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Mohan Agashe | Mental health advocate, theatre and film actor

Dr. Mohan Agashe was the Professor of Psychiatry at BJ Medical College & Sassoon General Hospitals in Pune, India. His report to improve mental health education and services led to the formation of new policy by the Government of Maharashtra and the establishment of the state-level Maharashtra Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) in Pune in 1991, where he was the founding Director-Professor. Dr. Agashe also served as an Advisor to the Government of Maharashtra on Mental Health. He was the Principal Investigator for a project on 'Health Consequences of Natural Disasters with focus on Mental Health' organized by the Indian Council of Medical Research at MIMH in 1994 and one of the two Principle Investigators for an Indo-US joint project on 'Cultural Disorders of Fatigue and Weaknesses'. Dr. Agashe started his acting career in theatre and went on to act in plays and films of many highly acclaimed directors. He was on deputation as the Director of the Film and Television Institute of India from 1997 to 2002. Dr. Agashe received his MMBS and PG degrees in Psychiatry from B. J. Medical College in Pune.

Anand Bang | Health Advisor, Tata Trust

Dr. Anand Bang's current work with the Tata Trusts involves strategy development, implementation and building partnerships in the Health portfolio. Dr. Bang serves as Honorary Advisor, Health, to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and is also associated with the Society of Education, Action and Research for Community Health (SEARCH), a non-profit organisation involved in rural health service and research in Gadchiroli district of Maharashtra. He has previously worked as a Senior Consultant at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. Dr. Bang received his Master’s degree in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and undergraduate degree from Maharashtra University of Health Sciences.

Suneeta Dhar | Senior Advisor, JAGORI - Women’s Training & Resource Centre

Suneeta Dhar is the Senior Advisor with Jagori, a women’s documentation, training and communications centre in New Delhi. She has over 30 years’ experience working for women’s rights, gender mainstreaming and advancing women’s leadership with civil society organizations in India and the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Suneeta is a Co-Founding director of the South Asia Women’s Fund (Colombo and India), a member of the South Asian Network of Gender Activists and Trainers (SANGAT), and serves on select Boards, Advisory and Expert Committees of Government and civil society. Suneeta holds a post-graduate degree from the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
Rati Forbes | Director, Forbes Marshall

Rati Forbes has been a Director with the Forbes Marshall group since 1992, recently focusing her time on the social initiatives Forbes Marshall has developed. Rati also heads the Forbes Marshall Foundation, initiating several programmes for under-privileged women and children from neighbouring communities with a focus on health, education and women’s empowerment. Rati chaired the CII Western Region cell for social development from 2002 to 2006, where she sensitised corporations to their social responsibility. She continues to be actively involved with CII’s outreach programs for skill development, and co-chairs the steering committee of the Indian Women Network. Rati also serves on the advisory board for Akanksha Pune, Teach for India Pune, Centre for Learning Resources, Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy, the Business Community Foundation, and others. Rati graduated from Bombay University in Mumbai with a degree in Psychology (with honours) and Sociology, and graduated from Cambridge University, UK, with a Master’s degree in Sustainability Leadership and Management.

Ratnakar Gaikwad | Managing Director, Maharashtra Village Social Transformation Fdn.

Ratnakar Gaikwad is the Managing Director of the Maharashtra Village Social Transformation Foundation (VSTF), an organization dedicated to reforming villages facing social, economic, livelihood, connectivity and infrastructural challenges in Maharashtra, India. Mr. Gaikwad started his career with the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1975, and as a Senior IAS officer gained extensive experience within government and on-the-ground understanding of community development in both rural and urban settings. Over his career Mr. Gaikwad has held several leadership posts in government, formerly serving as Municipal Commissioner of Pune City, CEO of Zilla Parishad, Pune, Director General of the Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration (YASHADA), and retiring as Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra. Mr. Gaikwad received his Master’s degree from Pune University in 1974.

Nitin Kareer | Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra

Dr. Nitin Kareer, IAS, currently serves as Principal Secretary of Urban Development, Government of Maharashtra, and Chairman of the Pune Smart City Development Corporation (PSCDC) board of directors. Previously, Dr. Kareer served as the Municipal Commissioner of Pune and CEO of the Pune Zilla Parishad. Dr. Kareer received his MBBS degree from BJ Medical College in Pune, and received his Master’s degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Finance from the Institute of Management Development and Research (IMDR), also in Pune.
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Dr. Govind Kelkar is Senior Advisor to Landesa in New Delhi, India. She is also Regional Council Member of Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development, Chiang Mai, Thailand. She has previously worked for UN Women, and taught at Delhi University, the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, and the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand. At AIT, Dr. Kelkar founded the graduate program in Gender Development Studies and also the Gender, Technology and Development Journal, published by SAGE, India. She has worked extensively on gender and energy transition in rural Asia, and has contributed numerous articles to scholarly journals with a focus on gender relations in Asia. Dr. Kelkar received her Ph.D. in the Political Economy of China from the University of Delhi and undergraduate degree in Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy from the University of Lucknow, India.

A.K. Shiva Kumar | Global Co-Chair, Know Violence

Dr. A. K. Shiva Kumar is a development economist and evaluator who works on human development, including poverty, health, nutrition, basic education, and the rights of women and children. He is Co-Chair of the Know Violence in Childhood initiative and teaches economics and public policy as a visiting faculty member at Ashoka University and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. Dr. Kumar is an alumnus of Bangalore University and the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad and received his Master’s degree in Public Administration and Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University.

Anu Madgavkar | Partner, McKinsey Global Institute

Anu Madgavkar is a partner with the McKinsey Global Institute, where her research has focused on global labor markets and skills; gender economics; migration; economic development and poverty alleviation, and applying technology to development challenges. She has co-authored several MGI reports, including The Power of Parity: Advancing Women’s Equality in India. Previously, Anu co-led McKinsey’s Financial Institutions practice in India. She advises business and government leaders on economic development; contributes to policy debates through articles and conference presentations; and serves on the National Economic Growth and Investments Council of the Confederation of Industry in India. Anu received her MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and studied economics and statistics at St. Xavier’s College in Mumbai.
Dr. P.M. Nair has been a career police officer with the Indian Police Service since 1978. After 35 years of service in various capacities including work with the Central Bureau of Investigation, National Human Rights Commission, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, and Central Reserve Police Force, he retired in 2013 as the Director General of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and Director General of Civil Defence, Government of India, to take on a new role as Chairperson of the Centre of Police Studies and Public Security and Chair Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai. Besides other assignments, he is the Head of the National Research on Human Trafficking in India, a project supported by the United Nations, Government of India, and Tata Trusts. Dr. Nair has published several professional books and articles. He is the father of the AHTU in India, the integrated Anti Human Trafficking Units, the comprehensive task force set up by him in 9 Districts in India to prevent and combating human trafficking, which has now been replicated to more than 270 Districts in India. Dr. Nair holds a Master's degree, LLB, and Ph.D, in Sociology.

Anupama Pandey has had the opportunity to work with the corporate, social and the government sector and brings with her the expanse of experiential knowledge towards practical implementation of projects. Armed with a degree in Economics and Business Management, she works towards social cause, putting her mind where her heart is! Ms. Pandey received her undergraduate degree from Delhi University.

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Kalpana Sharma is a Mumbai-based independent journalist, columnist and media consultant who writes for English and Indian language publications in India. Her areas of interest include environmental, developmental and gender issues. She has worked with the Times of India, Indian Express and Himmat Weekly. Ms. Sharma is the author of Rediscovering Dharavi: Stories from Asia’s Largest Slum (Penguin 2000), and has edited Missing: Half the Story, Journalism as if Gender Matters (Zubaan Books). She co-edited Whose News? The Media and Women’s Issues (Sage 1994, 2006) and Terror Counter-Terror: Women Speak Out (Kali for Women, 2003) with Ammu Joseph. Currently, Ms. Sharma is a columnist in The Sunday Magazine supplement of The Hindu and an editorial consultant with the Economic and Political Weekly, and has regular columns on The Hoot (www.thehoot.org).