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Poverty Eradication & Climate Change Mitigation

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Speaker Profile



Mohan Jain, Ph.D., Trustee and Founder President

He has been volunteering as a Trustee and Founder president of India Development Coalition of America, Willowbrook, IL,, which he cofounded in 2004 with others. He has been serving in various capacities to the advance the cause of poverty eradication and climate mitigations.

Earlier, he has volunteered for Friends of India Society (1982-89), India Development and Relief fund (1984-93), The Swaraj Foundation (1998-current). Organized programs and raised funds to support projects in India. Personally helped start a school in his village and set up a scholarship in his engineering college in Jodhpur. Visits and donates to NGOs, while visiting India since last 10 years.

Professionally he was trained as a Mechanical/Energy Engineer: 1979-Ph.D. (Energy) Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago; 1972- MSME, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; 1964-B.E., MBM Engineering College, JNV University, Jodhpur. During professional career spanning over 30 years, worked in energy Research and Development at Argonne National Laboratory, automotive manufacturing in US, and India, product development, teaching, software development, and managed a business. From 1980-84, I served as a Chairperson of the Membership Development Committee, and secretary of American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Fox Valley Chapter, Chicago. I have co-authored several papers and research reports.

He was born in Udaipur Rajasthan and grew up in a nearby village now a small town north of Udaipur. He migrated to US in 1971 as a graduate student. He has a son Manish Jain volunteering with Shikshantar since 1998. His daughter also volunteered with Shikshantar from 1999-2008. Currently she is executive director at YES, an International NPO based in Berkeley, California. His wife is a pediatrician, serving in the Chicago area since 1975. She was educated in Jodhpur, and Jaipur for her medical.

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He Will be talking about IDCA's Vision, Mission, activities and accomplishments in recent past and how we can work together to help eradicate poverty and mitigate climate change in India. IDCA promotes networking, collaboration, learning, giving and volunteering. It informs, inspires and impacts poverty and climate change through various activities.

Most recently, IDCA organized the 13th International Conference in Chicago in October, 2015. Earlier in April organized the Second Midwest University Student Conference in Chicago, the 11th International Conference in Ahmedabad and 4th North Regional Conference in Jaipur and 2nd South India Regional conference in Hyderabad in February 2015. He visited ICRISAT in Hyderabad, and IHBST near Jodhpur... Over the last 12 years we have organized a total of 40 conferences and more than 50 seminars in the USA. We also organized 13 conferences in India. He will also speak about the Adopt A Village Campaign launched in Chicago on October 2.

He will also tell about how IDCA is helping its members and partners in India. Each one of us can help by donating to IDCA, its members or partners in India, Volunteer for IDCA, members, partners, Collaborate with each other, become member of IDCA and work in one or committees. Share the information with others and motivate them.



Dr. S.Y Quraishi, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

Born on June 11, 1947, in Delhi, S.Y. Quraishi joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1971 and after holding several strategic and key positions, rose to become the 17th Chief Election Commissioner of India, the world's largest democracy.

He figured in The Indian Express list of 100 Most Powerful Indians of 2011 & 2012

He also figured in **India Today's Power List** of 100 most powerful Indians, **2012**.

He also founded the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) to professionalize election management and share it with the emerging democracies of the world. Over 50 countries trained in just three years.

He has been a **Member of the Board of Advisors of International IDEA (Institute of Democracy and Electoral Assistance) Stockholm** since December 2012. He was also a Member of the Advisory Committee to assist and advise the **Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security, headed by Mr Kofi Annan (2010-12)**.

Great Promoter of Youth Development: He founded the **Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development** at Sriperumbudur (TN) and was its first Director from 1993 to 1997.

Awards and Honors:

He has received several prestigious awards in recognition of his contribution to civil society and human development issues. Some of these are:

'Nehru Fellow- Award from Nehru Children's Museum, Calcutta as a part of 300 years of Calcutta¹ celebrations (the only Civil Servant in a galaxy of international awardees for innovative and outstanding work in the field of child welfare).

Secular India Harmony Award, 1988, given by the Vice-President of India for the United Children's Movement, New Delhi, "(for outstanding - contribution for human understanding).



Prof. Jaya Indiresan, Education Consultant

Prof. Jaya Indiresan was formerly professor of Higher Education at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi. Earlier she had taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. She has been a visiting professor at the University of Manitoba, Canada and a Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan, USA. Currently she is a free lance consultant to several national and international organizations.

She has authored three books: 1) Education for Women's Empowerment: Gender Positive Initiatives in Pace Setting Women's Colleges; 2) Institutionalization of Innovation in Higher Education; and 3) Inclusion vs Exclusion: A study of Women in Police.

She has produced training manuals on (1) Women in Academic Leadership; (2) Decision Making and Team Building Skills for Women Managers, sponsored by the University Grants Commission. She has several research publications in national and international journals, produced several research monographs and undertaken several evaluation studies for various organizations.

Her areas of interest include Institution Building and Human Resource Development, with special reference to women. She is deeply involved in training for capacity building in various sectors like educational administrators, women in agriculture, women in police and women in science and technology.

She is also deeply involved in several initiatives for the empowerment of the socially and economically challenged youth. She has been involved in a major project on mainstreaming Madrasa Education in Andhra Pradesh.

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Challenges and good practices for Swachh Bharat

In this presentation, I wish to share the challenges and the lessons learnt in some of the projects relating to clean drinking water, the health and hygiene aspects in rural areas in India. We can learn from the various initiatives that are being implemented and how these efforts can be scaled up and replicated avoiding the pitfalls and adopting the good practices.

Any change is a process and that needs to be understood properly for the change to be effective. The Appreciative Inquiry format of 4 Ds, Discover, Dream, Design, Deliver, lends itself very satisfactorily for this purpose. The questions asked are " what is Working well?", " what is good about what is already being done?"

Four case studies are described and the lessons learnt are analyzed. The four case studies relate to

- 1. Tube wells and drinking water*
- 2. Women's leadership in sanitation*
- 3. Wealth from Waste*
- 4. Positive vs Negative incentives.*

Swachh Bharat requires tremendous efforts, to bring about the desired change to achieve the goal. We must all put our best efforts to fulfill the desire and dream of Dr. Kalam's vision 2020.



PRAMOD KESHAVRAO DESHMUKH

(Fulbright Fellow to study mitigating climate change)

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As a result of SSM's multidimensional activities in the rural and general development since 1991 SSM's image has changed drastically from a mere institution of education to a voluntary organization working for, with and through the rural population, broadening its base of activities.

I have more than 20 years experience in the field of general rural development and presently associated with SSM as Chairman. I am responsible for planning and implementation of watershed development projects, community health, social housing and women's empowerment program. Through my association with different NGOs and my experience in SSM, I have got an extensive experience in sustainable rural development programs using participatory approach and communication techniques. I have developed expertise in rural extension service by participating in intensive international Training programs.

The Watershed Development Program has an integrated approach of sustainable village development with an active participation of all the stakeholders dwelling in the watershed. The Watershed Projects are focused on natural resource development by empowering the people in general and women in particular. I have vast experience in organizing people and empowering them to sustain the program.

My efforts along with my colleagues has created a unique image of SSM which has set an example for the voluntary organizations earnestly wishing to do something in the field of socio-rural development. Now SSM is a member of Credibility Alliance, following the norms insisting on good governance and is capable to accept the challenges of changing global scenario.



Dr. Manu Vora, Honorary Faculty, Leadership Excellence Series, ASQ India

Dr. Vora is Chairman and President of the Business Excellence, Inc., a global quality management consulting firm in USA. He has **over 40 years** of leadership experience in guiding Fortune 500 companies with Baldrige Performance Excellence assessment in the areas of leadership development, customer satisfaction, employee engagement, and process excellence. For **over 22 years** as an Adjunct Professor he has taught Operations Management courses at various business schools globally. He is connected with **over 70 educational institutions globally**.

He is a Past Vice President of ASQ, ASQ Fellow, and Certified Quality Engineer. Manu has B.S (IIT BHU, 1968), M.S. (1970) and Ph.D (1975). in Chemical Engineering, and MBA (1985) with Marketing Management. He is a sought after speaker on business excellence and quality management topics globally with **over 525 presentations** and has published **over 60 articles** in professional journals and conference proceedings. He received "2015 BHU Distinguished Alumnus Award", "2013 Keller Graduate School of Management's Top 40 Alumni for 40th Anniversary Celebration", and "2012 IIT Chicago Alumni Medal".

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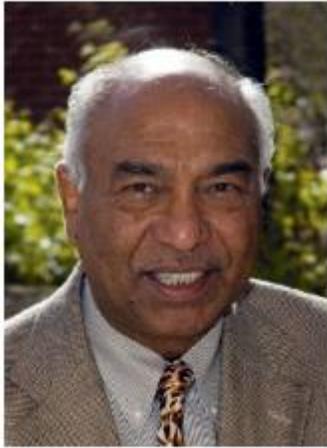
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Gift of Knowledge Transfer Leveraging Technology - Free Gian Daan

*This presentation will focus on free gift of knowledge transfer leveraging technology for creating an Ecosystem for World-Class Quality in India through Leadership Excellence Series (LES). Since December 2013, an effort is underway to share **quality management knowledge and soft skills** to professionals/students/faculty/staff at various educational institutions in India. We will explore the use of free Google Hangout On Air for knowledge transfer. Successful case studies of knowledge transfer in non-profit (educational) and for-profit (corporate) domains will be shared. So far **over 40 educational institutes with over 130,000 students/faculty/staff/professionals in 13 States and NCR in India** have benefitted from the LES Project. This is one way to contribute time and talent in Nation Building.*

Presentation at the IDCA 12th International Conference, Gurgaon, HR, January 12, 2016

Vijendra Agarwal, President and co-Founder, Vidya Gyan
(<http://www.vidya-gyan.org/>)



Born in village Kota (Saharanpur), Vijendra Agarwal, left India in 1973 after Ph.D. (Physics) from IIT Roorkee. A researcher in Italy, Japan, and France, he came to US in 1978. He served as faculty and academic administrator in several universities, and as an Executive Fellow in the White House S&T Policy during Clinton administration. In November 2014, he and his wife co-founded a US based NGO, Vidya Gyan, to serve rural India.

As a long-term educator and researcher, he offers consulting on diverse topics such as accreditation, increasing global diversity through internationalization, growing need of talented workforce globally, career guidance for the ever expanding competitiveness, and how to improve quality of instruction and research. Each consulting opportunity is tailored to enable the institutions to offer best education and opportunities for the learners, and the individuals to succeed in this highly interconnected world.

He is currently a Brand Ambassador in Minnesota for the Times of India and a regular freelance blogger. His passion for writing include policy, politics, and people; social and cultural topics promoting community engagement; and broad educational policies/practices.

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Vidya Gyan, a US based NGO, is in its very early stages of initiating projects in India. Its goals include: (1) securing better future, (2) quality and robust education to realize their full potential, (3) promotion of health through good nutrition, personal hygiene, and pro-health habits. We want to begin with young/adolescent girls and young women, the future mothers. This presentation will focus on our project, Sukanya Scholarships (Sukanya= wise girl), designed to empower and offer economic security for young girls as they gradually gain adulthood.

We have chosen a five-year duration to develop a habit of mind among parents to deposit Rs. 100/month; to monitor the school attendance, basic health, and overall development of the Sukanyas; and to build better relations with the family. Vidya Gyan's intent thereafter is to assist these Sukanyas in further studies if they demonstrate potential and willingness. We also hope to develop group activities and peer mentoring if there is a critical mass of Sukanya Scholars in a given village and Vidya Gyan is assured of their overall safety and welfare.



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Blind Foundation for India, USA - Free Chakshu Daan

*Moved by the plight of over 15 million blind people in India accounting to 1/3rd of the world's blind population, the Blind Foundation for India (BFI) was established in 1989. **80% of the blindness in India is either preventable or curable.** In this talk we will cover the mission of BFI, prevalence of blindness in India, BFI's projects to eradicate needless blindness, key results, and path forward. Emphasis will be on sharing low-cost solutions to massive problems in India so other organizations working on problem areas can benefit from this initiative. So far **over \$4 million** have been raised to benefit **150,000 free Cataract operations, 10,000 Braille kits** to blind children for their education, **115 vans** to transport doctors and patients to hospitals. In the prevention area **over 750,000 school-going children** have been examined for their eye sight and provided necessary interventions such as free eye drops, glasses, Vitamin A, and in rare cases Cataract operations.*



Dr. Awadh Dubey, M. S. Ophthalmologist.

Trained in USA, Canada, Japan, Germany England & France. **Organized** & given lectures-National & International Conferences.

Social Entrepreneur since 1979 Who Leads By Example.

Dr. Dubey had humble beginning of a rural background & had exposures with diseases, poverty, illiteracy etc. So he utilized his Professional expertise as Ophthalmologist to serve people of villages & slums.

Established R.K. Devi Memorial Hospital in his mother's memory to serve people equally. He sees God in each eye he operates & thanks patients for giving him chance to serve. **Free patients till 30th Sep15-** Examination-238084. Eye Operations-24289. Eye Camps-682.

Mission Of Life- Focus on health & education, the basic core issues in

India. Make a positive impact on life of people by making them healthy-happy & educated.

Improve Productivity & Economy of India by poverty Alleviation.

Dreams For Future-

1-Launching of Rural Eye and General Hospitals & addition of satellite clinics for health issues.

2-To connect **TYAG**(The Young Achievers Group) with **IDCA, Rotary, Youth of USA** & other countries in **International Volunteers Program for Youth development & Service** in Indian Villages & slums.

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The Scene-Over population, long years of foreign rule, Lack of Awareness, Poverty, Inadequate Medical-Educational-Transport facilities add to its Medico-Socio- Economical problems.

The Observations-Over 80 % of the people in India live in villages where proper medico-social facilities & job opportunities are minimal leading to **huge gap in service delivery** & hopelessness.

The Need- Government efforts are not sufficient so the society has to help itself. People have to come out to serve fellow citizens specially living in villages and slum areas. **Our**

Solution- "REACH THE UNREACHED" to the needy people at the GRASS ROOT BHARAT.

Our Present Plans-Four Service Pillars-

Adopt a Village, Adopt a Patient, Adopt a Student, Adopt a Tree.

Goal-Initiate a PEOPLES' MOVEMENT to contribute Time, Money & Energy in India's Growth. Make India World Leader Again.

Adopt a Patient –Each one treat one-HEALTH- India has maximum number of blind & His dream is to make INDIA blindness free. He is Running 2 Rural Hospitals & plans to Create Blindness Free Zones. Gift Of Sight Programs- till 30th Sep 2015- Examination -238084. Operation -24289. Eye Camps-682.

Adopt a Student- Each one teach one- EDUCATION THROUGH VALUE ADDITION IN YOUTH- Dr Dubey's passion is empowering youth by helping them to have a larger vision for their life & achieve their goals. He has founded **TYAG**. It acts as a CATALYST & provides opportunities to **Youth for Development, Achievement, Service & International Relations**. Ultimate goal is that the Youth of affluent class of society (India & abroad) will guide youth of underprivileged class.

Each one adopt one- VILLAGE PHASE 1-Responding to the call by IDCA- USA, TYAG adopted a village on Gandhi Jayanti 2nd October 2015. SEVA (Society for Equitable Voluntary Activity) serving villagers also joined. **PHASE 2 –** Adoption of his village Prempur & more villages later.

Each One Plant One -TREE- One seed brings out thousands of fruits, Takes care of environment & controls the climate change.



Dr. Prasanna A. Patil, Director (Projects)- Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal - Dr. Hedgewar Hospital Aurangabad.

He was educated at: BAMS (Govt. Ayurved College, Nanded, 1993)

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Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal (SPMESM), the social development projects wing of Dr. Hedgewar Hospital Aurangabad is active in Healthcare, Education and Natural Resources Management (NRM) in Marathwada region of Maharashtra through its 37 projects in 102 villages and 40 slum localities.

Since its inception, the organization, with a unique holistic approach, has been trying to find sustainable solutions to the most important issues of the socially- economically backward people of the urban slums and the remote villages.

The organization runs three slum health care centers and a mobile clinic for urban slum areas and a dedicated maternal and child health program in 37 villages. The major highlights of the project are:

- Availability of quality primary health services to 150000 slum dwellers and remote rural people at token cost at their doorsteps, annually. It includes consultation by Medical Officers, Specialists, supply of quality medicines and support for free surgeries and secondary medical care at the parent hospital for the poor patients.*
- The health centers have been implementing structured and effective Preventive Health Programs for the slums over last 2 decades. HIV- AIDS Awareness and Prevention, MCH, Prevention of Water- borne diseases, Anemia Prevention, Deafness Prevention, Blindness control programs, Hypertension and Diabetes Clinics in the slums have been very effective. The most important thing in all these programs is the community participation! The organization has consciously given emphasis on creating role models, peer based health discussions and innovations for adoption of health habits.*
- In the organization's rural health initiatives, Sanjeevani Rural Health Program is a signature program of the organization. It has changed the health scenario of 20 remote villages by curbing the malnutrition (0-6 year children) from 52% to 16%; Achieving 100 early registration of pregnancies and much more! It has again used innovative ways to increase community participation and ownership in health programs. The project has created a vibrant network of dynamic women health volunteers in the form of Arogya Banks. It has successfully modified the traditional celebrations and festivals for spreading health awareness.*

SPMESM has started working with the small and marginal farmers of the region a decade ago. The agrarian crisis of the drought prone Marathwada region is a much talked about topic! The region is facing severe drought since few years & is badly affecting the socio- economic dynamics of small and marginal farmers. SPMESM, in association with the villagers, corporates and water experts has set a pattern in the Dudhna river basin. It rejuvenated the defunct water structures on rivers and streams and the villagers could sustain the scarcity of water. The highlight of this work is the extraordinary community participation; the measurable outcomes and cost effective methods implemented.

I would like to share the details of SPMESM's innovative methods in Community Health and Water Conservation and Natural Resources Management Work in and around Aurangabad with its success stories at the conference.

