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DEEPAK GUPTA, SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY



Secretary to the Government of India since 1st July, 2008, Deepak Gupta belongs to Jharkhand Cadre 1974 batch of the Indian Administrative Service. A Post-Graduate in History from St. Stephens' College and M.Phil in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, he did a Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1991 as a Mason Fellow. After several District level assignments in Bihar, he came to the Government of India in 1981 as Deputy Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles from where he went on deputation to India Trade Centre, Brussels, as Adviser (Jute & Coir) during 1983-85. During subsequent years, he had various assignments in Departments of Industrial Development, Export Promotion, Human Resource Development etc in the Centre and State. He was Secretary, Water Resources, in Bihar from 1995-98. Gupta became Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in September, 1998 and was on a foreign assignment for one year with the World Health Organisation in Delhi as Adviser in 2004. He became Additional Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in September 2005 and was subsequently promoted to Special Secretary in January, 2008 in the same Ministry. Presently, Gupta is Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy since July, 2008.

AMIT KAPOOR, PROFESSOR, MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



Amit Kapoor is Professor of Strategy and Industrial Economics at Management Development Institute; Honorary Chairman at Institute for Competitiveness studying firms, clusters and economies; India Commissioner for the Competitiveness Institute, Sloan Affiliate; and member of the Collective.

Kapoor is an affiliate faculty for the Microeconomics of Competitiveness course of Institute of Strategy and Competitiveness, Harvard Business School. He offers the course at Management Development Institute, Gurgaon. Prior to his appointment with MDI, Gurgaon he was with IIM, Lucknow and has also been the Chief Economist with Datamonitor PLC. He is a Ph.D. in Industrial Economics and Business Strategy and has received the ESSID Scholarship and MIT DCA Scholarship.

Kapoor is the author of India City Competitiveness Report and India State Competitiveness Report.

ARUN KUMAR, PROFESSOR, JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY



Arun Kumar is teaching Economics in Jawaharlal Nehru University since 1984. He has been the Chairperson of the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning of JNU and is currently the Coordinator of the EXIM Bank-JNU Library in Economics. He has been the Vice President and Acting President of the Indian Academy of Social Sciences (ISSA).

He passed his Higher Secondary from Sardar Patel Vidyalaya and topped the Delhi Higher Secondary Board. He did his B.Sc. (Physics) from St. Stephens College Delhi University and topped in the University. He received the Science Talent Scholarship and later the UGC Fellowship. He went to Princeton University USA for Ph.D. in Physics. Kumar switched from Physics to Economics in 1977 when he started his Ph.D. in Economics at JNU. The Ph.D. completed in 1982 gave a new understanding of Inflation in India by incorporating the role of trade and government in a macro model of the Indian economy. He is an M.Sc. in Physics from Delhi University and Princeton University, U.S.A.

Kumar has specialized in Development, Public Finance and Public Policy, Macroeconomics and Growth theory. His book 'The Black Economy in India', published by Penguin (India) has broken new ground in Macro-economics and on thinking about the Indian Economy and development. He has written on issues relating to Indian Public Finance and Public Policy for the last 25 years.

He has been working on various aspects of Globalization and on building a framework of Alternative Economic Policies in India. He authored the Alternative Budgets for 1993-94 and 1994-95. He has been associated with the Alternative Economic Surveys since 1994. He has been involved in creating a public awareness on economic issues and has written extensively in the popular press in addition to writing in academic journals.

Before joining JNU he worked in the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy on a Report on the Black Economy in India. This report was submitted to the Central Board of Direct Taxes, GOI in 1985.

He has been associated with various campaigns like the National Campaign for Housing Rights and National Working Group on Patent Rights. He has supported campaigns for Right to Information and Right to Work for the last 12 years. He was a member of a sub-Committee on Governance of the National Commission for the Review of the Working of the Constitution. He has contributed to the Tibetan Government in Exile as a member of its Pay Commission and suggesting a possible economic blue print for them. He has worked for increasing awareness amongst the teaching community regarding the nature of Higher Education and the need for its reform. In 1997, he was the Chairperson of the Committee of JNU Teachers' Association for proposing an Alternative Structure of Higher Education in India. He has edited a volume titled, 'Challenges Facing Indian Universities. He is currently working on a book on Indian Economy Since Independence.

RAJ LIBERHAN, DIRECTOR, INDIA HABITAT CENTRE



Raj Liberhan is currently the Director of India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. Liberhan was a civil servant in the Government of India from December 1972 to 1995. He held senior positions in Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), a public sector organization under the Ministry of Urban Affairs and Employment, Government of India. He was also an Expert Member, Urban Planning Group for Study which was undertaken on the 'Gurgaon Green City Project' to be implemented with technical assistance from Green City, Denmark.

India Habitat Centre is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) founded to develop an integrated physical environment in which various institutions involved in different facets of habitat and habitat-related environmental issues function, interact, and attempt to resolve habitat related problems in a coordinated manner.

SAM MILLER, JOURNALIST AND AUTHOR OF "DELHI: ADVENTURES IN A MEGACITY"



Sam Miller was born in London in 1962. He studied History at Cambridge University and Politics at London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, before joining the BBC's World Service. In the early nineties he was the World Service TV and radio correspondent in Delhi and on his return to the UK in 1993, was the presenter and editor off the BBC's current affairs programme South Asia Report. Later he became the head of the Urdu service and subsequently Managing Editor, South Asia. He has also worked as a reporter in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, the Balkans and Northern Ireland. He was posted back to Delhi in 2002, and has remained there ever since. He now runs media training projects in the subcontinent for the BBC World Service Trust. He also works as a TV commentator, journalist and book reviewer for a number of Indian and international media organizations.

ABHAY KUMAR MISHRA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE-SPECIAL PROJECTS, EMAARMGF



Abhay Kumar Mishra is presently working as Chief Executive-Special Projects with EmaarMGF, that is engaged in the construction of a 200-acre integrated township project. He is an eminent civil engineer with 28 years of experience in the infrastructure and real estate sector. Prior to joining EmaarMGF, he had worked with Indian Railways for 23 years in different management positions. He is a keen observer of urbanization in India and has contributed to many policy changes in urban planning.

NAYAN RAHEJA, DIRECTOR, RAHEJA DEVELOPERS PVT. LTD.



Nayan Raheja is presently the Director at Raheja Developers Pvt. Ltd. Nayan is also an architect from the School of Planning and Architecture and an avid wildlife conservationist.

Raheja Developers was founded in the year 1989 by the Navin M Raheja. Today, the company enjoys a strong presence in Haryana and is one of the largest companies in the real estate sector. Raheja Developers actively seeks growth by investing in a variety of systematically identified businesses, making it a diverse conglomerate with interests in a range of projects. The company is presently executing a built up stock of over 65 million sq. ft.

K YATISH RAJAWAT, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, BUSINESS BHASKAR



K Yatish Rajawat is an award-winning journalist, who has worked at several business newspapers and a magazine. In an attempt to take business journalism to the grassroots, he launched a Hindi Business newspaper - Business Bhaskar in May 2008. Within less than a year, Business Bhaskar is publishing seven editions and reaches more cities than any other business newspaper in the country. It is the largest Hindi business newspaper in the country.

Rajawat is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Business Bhaskar and has editorial responsibilities for Dainik Bhaskar. Dainik Bhaskar is the largest newspaper group in the world reaching out to more than 35 million readers everyday.

MANIT RASTOGI, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, MORPHOGENESIS



Manit Rastogi founded Morphogenesis in 1996 after completing his AA Diploma for which he was awarded Honours and the Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Energy Design. Taught at the Architectural Association, London; School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi; and the Hong Kong Polytechnic Institute; and has been a juror on several design and award juries. Currently the Managing Director at Morphogenesis which was set up with the aim of taking contemporary Asian design to the forefront of the world architecture with an emphasis on sustainable design. The firm is currently a conglomerate of 100 architects and interior designers, based out of New Delhi and Pune and is handling projects across varied and complex typologies. Affiliated to institutions such as the Architectural Association Media Lab, London; Royal Institute of British Architects (Part II), U.K.; United States Green Building Council (USGBC); Council of Architecture, India; Indian Institute of Architects, India; CHORA, Institute of Architecture and Urbanism, London; Architectural Association, London; SPA Alumni Association, New Delhi; Autotectonica, London; Young Entrepreneur Organization, Delhi Chapter; Young Business Sub-Committee, CII, Northern Region and the Royal Society of Arts, London.

AROMAR REVI, DIRECTOR, TARU



Aromar Revi is a founding director of TARU, a South Asian research and consulting firm that undertakes ground-breaking work in public policy, the environment, governance, and urban and infrastructure planning. Revi has served as a senior advisor to Government ministries in India and to the national Planning Commission, and he has two decades of experience in economic reform, public policy, development planning, and technology. He has consulted with a range of international agencies including the World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, DFID, SIDA, and AusAID, and has been involved in a project called “Sustainable Urban Design.”

His contributions and commitment to sustainability as well as economic, environmental, and social change have been recognized by Ashoka and the Balaton Group. Revi is a graduate of the celebrated Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, and the Law and Management schools of the University of Delhi.

PHILLIP RODE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, URBAN AGE



Phillip Rode is the Executive Director, Urban Age and Associate, Cities Programme at London School of Economics & Political Science. Rode is involved in interdisciplinary projects comprising urban governance, transport, city planning and urban design. Rode organised Urban Age conferences in New York, Shanghai, London, Mexico City, Johannesburg, Berlin and Sao Paulo, bringing together political leaders, city mayors, urban practitioners, private sector representatives and academic experts.

He is further co-ordinating the European Mayor's Network. He has previously worked on several multi-disciplinary research and consultancy projects in New York and Berlin and was awarded the Schinkel Urban Design Prize 2000.

Rode obtained an MSc in City Design and Social Science at LSE, prior to which he earned a degree as Graduate Engineer in Transportation Planning and Management at Technical University Berlin.

SANJEEV SANYAL, FOUNDER & MANAGING TRUSTEE, THE SUSTAINABLE PLANET INSTITUTE



Sanjeev Sanyal is the Founder and Managing Trustee of The Sustainable Planet Institute (SPI). He is also Senior Fellow, World Wide Fund for Nature; Member, Steering Committee of the Urban Age at the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE); Director of Green Accounting for Indian States Project; and Fellow, National University of Singapore.

Sanyal was Chief Economist for the Asia Pacific region at the Deutsche Bank till 2008. His book “The Indian Renaissance: India’s Rise After a Thousand Years of Decline” was published by Penguin in 2008. He was awarded the Eisenhower Fellowship for Urbanisation in 2007.

ARTHUR I SEGEL, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT PRACTICE, HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL



Arthur Segel is the Poorvu Family Professor of Management Practice in the Finance Department at Harvard Business School where he has been writing cases and teaching the Real Property Asset Management course since 1996. He is an honors graduate of Harvard College (1973) and of Stanford University, Graduate School of Business (1975).

Segel was a co-founder and co-owner (1982-2001) of TA Associates Realty, a large private equity real estate development and investment advisory firm specializing in commercial and multi-family real estate in over thirty markets in the United States and Canada. Prior to TA Associates Realty, he worked as a Vice President at Boston Properties and as Deputy for Finance and Administration at Massport. He is the founder and Advisory Committee Chair of Xander Funds, a real estate investment company in India; a co-founder of The Tobin Project, a non-profit that encourages policy-relevant academic research; and the 21st Century Fund, a non-profit for public education. He serves on the Advisory Committees of High Vista, a Boston-based multi-asset fund; Portland Capital, a London-based public real estate hedge fund; and SRB Corporation, a Boston-based insurance company. He is also on the Board of Trexa, a Mumbai-based retail development and investment firm. He is a member of the Urban Land Institute, NAIOP, a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the 2009 Boston co-chair of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies. In 2006, Private Equity Real Estate Journal awarded him one of the 30 most influential players in real estate in the world.

GOVIND SINGH, FOUNDER, DELHI GREENS



Having finished his Masters in Environmental Studies from the School of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi and after having carried out Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Studies of Hydroelectric Projects all across the Himalayas, Govind Singh is presently, pursuing his Ph.D. on the Urban Ecology of Delhi at the University of Delhi, India.

He is an environmental activist, a freelance researcher and consultant and involved directly or indirectly with a lot of non-profit organisations in and around Delhi city. He has also been coordinating the activities of 350.org - an International movement against climate change - across the Indian sub-continent. In addition, he runs an environmental NGO christened Delhi Greens. After having been inspired and trained in person by Al Gore and Dr. R.K. Pachauri, he has been involved in the launch of the Indian Youth Climate Network (IYCN); one of the major programmes of

his NGO. The aim is to mobilize and empower the youth on the pressing issue of climate change and to sensitize people and generate awareness and sensitivity towards environmental issues.

Singh is fascinated by cities and considers them the greatest invention of humankind. He is particularly in love with the city of Delhi, which has also made him a bird watcher, a photographer and a poet. His blog, Delhi Greens has helped many a citizens of Delhi connect to the very city that they belonged to but never really felt was their own. He is also deeply interested in environmental ethics, equity and social justice.

S SRIDHAR, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL HOUSING BANK



Sridhar who has been Chairman & Managing Director of National Housing Bank, India (NHB) since April 2006 has about 35 years professional experience in commercial and development banking. Prior to joining NHB, he was Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Exim Bank of India for about 5 years and worked in other capacities for about 16 years. He had earlier worked in State Bank of India, India's largest commercial bank for about 12 years. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Committee on Housing Finance, a member of the High Level Task Force on Affordable Housing and also a member of the National Core Group on Urban Poverty, all set up by Government of India.

Sridhar was educated at Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and at Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai. He is a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. He was the Lord Aldington Banking Research Fellow for the year 1984.

ANUPAM YOG, MANAGING DIRECTOR, MIRABILIS ADVISORY



Anupam Yog is Founder and Managing Director of Mirabilis Advisory, a strategic consulting firm that facilitates global exchange between cities, regions and countries by building partnerships across the public and private sectors. Mirabilis' clients are institutional brands that include city, regional and national governments, public-private partnerships, cultural and academic institutions, financial and media organisations, chambers of commerce, foundations and global event-owners. Mirabilis Advisory's areas of expertise include strategic marketing & brand consultancy, business research, advocacy, and public-private partnerships.

Prior to starting Mirabilis in early 2007, Yog was with the India Brand Equity Foundation, a public-private partnership between the Ministry of Commerce & Industry and the Confederation of Indian Industry, which he helped establish in 2003.

Yog is a Political Science Honours Graduate from Delhi University. He was elected National President of AIESEC's (the world's largest student organisation headquartered in Rotterdam, Netherlands) India chapter for 2000-01.

SID YOG, MANAGING PARTNER, THE XANDER GROUP INC.



Siddharth Yog is the Co-founder and Managing Partner of The Xander Group Inc., a real estate private equity firm investing in the sub continent. Xander has approximately \$ 2 Billion of equity under management.

Since 2005, as Chairman of Xander's investment committee, Sid has supervised the firm's investment program in India which currently includes equity investments of over \$750 million across township, residential, commercial, industrial, hotel & entertainment, retail, SEZ and mixed use assets.

He has 15 years of global experience in real estate spanning 15 countries across Asia/Pacific. Prior to founding Xander, Sid was the Asia/Pacific head of Consulting, Valuation and Research at CBRE based in Singapore & Hong Kong. He has also worked at Deutsche Bank Real Estate in Frankfurt and Bain & Company in New York. Sid has been responsible for structuring and implementing some of the largest public-private partnerships and privatization programs in Indian real estate.

He received an MBA from the Harvard Business School with highest distinction and was elected a Baker Scholar. He was also elected President of his Harvard Business School Class. Earlier he earned an Honors degree in Economics from the University of Delhi and was head of the Student's Union.

Sid served on the board of the Harvard Alumni Association from 2003-2004. He is currently on the board of Trexa ADMC, The Indian Film Combine Ltd., and Sinclair Hotels Ltd. among multiple other Xander investee companies.

Passionate about ancient history, global politics and Indian mythology, he has traveled to 39 countries and has retraced the ancient Jewish and Christian kingdoms on an 8 country journey through the Middle East.

He splits his time equally between New York, London and New Delhi.