

# ***Profile***

## PROJECT ASHA

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Prof. P.S.N. Rao is an eminent personality in the real estate, housing and urban development sector in India, playing a proactive role as an academician, consultant, policy advocate and industry advisor for over 32 years. He is a recipient of the SPA Gold Medal, Indian Buildings Congress Medal, the AICTE Young Teachers' Award, Shiksha Rattan Puraskar, and Best Citizens Award. Presently, he is Director, School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi as well as Chairman of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission and Board member of Ujjain Smart City Limited.

Akshay Atreja is an Electrical Engineering graduate from the National Institute of Technology, Jaipur. A green energy enthusiast, he has worked in the renewable energy industry with the Aditya Birla Group in areas of planning, budgeting, erection & commissioning of MW scale rooftops. As a Smart Cities Fellow, he looks forward to working on challenges associated with the design and operation of microgrids in cities that will allow higher renewable penetration, especially electric vehicles, and energy storage systems.

A curious learner and an athlete, Akshay is always up for a game of badminton and a swim. After all, 'Jo Khele Wahi Khile'!

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Harveen Kaur is a doctoral research scholar from Delhi University. With a Masters in Resource Management (specialising in Environment Management & Sustainable Development) from Delhi University, she also has a post-graduate diploma in Environmental Law & Management from Indian Law Institute, Delhi. With published articles to her credit, she intends to work on policy implementation, governance, capacity building in the waste management sector –with a special focus on e-waste management.

Outside of work, Harveen likes to travel, explore new ideas, watch movies and attend motivational workshops.

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Empati Uday Kumar is from Karimnagar, Telangana. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada. Uday has worked as Project Officer in Bhubaneswar Smart City Limited, and has previous experience in construction management and project management in urban planning. He intends to work on urban finance, policy, and governance under various urban development projects.

Uday's hobbies include solving puzzles, debating and playing badminton.

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Amit Varma is an Architect-Planner with a post-graduate degree from School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, and a graduate degree in Architecture from IGCA, Mohali. He has worked as an Urban Planner in the City Development Planning Project, as well as an academician in various government and private institutes, including Kaushal Kendra at Central University of Rajasthan. Amit intends to work on inclusive housing and related infrastructure for various urban development projects. He believes that “your attitude towards life determines life’s attitude towards you”.

Apart from work, Amit loves to play video games, write (Hindi quotes), watch and play cricket.

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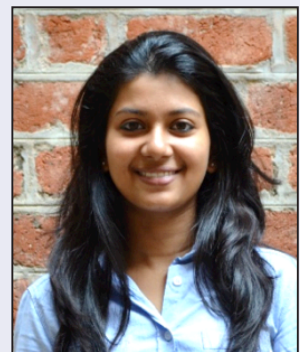


Jagan Shah is an architect and urbanist with a deep interest in the future of cities. He has been engaged with the urban sector in India for over twenty years, through consultancy, teaching, writing, and public speaking. From 2013 till 2019, he was Director of the National Institute of Urban Affairs, India’s premier urban thinktank. Under his leadership, the organisation provided evidence-based policy and planning support to urban local bodies, state governments and the central Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs for a diverse range of subjects including smart city development, e-governance, integrated spatial & physical planning, water & sanitation, municipal finance, transit-oriented development, land value capture, resilienc, and sustainability. Shah is a Trustee on the Board of Clean Air Asia, an international NGO based in Manila. He received his education and training at the School of Planning & Architecture, New Delhi, the University of Cincinnati and Columbia University, New York.

Anindita Saikia is an Urban Planner from CEPT University, Ahmedabad. She has worked on various areas of the Swachh Bharat Mission like the capacity building of municipal functionaries, assisting cities in Swachh Survekshan and also worked on a research study on dry waste management in Urban Local Bodies. She intends to work on areas of urban infrastructure/services planning and urban governance under various urban development projects of the Government of India.

Outside of work, Anindita loves to cook and is a karaoke enthusiast!

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Punit Gandhi, a renewable energy expert, completed his MSc in Sustainable Energy Technology from TU-Delft, Netherlands. He tries to solve problems with systems thinking and has created unique opportunities for his company Orgro Energy to collaborate and work on various projects. He believes that it is possible to make zero energy cities in the future to reduce climate-related problems we face today.

When he is not saving the world, Punit explores music, plays percussion and enjoys cooking.

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Sukhbeer Singh is a public policy professional, with a Master in Public Policy from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru and a Bachelor's in Physical Sciences from St. Stephen's College, Delhi. He worked with the policy advocacy vertical at the Tata Trusts where he provided policy-focused inputs to scaling philanthropic impact. He is versed in cost-benefit analysis and socio-legal analysis of urban interventions. He intends to work on the problems of data frameworks and political economy in the domain of urban development.

During breaks, Sukhbeer can be found capturing Delhi's hidden monuments with his lens and searching for the ultimate experience in vegan eating.

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Kuhan Madhan is a graduate of policy and governance studies from the Crawford School of Policymaking. His policy experience is centred around the political economy and critical analysis of development policies with a focus on improving governance mechanisms and regulatory structures. He is passionate about narrative building and the use of behavioural sciences to make impactful outcomes in resource use and management.

A vivid storyteller of the past and diligent harbinger of the future, Kuhan is a semi-pro landscape photographer and loves deconstructing metaphysics.

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Dr. Ashvani K. Gosain, is an Emeritus Professor in the area of Water Resources Engineering and GIS Technologies, in the Civil Engineering Department, IIT Delhi. Prof. Gosain pioneered the climate change impact assessment on Indian water resources that was incorporated in the two National Communications made to the UNFCCC. He has also been a reviewer for AR4 and AR5 of IPCC. He has also formulated the Drainage Master Plan of NCT of Delhi for the Delhi Government. He is part of the expert committees appointed by the National Green Tribunal to suggest solutions to deal with the pollution levels in Ganga and Yamuna.

Shilpa Singh is a Town & Country Planner who graduated from COEP, Pune with a post-graduate degree in Water Policy and Governance from TISS, Mumbai. She worked with Tata Trusts as a Swasth Bharat Prerak in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh for the efficient implementation of POSHAN Abhiyaan under the National Nutrition Mission in collaboration with the State Government. She intends to work in the urban water sector and is also interested in housing and transportation initiatives under the Smart Cities Mission.

Shilpa spends her leisure time listening to music, painting, craft making and is fond of reading quotes and short poems.

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Naman Sharma is an architecture graduate from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee. He has worked as deputy manager of architecture in the Design Centre of Shapoorji Pallonji Engineering and Construction, where he was involved in commercial and urban regeneration projects of national importance in Delhi and Bengaluru. During this stint, he has also gained experience in project finance & management and several pioneering building technologies. Naman has interests in data analytics and visualisations and believes that reaping benefits from data will make our cities more open, equitable and emergent.

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Prof. K.T. Ravindran is a Senior Academic Advisor at the RICS School of Built Environment, Chairman of the Architectural Heritage Advisory Committee of INTACH and a Trustee of the Indian Heritage Cities Network Foundation. He was also a Member of the Advisory Board for the United Nations Capital Master Plan, New York, and a member of expert committee under Government of India for the new capital of Andhra Pradesh and subsequently Member of the International Jury for the A.P. Capital Complex. He was formerly Vice Chairman of the Central Environmental Impact Assessment Committee, and former Chairman of the Delhi Urban Art Commission. His practice includes design of green-field cities, cultural buildings, memorials, adaptive reuse and urban conservation. His works and research have been published in journals and books internationally.

Kirti Kawale is an Architect and Urban Designer, with a graduate degree in Architecture from Nagpur University and a post-graduate degree from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. An Urbanist, with 10 years of experience, her work ranges from conceptualising and designing of urban spaces and street scapes, to research on various urban issues. She intends to work on integrated urban development with holistic approach and focus on tangible improvement of the public environment.

A national level participant in Atya Patya, she is up for any game when it comes to sports and believes in team spirit. Apart from this, she loves to travel, trek and sketch.

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Mansi Naidu completed her B.Tech in Electronics from University of Delhi and has worked on various projects including cloud-based media streaming, smart car security system and intelligent traffic management system. She intends to work on ICT-led smart solutions and data driven initiatives under the Smart Cities Mission. She is also a civil services aspirant and hopes to join the Indian Administrative Services one day.

Mansi holds a diploma in Bharatanatyam and enjoys dancing. She is a curious soul who loves indulging in creative pursuits now and then.

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Sadaf Sethwala is a development professional with an MA in Development from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. With a strong belief in the role of education to impact change, she has been working as a grassroots educator, using activity-based approaches to strengthen foundational learning. She was also part of the Future Leaders in Development programme hosted by IIM-Udaipur and the Duke Sanford School of Public Policy. She is keen to explore the potential of technology in making the public education system more learner-centric and one that nurtures creativity.

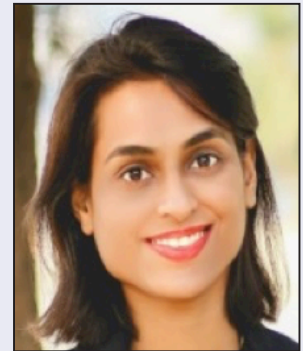
In her free time, when not huddled with a book, Sadaf loves to travel and explore new places.

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Shubhashweti Sinha is an Architect with an MSc in International Cooperation Sustainable Emergency Architecture from UIC, Barcelona. Her studies focused on urban regeneration, development planning and post disaster rehabilitation. She has experience working with the Urban Strategic Planning committee of United Cities & Local Governments along with planning various area development and urban design proposals in India. She intends to study urban transformation with inclusive public spaces, innovation and city to city cooperation.

Shubhashweti is passionate about design entrepreneurship, is an avid traveler, writer and is always up for a game of badminton.

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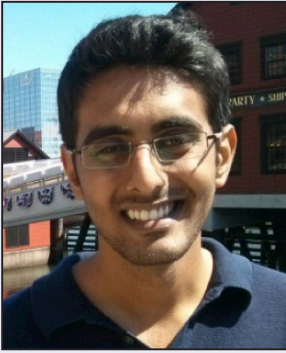


Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay is part of the founding team at the IDFC and joined the Centre for Policy Research in 2006. He has previously held positions with the EXIM Bank of India, and the World Bank. He recently chaired the Working Group on Migration, Government of India, and was a member of the High Level Railway Restructuring Committee, Ministry of Railways, and the Technical Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation among others. Prof. Mukhopadhyay has served as faculty at premier management and planning institutes across the country and also serves on the Scientific Advisory Council of LIRNEasia, Colombo.

Josh Singh is a graduate engineer from PEC University, Chandigarh with experience in finance & management consulting. He has worked with J.P Morgan as an Investment Banker and has also worked in the development of sustainability investment index at Morningstar. Prior to joining the fellowship, he was working with ICF Consulting where he supported strategic regulatory advisory, market due-diligence & financial transaction services. He intends to work in areas of urban finance, strategic planning, revenue mobilisation, and fintech digitisation in the context of various urban development projects.

Living up to his name, Josh likes to trek, run, write poems and play squash.  
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Ambar Chandra Sinha is a Mechanical Engineer from Manipal University. He has worked on Clean Tech Solutions for the cold chain industry across India and Boston, operated a hyper-local delivery startup and worked to provide multi-sector infrastructure consultancy for multi-lateral development bank-funded projects across South East Asia, South Asia and East Africa.

With interests in urban finance and mobility, he plans to pursue a career at the intersection of technology, policy, and business.

A multi-tasker, Ambar enjoys public policy debates, adventure sports, watching & writing fiction, working on disruptive ideas, and impromptu trips.

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Dr. O.P. Agarwal is currently the India Country Director of the World Resources Institute and the CEO of its Indian arm, known as WRI India. He was a member of the IAS from 1979 to 2007 and was allocated to the Assam cadre. He was previously the Joint Secretary in charge of Urban Transport in the Ministry of Urban Development and Secretary for Transport in Assam. He was the principal author of the National Urban Transport Policy for the country, which was adopted in 2006 and has remained the key document guiding urban transport investments since then. He has worked in the World Bank for 6 years as its global Urban Transport Adviser in Washington DC.

Smriti Bhatnagar is an urban development and low carbon mobility professional. She has worked at The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi for four years where she was involved in projects which promoted sustainable mobility for Indian cities funded by the European Union and the World Bank. She holds an MSc. in Urban Development & Management from The Institute of Housing and Urban Development, Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

Apart from work, Smriti has a keen interest in world history.

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Rahul Khanna has a Master's degree in Environmental Planning from School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi and a Bachelor's degree in Technology from Jawaharlal Nehru Architecture and Fine Arts University, Hyderabad. He has worked with the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation and Tata Trusts in the successful implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural). Rahul wants to work towards integrating planning with ICT, although he is interested in working in almost every subject that is related to Nation Building.

His hobbies include playing basketball, reading books, watching movies, dancing, traveling and learning new things.

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YSK Prerana is a Media studies graduate from Symbiosis International University, with a Master's in Gender Studies from Sussex University (United Kingdom). She is experienced in working with nonprofits centered around intellectual disabilities, child rights, queer rights, and feminist policy-making. She is currently interested in investigating public spaces through the filters of gender and accessibility.

Out of office, Prerana enjoys badminton, baking, organizing color-coded stationery, and creating multimedia art.

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Dr. Rajesh Tandon, Founder of Participatory Research in Asia, is an internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. In 2012, he was appointed UNESCO Co-Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. Dr. Tandon serves as chairperson of the Global Alliance on Community-Engaged Research network and has been inducted to the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2011. In 2018, Dr Tandon was appointed member of the Subject Expert Group on Curricular Reforms and Educational Institutions Social Responsibility under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. He has served as Advisor to the Commonwealth Foundation, UNDP, and numerous other international agencies.

Gulshan Banas has an MA in Sociology from JNU, New Delhi. She has prior experience of working on research projects in ICT for development, housing and participatory natural resource management where she was involved in designing tools, data collection and analysis, and writing. She aims to pursue a Ph.D. in International Development and is interested in researching local-level governance, decentralization, and citizen engagement.

Gulshan enjoys exploring new cultures through food and travel!

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Nandini Bhattacharya is a development sector professional with a degree in Development Studies from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. With experience in project management for international aid agencies & media, she has worked on grant-making for mental health innovations. During the fellowship, she wants to contribute to a democratic perspective to urban livelihoods, its intersection with governance structures, and learn about climate change & resilience in the context of social infrastructure.

When not working, Nandini likes reading, hiking, and baking experiments.

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Sreenandini Banerjee is an Urban Planner, post-graduate from CEPT University, and also a post-graduate in Geography from Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. She has worked as an Urban Planner in the Chandigarh Smart City Project. She has also presented papers and attended various conferences on Smart Cities. She intends to study policy and urban governance under urban development projects. In this dynamic world, she likes to explore different avenues that would improve her skills to be an accomplished individual.

Sreenandini enjoys music and loves to sing owing to her deep roots in art and culture.

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Mayank Saravagi has a post-graduate degree from CEPT University, Ahmedabad. He has worked on various aspects of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) with the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. As a consultant with Tata Trusts, Mayank has contributed to capacity building, financial planning, information - education and communication, and solid waste management, among other aspects. He is interested in working at the intersection of urban policy, infrastructure/services planning and urban governance under the various projects of the Government of India.

A theatre artist, dancer, violinist and sketcher, Mayank is always ready to travel and explore places!

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Sanjay Seth is Senior Director of the Sustainable Habitat Division with The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). He is also the Chief Executive Officer of GRIHA Council which administers the Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment. Previously, Mr. Seth headed the Building Energy Efficiency vertical at the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India. He was also the interim Secretary of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency provided oversight to the implementation of policies and programmes of BEE as well as the National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency.





Murtaza Mohammadi (IGBC AP) is a graduate from IIT Roorkee, India and Hochschule Luzern, Switzerland, and has been working as an architect in India. He has specialized in renewable energy and architecture from the University of Nottingham (UK). His interest lies in areas of energy-efficient designs and smart buildings.

As a creative person, Murtaza likes to explore computational designs and is always up for a game of squash.

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Jairam Ramakrishnan completed his M.Sc in Sustainable Energy from the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) with a specialization in Electric Energy Systems. A specialist in renewable energy integration with storage systems, he has hands-on experience in designing PV systems and grid ancillary services. With a desire to work with micro-grids and V2G (Vehicle to Grid) systems, he aspires to build a world that runs on green energy.

His philosophy resonates in “Apunich bhagwaan hain - Create the world you want to see!” In his free time, he likes to play the violin.

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Dr. Bimal Patel is a practicing architect, urban designer, urban planner and academic. Dr. Patel heads HCP Designs, Planning and Management Pvt. Ltd., where he has led work on a wide range of institutional, commercial, housing, industrial and urban design, and urban planning projects across India. In 1996, Dr. Patel founded Environmental Planning Collaborative, a not-for-profit consultancy, policy research, and advocacy organization. Since 2012, Dr. Patel heads CEPT University as its President. There, he has led a comprehensive re-imagining, re-invention, and modernization of this fifty-year-old institution's pedagogy, research focus, institutional organization, governance, and infrastructure. In March 2019, Dr. Patel received the Padma Shri award for his work.

Anshul Abbasi is an Architect and Urbanist. A graduate of Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, he has practiced architecture and worked as a part-time lecturer in the past. An urban regeneration professional and ecology enthusiast, he has published several papers on related topics. In the future, he aims to work on the resilient cities concept and its economic impacts.

A wanderer, Anshul loves discovering new things about his city.

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Prajкта Adhikari, an Environmental Architect, has a post-graduate degree from the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, Nashik. She taught graduate and postgraduate students for the past 5 years. Simultaneously, she has been involved in research projects on indoor air quality testing and preparing guidelines for eco-tourism for the district of Sindhudurg with the State Govt. of Maharashtra. She further intends to work in the field of environmental design, data monitoring, data analysis, and ecological planning.

Apart from work, she is a passionate traveler and loves documenting livelihood stories through photography and sketching.

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Hinotoli V Sema is a multi-disciplinary researcher with a specialisation in Disaster Studies and Geospatial Technology. She has completed Ph.D. (Disaster Management) from Centre for Geoinformatics, TISS, M.Phil. from NEHU, M.Sc. from University of Madras. She was an Erasmus EMINTE Doctoral Student at the Faculty of Regional and Geographical Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland. She has worked with UGC (SAP III), NEHU and IIPS, Mumbai. Her interest in work lies in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction to improve resilience to hazard, disaster, vulnerability and risk modeling.



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Udit Sarkar is an Architect-Urban Planner, with a post-graduate degree from the School Of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal and a graduate degree from Pilloo Mody College of Architecture. He has worked as a Research Associate for the Project- DIC, Shelter for all. He has also worked as Project Architect for two urban heritage conservation projects and intends to work on subjects leading to improved urban spaces and built heritages using geospatial technologies.

Outside of work, Udit enjoys food walks and documenting this intangible heritage of a city through film and photography.

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Ms. Karuna Gopal is the Founder President of Foundation for Futuristic Cities, a think tank that has influenced urban transformation in India for over a decade, and is an internationally acclaimed thinker-speaker on Smart Cities. She has served as an urban expert for the World Bank, DFID, USAID, and Asian Development Bank. Ms. Gopal's innovation 'SCULPT your CITY' was declared a national best practice and contributed to the design of the '100 Smart Cities Mission' of India. Ms. Gopal was invited to speak at the launch of the Mission by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chhavi Arya, an Urbanist, is a graduate of architecture from the Chandigarh College of Architecture and has a post-graduate degree in urban planning from Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. She has worked on station area planning in the backdrop of the policy of redevelopment of railway stations and has carried forward her work as a research student in Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany. Her key interests lie in analysing the land use-transportation nexus and urban financial systems.

Beyond the urban sector, Chhavi likes to get creative with paper and ink!

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Chiranjay Shah pursued his undergraduate degree in planning from CEPT University, Ahmedabad. He has worked in UN-Habitat, Nairobi and with the Pune Municipal Corporation on its smart city and resilient city missions.

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Palak Mahanot has completed B.Com (Honours) from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University and has an MBA in Finance from Indian Institute of Management, Indore. Her professional experiences include investment banking at Goldman Sachs and financial planning and analysis at Uber and GE India. She intends to actively participate in the improvement of public services and is keen on joining the Indian Administrative Services.

Creative at heart, she loves to try everything that comes her way. She enjoys calligraphy, mandala art, travel, and badminton. Palak is guilty of hoarding too many handbags and is always hungry for pizza.

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Prof. R.J. Masilamani has over 35 years of industry experience having worked with the TATA group of companies, Pepsico and as Managing Director of Timex Watches Ltd from 1991 to 2000. He has also served as the Director General of the Fertilizer Association of India from 2001-2002. He was also the Chairperson of Precision Industry Confederation from 1998-2000. He was the Programme Director for MBA Telecom Management at Amity University and has also served as faculty at IMT Ghaziabad, Bimtech, Delhi University, Fore School of Management, and MDP programmes. He has conducted programmes at leading corporates including NTPC, ONGC, and Cognizant.

Azhagu Pandia Raja M.P is an engineering graduate from Anna University with specialisation in Information Technology. Azhagu is a civil services aspirant and has a Master's in International Relations from UOM, Chennai, as well as a Diploma in Astrophysics from MKU, Madurai. He has previously worked in geospatial and hazards mapping projects with RBS, United Kingdom. He also worked as a life skill trainer with UNICEF.

His hobbies include sky watching. Moreover, as a wildlife enthusiast, he is involved in wildlife census across India.

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Jismi Varghese is an Architect and an Urban Planner. She graduated from Mumbai University and acquired a post-graduate degree from BIT, Mesra. She interned with CIDCO (NAINA), where she worked on the NAINA City Development Plan, 2034. She is interested in urban form, infrastructure development and green mobility for sustainable future cities.

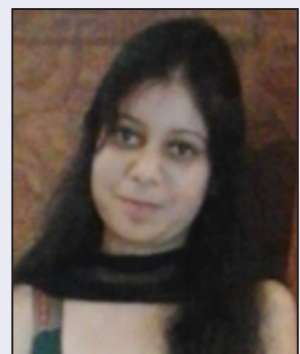
Jismi loves moving to music and is proud of the discipline it has instilled in her.

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Pinky Taneja having a Ph.D. (Sciences) degree from AcSIR, CSIR-National Environmental and Engineering Research Institute is a specialist in the field of environmental science. She has research experience of more than 5 years in diverse aspects of environmental science as hyperspectral imaging through ENVI software, organic farming for improving wheat growth and effective removal of nitrate from groundwater. Her research interests lie in developing a framework for solid waste and wastewater management.

In her leisure time, she loves traveling and exploring new places.

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Shri Renana Jhabvala (Chairperson, SEWA Grih Rin Limited) is an Indian social worker, who has been active in organising women in the informal economy into trade unions, co-operatives, and financial institutions in India. In 1990, she was awarded a Padma Shri from the Government of India for her contributions in the field of social work. In April 2012, She was Chancellor Gandhigram Rural University (2012-2017) and was Member of UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Women's Economic Empowerment (2016-2017). She is also serving as the Chairperson, WIEGO (Women in Informal Employment: Globalizing and Organizing) as well as HomeNet South Asia (2007 – present).

Alisa Schubert Yuasa works in capacity building and training, where her interests include urban planning and identity vs. citizenship in the diaspora. She completed an MPhil in development studies at the University of Cambridge, where she focused on child labour and urbanization in India. She has worked as a Research Associate for the Asian Development Bank Institute, and before that, she worked at Brown University's Office of Global Engagement. She obtained her BA in international relations from Brown University.

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Sourav Mukherjee has a Bachelor's degree (Honours) in Economics from Christ University, Bangalore, and a Master's in Development with a specialization in Law Governance and Public Policy from Azim Premji University, Bangalore. He worked with the Ministry of Water and Sanitation and Tata Trust for the Zila Swachh Bharat fellowship program in the District Collector's office, Bellary Karnataka as well as Water and Sanitation Department of Karnataka and Jharkhand.

His areas of interest are public policy, urban governance and sustainability, administrative reforms and electoral politics.

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Urwashi Baghele an Architect Planner, with a post-graduate from the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi. Urwashi has been working as an Urban Planner in the Nagpur Swachh Bharat Mission, and has contributed to the financial model in Smart Cities project in Nagpur. She has worked on the housing and industrial sector in Maharashtra, as well as with the Town Planning and Revenue departments of Kolhapur.

Urwashi is a devoted family girl who likes all things outdoors. She is an experienced trekking and camping enthusiast with a good hand in badminton.

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Ankit Rai is a Transport Planner, with a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering and a Master's in Transportation Engineering & Planning from REVA University, Bangalore. He has worked as a research fellow at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, on various aspects of transportation planning & engineering. He has also contributed to journal papers and attended various conferences on pressing challenges in urban mobility. He intends to work on subjects of urban mobility with focus on meeting the overarching objective of Sustainable Urban Development.

At leisure, Ankit likes to indulge in a game of football.

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