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C. D. Deshmukh Auditorium, India International Centre, New Delhi

Wednesday, 4th April 2018 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Taking stock of the context of highest world's growth and projections that the "21st century belongs to India", as a well as "imagining it as a civilisational construct", the purpose of the **OCSI Dialogue** is multifold. It aims at gathering scholars, policy makers, members of the government, industrialists, entrepreneurs, and representatives of think tanks and offering them a platform for high level debates to reflect on a series of key issues that shape India and its impact on the world. The Conference is meant to be holistic and encourage cross-fertilisation of ideas amongst various disciplines. Four broad themes have been identified embodying this intent, they should neither be seen as exhaustive categories nor as segregated or mutually exclusive.

Schedule

Inaugural Session: 10 am - 10.20 am

Law and Governance: 10.30 am - 11.45 am

Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal, Mr. Rathin Roy, Prof. Dipankar Gupta, Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed

Tea: 11.45 am - 12 noon

Energy, Ecology and Built Environment: 12 noon - 1.15 pm

Mr. Suman Berry, Mr. Vikram S Mehta, Dr. Arunabha Ghosh, Mr. Ashok B Lall

Lunch: 1.15 pm - 2.15 pm

Education, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Employment: 2.15 pm - 3.30 pm

Mr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan, Prof. K. Vijayaraghavan, Mr. Rajiv B Lall, Mr. Manish Kumar

Tea: 3.30 pm - 3.45 pm

Crisis of Identity: Civilisation, Culture & Hindutva: 3.45 pm - 5 pm

Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal, Prof. Arvind Sharma, Mr. Swapan Das Gupta, Mr. Pavan Varma

Valedictory Session: 5.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Dr. Lokesh Chandra, Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Mr. Vikram Lall



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The relationship between states and centre is becoming frayed, provoking us to think of what should be the vision of cooperative federalism. Inability of the state to provide public services like education, health, law and order, call into question its very legitimacy. The 'first past the post system' of our electoral system creates disjunction between vote share and seat share, requiring re-imagining of more nuanced electoral arrangements. Two strands that are influencing our media are corporate ownership and self censorship. How serious are these as a threat to our democracy? The supremacy of the rule of law is under challenge and in this context, is the threat to Judicial independence from within or without. These are, among several others, issues of law and governance that require our attention.

Dr. Rathin Roy

Dr. Roy is Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi and Member, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. He has taught at the Universities of Manchester and London and served as Economic Adviser with the Thirteenth Finance Commission. He has worked in several senior positions as an economist and in senior management at the United Nations Development Programme, with postings in New York, Kathmandu, Brasilia and Bangkok. Dr. Roy holds an MPhil and Ph.D in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a B.A (Hons) in Economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi.

Ms. Niraja Gopal Jayal

Ms. Jayal is Professor at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Her book *Citizenship and Its Discontents* (Harvard University Press, 2013) won the Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy Prize of the Association of Asian Studies in 2015. She is also the author of *Representing India: Ethnic Diversity and the Governance of Public Institutions* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2006) and *Democracy and the State: Welfare, Secularism and Development in Contemporary India* (OUP, 1999). She has co-edited *The Oxford Companion to Politics in India*, and is the editor/co-editor of, among others, *Democracy in India* (OUP, 2001) and *Local Governance in India: Decentralisation and Beyond* (OUP 2005). She is currently working on a book on the decline of the public university in India. She has held visiting appointments at, among others, King's College, London; the EHESS, Paris; Princeton University; and the University of Melbourne. In 2009, she delivered the Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures at All Souls College, Oxford. She was Vice-President of the American Political Science Association in 2011-12.

Justice Badar Durrez Ahmed

Justice Ahmed was the Chief Justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir from 1 April 2017 until 15 March 2018. Prior to this, he had been a Judge of the Delhi High Court for over 14 years. During his entire tenure as a Judge and Chief Justice, spanning well over 15 years, he was a prolific decision maker, having thousands of reported judgments to his credit on all branches of law – civil, criminal, commercial, taxation, environmental law, personal laws and constitutional law. He pioneered the introduction of paperless eCourts in the Delhi High Court and later in the J&K High Court. He studied Economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi and cleared the Tripos in Economics Examination from University of Cambridge. He was a Lecturer in Economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi from 1977 to 1979 while pursuing his LL.B degree simultaneously. Post obtaining his law degree from University of Delhi in 1980, he practiced in the Supreme Court and other High Courts as counsel until he was elevated as a Judge of the Delhi High Court in 2002. He is a keen sportsman and has played cricket and football for his school, was member of the St Stephen's College Tennis Team and played tennis and squash for Trinity College, University of Cambridge and is now a regular golfer.

Prof. Dipankar Gupta

Prof. Gupta is an Indian sociologist and public intellectual. He was Professor in the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and also at the Delhi School of Economics. His current research interests include rural-urban transformation, labour laws in the informal sector, modernity, ethnicity, caste and stratification. He is a regular columnist with *The Times of India*, *The Hindu*, *The Indian Express* and *Anandbazar Patrika* in Bengali. He serves on the board of institutions like the Reserve Bank of India, the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) and Max India. Over the years he has held many appointments and fellowships in universities in North America, Europe and UK. He started and led KPMG's Business Ethics and Integrity Division, New Delhi; was a member of the National Security Advisory Board and the News Broadcasting Standards Authority. Prof Gupta is the author of over 19 books, including *Revolution from Above: India's Future and the Citizen Elite*, *Mistaken Modernity: India Between Worlds*, *Learning to Forget: The Anti-Memoirs of Modernity* and *The Caged Phoenix: Can India Fly*. Prof. Gupta was awarded Chevalier De L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) by the French Government.



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Indians are increasingly demanding power for all, housing for all, water and sanitation for all - and a cleaner environment. India will experience the fastest rate of urbanisation in the coming three decades. Its energy demand will grow faster than any other major economy. It has to stimulate economic growth and job creation within fast-shrinking environmental boundaries. The quality of land, water and air is directly impacting economic productivity and public health. As India shifts several hundred million people into using modern energy sources, handles rapid urbanisation with changing patterns of resource use, and integrates deeply into global energy and resource markets, the future presents tradeoffs and opportunities. How is India attempting to balance energy, resources, ecology and the built environment? How will housing, mobility, commerce and innovation in cities reconcile with the needs of a resource efficient economy? Which combinations of policy, technology and finance are driving change, for better or for worse? Are there solutions to resolve competing political economy stresses?

Mr. Suman Bery

Mr. Bery is based in New Delhi and is currently a Non-resident Fellow of the Brussels think-tank Bruegel, as well as a Senior Fellow of the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth. Till mid-2016, he was Shell's Chief Economist, based in The Hague, The Netherlands. Mr. Bery has recently joined Board of Counselors of McLarty Associates. He had earlier served as Director-General (Chief Executive) of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi. At various times, he was a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, of India's Statistical Commission and of the Reserve Bank of India's Technical Advisory Committee on Monetary Policy. Prior to NCAER, he was with the World Bank in Washington DC with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. His professional writing includes contributions on the political economy of reform, financial sector and banking reform and energy trends and policy. Mr. Bery has studied at University of Oxford and Princeton University.

Dr. Arunabha Ghosh

Dr. Ghosh is a public policy professional, adviser, author, columnist, and institution builder. As the founder-CEO of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), since 2010, he has led CEEW to the top ranks as one of South Asia's leading policy research institution and among the world's 20 best climate think-tanks in 2016. He has been actively involved in the design of the International Solar Alliance since inception. He conceptualised and is founding board member of the Clean Energy Access Network (CLEAN). He is the co-author/editor of four books: The Palgrave Handbook of the International Political Economy of Energy; Energizing India: Towards a Resilient and Equitable Energy System; Human Development and Global Institutions; and Climate Change: A Risk Assessment. He is a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, member of WEF's Global Future Council on Energy and an Asia Society Asia 21 Young Leader. He holds a D.Phil from University of Oxford and topped Economics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi.

Mr. Ashok B. Lall

Mr. Lall is presently Design & Technology Chair at Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute for Architecture (KRVA), Mumbai. His current interest is in developing strategies for sustainable urban development in the context of rapid urbanization. He graduated from the University of Cambridge in Architecture & Fine Arts and obtained the Architectural Association Diploma in 1970. His architectural firm (estd. 1981) is committed to an architectural practice based on the principles of environmental sustainability and social responsibility. The firm has won a number of awards and its work has been published widely. Engaged in architectural education since 1990, he has developed curricula and teaching methods to address environmental issues. He has published many articles and presented papers and spoken on environmentally sustainable design in India and abroad.

Mr. Vikram Singh Mehta

Mr. Mehta started his career with the Indian Administrative Service in 1978. He resigned in 1980 to join Phillips Petroleum in London as their senior economist. In 1984 he returned to India to join the government company, Oil India Limited as its advisor, strategic planning. Subsequently, he joined Shell International in London in 1988. He was appointed managing director of Shell Markets and Shell Chemical Companies in Egypt in 1991 and Chairman of the Shell Group of Companies in India in 1994. He left Shell in October 2012 and is currently the Executive Chairman of the think tank, Brookings India and senior fellow of Brookings Institution. Mr. Mehta studied Mathematics at St. Stephen's College, Delhi, Economics at University of Oxford and holds a post-graduate degree in energy economics from Fletcher School Of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



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Mr. Toby Smith

Mr. Smith is a British photographer who works internationally on projects concerning landscape, environment, industrial and science stories. He graduated with a Masters in Contemporary Photography from London College of Communication, following his bachelors degree in Environmental Science. His focus now lies on large-scale photography and research projects for editorial publication, exhibition, communication and advocacy. He was the Artist in Residence of the University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute (UCCRI) and continues to be associated with UCCRI and the Cambridge Conservation Initiative, and is a Senior Member of Wolfson College, Cambridge. His work has been exhibited internationally and editorial clients include National Geographic, GEO, The Sunday Times Magazine, TIME, Fortune, The New York Times, Guardian, Intelligent Life and Stern. Broadcast credits include the BBC Natural History Unit, Al Jazeera, Sky News, BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service. Notable projects include a study of hydroelectricity and landscape in Scotland, renewable energy technology across China and India, illegal logging and mining in Madagascar, a review of the worldwide commercial space industry and walking the entire proposed London to Birmingham rail line. He recently collaborated with the Unknown Fields division on commissioned 4K film. Currently on show at the V and A gallery it explores the narrative of Rare Earth minerals in the electronics industry.



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With the window for reaping demographic dividend closing, will the idea be reduced to a mere political slogan? Indeed, is the Indian reality more consistent with an unfolding demographic disaster, given rising aspirations of its youth bulge and diminishing prospects of high-quality jobs? Does the muscular growth rate performance on the back of a highly unequal income distribution fuel discontent and merely accelerate the process of disaffection? Is the Indian State cognizant of these challenges or is it blissfully complacent? What, in any case, can the State do to reverse these trends? And even if it wants to, is the State really capable of doing what it needs to do? Such questions, rooted in India's projected growth rates and burgeoning young population are at the centre of interconnected issues of education, innovation, entrepreneurship and employment and need to be discussed.

Dr. Gyanendra Badgaiyan

Dr. Badgaiyan is former Chief Economist, UNDP, and was, until recently, the Director General of the National Centre for Good Governance, Government of India. Earlier, he was a member of the IAS from 1991 until 2013. After taking voluntary retirement from the IAS, Dr. Badgaiyan worked in the office of the Executive Director, World Bank, Washington, DC and as Research Fellow, UN University, WIDER, Helsinki. Dr. Badgaiyan has been associated with a number of pioneering governance reforms such as the deadline-based handling of applications, Delhi Right to Information Act and community involvement in governance through the Bhagidari Programme in Delhi. For his contribution to public service, he was chosen as one of the 12 Indians for the Excellence in Leadership (Gurukul Scholarship) Award by British Council and the London School of Economics. Dr. Badgaiyan earned a Masters' degree in Economics from Delhi School of Economics (gold medalist), MPhil Economics degree (honourable mention for Stevenson Prize) from University of Cambridge and MPP (best graduating student) and PhD degrees from Princeton University, USA.

Dr. Rajiv Lall

Dr. Lall is Founder MD & CEO of IDFC Bank since October 1, 2015. A veteran economist for 30 years, he has been an active part of the finance and policy landscape, both in India and internationally. In his diverse career, he has also held leadership roles in global investment banks like Warburg Pincus and Morgan Stanley and multilateral agencies like the World Bank and ADB. His expertise spans banking, project finance, private equity/venture capital, international capital markets, trade, infrastructure and macroeconomic policy issues, with a particular focus on emerging markets including India and China. He is an active speaker and columnist on macro-economic and public policy issues. He currently chairs the Asia Business Leaders Advisory Council (ABLAC Canada); is a Director on the Board of US-India Business Council (USIBC); is on the Advisory Board of Columbia University Global Centers, South Asia; is a member of the Founders Circle, Brookings, India. Dr. Lall earned his BA in politics, philosophy and economics from the University of Oxford, and holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Columbia University.

Prof. K. VijayRaghavan

Prof. VijayRaghavan is a Distinguished Professor at the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bengaluru. He was involved in the founding, and then the development of the NCBS into India's premier biological sciences research and an internationally recognised institution. He also led, on the same campus, the founding of the Institute of Stem Cell Research and Regenerative Medicine (inStem) and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP). From February 2013 until February 2018, he was Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Biotechnology (DBT). His research at the NCBS is on nerves and muscles and how complex behaviour emerges during animal development. He studied Chemical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (Mumbai University), Mumbai. He was awarded the Padma Shri by the Government of India in 2013.

Mr. Manish Kumar

Mr. Kumar is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). He is responsible for providing a strategic vision to NSDC in ensuring that the team moves cohesively towards achievement of Skill India Mission. Prior to joining the NSDC, he was working as Country Coordinator and Senior Institution Development Economist, The World Bank. He was Task Team Leader for USD 1.5 billion Bank's loan to India for "Swaachh Bharat". Manish has earlier served in the Indian Administrative Service, occupying many responsible positions, his last being Secretary to Government of Tripura, Power & Home Departments. He was selected as a Mason Fellow at Harvard University for his leadership in empowering tribal women living in remote hills of Tripura. Mr. Kumar holds a Bachelor of Technology degree in Mining Machinery from IIT (ISM), Dhanbad, a Master in Public Administration degree from Harvard University, USA, and PhD in Public Policy from The George Washington University, Washington DC, USA.



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Crisis of Identity: Civilisation, Culture & Hindutva: 3.45 pm - 5 pm

The 'idea of India' has become a site of contestation in the past five years as never before. At the core this contestation is the role to be accorded to the Hindu religious and cultural traditions in the formation of Indian national and civilisational identity. This contestation turns on which strand of the Hindu tradition is going to play a decisive role - the liberal strand associated with name of Mahatma Gandhi, or the nationalistic strand associated with the name of Veer Savarkar. This is further complicated by the irony or the fact that Gandhi was the public believer and Savarkar was the atheist. Such contestation has now acquired the dimension of a crisis which must be addressed.

Mr. Swapan Dasgupta

Mr. Dasgupta is a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and one of India's most widely read political columnists. Having worked in India's leading publications in senior editorial positions, he has been an independent columnist since 2003. His political commentaries, laced with strong conservative inclinations, are published in Times of India, Telegraph, Pioneer, Open magazine and Hindustan Times. He was educated at St Stephen's College and received his doctorate from SOAS in 1980. He was subsequently a Research Fellow of Nuffield College, University of Oxford. He was a member of the India-UK Round Table from 1998 to 2004. He sits on the Board of India Foundation and on the Executive Council of Nehru Memorial Museum & Library. He is a Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Media Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. In 2015 he was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India and nominated to Parliament in 2016.

Mr. Pavan K. Varma

Mr. Varma is a writer-diplomat and now in politics, where he was till recently an MP in the Rajya Sabha, and earlier Advisor to the Chief Minister of Bihar, with rank of Cabinet Minister. Author of over a dozen best selling books he has been Ambassador in several countries, Director of The Nehru Centre in London, Official Spokesperson of the MEA, and Press Secretary to the President of India. He is currently the National General Secretary and National Spokesman of the Janata Dal (United). Mr. Varma was conferred an Honorary Doctoral Degree for his contribution to the fields of diplomacy, literature, culture and aesthetics by the University of Indianapolis in 2005. He was also awarded by His Majesty the King of Bhutan, the Druk Thuksey Award, Bhutan's highest civilian Award. Mr. Varma's new book, 'AdiShankaracharya: Hinduism's Greatest Thinker', will be launched in April, 2018.

Prof. Arvind Sharma

Arvind Sharma (b. 1940), formerly of the I.A.S., is the Birks Professor of Comparative Religion in the School of Religious Studies in McGill University, Montreal, Canada. He has also taught in Australia (University of Queensland, Sydney) and in the USA (Northeastern, Temple, Boston, Harvard) and was instrumental in facilitating the adoption of a Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the World's Religions. His several books include OUR RELIGIONS, and GANDHI: A SPIRITUAL BIOGRAPHY. His most recent book bears the title: THE RULER'S GAZE: A Study of British Rule over India from a Saidian Perspective and his Urdu verses have appeared in a collection entitled: Fanoos-e-khayal.

Mr. Sanjeev Sanyal

Mr. Sanyal is an internationally acclaimed economist and best-selling author. He is currently the Principal Economic Advisor to the Government of India and also serves as the Co-Chair of the G-20 Framework Working Group. Prior to joining the Government, he spent two decades in the financial sector and was Global Strategist & Managing Director at Deutsche Bank. He was named Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2010. He is also a well known environmentalist and urban theorist. In 2007, he was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship for his work on urban dynamics. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Oxford University, Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore and a Senior Fellow of the World Wide Fund for Nature. Mr. Sanyal attended Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi and University of Oxford where he was a Rhodes Scholar (1992-95). His best-selling books include *Land of the Seven Rivers*, *The Indian Renaissance* and *The Ocean of Churn*, all published by Penguin. He was given the inaugural International Indian Achievers Award for contributions to Literature in 2014.