An alumni of the prestigious National Defence Academy. Col Singh joined the Indian Army in 1991. During the course of his illustrious career of 20 years he has had the unique distinction of serving four tenures in high altitude and two tenures in counter insurgency operations in the state of Jammu & Kashmir. This prolonged exposure in such rugged and arduous environment gave him excellent opportunities to serve close to the pristine beauty of virgin and unexplored territories. All this experience prepared him to accept the challenging assignment of Director Policy (Ecology) of the Indian Army. Currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Green Business, Col. Singh has played a significant role in highlighting the efforts of Indian Army towards conservation of Ecology.

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**Ms Charu Jain**

Co-Founder and Director  
Advit Foundation  
Gurgaon



Ms Jain is the founder and director of Advit Foundation, a non government development organisation, working towards environment conservation and livelihood enhancement. At Advit Foundation she is involved in designing environment management systems for institutions and industries, capacity building for environment reporting systems, occupational health and safety for industrial workers and executing village development programmes. She also plays a key role in design and implementation of CSR activities for a number of industries including global retailing firms such as Hennes & Mauritz (H&M), Monsoon Accessorize, IKEA etc and also give inputs in streamlining CSR focus and activity profile. Ms Jain is a post graduate in Environment Botany from New Delhi.

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**Mr Dinesh Agarwal**

General Manager, CSR  
National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)  
New Delhi



Mr Agrawal is an environmental, social, resettlement, CSR and sustainability professional. He is heading the CSR & NTPC Foundation as General Manager in NTPC. He was a member of the expert group on framing ISO 26000 from 2005 to 2010 and Board Member of LEAD India from 2003 to 2009. He is in the BIS committee on framing CSR and governance standards and member of expert group of IICA on framing national guidelines on CSR. He has also been instrumental in devising the course material on "Resettlement" for IGNOU. Agrawal is a graduate in Mechanical Engineering and a LEAD Fellow. Under his leadership, NTPC has been bestowed with many CSR awards in India, Portugal, Singapore, South Africa and USA.

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**Dr Gita Bamezai**

Head, Communication Research  
Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)  
New Delhi



Dr Bamezai is heading the Department of Communication Research at IIMC. She specializes in Behaviour Change Communication, Public Health and HIV/AIDS Communication, Gender Issues, Media Advocacy etc. Professor Bamezai worked for the overseas Indian Newspaper India Mail (published from England) as a Consultant. She also worked in the public Relations Unit of Production and Publicity Division of India Tourism Development Corporation in early years of her career starting in 1977. Prof. Bamezai has conducted international and national training and educational programmes in Development and Public Health Communication and consultancy for International projects for C4D on HIV/AIDS Communication/National Communication Projects like pulse polio and Family Health Awareness. She is also the Chief Coordinator of national level projects on Health/HIV/AIDS and RCH Communication for GOI, WHO and national NGOs. She is also a member of several international and national professional bodies including IAMCR (International Association of media and Communication Research).

**Ms Jai Chandiram**

Managing Trustee

International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT)

New Delhi



Ms Chandiram started as a producer in Doordarshan and reached to the position of Deputy Director General in her illustrious career at Doordarshan. She has headed many media centers like Central Institute of Education (CIET-NCERT), Educational Media Production Center of Indira Gandhi National Open University (EMPC-IGNOU), Department of Television at the Film and Television Institute, Pune and was also the Television Consultant at the Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting and Development, (AIBD), Kuala Lumpur. She has been on the media advisory and task forces for various Ministries and organizations, dealing with, Family Welfare, Health, HIV-AIDS, Leprosy, Biodiversity, CIET, NLM etc. She was the President of the International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT) for two terms and is currently the Managing Trustee, IAWRT (Chapter India). Ms Chandiram has recently completed a film on Saas and Elizabeth Brunner for IGNC.

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**Mr Jayanta Basu**

Senior Journalist

The Telegraph

Kolkata



Mr Basu is a specialized environment correspondent working with The Telegraph newspaper Kolkata; the largest circulating English newspaper in eastern India. He has triggered various pioneering news and green campaigns for the paper and has also covered number of national and international climate change related conferences on behalf of the paper including Copenhagen and Cancun conferences. Apart from the Telegraph, Basu occasionally writes for other publications of ABP group and also regularly hosts a live television talk show on environment in Doordarshan. He has directed few green documentaries as well as teaches in Calcutta University. Basu is an established environment researcher being involved in many national and international projects on urban environment and associated with a non profit Kolkata based organisation named 'Environment Governed Integrated Organisation (EnGIO). He is also at the forefront of the green activism in West Bengal and has undertaken immense effort to build up a platform for non profit and has undertaken immense effort to build up a platform for non profit green organisations of state called 'sabuj mancha' (green platform), to which he has been the founder secretary.

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**Dr Kuldeep Sinha**

Former Director General and CEO

Directorate of Film Festival (DFF) and CFSI

Mumbai



Mr Sinha is a graduate in cinema from FTII, Pune. A veteran filmmaker with nine national and several international awards to his credit he is also a prolific writer and author of books on cinema, fiction and non-fiction. He has been honoured for his literary contribution by the Government of India, Rajbhasha Shree and Saraswati Samman by Ashirwad and a lifetime achievement award by International Council for Cultural Relations, Mumbai. Mr Sinha has been the Director General-Films Division, CEO-CFSI and Director, Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF). As a director in the Board of Directors in the 'The Institute of Film and Video Technology (IFVT)'. Mr Sinha is organising workshops in collaboration with NGOs, Media and

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Communication Institutes and cultural organizations on cinema and television technology in the places all over the country where cinema is not made or taught.

**Mr Laxman Singh**

Founder and Chairman

Gram Vikas Navyuvak Mandal Laporiya (GVNML)

Jaipur



Mr Singh is a well known water management expert. He has done remarkable work in the field of water management in rural areas through his voluntary organisation Gram Vikas Navyuvak Mandal Laporiya (GVNML). His most celebrated contribution to the community has been the *chauka* system. Literally translated, *chauka* means 'rectangular enclosure'. They effectively trap rain water helping in recharging ground water. This has been applied in many parts of Rajasthan, some part of north India as well as the neighboring countries and has been of immense advantage for pastoral families and farmers of semi arid regions. Singh is a life time Ashoka fellow for outstanding work in water management and has received several awards including Indira Priyadarshni Vriksha Mitra Award, by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, National Youth Award by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and National Bhumi Jal Samvardhan Award, by the hon'ble President of India in 2007.

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**Ms Madhu Bhatnagar**

Consultant, Environment Programme

The Shri Ram School (TSRS)

Agra



An artist turned educator, Madhu Bhatnagar in her 21 years of service with the Shri Ram Schools, has pioneered the cause of environment education in schools by spearheading initiatives and movements which have now become household term. Earlier as Deputy Head of the School, she formulated policies, and made environment education mandatory in 1994-95 much before the ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Bhatnagar is a recipient of several awards including Green Teacher National Award by Sanctuary Asia, Chief Minister's Award for Water Harvesting, "Eco-Warrior" awarded by the Vice President of India for Earth Matters and many more. Having worked to implement water harvesting in schools /colleges and RWA's, she now carries on the same in the city of Agra bringing about a cultural transformation in the mindset of youth and school children.

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**Ms Malti Sahai**

Former Director (Author and Film Expert)

Directorate of Film Festival (DFF)

New Delhi



Ms Sahai has more than 30 years of work-experience in the production, promotion and commercial side of films, television and audio-visual media as well as teaching & promotion of Indian culture. She also has vast administrative experience as the Media Head in the Ministry of I&B, Government of India and later, as Director of I.G.C.I.C. in Mauritius and Georgetown, Guyana. She has authored three books on popular Indian Cinema. These are "Raj Kapoor's Film: Harmony of Discourses", "Sholay: A Cultural Reading" and "Bollywood Nostalgia". She has presented numerous papers such as "The Indian Film Industry and the Asian Region", "Self and Moral Agony: Reflection on two films of Raj Kapoor" and "Representation of City in Cinema: Satyajit Ray, Calcutta Trilogy".

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**Ms Moushumi Dutt**

Head, Corporate Communication  
Philips India Ltd  
Gurgaon



Ms Dutt is a public relations and communications professional with close to two decades of experience. She heads communications for the Philips India group, responsible for building the corporate image of Philips, especially in the domains of health and well-being. Prior to Philips India, she was managing corporate communications for Intel India for seven years. At Intel, she won a number of awards including the company's top employee recognition, the Intel Achievement Award 2005, for leading a PR project to increase PC usage across second- and third-tier cities. A graduate of Lucknow's Isabella Thoburn College, she is a post-graduate in mass communications. She loves dabbling with gadgets that make life easy and entertaining, and is a die-hard foodie.

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**Ms Nandini Sahai**

Director  
International Centre Goa  
Goa



Ms Sahai is the Director of International Centre Goa (ICG) and founder Director (Hon.) of Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI). She has worked in the area of development Journalism for over 30 years. She was actively involved in the formulation of Right to Information Bill which became an Act in October 2005 and was also the member of the Select Committee representing the media in formulating the Right to Information Act of the Delhi Government. She was awarded the prestigious 'Woman of Substance Award 2006' by Ryan Foundation for outstanding contribution towards women's development and bringing awareness in the society about their strength and power. She established the eighth South Asia Women's Network (SWAN) on Women in Media in March 2009 in Chandigarh. Sahai is still actively involved in creating awareness on RTI and has been going around Goa speaking to students, professionals and the common man.

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**Dr O P Dewal**

Reader  
School of Journalism and New Media Studies, IGNOU  
New Delhi



Dr Dewal is having more than 30 years of work experience in Radio and Television (Production and Broadcasting), especially in the areas of educational enhancement, enrichment and Training. Presently working as Associate Professor in the School of Journalism and New Media Studies at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), he has been a Joint Director (Software) (2005–2006) at the Consortium for Educational Communication, University Grants Commission and Deputy Director (1999–2009) at the Electronic Media Production Centre, IGNOU. He has done Professional Courses / Trainings from NHK, Tokyo (Japan), Space Application Centre, ISRO, FTII, Pune, Manipal Institute of Communication and IIMC. He has attended several national and international Workshops / Seminars and been a Resource Person in many other. Supervised special projects like Gyan Vani, Gyan Darshan, Agriculture Channel, North-East Media Focus etc. and conducted Teleconferencing and Interactive Radio-Counselling sessions at IGNOU.

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**Mr Param Jit Singh**

CCF and Director Anti Poaching, Uttarakhand  
Department of Forests, Government of Uttarakhand  
Dehradun



Mr Singh is 1985 batch officer of Indian Forest Service assigned to Uttarakhand cadre. As part of his job he has been posted in territorial divisions, wildlife areas, zoo, special assignments and office attachments. Around 26 transfers and delayed promotions could not deter him from pursuing his love of preventing and detecting wildlife crimes, setting traps for wildlife poachers and apprehending them, while posing as buyer of their illegal wildlife articles. During the past decade he has worked with police, STF, other enforcement agencies, NGOs and forest department for a large number of seizures. Since 2004 he has been working as Director, Antipoaching in Uttarakhand. He was awarded Carl Zeiss Roll of Honour Award in 2003. His hobbies include literature, photography, trekking, bird watching, sports and catching poachers.

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**Mr R K Srinivasan**

Technical Advisor, Water and Sanitation Unit  
Plan India  
New Delhi

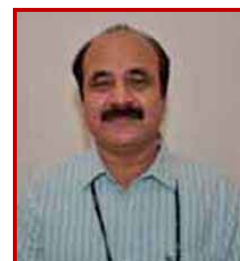


Mr Srinivasan, age 43, is basically a hydro geologist, working in the field of water management since 1990. Currently working in Plan India as Technical Advisor, Water and Environmental sanitation (WES). He is incharge of WES program in 10 states, working with rural backward communities focusing on children and women. He is working to promote effective water management, hygiene practices and safe disposal of solid and liquid waste and eradication of open defecation in communities. Special focus on school water and sanitation program to create awareness among children to adopt hygiene practices and disseminate message to the community. Also, closely working with the Ministry of Rural Development under its KRC program in capacity building of government engineers in water management and promotion of total sanitation in program areas.

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**Dr Rajan Mahan**

Senior Journalist  
New Delhi Television (NDTV)  
Jaipur



An eminent Television journalist, Dr Mahan has headed India's premier News Channel, NDTV, in Rajasthan for over a decade. Based in Jaipur, he has reported extensively on a variety of environmental concerns ranging from the urgency for water conservation to the socio- ecological havoc that repeated droughts have caused in the desert state. As one of its most distinguished journalists, Dr Mahan has been closely involved with NDTV's path-breaking initiatives like the Greenathon, a 24-hour, Non-stop coverage of environmental issues and the 'Save the Tiger' campaign. His incisive stories around the Sariska and Ranthambore Tiger Parks and the Bird Sanctuary in Bharatpur have been widely appreciated by experts and ordinary viewers. Despite winning several awards for his insightful reportage, Dr Mahan remains deeply committed to protecting Mother Nature by raising public awareness not only about the problems but also the successful efforts being made to combat India's environmental crisis.

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**Mr Rakesh Ranjan**

Input Head

Sahara Samay TV News Network

Noida



Mr Ranjan has been working with Sahara Media & Entertainment since 2003. He initiated and handled pre-production of 28 episodes of 'Aastha-ke-rang' (on spiritual leaders) and 'Indian Youth Icon Award' (mega brand event-SITV Network). He has authored several editorial-columns (Sahra Time; English weekly) and got the opportunity to work on part of pre-production of several films & Tv soaps produced by SaharaManoranjana and Sahara One. He considers himself an effective communicator & team leader who always stay keen on understanding the gamut of Media & entertainment sector.

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**Dr Ram Boojh**

Professional officer Ecological and Earth Sciences

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

New Delhi



He has a distinguished academic career with a Ph D in Ecology and is recipient of many awards and honours including Science Academy Medal presented by Mrs Indira Gandhi and UP Governor award for distinguished service in the area of environment etc. He has done research and teaching at the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong and the Benaras Hindu University. He is the visiting fellow/scientist at several institutions and universities including School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, G3C (Global Climate Change Collaborative) programme of the MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Environmental law Institute, Washington, USA; Universities of Bradford & Manchester, UK. Currently with UNESCO New Delhi office he is coordinating the environment World Heritage (Natural), and UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development programmes. He has published over 100 research, technical and general interest papers and 9 books on various aspects of environment.

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**Dr Ravi Chellam**

Wildlife Biologists and Conservation Scientist

Bangalore



Ravi has been involved in wildlife research, education and conservation since the early 1980s. He has a Masters degree in Wildlife Biology from AVC College, Bharatidasan University and a Doctorate from Saurashtra University, based on his work on the ecology of Asiatic lions. He worked for 17 years with Wildlife Institute of India and for four years was Programme Officer (Biodiversity) UNDP, New Delhi. He was Senior Fellow and Director of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment for two years and most recently was Country Director, Wildlife Conservation Society - India Program from October 2008 to June 2011. He has served on various government committees. His current interests include conservation of large carnivores, conservation of wildlife and biodiversity outside Protected Areas and human-wildlife conflicts. Apart from his scientific and technical publications, he writes regularly for the general public in newspapers and magazines and gives illustrated talks on wildlife.

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**Ms Roma Balwani**

Sr. Vice President and Group Head – Corporate Communications  
Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd (M and M)  
Mumbai



Ms Balwani is currently Senior Vice President & Group Head, Corporate Communications at Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd., one of India's leading business houses. In a career spanning 30 years she has served in a variety of roles, including as Vice President and Head of Communications at Aptech. She is a member of the PR Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI). An Economics graduate with a post-graduate diploma in Marketing from Mumbai University, she has received several prestigious communication related accolades in the course of her career, including Business Communicator of the year 2011 and the prestigious Hall of Fame 2010 award by the Public Relations Council of India (PRCI). She has also received the Business Communicator of the Year Award for 2007 from the Association of Business Communicators of India (ABCI). Ms Balwani is also a member of the PR Committee of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and the Association of Business Communicators of India (ABCI). At Mahindra she has showcased CSR and sustainability activities of the group which has received many accolades.

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**Mr S Vishwanath**

Trustee  
Biome Environmental Trust  
Bangalore



Mr Vishwanath is a Civil- Engineer and Urban Planner with 25 years of experience in the field of sustainable environment and water and sanitation. His interests lie primarily with rainwater harvesting and ecological sanitation systems and the use of new media to promote the same. He regularly writes a column called *Waterwise* for The Hindu. Currently he is adviser to Arghyam, a Foundation which makes grants in the Water and Sanitation sector all across India . He is also a Director with Biome Environmental Solutions which designs and builds earth buildings and practices Sustainable Architecture.

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**Mr Samrendra Kumar**

Head, Regional Science City  
National Council of Science Museum  
Lucknow



Mr Kumar is working as Head & Project Coordinator at Regional Science City, Lucknow. Prior to this he has worked at Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai and Kurukshetra Panorama and Science Centre in Haryana. Recently, he was instrumental in setting up a gallery on river Ganga in Allahabad, which was inaugurated in April, 2011. The gallery is unique and first of its kind depicting the mythological, social-cultural, scientific, economic and ecological significance of the river Ganga. Apart from developing several science exhibitions in the last 22-years of his service on various themes related to science, technology & culture, he has also developed several kits, teaching aids and educational programmes for students and teachers. These included programme and workshops on health awareness, astronomy, environment, biodiversity and science & superstition etc.



He has also participated in several national and international conferences, seminars, workshops on topics related to museum, science centers and science & technology and interacted with leading science communicators.

**Ms Sanjam Cheema**

Consultant (PR)  
Delhi Jal Board (DJB)  
New Delhi



Prior to joining Delhi Jal Board, she has been associated with the field of communication as a distinguished professional in the corporate sector. She has wide experience in the areas of public relations, advertising and marketing, in several large and diverse organizations spanning over 30 years. She performs the challenging task of maintaining communication channels with the media, Delhi Jal Board's consumers, Civil Society Organizations and other stake-holders. In her present work environment she is actively associated with the Bhagidari, Water Conservation and Rain Water Harvesting initiatives being undertaken by the Delhi Jal Board. She has initiated several public awareness campaigns concerning these important environmental issues to sensitize the people of Delhi particularly special interest groups such as Resident Welfare Associations, Civil Society Organizations, Women's groups and School Children. She was recently conferred the National Bharat Nirman award for excellence in public relations.

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**Mr Sanjay Pathak**

General Manager, Corporate Affairs  
Alchemist Group  
New Delhi



A senior journalist with more than 18-years of experience in media, Mr Pathak hails from a small village in Jharkhand. He is a post graduate from Ranchi University and has done extensive research in media. In his nine-year stint with Aajtak, Sanjay was responsible for planning several prime time shows on the channel as well as the content for its news programme. He also headed the Research and forward planning department at Tv Today and was involved with various election based programs. In 2008 he, joined Sahara Samay as content editor and was instrumental in bringing Sahara Samay back as a force to reckon with. Sanjay is now in the process of launching regional TV Channels for a big industrial house "Alchemist". The group has already forayed into print media, a popular business daily, Financial World and is looking forward to have foot prints in the electronic domain as well.

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**Mr Sanjay Sondhi**

Founder Trustee  
Titli Trust  
Dehradun



Mr Sodhi is a Dehradun based naturalist with an avid interest in writing and photography. Though an engineer from IIT, Kanpur by qualification, Sanjay quit his job in 2008 to devote himself to nature conservation and environment protection. As Founder Trustee, Titli Trust, a nature conservation NGO, Sanjay works on grass root nature conservation programs in the western and eastern Himalayas. His areas of interest include resolution of man-animal conflicts, promoting eco-tourism with local communities, conducting faunal surveys and supporting conservation education. In addition to writing about India's natural history in newspapers and magazines, Sanjay has co-authored the books "Birds of Pune" and "Amphibians and Reptiles of Uttarakhand, India". He has discovered and described a new frog species from Arunachal Pradesh in June 2011.

**Mr Santosh Gupta**

Head, Environment  
Essar Group  
Mumbai



Mr Gupta is a Post Graduate Environmental Engineer from IIT, Mumbai and started his career with the Dept of Atomic Energy in 1970 as a trainee and worked in Pollution Control domain since the beginning of the career. Since 1986, he has been actively involved in Pollution Control field having designed, constructed and commissioned the effluent treatment plants for diverse industries. He has designed and commissioned the First Lead and Zinc removal plants in India. In 1989, he joined Essar Group to work in the area of Environmental Engineering and did probably, the First EIA report in India, for Sponge Iron Project at Hazira near Surat. He had been a visiting Faculty Member to ASCI Hyderabad, IIT Mumbai, CII, etc. He had been on EIA Assessors panel of Quality Council of India. Mr Gupta has over dozen publications to his credit and has visited many countries.

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**Ms Saroj Nagi**

President  
Indian Women Press Corp  
New Delhi

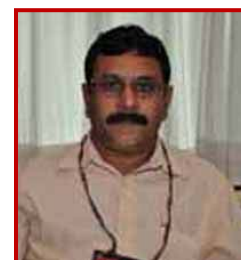


Ms Nagi has been a journalist for over 25 years. She is currently Associate Editor with Hindustan Times. During her career, she has worked with various newspapers and magazines and written on subjects ranging from national and international politics to government, Parliament, social and gender issues and art and culture and films. She is founder member of Indian Women's Press Corps, of which she is the president currently and of the Indian chapter of South Asian Women in Media, a network of women media professionals from the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) countries. She is also on the national executive of South Asian Free Media Association. She has lectured and participated in various seminars, workshops and TV and radio programmes. For four-years since 2007 she was on the standing committee to select films for the International Film Festival of Goa.

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**Dr Shahid Ali**

Reader and Head  
Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Awam Jansanchar University  
Raipur



Dr Ali has over 14-years of teaching experience and is presently the head of Deptt.in Mass Communication at *Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita awam Jansanchar Vishwavidyalaya* , Raipur. He is also a visiting faculty at the Deptt. of Journalism and Mass Communication, Barkatullah University Bhopal, Dr. H.S. Gaur Central University Sagar, Lucknow University and Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. A known scholar in the field of Mass Comm. and Media Research, he has more than 100 published articles to his credit on various issues of media in several magazines and newspapers. He has introduced many innovative and job oriented courses and initiated many new teaching practices and research methodologies.

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**Ms Shyamashree Dasgupta**

Global Change Programme  
Jadavpur University  
Kolkata



Ms Dasgupta is pursuing her PhD at the Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. The primary focus of her research is to understand the several sustainability challenges faced by different developmental pathways and looking for solutions towards such challenges with special emphasis on the issue of anthropogenic emission of green house gases, its impact, and certain mitigation and adaptation procedure related to it. She has been awarded SYLFF (administered by the Tokyo Foundation, Japan) Doctoral Fellowship which has given her immense opportunity to work within a global network of many other young researchers. She has a keen interest in films and photography – both classic and contemporary and hold the membership of Alipore Film Society, Kolkata.

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**Ms Suchitra Singh**

Enabler – Community Service and Environment  
Gurgaon



Suchitra is an individual working actively in bringing the institutions and people together for the betterment of the community and the environment. While working full time as a management professional in the corporate sector, she passionately engages and supports the company's sustainability efforts. A firm believer in the theory of evolution she advocates the importance of being change agents for improving the balance of the ecosystem and society through collaboration. She has studied management and specializes in project management and governance and is based in New Delhi.

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**Ms Sonal Desai**

General Manager - Corporate Social Responsibility  
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)  
Mumbai



A Chartered Accountant by qualification, she is currently the Head-Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. She has over 27-year of varied experience in various leadership assignments and has been frequently invited to speak at international conferences. However her passion for social work made her change tracks to CSR. As head-CSR she has played a very critical role in company's various CSR initiatives focusing on child care, health, education and literacy. Her company has won many Indian, international awards and recognition for their CSR work.

**Mr U M Sahai**

PCCF (Wildlife) Rajasthan  
Department of Forest, Govt of Rajasthan  
Jaipur



Mr Sahai is 1977 batch India Forest Service officer. Currently he is the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan. He has keen interest in light music (Ghazals) and sports, especially Tennis, Table Tennis and Billiards. He has won several medals and prizes in various All India Forest Sports meets. Jaipur Doordarshan has done half an hour recording of *ghazals* sung by him and have been telecast a couple of times. He has also written a book titled "1000 quiz on Tennis". His technical paper titled "Participatory Forest Management" was accepted and included in the "Xth World Forestry Congress ", held at Turkey in 1996.

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**Ms Vanita Suneja**

Economic Justice Lead Specialist  
Oxfam India  
New Delhi



Ms Suneja is a Post Graduate in Forestry Management with over 17 years of experience in rural livelihoods. As Lead, Economic Justice with Oxfam India, she is responsible for policy advocacy & knowledge management on issues related to natural resources management, Sustainable agriculture & Climate change. She has been involved in developing specific campaigns, facilitating research and supporting mass movements on issues impacting livelihoods of poor people from right based perspective. Prior to Oxfam India she worked with Society for Promotions of Wastelands Development. She has many publications to her credit.

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**Dr Vivek Kumar**

Senior Adviser, Environment, Climate and Energy  
Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE)  
New Delhi



Dr Kumar is a senior advisor with the Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi. He is working with the energy, environment and climate change programme of the Embassy. Prior to that, Dr Kumar was working with TERI and Development Alternatives and was following climate change issues, impacts, adaptation, carbon markets as well as international climate negotiations. Dr Kumar holds a doctorate in environmental sciences from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.