



Yashwant SINHA was born at Patna, the capital city of Bihar, India on 6th November, 1937. He received his school and university education at Patna. He obtained his Masters Degree in Political Science in 1958 from Patna University. Mr. Sinha joined the elite Indian Administrative Service in 1960 through a tough competitive examination and spent over 24 years holding important posts during his service tenure, a substantial part of which was spent in Finance & Commerce Departments. Mr. Sinha left the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1984 and joined active politics. He was elected to the Upper House (Rajya Sabha) of Indian Parliament in 1988. Subsequently, he became the Finance Minister of India and held the post from November, 1990 to June, 1991. Mr. Sinha was elected to the Lower House (Lok Sabha) of Indian Parliament in 1998 and again became Finance Minister of India in March 1998. He continued in that position until July 1, 2002. He was Finance Minister during a tumultuous period in the world economy as well as in the Indian economy. Mr. Sinha is a widely traveled person. He was the first India to be elected Chairman of Development Committee of the World Bank and the IMF in August, 2000 and facilitated inter-governmental consensus building on developmental issues. He was elected Chairman of the G-20, a group of systemically important countries from the point of view of the world economy. He was the first Finance Minister from the non G-8 countries to chair this Committee. Mr. Sinha was External Affairs Minister of India for two years from July 1, 2002 to May, 2004. Mr. Sinha was re-elected to the Lower House (Lok Sabha) of Indian Parliament in May 2009 and continued till May 2014. He was Chairman of the Indian Parliament's Standing Committee on External Affairs. He was also Chairman of the Parliament's Standing Committee on Finance.

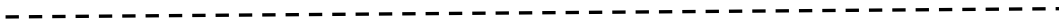


Isher Judge AHLUWALIA is currently Chairperson of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). She is a renowned Indian economist, with wide experience in the fields of economic growth, productivity, industrial and trade policy reforms, and urban planning and development. At ICRIER, Dr. Ahluwalia is leading a major research and capacity building programme on the challenges of urbanisation in India. She was awarded Padma Bhushan by the President of India in the year 2009 for her services in the field of education and literature.

Dr. Ahluwalia was Chairperson of the High Powered Expert Committee on Urban Infrastructure and Services during 2008-11, which submitted its Report to the Government of India in March 2011. She is a member of the recently constituted Urban Institute of India which has been set up with Government of India and private sector as partners. She was a Member on the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council and is on the Boards of a number of premier research institutes in India. Dr. Ahluwalia was Vice Chairperson of the Punjab State Planning Board from 2005 to 2007.

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Dr. Ahluwalia has authored a number of books, the latest being “Transforming Our Cities: Postcards of Change” (HarperCollins, 2014), and a co-edited volume titled “Urbanisation in India: Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward” (Sage India, 2014), which proposes critical reforms and policy interventions. She is also the co-editor together with Prof. IMD Little of “India’s Economic Reforms and Development: Essays for Manmohan Singh” (OUP, 2013).



Chander AGARWAL is currently the Joint Managing Director (JMD) of TCI group playing an important role in the decision making process of the organization and has been instrumental towards the growth of TCI XPS, TCI GLOBAL, and TCI Seaways.

He has worked his way through all levels in TCI where he joined as a management trainee. His knowledge of the international working environment, global logistics expertise, coupled with his perseverance and innovative approach has enabled him to set higher standards for TCI.

Mr. Agarwal is also credited for establishing TCI’s presence in emerging economies like Brazil and Africa, and setting benchmarks for TCI and the industry. He has been involved with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals since 2004. His hands on experience with Transfreight USA, a 3PL specializing in lean logistics primarily for Toyota Motor Vehicles USA, has equipped him with in-depth understanding and knowledge of the supply chain management business.

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Vaqar AHMED is Deputy Executive Director of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) at Islamabad. He is a former Advisor of the UNDP and has undertaken several assignments with Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UN-ESCAP, World Intellectual Property Organization and Ministries of Finance, Planning and Commerce in Pakistan. He was the head of the macroeconomics section of the Planning Commission of Pakistan which is responsible for the formulation of the annual, medium and perspective development programs during 2009-11. He was a technical associate and member of the economic task forces constituted by the Government of Pakistan including: Panel of Economists (2008), Task force on Private Sector Development (2009), Working Group on Macroeconomic Framework for the Tenth Five Year Plan 2010-15, and Working Group on Social Sector Development for Pakistan Vision 2025.

Dr. Ahmed has published extensively in areas such as macroeconomic modeling, inclusive and sustainable growth reforms, trade and taxation policies, regional trade agreements, trade in services, energy governance, and border-related trade infrastructure. He is a visiting faculty member at the National University of Ireland, IMT Institute of Advanced Studies in Italy and Irish Rural Economy Research Centre.

He is leading SDPI's track-II programme on trade and investment diplomacy at the regional level. He was appointed Lead Organizer for the 5th South Asia Economic Summit in 2012 and contributed to the policy recommendations framed for South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Secretariat. His recent research on regional issues includes: evaluation of Pakistan – Sri Lanka free trade agreement, non-tariff barriers in India-Pakistan trade, informal trade between India and Pakistan, trade in services across South Asia and Pakistan's prospects of cross-border foreign investment in Afghanistan.



Manzoor AHMAD is the Managing Director of World Trade Advisors and a Senior Fellow at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva. He is also a panelist on trade disputes at the World Trade Organizations (WTO).

Dr Ahmad has over three decades of experience at the national and international level in trade policy, trade negotiations and management. From 1986 to 1996, he served as Deputy Director, World Customs Organization (WCO) at Brussels. In 2000, he was appointed the Head of Customs Administration in Pakistan. Further, from 2002 to 2008, he served as Pakistan's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO. During this period, he chaired the WTO Council on Trade-related Intellectual Property Rights for over four years while also serving as the Chair/panelist on several WTO disputes. Additionally, from 2008 to 2010, he served as the Director of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Geneva.

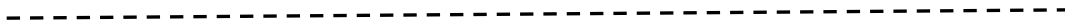
Dr Ahmad has also served as the Regional Trade Advisor for the USAID Trade Project in Pakistan from May 2013 to August 2014. Dr Ahmad is the author of several papers on international trade, food security and customs reforms.



Syed Yawar ALI is Chairman of Nestlé Pakistan Limited, Wazir Ali Industries Limited and Chairman, Ganga Ram Hospital and Fatima Jinnah Medical College as well as the Director of Pakistan International Airlines. He has also been on the Board of Directors of State Bank of Pakistan and Chairman of Agricultural Development Bank of Pakistan and Lahore Electric Supply Company.

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Muhammad ANWAR is the owner and CEO of Custom Syndicate, an International Logistics Solutions Provider company in Pakistan. He has over thirty two years of extensive business experience in trade, logistics, supply chain management, transportation systems and education development.

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He has been chairman and co-chairman of various standing committees in Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry on Transport, Beverages and Mineral Water, WTO, Cottage Industry and National Logistics and Transport Facilitation in LCCI. He is also a member of the Advisory Council of UNESCO-PACADE “Pakistan Association for Continuing and Adult Education”, member of Experts Board of Studies University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore-Pakistan, Vice President of Meraj Research and Sustainable Development Foundation Pakistan, member of the commission on Customs and Trade Facilitation International Chamber of Commerce.

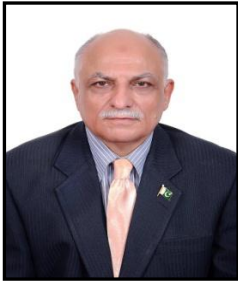
He writes and speaks frequently on transportation and trade facilitation issues at national and international forums. He is also a member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport.



Manoj Krishna AKHOURI is Executive Director, Traffic Transportation, Railway Board and Director CRWC, India. He is an IRTS officer and joined the Indian Railways in Indian Railway Traffic Service (1987 Batch). He has wide experience in Railway operations, planning traffic related works, remodeling mega terminal to enhance handling capacity, development of multi modal logistic parks, etc and has held significant posts over Zonal Railways and in Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) in the Operating, Safety and Planning Departments. He has also worked as General Manager (Operations) in

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Mr. Aziz is the founder Chairman of Pakistan-Indonesia Business Forum and Pakistan-Sri Lanka Business Forum and was the Founding Secretary General and Former Vice Chairman of Pakistan-Japan Business Forum. He is an honorary Citizen of Houston Texas and Austin Texas. He is one of the founding members of Workers Employers Bilateral Council of Pakistan, Skill Development Council, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program among several others. He is also the founder Governor of National Center for Dispute Resolution. He is a prolific writer and is a regular on international and local electronic media.

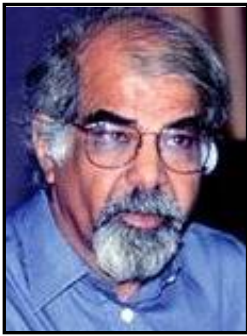
He did his Bachelors and Masters from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, USA.



Abdul BASIT is Pakistan's High Commissioner to India. He joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan in 1982. He has held various diplomatic assignments at Pakistan's Missions abroad: in Moscow (1985-1988), New York (1991-1994), Sana (1994-1997), Geneva (2001-2003), London (September 2003 - August 2008). He has also served at Headquarters as Section Officer (1983-1988 & 1991), Director (1997-2001), Director General (2008-2009), Spokesman (2009-2012), and Additional Secretary (Europe) 2010-2012. Before coming to New Delhi, he was Pakistan's Ambassador to Germany

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Mr. Basit holds a Master's Degree in International Relations.

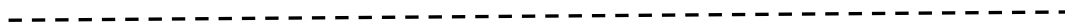


Surjit S. BHALLA is Chairman of Oxus Investments. He has taught at Delhi School of Economics and has worked at the Rand Corporation, the Brookings Institution, and at both the research and treasury departments of the World Bank. He has also worked at Goldman Sachs (1992-94) and Deutsche Bank (1994-96).

Dr. Bhalla's research interests are fiscal policy, economic history and macroeconomic policy. He has been a member of several Government of India committees on economic policy and is on the Board of NCAER as well as an appointed member of the National Statistical Commission of India.

He is the author of *Devaluing to Prosperity: Misaligned Currencies and Their Growth Consequences* (PIIE 2012; OUP 2012) *Imagine There's No Country: Poverty, Inequality, and Growth in the Era of Globalization* (IIE 2002), among others works. He is also a regular contributor to newspapers and magazines, writing on economics, politics as well as cricket. His first book, *Between the Wickets: The Who and Why of the Best in Cricket* (Living Media 1987), developed a model for evaluating performance in sports.

He obtained his B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in 1969, his M.P.A. in 1972 from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton in 1977.



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Dr. Bukhari is actively involved in cultural and social renaissance in Kashmir and has served as the General Secretary of Kashmir's biggest and oldest cultural organisation Adbee Markaz Kamraz. He has the distinction of launching the first ever Kashmiri daily *Sangarmal*. He is also visiting faculty of Journalism in two universities and a regular participant in conferences and seminars on Kashmir and Journalism. Besides this, he serves as the Convener of the Kashmir Initiative Group (KIG), an intra-Kashmir peace-building platform. He is also a member of South Asia Media Commission (SAMC), a renowned media watchdog for SAARC countries.

He did his Masters in Journalism from Ateneo de Manila University Manila as a fellow of Asian Centre for Journalism Singapore and holds a doctorate in journalism.



Vikram CHANDRA has been associated with NDTV since 1994 and is one of India's leading news personality, who has also been running the company for some years now.

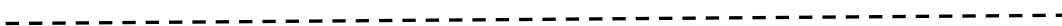
As Chief Executive Officer, NDTV Group, Mr. Chandra has the overall authority and responsibility for all aspects of the company. He became a member of the NDTV Board on November 1, 2011. He is the Executive Chairperson of NDTV Convergence, the group's online venture, which he helped set up in 1999, and which he subsequently took to a position of strength as its CEO.

As one of India's best known anchorpersons he presents 'The Big Fight', which has long been one of India's top rated news and current affairs programmes. He also anchors 'Gadget Guru', which is the country's leading show on technology and gadgets, together with big events like elections or the budget.

He is also the face of NDTV's social programming for public interest. He has anchored all editions of the NDTV Greenathon, and the Save our Tigers campaign. In addition, he is associated with the Support my School, Our Girls our Pride, and Banega Swacch India campaigns.

Earlier, as a special correspondent, he has extensively covered the Siachen & Kargil wars, and the conflict in Kashmir. He has been named "Global Leader for Tomorrow" and a 'Young Global Leader' by the World Economic Forum in Davos; has won the Indian Television Academy Award for "Best Anchor for a Talk Show", the Hero Honda Award for Best Anchorperson and the Teacher's Achievement Award for Communication.

Mr. Chandra was educated at St Stephen's College and the University of Oxford; and then picked up essentials of broadcasting at Stanford University.



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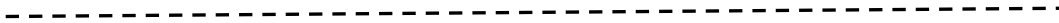
He has an undergraduate degree in Economics from Calcutta University and a Masters degree from Delhi School of Economics.



Sachin CHATURVEDI is Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous think-tank. He works on issues related to development cooperation policies and South-South cooperation. He has also worked on trade and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO.

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With over 25 years of research experience, Dr. Das has contributed to various studies, including inter-governmental Joint Study Groups (JSGs), and international negotiating processes on behalf of the Government of India in the context of India's economic engagements with other countries. He has also represented India in the Track II Study Group of the CEPEA under the East Asia Summit process. He contributed to the drafting of the SAFTA Treaty and SAARC Agreement on trade in Services (SATIS) for the SAARC Secretariat. Additionally, he has also contributed to resolving complex issues during the India-ASEAN trade negotiations.

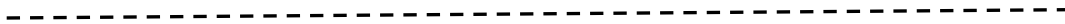
He was invited as a state guest by the US Department of State under the *IVLP*; and the Government of Indonesia under the *Presidential Friends of Indonesia* Programme; and received a *Certificate of Appreciation* from the Government of Maldives. He has conducted and supervised a number of studies for various institutions including the ADB, Commonwealth Secretariat, ILO, EXIM Bank of India, SAARC Secretariat, UNDP, UNESCAP and the World Bank. He has numerous publications to his credit on issues relating to international economics and development, including entries in peer-reviewed journals and books. The most recent books include *Perspectives on Rules of Origin*, Palgrave-Macmillan: UK (2011) and *Regional Trade and Economic Integration*, World Scientific: Singapore and New Jersey (2012).

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Muchkund DUBEY is currently the President of the Council for Social Development, New Delhi. He started his career as a lecturer in economics and later joined the Indian Foreign Service. He served as the High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh and the Permanent Representative of India to U.N. Organizations in Geneva. He also worked as an international civil servant in the U.N. and UNDP for five years. He retired from the Foreign Service after serving as the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India. He then joined the Jawaharlal Nehru University as

Professor, where he taught for close to eight years.

He was the Indian Member on the Executive Board of UNESCO, Chairman of the Common School System Commission, Bihar, and the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of Sikkim.

Professor Dubey has written a large number of papers, chapters of books and articles on international security and disarmament matters, international development cooperation, world order issues, and social and economic development in India. He has edited three books, including *Indian Society Today: Challenges of Equality, Integration and Empowerment*; co-edited six books; and is the author of two books “*Unequal Treaty: World Trading Order after GATT*” (1966) and “*India’s Foreign Policy : Coping with the Changing World*” (2013)

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Syed Ata Hasnain is widely known for his tenure as General Officer Commanding of the Srinagar based 15 Corps from 2010-12 where he brought a balance in the approach to conflict resolution by using hard and soft power to stabilize the environment. One of India's most decorated soldiers, Lt. Gen. Hasnain, uses his wealth of experience in handling turbulent situations, through commentaries, discussions and talks in the electronic and print media. He is a Senior Fellow with the Delhi Policy Group and Visiting Fellow with Vivekanand International Foundation and is often consulted by other think tanks such as Surya Foundation and India Foundation. His expertise extends to Jammu & Kashmir, Pakistan, China, West Asia and problems connected with Radical Islam.

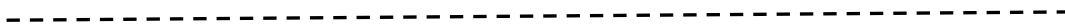


Ishrat HUSAIN is presently Dean and Director of the Institute of Business Administration in Karachi, Pakistan. He was the Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan from December 1999 to May 2006. During this time Dr. Husain implemented a major programme of restructuring the Central Bank in Pakistan and steered the reforms of the banking sector. In 2005, The Banker magazine of London declared him as the Central Bank Governor of the year for Asia, and he received the Asian Banker Lifetime achievement award in 2006.

Dr. Husain was appointed the Chairman, National Commission for Government Reforms in May, 2006 with the status of Federal Minister and held that position for two years reporting directly to the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan. During his distinguished career he has also held various senior positions at the World Bank. He is currently also a member of the Middle East Advisory Group of the IMF, the Regional Advisory Group of the UNDP and Chairman, World Economic Forum Global Advisory Council on Pakistan.

Dr. Husain maintains an active scholarly interest in development issues. He has authored twelve books and monographs, and contributed more than two dozen articles in refereed journals. His book “Pakistan: The Economy of the Elitist State” published by Oxford University Press in 1999 has been widely read in Pakistan and outside.

Dr. Husain obtained a Master’s degree in Development Economics from Williams College and a Doctorate in Economics from Boston University in 1978. He is a graduate of the Executive Development programme jointly sponsored by Harvard, Stanford and INSEAD.



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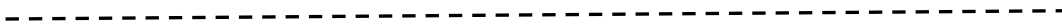
He did his Masters and PhD from the University of Essex in 2003.



Parvez IFTIKHAR is presently working as a consultant on ICT Policy and Regulation, in various developing countries of Asia and Africa, mainly via ITU, World Bank, USAID and ADB.

Till the end of 2011, Parvez was the CEO of Universal Service Fund (USF) Pakistan. He joined the newly formed USF Pakistan in mid-2007 as its first employee. Before joining USF, he was the country-head of Siemens Telecom in Pakistan for seven years. He has been on sabbaticals to Oxford University in the UK and Carnegie Mellon University in the USA, and has been extensively trained by Siemens, mainly in Germany.

Mr. Iftikhar is now in the process of creating an ICT Think Tank in Pakistan, which will work as a not-for-profit entity, advising the government, the regulator, the media and the society at large, on various ICT related matters.



Rajat KATHURIA is Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER, New Delhi. He has over twenty years experience in teaching and fifteen years experience in economic policy, besides research interests on a range of issues relating to regulation and competition policy. He has taught undergraduate economics at the University of Maryland and is currently on leave from the International Management Institute (IMI), New Delhi where he teaches Managerial Economics and International Trade. He has worked with the World Bank, Washington DC as a Consultant and carried out project assignments for a number of international organizations, including

ILO, UNCTAD, LirneAsia, World Bank and ADB. He has published in international and national journals, besides in popular magazines and newspapers. He is founder member of Broadband Society for Universal Access and served on the Board of Delhi Management Association. He currently is an independent director on the Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) and on several government committees. He is also on the research advisory council of SBI.

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He graduated from St. Stephen's College, did his Master's at the Delhi School of Economics, and received his doctorate from Oxford University.



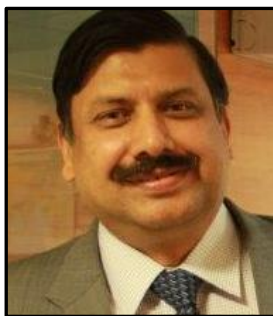
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Mr. Khan is the Honorary Secretary of the Pakistan Chapter and Member of the Institution, of Mechanical Engineers London. He was the founding Chairman, Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA), and the Chairman of Punjab Vocational Training Council (PVTC) of the Government of Punjab. He was also the elected Member Executive committee and Vice President, Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry for the period April 1995 to September 1997 and October 1997 to September 1998 respectively.

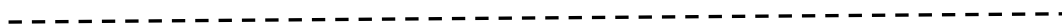
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He has also served as the Chief Economic Adviser of the Government of Sikkim for seven years (2000-2007). Central to his intellectual pursuits is development and cooperation in South and South East Asia. Apart from teaching economic cooperation and integration in South Asia and India's Foreign Economic Policy, he does extensive research with distinct policy slants. He was nominated by the Government of India to the Independent Expert Group set up by the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) in 1997.

Besides authoring and editing 22 books, he has worked extensively on issues of human security, migration, refugees, trade, investment and energy cooperation in South Asia and issues of hills and mountains. He has worked closely with the top regional institutions in South Asia. His most recent work is a book entitled *"Human Security in India: Discourse, Practices and Policy Implications"* (UPL, Dhaka, 2010).

He was Nehru-Fulbright Education Administrator's Fellow in USA; India-China Fellow at the New School University in USA; Visitor to the European Union, Brussels; Ford Foundation Fellow at Notre Dame University in the USA; Asia Leadership Fellow in Japan; Visiting Professor in Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo. He also headed the Indian delegation of the Vice Chancellors to UK and China. He is acknowledged as the architect of the reopening of the historic Nathu la trade route between Sikkim in India and Tibet Autonomous Region in China which was reopened after 44 years in 2006.



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Arvind MEHTA is Joint Secretary in the Department of Commerce, South Asia Division, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. He joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1984 and was allotted the cadre of Himachal Pradesh.

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In Government of India, Mr. Mehta has served as Joint Secretary (Disinvestment) in the Ministry of Finance. In the State Government, he has served mainly in the Planning and Finance Departments. His last assignment was as Principal Secretary of the Finance and Planning Department. He has been a key player in the formulation of ten budgets of the Government of Himachal Pradesh. As the Finance Secretary and C.E.O. of the H.P. Infrastructure Development Board, he has been associated with all major Hydropower projects of Himachal Pradesh, including Public Private Partnership evolved for private sector investment in Hydropower projects. A sanction of ADB loan of \$ 800 million for hydropower project, in Himachal Pradesh was also obtained in 2008, under his initiative. As Finance Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, he steered all banks in Himachal Pradesh to achieve 100% financial inclusion by August, 2007. This was validated by the Reserve Bank of India and Himachal Pradesh remains the first and only state with this distinction.

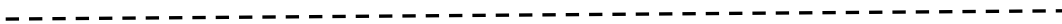
Mr. Mehta has done Economics (Hons.) from St. Stephens College, Delhi University (1979-82) and Masters in Economics from Delhi School of Economics (1982-84).



Pradeep S. MEHTA is the founder Secretary General of the Jaipur-based Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS International), a leading economic policy research, advocacy and networking, non-governmental group in India, with offices in Nairobi, Lusaka, Hanoi, Accra and Geneva. CUTS was established in 1983 and has completed 30 years.

In April 2012, Mehta was nominated to the high level stakeholders' panel of WTO on "Defining the Future of Trade". He serves on several policy-making bodies of the Government of India and Inter Governmental Organizations related to trade, investment, competition, environment and consumer affairs.

A prolific writer, gifted speaker, skilled trainer and organizer in the social science field, Mr. Mehta has been named as one of the 30 most famous columnists in India by a leading newspaper in India. He has published/edited several books and papers on trade, investment, competition and development.



Manab MAJUMDAR is Assistant Secretary General of FICCI. He also serves as Head of the WTO, FTA & Trade Facilitation, and Transport Infrastructure Divisions of the Federation.

He has been closely involved in the negotiation and industry consultation processes for a number of FTAs involving India. He participated in several WTO Ministerial Conferences and was a member of the Indian official delegation to the Hong Kong Ministerial.

Mr. Majumdar attended an Advanced Trade Training Course organized by DFID and another training programme under the Swiss Government Fellowship. He was invited by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to present a paper in the Symposium on 'Movement of Natural Persons', and also by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Thailand to speak on 'Implications of the India-Thailand FTA'. He participated in the *High-Level Meeting on Trade Capacity Building and Competition Policy* in Lusaka at the invitation of UNCTAD and Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

He has represented the Indian private sector in a large number of national & international conferences and three "High-Level Policy Dialogues on WTO Issues" organized by WTO, UN-ESCAP, Asian Development Bank and International Trade Centre (ITC), Geneva. He also serves as member of various Expert Committees and Working Groups.

An alumnus of Presidency College (Calcutta) and Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi), he has earlier worked extensively on promotion of India's trade relations and investment cooperation with South-East and North-East Asian countries.



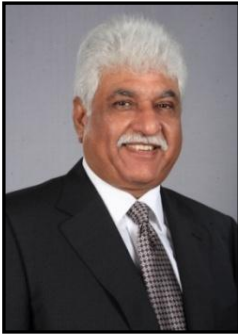
Akshay MATHUR is the Head of Research and Geoeconomics Fellow at Gateway House, Mumbai. Earlier, he worked with Fidelity Investments in Boston for over seven years as a Principal Architect in the Strategy and Architecture group of the Institutional and Retail Brokerage division where he was an expert in Research and Strategy Formulation. He is the co-founder of an NGO called Aasra and a social enterprise called Khushi Farms – both based in Rajasthan.

He has an MBA (Honours) from Boston University with concentration in Finance and Business Analysis and research focused on Global Business and Global Macro Economics. He has a B.S. in Computer Science (Cum Laude) from University of Massachusetts at Amherst where his research focused on the application of Artificial Intelligence to Combinatorial Mathematics. He is an alumnus of Mayo College, Ajmer.



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An alumnus of La Martinere Kolkata, St. Stephen's College Delhi and Oxford University, he has authored several books including "*Corrupt Society*". He was first nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President of India in 2003 and for his second term, was elected to the same House from Madhya Pradesh as a BJP nominee in June 2010.



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Additionally, he is a member of the National Council of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) since 1999 and is currently the Chairman of CII CSR Council. Mr. Mittal is also a member of India – Canada CEOs Forum, Member, Founders Circle, Brookings India and Member, India - Pakistan Joint Business Forum (IPJBF) to strengthen and promote economic relations. He is currently on the Governing Body of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and is also as a member of the National Food Processing Development Council (NFPDC), MoFPI, Government of India. He is also a member of the Punjab Investment Advisory Council (PIAC).

Mr. Mittal was the Chairman of CII National Council on Agriculture (2009 – 2013) and has also served as the Chairman of several National Committees of CII. He served as the Chairman of its Northern Regional Council during 2004-05. In the past, he served as a member of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Committee for Encouraging Investments in Supply Chain, the Working Group on Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, under the Planning Commission and also the Assam Investment Advisory Board (AIAB).

A passionate advocate of right to good education, he serves on Boards of several educational institutions. He is on the Board of Indian School of Business (ISB) and is the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Bharti Institute of Public Policy at ISB, Mohali. He is a member of the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India and also a member of the 'Round Table on School Education' for Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India. He is also a Member of the Governing Board of Dayanand Medical College. Rakesh is the Co-Chairman of the Advisory Board of Bharti School of Telecommunication Technology & Management. He is the Chairman of the Governing Council of Sat Paul Mittal School.

In the past he has served on the Advisory Council of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) - Delhi, and been a member of the Board of Governors of Thapar University, Punjab and the Punjab Education Development Board. He was also a Member of the Governing Board of the Institute of Integrated Learning in Management (IILM) and also served as a member of the International Advisory Council of Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, USA and the Executive Council of YMCA University of Science and Technology.

Mr. Mittal has been awarded the Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degree by Newcastle University, UK. He is a recipient of several awards including the 'LMA – Hari Chand Award' for Corporate Citizen of the Year 2013', 'Institute of Engineers - Engineering Excellence Award 2004', and 'LMA - Entrepreneur of the year Award 1992'. He also serves as Honorary Consul for Republic of Sierra Leone in India.



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After retiring from Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2008, he was affiliated with Research and Information System for Developing Countries as Senior Consultant till 2013. He is Regional Editor (India) of South Asia Economic Journal. He is in the Governing Body of the Centre for International Relations and Community Well Being, Gurgaon.

Professor Mukherji has completed 24 research projects sponsored by Committee on Studies for Cooperation in South Asia (CSCD), World Bank, UNESCAP, International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), South Asia Network of Research Institutes (SANEI) among others. His core interest relates to trade and development issues pertaining to South Asia. He has participated widely in national and international conferences and contributed more than 100 papers, some of them in peer-reviewed national and international journals.

Two of his recent publications are *Deepening Economic Cooperation between India and Sri Lanka*, with Kavita Iyenger (Asian Development Bank, Manila, 2013) and *Agricultural Trade Liberalisation for Food Security in South Asia* (ESCAP SSWA).



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Mr. Munjal also serves as the Vice President of the All India Management Association. He has been the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in the past, and has been a member of Prime Minister's Council on Trade & Industry. He is on the Advisory Board of Coca Cola and on the President's Council at the University of Tokyo. He is also a member of the boards of ISB Hyderabad and Mohali and IIT, Ropar. In addition to this, he chairs the Board at Punjab Technical University.

He has studied at the Doon School. He has trained to be an engineer, and is a commerce graduate.



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Dr. Nabi returned to Pakistan in 2008 after 22 years at the World Bank in Washington where he worked on Mexico, Korea, Thailand (leading the World Bank team during the East Asian financial crisis), Malaysia, Korea, Laos and Myanmar. In 2002-2008, he was Manager, Economic Policy, for South Asia region at the World Bank.

Dr Nabi has published extensively on economic growth, investment and finance, industrialization, international trade, agriculture and labor markets in developing countries.



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An economist by training, his current areas of interest are: international trade, energy, climate change, resources and regulatory issues including the relevant legal and political economy dimensions. He has published number of articles/papers on these issues in professional/peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes. He has authored/edited several reports and a few books/monographs. His most important work is titled, "Expanding Frontiers of Global Trade Rules: The Political Economy Dynamics of the International Trading System", published by Routledge, London in 2008. Apart from several research projects, he also worked on consulting assignments of organisations like United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), World Health Organisation (WHO) and the European Commission (EC). He has also been providing inputs for policy making to different government ministries and agencies of India.

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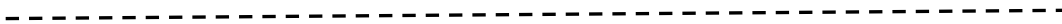
He holds a PhD from the University of Manchester, UK.



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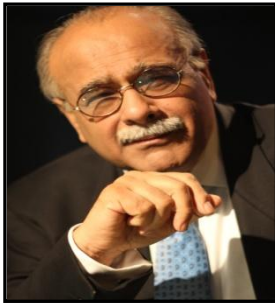
He serves as the Joint Chairman of JBC Task Force on trade facilitation and as the Vice President of Indian Importers Association. He is also a life member of the SAARC Chambers of Commerce and Industry as well as of PHD Chambers of Commerce.

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He remains the founder-chief editor of The Friday Times. Along with Salmaan Taseer, he founded the Daily Times in 2002 and Daily Aajkal in 2008 and served as their Editor until 2009. He also serves as the chairman of the Pakistan Publishers and Booksellers Association. Currently, his TV program Aapas Ki Baat is the top rated political talk-show of the country. He has served as Punjab Chief Minister and Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board. He is set to become the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC) this year.

Mr. Sethi is a graduate of Government College Lahore and Cambridge University UK. In 2011 he was elected Alumnus of the Year and Fellow of Clare College Cambridge.



Salman SHAH is the founder and CEO of Bridge Asia Financial Services, founded in 2009, with the primary aim to establish a world class financial advisory firm in Pakistan and the South Asian region. Dr. Shah was earlier federal minister of Revenue, Economic Affairs and Statistics and adviser to the Prime Minister of Pakistan from 2004-08. He was leader of the Pakistan economic team during a period marked by extensive economic reforms, liberalization and deregulation of the economy, development of the private sector, high GDP growth, and rapid privatization of major entities in telecom, banking and power sectors. During this period there was wide spread infrastructure development, large FDI flows into Pakistan and successful return of Pakistan to the international capital markets (both equity and debt).

A financial professional, Dr. Shah, has wide ranging experience in government, academia and the private sector with extensive knowledge of the dynamics of global, regional and national economic and business environment. During his distinguished career he has accumulated diversified experience of policy analysis, formulation, implementation and monitoring of complex strategies and initiatives at the country, ministry and enterprise levels. He has provided strategic advice to corporates, financial institutions and governments, on various projects involving power, energy, textiles, engineering, and agricultural sectors, development of management financial control systems, financial forecasting, financial modeling and valuation, economic and capital market studies, management training programs for firms.

He is also Chairman, Dairy and Rural Development foundation, Pakistan. He is a well known Senior Public Financial Management Adviser. He has advised crisis-affected countries in central and west Asian region including Tajikistan, Armenia and Georgia on public expenditure programs run by the Asian Development Bank to mitigate the impact of the global financial crisis.

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He holds a PhD in Finance from the Kelley School of Business, US.

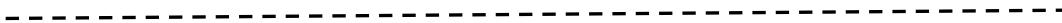


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Currently he is working on two books. The first, to be published by Penguin, evaluates the battle-worthiness of India's military forces. The second book examines the geo-political history of the Sino-Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh.

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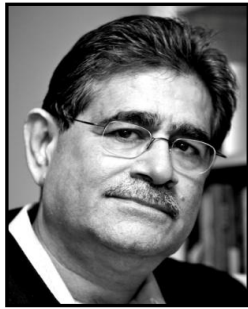
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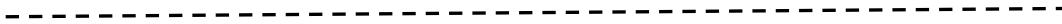
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