

AN ANANTA ASPEN SEMINAR

# CHALLENGES & LEADERSHIP

IS IT TIME TO THINK OF THE LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE BEHIND AS A LEADER?

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“THE ASPEN SEMINAR THAT I ATTENDED WAS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. AFTER HAVING ATTENDED SEVERAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS ACROSS THE GLOBE, INITIALLY I DID NOT EXPECT TO LEARN ANYTHING FURTHER. BUT THIS WAS IN A DIFFERENT SPACE ALTOGETHER AND IT COMPELLED ME TO INTROSPECT AND ANALYSE THE EFFECT OF MY OWN LEADERSHIP STYLE ON PEOPLE AROUND ME. IT WAS AN EYE OPENER AND I WAS IMMENSELY BENEFITED. IT WAS VERY RICH IN TERMS OF CONTENT, DELIBERATIONS AND WAS HANDLED IN A BEAUTIFUL WAY BY A GROUP OF EXCELLENT MODERATORS. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL STAY WITH ME FOREVER.”

—SAJAL MUKHERJEE, VICE PRESIDENT & HEAD OF LVRM BUSINESS, CROMPTON GREAVES LTD

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MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER, 2015 AT GOA

**I**n the trajectory of life, we rarely take the critical step to pause and reflect on what we are creating of our lives and what we would like to be different.

For more than 60 years, the Aspen Leadership Seminars have challenged leaders in every field to think more critically about the good society and our leadership roles in it. It raises questions about the meaning of life, the processes of self-discovery, self and community and about creating our legacy.

An Aspen Seminar builds on that tradition with a curriculum that is specifically designed for India and its leadership challenges.

In a setting conducive to thought and fellowship, each seminar convenes a diverse group of approximately 20 leaders for lively, intensive, roundtable discussion led by skilled moderators. Classic and contemporary texts and themes – specifically geared to the Indian context – form the starting points of a rich conversation in which the questions posed by the group are frequently as illuminating as the varied, timeless wisdom of the texts.

## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

The Seminar has tremendous transformative power in cultivating the understanding of others' values, as well as

one's own. We encourage all to embark on this journey.

- Senior leaders from all walks of life who are looking for a challenging professional development program;
- Successful leaders who want to clarify their core values;
- Visionary leaders who are looking to understand better the tensions inherent in conceptions of the good life;
- Concerned leaders who wish to be challenged to think more deeply and act more justly;

The Seminar is designed to enable its participants to become better leaders by understanding the goals that motivate us and how our values both coincide and conflict with those of others.

## METHODOLOGY

The seminar will call for extensive participation and will require prior preparation. Each participant will receive a set of readings (both Modern and Classical) in advance. These readings form the basis for the exploration. Coupled with each participant's personal experiences and perspectives, they form a challenging brew to explore deeply-held opinions and behaviour. The facilitators will moderate rather than lecture, allowing the richness in the room to come out.

## MODERATORS—A BRIEF PROFILE

The Challenges of Leadership Seminar will be moderated by Aspen trained moderators who are also Fellows of the Ananta Aspen India Leadership Initiative.

**JAMES ABRAHAM** is **Founder & Director of SolarArise**



which will own and operate one of the largest portfolios of solar-power plants in India. Prior to this, he was the Managing Director of SunBorne Energy and launched the largest public-private partnership in solar R&D with the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. He started his career with BCG in Toronto

before moving to India in 1998 to set-up BCG's New Delhi office. James has an engineering degree, an MBA from the Wharton School, and an MA from the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies.

**NAVITA MAHAJAN** is a program associate at Hiroshima



Peace Builder Center and an Ambassador for the International Civilian Peace-keeping & Peace Building Training Program, Austria. She has been a co-editor of Review of Peace Building Studies of Hiroshima Peace Building Centre, Hiroshima University, Japan. Navita is the immediate past National Chair

for CII's Young Indians Leadership Academy and is the founder member & Moderator of the Leadership Assembly of Commonwealth-Asia Alliance of Young Entrepreneurs (CAAYE). She has a Doctorate in Educational Psychology and has been passionately working on education, peace and security processes through track II diplomacy.

**GOVINDRAJ ETHIRAJ**, a career TV & print journalist, is



**Founder-Editor of Indiaspend**, which won second place at the BMW Foundation Responsible Leaders Awards 2014. He is also a **Co-Founder at Ping Digital Network**, a next generation TV network building content on the digital platform. He writes for Forbes India and is a Consulting Editor with Headlines Today,

where he anchors the show *Bottomline*. Earlier, he was Founder-Editor-in-Chief of Bloomberg TV India. He completed a 1-year public service tenure with the UIDAI programme.

## DATES & FEES

- **21 Sept – 25 Sept 2015 at Taj Fort Aguada Goa.**
- Seminar fee per participant is ₹96,900 inclusive of taxes. **10% discount for Ananta Centre members: ₹87,210 inclusive of taxes.** This amount is payable to “**Ananta Centre**” either by cheque or through wire transfer. Should you want to make a wire transfer, bank details are available on the attached form to be filled out by you. **The Fee includes accommodation, meals and reading material.**

## NOMINATIONS

Nominations as per the enclosed Nomination form should reach latest by **Aug 20, 2015**. Nominations will be confirmed subject to the receipt of the Participation Fee.

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation charges of 50% can be avoided by sending a suitable replacement by **1st Sept**.

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—**MEETU KAPUR,**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, **CII-FACE**

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