2011 Nomination Jury

Dr Abid Hussain
Former India’s Ambassador to United State of America
Padma Bhushana awardee
Dr Abid Hussain holds several prestigious positions. To name a few, he is currently Chancellor of English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad; member of International Panel on Democracy and Development of UNESCO; Prof Emeritus at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and Prof Emeritus at Foreign Service Institute of Ministry of External Affairs.

Prof Amaresh Chakraburtty
Head, Direction and Screenplay Writing
Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI)
Kolkata
Prof Amaresh Chakraburtty has worked as freelance film-maker, writing/directing television serials for Doordarshan, corporate documentaries, advertising and educational films. He has been heading Direction and Screenplay Writing Department of Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute, Kolkata (SRFTI).

Ms Charu Jain
Co-Founder and Director Advit Foundation
Gurgaon
Ms Charu Jain is founder-director of Advit Foundation, which works towards environment conservation and livelihood enhancement. Jain designs environment management systems for institutions and industries, capacity building for environment reporting systems and executes village development programmes.

Dr A K Raha
PCCF and Head of Forest Force Directorate of Forest, Govt of West Bengal
Kolkata
Dr A K Raha is presently posted as PCCF/WB, Head of Forest Directorate. His job includes managing natural resources and administration of state-owned forest and wild-life of West Bengal, sanctioning and controlling budget, organising sustainable forest management, and implementation of modern management tools.

Col Atul Pratap Singh
Director Ecology (Policy)
Indian Army, New Delhi
Col Atul Pratap Singh has served four tenures in high altitude and two tenures in counter insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir, which prepared him to accept the challenging assignment of Director Policy (Ecology) of the Indian Army. He has helped highlight Indian Army’s efforts towards conservation.

Mr Dinesh Agrawal
General Manager, CSR National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
New Delhi
Mr Dinesh Agrawal is an environmental, social, resettlement, CSR and sustainability professional. He heads CSR and NTPC Foundation as General Manager, NTPC. He is on BIS committee on framing CSR and member of expert group of IICA on framing national guidelines on CSR.

Dr Gita Bamezai
Head, Communication Research Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)
New Delhi
Dr Gita Bamezai heads the Department of Communication Research at IIMC. She specialises in behaviour change communication on range of social issue, media advocacy etc. She is also Chief Coordinator of national level projects and RCH Communication for GoI, WHO and national Civil Societies.

Ms Jai Chandiram
Managing Trustee International Association of Women in Radio and Television (IAWRT)
New Delhi
Ms Jai Chandiram has been Deputy Director General, Doordarshan and head of several eminent media centres. She has been on media advisory and task forces for various ministries and organisations. IAWRT, she is now Managing Trustee of IAWRT.
Mr Jayanta Basu  
Senior Journalist  
The Telegraph  
Kolkata  
Mr Jayanta Basu is a special environment correspondent working with The Telegraph, Kolkata. Basu also hosts a live television talk show on environment on Doordarshan. He has directed a few green documentaries and has been involved in several national and international projects on urban environment.

Mr Laxman Singh  
Founder and Chairman  
Gram Vikas Navodayak Mandal Laporiya (GVNML)  
Jaipur  
Mr Laxman Singh’s most celebrated contribution to the community has been the chauka system to effectively trap rain water helping in recharging ground water. Singh is a life time Ashoka fellow for outstanding work in water management and National Bhumi Jal Samvardhan Award.

Mr Malti Sahai  
Former Director (Author and Film Expert)  
Directorate of Film Festival (DOFF)  
New Delhi  
Ms Malti Sahai has vast experience in production, promotion and commercial side of films, television and audio-visual media. She has been media head in Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and Director, I G C I C in Mauritius and Georgetown, Guyana.

Ms Madhu Bhatnagar  
Consultant, Environment Programme  
The Shri Ram School (TSRS)  
Agra  
Ms Madhu Bhatnagar has pioneered the cause of environment education in schools with her initiatives and movements. Bhatnagar is recipient of several awards including Green Teacher National Award by Sanctuary Asia, Chief Minister’s Award for Water Harvesting and the “Eco-Warrior” award.

Ms Moushumi Dutt  
Head, Corporate Communication  
Philips India Ltd  
Gurgaon  
Ms Moushumi 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.

Dr O P Dewal  
Reader  
School of Journalism and New Media Studies, IGNOU  
New Delhi  
Dr O P Dewal is presently Associate Professor, School of Journalism and New Media Studies at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). He has been Joint Director (Software) at Consortium for Educational Communication, UGC and Deputy Director at Electronic Media Production Centre, IGNOU.

Dr Kuldeep Sinha  
Former Director General and CEO  
Directorate of Film Festival (DOFF) and CFSI  
Mumbai  
Dr Kuldeep Sinha has nine national and several international awards to his credit. He has authored books on cinema, fiction and non-fiction and has been honoured for his literary contribution by the Government of India. Sinha has been Director General-Films Division, CEO-CFSI and Director, Mumbai International Film Festival.

Ms Nandini Sahai  
Director  
International Centre, Goa  
Ms Nandini Sahai is Director, International Centre, Goa and founder-director (Hon.) of Media Information and Communication Centre of India. She was actively involved in formulation of Right to Information Bill and was awarded Woman of Substance Award 2006 by Ryan Foundation.

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Mr Param Jit Singh
CCF and Director Anti Poaching,
Uttarakhand
Department of
Forests, Government of
Uttarakhand
Dehradun
Around 26 transfers and
delayed promotions could
not deter Mr Param Jit
from pursuing his love of
preventing and detecting
wild-life crimes. He has
worked with police, STF,
Civil Societies and forest
department. Since 2004, he
has been Director, Anti-
poaching in Uttarakhand.

Dr Rajan Mahan
Senior Journalist
New Delhi Television
(NDTV)
Jaipur
Multiple award winner, Dr
Rajan Mahan has headed
NDTV in Rajasthan for
over a decade. 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
“Save the Tiger” campaign.
He has passion for green
issues.

Dr Ram Booij
Professional officer Ecological
and Earth Sciences
United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
Organization (UNESCO)
New Delhi
Dr Ram Booij recipient of
many honours including
Science Academy Medal.
He is visiting fellow/
scientist at several
prestigious institutions. At
UNESCO, he is coordinating
the Environment World
Heritage (Natural), and UN
Decade of Education for
Sustainable Development.

Ms Roma Balwani
Sr Vice President and
Group Head – Corporate
Communications
Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd
(M and M)
Mumbai
Ms Roma Balwani has
been handled a variety of
roles, including that of
Vice President and Head
of Communications at
Aptech. She is winner of
Hall of Fame 2010 award.
At Mahindra, she has
showcased its CSR and
sustainability activities,
winning much appreciation.

Mr R K Srinivasan
Technical Advisor, Water and
Sanitation Unit
Plan India
New Delhi
Mr R K Srinivasan is in-
charge of Water and
Environmental Sanitation
Programme in 10 states,
working with rural
backward communities
focusing on children and
women. The emphasis is
especially on school water
and sanitation to create
awareness among children
to adopt hygienic practices.

Mr Rakesh Ranjan
Input Head
Sahara Samay TV News
Network
Noida
Mr Rakesh Ranjan has
been working with Sahara
Media and Entertainment
since 2003. He has handled
pre-production of 28
episodes of Aastha ke Rang
and Indian Youth Icon
Award. He has authored
several editorial columns
and been part of pre-
production of several films
and television soaps.

Dr Ravi Chellam
Wildlife Biologist and
Conservation Scientist
Bangalore
Dr Ravi Chellam has
worked for 17 years
with Wildlife Institute of
India and for four years
was Programme Officer
(Biodiversity) UNDP,
New Delhi. He was, most
recently, Country Director,
Wildlife Conservation
Society - India Programme
from October 2008 to June
2011.

Mr S Vishwanath
Trustee
Biome Environmental Trust
Bangalore
Mr S Vishwanath has 25
years of experience in
the field of sustainable
environment and water
and sanitation. Currently,
he is adviser to Arghyyam,
a foundation which gives
grants in water and
sanitation sector across
India and Director, Biome
Environmental Solutions,
which practises sustainable
architecture.
Mr Samrendra Kumar
Head, Regional Science City
National Council of Science Museum
Lucknow
Mr Samrendra Kumar is Head and Project Coordinator, Regional Science City, Lucknow. Recently, he was instrumental in setting up a unique gallery on River Ganga in Allahabad, which depicts the mythological, social-cultural, scientific, economic and ecological significance.

Mr Sanjay Pathak
General Manager, Corporate Affairs
Alchemist Group
New Delhi
Mr Sanjay Pathak has more than 18 years of experience in media. In his nine-year stint with AajTak, Mr Pathak was responsible for planning several prime time shows and content for its news programme. He is in the process of launching regional television channels for Alchemist Group.

Mr Santosh Gupta
Head, Environment
Essar Group
Mumbai
Since 1986, Mr Santosh Gupta has been actively involved in the field of pollution control, 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.

Ms Sanjam Cheema
Consultant (PR)
Delhi Jal Board (DJB)
New Delhi
Prior to joining Delhi Jal Board, Ms Sanjam Cheema has been associated with the field of communication as distinguished professional in the corporate sector. She has the challenging task of maintaining communication channels with media, DJB’s consumers, Civil Society Organisations and other stake-holders.

Mr Sanjay Sondhi
Founder Trustee
Titli Trust
Dehradun
As founder-trustee, Titli Trust, Mr Sanjay Sodhi works on grass root nature conservation programme in western and eastern Himalayas. He has co-authored the books “Birds of Pune” and “Amphibians and Reptiles of Uttarakhand, India”. In June 2011, he discovered a new frog species from Arunachal Pradesh.

Ms Saroj Nagi
President
Indian Women Press Corp
New Delhi
Ms Saroj Nagi is currently Associate Editor with Hindustan Times. She is founder-member and President, Indian Women’s Press Corps, and President, Indian chapter of South Asian Women in Media, a network of women media professionals from the SAARC countries.

Dr Shahid Ali
Reader and Head
Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Avam Jansanchar University
Raipur
Dr Shahid Ali is presently Head of Department in Mass Communication at Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Avam Jansanchar Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur. A scholar, he has over 100 published articles to his credit on various media issues.

Ms Shyamashree Dasgupta
Global Change Programme
Jadavpur University
Kolkata
The primary focus of Ms Shyamashree Dasgupta’s research is to understand the several sustainability challenges and solutions. She is recipient of SYLFF Doctoral Fellowship (administered by Tokyo Foundation, Japan).
Ms Sonal Desai
General Manager - Corporate Social Responsibility
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
Mumbai
As Head, CSR at HPCL, Ms Sonal Desai has played a critical role in the 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 U M Sahai is currently Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Rajasthan. His technical paper titled “Participatory Forest Management” was accepted and included in the Xth World Forestry Congress, held at Turkey.

Ms Vanita Suneja
Economic Justice Lead Specialist
Oxfam India
New Delhi
As Lead, Economic Justice with Oxfam India, Ms Vanita Suneja is responsible for policy advocacy and knowledge management on issues related to natural resources management, sustainable agriculture and climate change. She has been involved in developing specific campaigns on issues impacting livelihoods of the poor.

Dr Vivek Kumar
Senior Adviser, Environment, Climate and Energy
Royal Norwegian Embassy (RNE)
New Delhi
Dr Vivek Kumar is senior advisor with Royal Norwegian Embassy. He is working with the embassy’s energy, environment and climate change programme. Earlier, Dr Kumar was with TERI and Development Alternatives, following climate change, impacts, adaptation, carbon markets and international climate negotiations.

Ms Suchitra Singh
Enabler – Community Service and Environment
Gurgaon
Ms Suchitra Singh works actively in bringing institutions and people together for the betterment of the community and the environment. While working fulltime as a management professional in the corporate sector, she passionately engages and supports the company’s sustainability efforts.