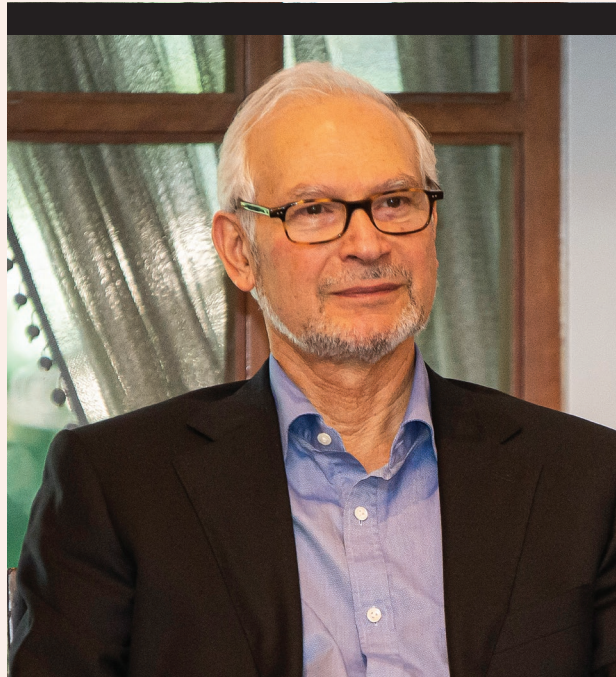


‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’
The World is One Family
— Rig Veda

Annual Report
2019-20

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



JAMSHYD GODREJ
Chairman, Ananta Centre

Dear Friends,

We are adapting to the 'new-normal' that the pandemic has brought in its wake. This is a good time to reflect on whether we want to revert to Business as Usual, or leverage the changed circumstances to make definitive and long-due changes in our society.

There is no time like the present to work on the future. But the present has never been more pliant to making ethics and dialogue fundamental to the way we operate as a people. These traits give us the resilience to face any crisis; at the Centre we work to make these the defining qualities of our society.

Exchange of ideas, knowledge and sharing of perspective are fundamental to dialogue. Over the years, Ananta Centre has been working to build robust, multi-stakeholder dialogue platforms that convene a diverse group of leaders and tackle a range of issues. In a country like India which has multiple realities, the importance of such platforms can never be overstated.

I would like to call out two public policy dialogues series that the Centre runs.

In 2019, the Centre organized two seminars under the KPMG-supported, Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain for Efficient Public Services Delivery. It is becoming increasingly evident that these frontier technologies can change the paradigm of public service delivery and that, governments are open to adopting them. The Woman Speaks, supported by JCB India, brings together achievers from different walks of life for a constructive conversation on how to help women realize their economic and social potential.

Our convening strategy is to bring together influential stakeholders for action-based conversations. The Ananta Godrej Ideas India, a Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellows Initiative, inspires an exchange of ideas and perspectives on critical issues facing the country. The overarching theme of the 2019 edition was "Borders – Within and Around Us."

In the new world, the boundaries around us are like shifting sands and it is important for India to invest deeply in its foreign policy. In a world where economies are becoming inter-dependent, it is becoming increasingly important to take a nuanced stand. Ananta Centre extends its dialogue initiative to the realms of foreign policy as well and works to connect influential stakeholders in India with their counterparts in other countries.

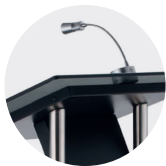
In 2019, it co-convened the third edition of the India US Forum, with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. US is one of India's most strategic partners with shared interests that extend beyond democracy. The closed-door deliberations, held under the Chatham House Rule touched on topics ranging from technology exchange to geopolitics.

The Growth Net Summit, supported by CII, is a nod to the growing importance of dynamic economies such as Indonesia, South Africa, Singapore, Vietnam, Colombia and the Gulf nations. The Summit helps in the exchange of knowledge and perspectives which help participants engage better with these emerging economies.

As we stand at the cusp of a new time, we should put our houses in order and leave a legacy of wisdom, co-operation and kinship for the future generations. At Ananta we are working to build this legacy. Walk with us, in this journey of collaboration.

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International Relations



Forum



Closed Door

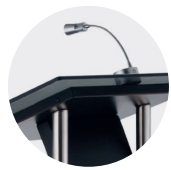


Public sessions

The changing global realities have reshaped India's traditional approach to diplomacy. There is now space for informal channels of communication like Track II diplomacy and stakeholder meets that have a strong government representation.

Ananta Centre works to strengthen these informal channels through well-established multistakeholder forums as well as ad hoc public sessions. These platforms help in building informed public opinion, which is an important input into foreign policy making.





Forum

The India-US Forum

3RD EDITION | NEW DELHI | 16-17 AUGUST, 2019

The India-US relationship has become indispensable in today's rapidly evolving geopolitical environment. The India-US Forum is a unique platform where delegates from both countries meet to exchange ideas, build mutual trust and develop a joint agenda for future cooperation.

The Forum, instituted in 2017, is co-convened by Ananta Centre and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The third edition, held on 16 - 17 August,

2019 in New Delhi, was co-chaired by Jamshyd N. Godrej, Chairman, Ananta Centre and Chairman of the Board, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited and Ambassador Navtej Sarna, Former Ambassador of India to The United States.

This 2019 chapter saw the largest delegation yet from the US administration. The participants, numbering over a 100, included representatives from US administration, business leaders and CEOs, heads of think

Below **S Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India and **John Hamre**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Strategic and International Studies

tanks, academics and thought leaders, senior journalists and authors. There was also strong government representation with Indian cabinet ministers and senior government officials as well as Members of the US Congress.

The closed door deliberations, held under the Chatham House Rule, discussed a variety of topics of mutual interest for both countries including defence, security, energy, trade, combating terrorism, disruptive technologies, soft power, multilateralism and cooperation in regions like the Indo-Pacific and West Asia.

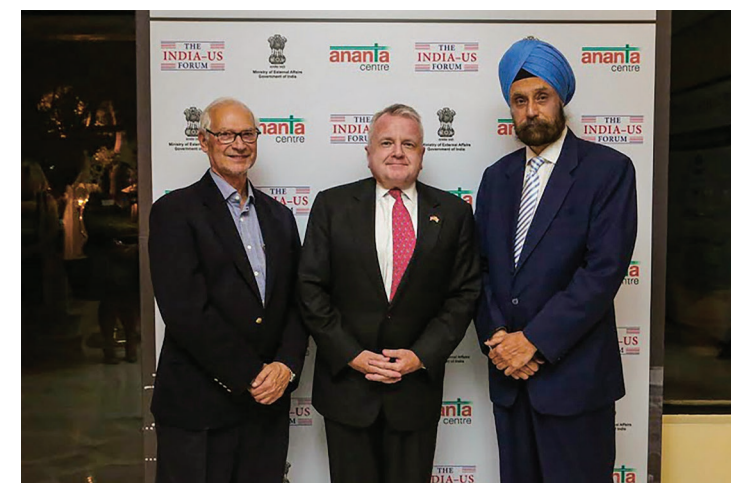
The deliberations went beyond political, geographical and economic boundaries to include discussions on initiatives and ways to take the Indo-US bilateral relationship to a new level. ■

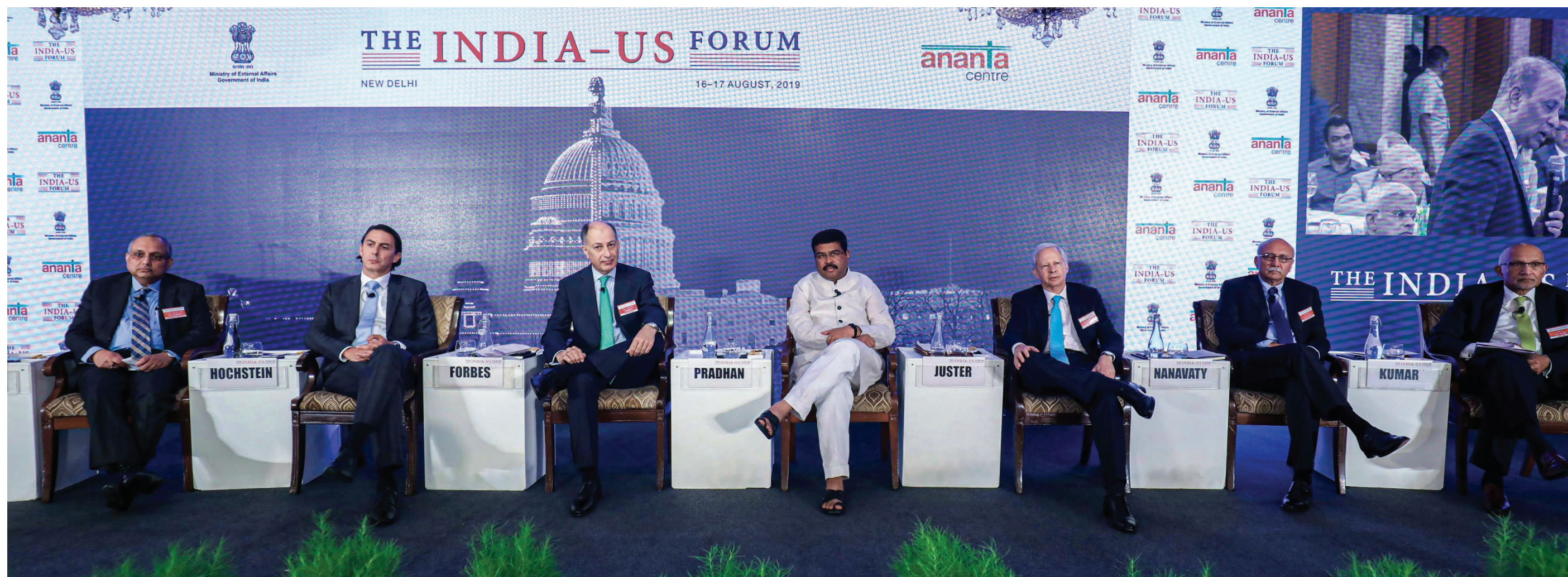


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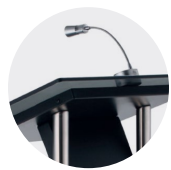
Bottom L to R The co-chairs of the 3rd India US Forum: **Jamshyd Godrej**, Chairman, Ananta Centre and Chairman of the Board, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited (left) and **Navtej Sarna**, Former Ambassador of India to the US (right) with **John J Sullivan**, Deputy Secretary of State, The United States (center)





Session on Energy & Trade Ties: Growing convergences for shared prosperity

L to R Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry; **Amos Hochstein**, Senior Vice President, Tellurian Inc. and former U.S. International Energy envoy to President Obama; **Naushad Forbes**, Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall and Chairman, Ananta Aspen Centre; Keynote speaker **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of Steel, Government of India; **Kenneth I. Juster**, US Ambassador to India; **Kamal Nanavaty**, President, Strategy Development, Reliance Industries Limited; and session chair **Arun Kumar**, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, KPMG India



Forum

The Growth Net Summit 7.0

NEW DELHI | 6-7 JUNE, 2019

Ananta Centre, in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), created the Growth Net Summit in 2013 to reflect the new realities in the global economy.

The rise of diversified global conglomerates from countries such as Indonesia, South Africa, Singapore, Vietnam, Colombia and the Gulf nations are changing the business paradigm making it important for India to be a part of this new conversation. The Growth Net Summit aims at intensifying

engagement between India and countries of the new constellation of growth. The broad conversation theme for the 7th Annual Growth Net Summit was *Innovating our ways amidst structural disruptions*.

There was a wide range of conversations: how technology can be leveraged to create new opportunities in emerging countries; strategies that start-ups can adopt in these regions; the role that AI and Big Data analytics can play in shaping these economies and the impact of new trade paradigms

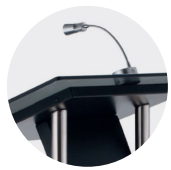
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on this group. India was a strong factor in most conversations. It is expected to become a USD 1 trillion digital economy by 2025 and needs to invest heavily in digital infrastructure to sustain its potential. Technology innovations can be the solution to many of its social challenges, provided there is an ecosystem that encourages quality education, effective implementation of programmes and the spirit of entrepreneurship. ■



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Forum

The India US Business Story

NEW DELHI | 25 FEBRUARY 2020

On the occasion of the first official visit of Mr Donald Trump, The President of the United States of America, to India, Ananta Centre along with US India Business Council, Indiaspora, Confederation of India Industry and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade of the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, convened a by-invitation only gathering to discuss this vital bilateral relationship and explore opportunities to collaborate in innovation and entrepreneurship.

The gathering saw **Mr Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce

& Industry, speak about the latest discussions between the two countries on pursuing a trade deal with renewed vigor.

Mr Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of Steel elaborated on PM Modi and President Trump's announcement to scale up energy cooperation while **Mr B J Panda**, National Vice President & Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party and Trustee, Ananta Centre, spoke of the bipartisan support both countries receive domestically on strengthening the vital bilateral relationship. ■

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Left **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of Steel, Government of India



Public Session

The West Asia Security Scenario: Prospects for India-West Asia Ties Seminar

NEW DELHI | 26 APRIL 2019

Ananta Centre brought together experts for a discussion on *The West Asia Security Scenario: Prospects for India-West Asia Ties*. Ambassador Ranjit Gupta, Former Ambassador of India to Yemen & Oman chaired the session. The discussion examined the various dynamics at play in the region, which is known to be a turbulent one.

Saudi Arabia is a central player in the affairs of the region, though its approach is low key and behind the scenes. Iran and Turkey are part of the three, non-Arab regional powers (the third one being Israel) and both nations have exercised pervasive influence on the region at various points in history. West Asia is now a key focus

area of Russia's foreign policy. Further, it has emerged as a lead actor in shaping the region's geo-political landscape, particularly since its military intervention in Syria in 2015. US displays ambiguity in its approach to the region.

West Asian countries have always managed to attract strategic interest from almost all the countries in the world prominently due to the abundance of natural resources such as oil and natural gas. India has enjoyed thriving trade relations with almost all the actively trading West Asian countries owing to its liberal, optimally-placed interests in foreign policy. ■

Below left Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India **Below right Mukesh Bhargava**, Commodore (Retd.), Head & Vice President (Special Projects Underwater Platforms) Larsen & Toubro Limited



Public Session

New India meets a New Nigeria: Creating an Indo-African growth story

NEW DELHI | 8 APRIL 2019

Nigeria has been among India's primary economic partners and diplomatic friends in the continent. While the economic relationship in the past revolved around oil supplies, today both economies have much more to offer each other.

Nigeria, is home to Africa's most valuable tech ecosystem. There is also scope for increased collaboration with India in sectors like energy, telecom and information technology. Indian investment in Nigeria passed \$ 10 billion last year and spanned manufacturing, mining, consumer goods and information technology.

Today, both countries face common security

concerns in the form of terrorism. Being the largest powers in their region, they also have similar concerns about neighbourhood stability.

Ananta Centre organized a public session, *New India meets a New Nigeria: Creating an Indo-Africa growth story* to discuss the relations between both the countries. **H.E. Mr. Chris Sunday Eze**, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India and **Mr Amar Sinha**, Member, National Security Advisory Board, discussed the nature and extent of bilateral cooperation between the two countries and the significance of Nigeria to Africa and the world at large..



Chris Sunday Eze, High Commissioner of Nigeria to India (left) and **Amar Sinha**, Member, National Security Advisory Board and Former Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (right)



Public Sessions

Session on India's relations with Mercosur and Economic Relations with Latin America

NEW DELHI | 25 JULY 2019

India and the Mercosur bloc have been working to expand their preferential trade agreement (PTA) in order to better penetrate each other's market.

Dialogues thus far have not been very successful. However, with the trade agreement between Mercosur and the European Union being finalized, the bloc is likely to be receptive to new negotiations. It's a good time for productive negotiations between India and the Latin American countries.

Ananta Centre held a session to invite a conversation on the issue. **Dr Ignacio Bartesaghi**, Dean, Faculty of Business Studies & Director, Department of International Business and Integration, Catholic University, Uruguay; **Mr Shyamal Misra**, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India and **Ms Yojna Patel**, Joint Secretary, Latin America & Caribbean Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India were a part of the discussion. **Mr Deepak Bhojwani**, Former Ambassador of India to Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba and Distinguished Fellow, Ananta Centre, chaired the session.

The discussion threw light on many aspects to be considered while engaging with Mercosur. Brazil being the largest economy in the group, has the power to influence the bloc's decision and hence is the most strategic dialogue partner for India. The country has ongoing negotiations with

Peru regarding a preferential agreement that could push service exports and boost the sector in India. India's relations with Uruguay are also getting better. India imports goods worth USD 15 million per annum from Uruguay and exports goods worth USD 200 million. It has renegotiated its agreement with Chile and signed the new PSA (Partial Scope Agreement) under which both countries have offered concessions on tariff lines to each other. This is a much deeper agreement than what India has with most Latin American countries.

However, harsh barriers to trade, both tariff and non-tariff, continue to colour the India-Mercosur conversation. Both sides need to address this. While there is mutual interest in expanding trade, political engagement is necessary to sustain the momentum of the negotiations. It is also important to work alongside regional blocs to fully understand the markets. The private sector can play an important role in pushing for a Free Trade Agreement. The Indian Government is seeking partnership from the industry to put forth agendas that will give Indian companies a better footprint in Latin American countries. ■

India-Mercosur conversations need to address the harsh trade barriers.

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19 FEBRUARY 2020
NEW DELHI

**Closed Door Interac-
tion with Kenneth I.
Juster, US Ambassador
to India.**

**L to R Kenneth I Juster, US
Ambassador to India with
Naushad Forbes, Chair-
man Ananta Aspen Centre
and Co-Chairman Forbes
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Public Policy



The AI and
Cybersecurity
Series



The Woman
Speaks Series



Public sessions

India has a strong people's voice. Multiple worldviews and perspectives co-exist and add to the robustness of the democracy. Ananta Centre works to build strong, non-partisan dialogue platforms that encourage these different viewpoints.

These forums bring together leaders from all walks of life to examine critical issues facing the country and explore solutions in the spirit of shared responsibility. Some of these dialogues are long standing while others are in the form of stand-alone public sessions.





AI and Cybersecurity Series

Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain for Efficient Public Services Delivery

2 MAY 2019, BENGALURU | 19 NOVEMBER, HYDERABAD



Above L-R Shalini Pillay, Office Managing Partner, Bangalore, KPMG India; Vishwesh Padmanabhan, Partner and Head, Digital Consulting, KPMG India; Gaurav Gupta, Principal Secretary, Department of Biotechnology and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka; T Parabrahman, Past Chairman, CII Karnataka

The second and third seminars in the series on Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain for Efficient Public Services Delivery were held in Bangalore and Hyderabad.

This series has been designed by Ananta Centre and its knowledge partner KPMG to encourage conversation and exchange of ideas between relevant stakeholders on how Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain – two frontier technologies – can transform public services delivery for India. The

two seminars were successful in garnering quality participation and generating action-based conversation.

Key takeaways

The government was predicted to be the largest consumer of AI, given the technology's potential in the space of governance, participatory development, healthcare, financial inclusion, agriculture practices and water management. States like Karnataka and Telangana are already using AI

technologies in many of their initiatives; Telangana has also worked out a charter of "Internet of things" in governance.

India's public sector is fast emerging as a large consumer of Blockchain technology. Currently, the sector has 40+ Blockchain initiatives. The start-up community in India is working on various blockchain based solutions focusing on supply chain, e-governance, healthcare and BFSI. The government is not just playing the role of a regulator but that of a consumer as well. For example, the government of Andhra Pradesh is working with Zebi data for blockchain-based solutions in land registry and with Hitachi to set up an online citizen governance platform.

The seminar threw up the need for AI & Blockchain Literacy Programmes for citizens. Informed citizenry would help the government to make more legitimate use of these technologies. The government needs to catalyze a healthy eco system of startups, technology solution providers, CoEs, regulators and end users and also come up with a clear, objective-driven policy frame work. ■

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Case study presentations on applications of Blockchain for efficient public service delivery



Nipun Mehrotra, Ex-Chief Digital Officer, IBM India Pvt. Ltd.





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The Woman Speaks Series

Part 2 | Education and Vocational Skilling for Women: Challenges and Opportunity

15 JULY 2019 | NEW DELHI

Ananta Centre, supported by JCB, holds The Woman Speaks Series in association with the GP Birla Educational Foundation. The dialogue platform - by and for women - provides a safe space for open discussions on what women have to face in the battle to define their identity outside societal norms. The intent is to bring out the true nature of conflict within and highlight the inconsistencies in how women are viewed.

The sessions focus on the experiences and challenges faced by women and their own affirmations of worth, power and vulnerability in a world where the odds are stacked against them.

An eminent panel

The second discussion in the series titled Education and Vocational Skilling for Women: Challenges and Opportunity had **Ms Hasina Kharbhih**, Founder MD, Impulse Social Enterprises Pvt. Ltd, **Ms Manika Sharma**, Director, The Shri Ram Schools, and **Dr Shubnum Singh**, Chairperson, Health Sector, Skills, and Founder Member, Skills Development Council. **Mr Aditya Natraj**, Founder & Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation was the moderator.

The panel looked at skilling through the gender lens, making the case for an ecosystem that recognized and worked around the challenges that women faced. ■

Along with skilling, it is equally necessary to provide market access in order to have sustained employability and make women self-sufficient.



Opposite page Shubnum Singh
Top left Hasina Kharbhih
Top right Manika Sharma
Left Aditya Natraj



The Woman Speaks Series

Part 3 | Being a Young Woman in India: Narratives and Perspectives

19 NOVEMBER 2019 | NEW DELHI

In the third part of the series, four inspiring narratives were presented by Ananta Aspen GP Birla Fellows. The crux of their stories was that women should be encouraged to question the set norms in society. This can help change the narrative and allow women to be seen as independent beings with their own ambitions and desires.

The conversation was moderated by **Mr Amitav Virmani**, Founder CEO, The Education Alliance and Ananta Aspen Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellow. ■

Having a strong role model encourages women to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

Right top **Shriti Pandey**, Founder & Director, Strawcture Eco; Right bottom **Ashweetha Shetty**, Founder, Bodhi Tree Foundation, Tirunelveli



Above left **Vasanthi Veluri**, Co-Founder, Peoli, Almora; Above right **Shaheena Attarwala**, UX Design Leader, Lawyer and Social Activist, Bengaluru; Left **Amitav Virmani**, Founder CEO, The Education Alliance and Ananta Aspen Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellow



Public Sessions

Will the Budget Help Revive Growth?: the Union Budget and After

SESSION ON ECONOMY AND POLICY | 19 FEBRUARY 2020, NEW DELHI

The Ananta Centre, supported by Forbes Marshall Pvt Ltd, organised a post-budget public session to discuss the Union Budget and what could be done to improve the growth rate trajectory in the coming financial year.

The budget was examined in the context of four challenges facing the economy: weak demand, need for institutional reforms, liquidity and the crisis in the non banking financial sector.

The panel consisted of **Dr Naushad Forbes**, Co-Chairman, Forbes Marshall and Chairman, Ananta Aspen Centre, **Mr AK Bhattacharya**, Editorial Director, Business Standard and **Prof. Ajit Mishra**, Director, Institute of Economic Growth. **Mr Tarun Das**, Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth and Founding Trustee, Ananta Aspen Centre was the moderator. ■

“**There could be a body similar to the GST Council for health, education or other sectors where State and Centre play an equal role. This form of cooperative federalism would increase institutional capacity and allow for efficient spending of money.** A K Bhattacharya

Below Tarun Das



Above left Naushad Forbes
Above right Ajit Mishra
Left A K Bhattacharya



Public Sessions

New Rules for the Internet: Shaping the Digital Economy

A CONVERSATION WITH **SIR NICHOLAS CLEGG** | 12 SEPTEMBER 2019, NEW DELHI



The Ananta Centre, in association with Facebook, organized a session on “New Rules for the Internet-Shaping the Digital Economy” on 12th September 2019 at The Imperial, New Delhi.

This was a kickoff session to know how the Internet is affecting the global economy. At the session, **Sir Nicholas Clegg**, Vice President of Global Affairs and Communi-

cations, Facebook Inc. and former Deputy Prime Minister of UK outlined the future of a data-driven economy and what international relations and governance principles would look like in the future as technology continues to evolve. The session was chaired by **Mr Baijayant ‘Jay’ Panda**, National Vice President and Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Trustee, Ananta Centre. ■

Above The Chair welcoming **Nicholas Clegg**



Above left **Nicholas Clegg**, Vice President of Global Affairs and Communications, Facebook Inc. and former Deputy Prime Minister of UK Above right The session was chaired by **Baijayant ‘Jay’ Panda**, National Vice President and Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Trustee, Ananta Aspen Centre Left The audience at the session

This new world with internet needs new rules to be written and these rules must include new values that can be inculcated in everyone’s lives.



Public Sessions

Are we Cyber Secure Enough?

A DIALOGUE WITH **DR PATRICK GALLAGHER**, CHANCELLOR, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH | 8 MAY 2019, MUMBAI



Ananta Centre organized a public session on cyber security to encourage dialogue on concerns such as protection against cyber-attacks and malicious actors interested in stealing or disrupting data.

Dr Patrick Gallagher, Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh was the keynote speaker and the session was chaired by **Mr Govindraj Ethiraj**, Founder, BOOM and IndiaSpend and Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellow.

Dr Gallagher pointed out three key road-blocks to cyber security: Collection of Information, Expertise and Dependency. In an information-abundant world, there is no control over the information collection process, the internet is not controlled by a small community of experts and entire economies are dependent on the internet for the movement of information and trust. In such a scenario the real solution would be for mankind to adapt to co-exist-

Above Keynote speaker **Patrick Gallagher**, Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh with the Chair for the session **Govindraj Ethiraj**, Founder, BOOM and IndiaSpend and Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellow



Above left **Patrick Gallagher**, Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh
Above and left Participants with **Govindraj Ethiraj**



ing with machines. In the future, technology will shape our social structures. A human-machine system is being created and the idea of 'cyborgs' is no longer in the realms of science fiction. ■

Information is being called the new oil in terms of its economic value but, it better be called the new oxygen

Dr Patrick Gallagher

Leadership

Ananta Godrej Ideas India

6–8 September 2019, Jodhpur

Ananta Godrej Ideas India is an initiative of the fellows of the Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship, which is run by the Ananta Aspen Centre. It's a convening where the Fellows come together to discuss difficult issues and table ideas for a better India. This convening is especially critical in the context of the present where multiple factors ranging from economics to religion are actively affecting the course of the country.



Ajeet Bajaj, Managing Director, Snow Leopard Adventures Pvt. Ltd being honoured by **Jamshyd Godrej** for climbing Mount Everest

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Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament



Above L-R **Sanjay Chhabra**, Partner, Archer & Angel; **David Rasquinha**, Managing Director, Export-Import Bank of India; **Pratibha Jain**, Partner & Head, Delhi Office, Nishith Desai Associates; **Sanjay Jaju**, Joint Secretary (DIP), Ministry of Defence, Government of India; **Nidhi Pant**, Head, DesiVdesi and Co-founder, Science for Society (S4S) and **Tarun Das**, Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre & Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth, speaking at the session on 'India's Economic Growth Challenge: Mind Or Matter?'



L-R **Radhika Piramal**, Executive Vice Chairperson, VIP Industries Ltd; **Prasad Dandekar**, MD, DNB, EPG-DHAv, and **Pallav Patankar**, Executive Director, ALMATA, speaking at the session on 'Equal Work Places: The Challenge Of Bridging Gaps'

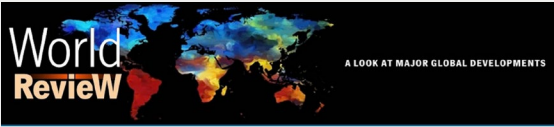
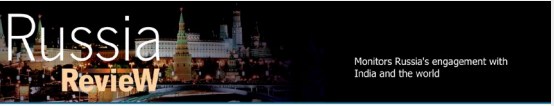
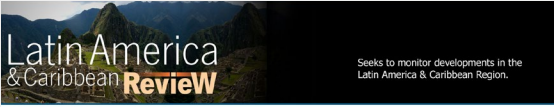


Clockwise from top left **James Abraham**, Founder and Director, SolarArise; **Pankaj Sahni**, CEO, Medanta-The Medicity; **KC Verma**, Former Chief, R&AW; and **Amitabh Yash**, Inspector General of Police (Special Task Force), Uttar Pradesh

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Our panel of experts



Gautam Bambawale
Former Ambassador to Bhutan, China and
High Commissioner to Pakistan;
Distinguished Fellow, Ananta Centre



A K Bhattacharya
Editorial Director, Business Standard;
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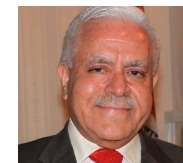
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