

## Mumbai City Dialogue – Panelist Biographies

### JINDAL, Ms Sangita



Sangita Jindal, a Mumbai-based patron of the arts, is the founder-chairperson of the Jindal South West Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the O P Jindal group.

The Foundation is involved in art, culture, education, heritage conservation and sports. She also runs Jindal Arts Creative Interaction Centre, a centre for inter-disciplinary arts activity, and an influential magazine, Art India.

She is also involved in revamping J J School of Art in Mumbai. An Eisenhower Fellow in 2004, Ms Jindal is the chairperson of the Hampi Foundation which is working with the Karnataka government on preservation of the historic site.

For her active participation in issues relating to Mumbai, the “I love Mumbai” Committee conferred upon her the Best Citizens Award for the year 2002.

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### SAHGAL, Mr Bittu



Bittu Sahgal is editor Sanctuary Asia, a wildlife and ecology bi-monthly magazine, now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. He also founded Cub Magazine (for young Indians) and edits the Indian edition of The Ecologist, UK. founded by Edward Goldsmith.

His has always believed that the quality of life on the planet will plummet if ecosystems become victim to development which has been borne out by recent evidence of climate change, a direct consequence of flawed development strategies employed by, both, the Industrial North and the Aspiring-to-be-Industrial South.

He is at the forefront of the battle to save the tiger which he describes as a metaphor for all of nature and whose forests he suggests are critical to the world's fight back against climate change. Five years ago he founded *Kids for Tigers, the Sanctuary Tiger Programme*, India's largest mass-contact nature conservation movement, which reaches out to over one million Indian children and their parents in 20 cities.

He has been in several boards and committees of Central Government of India in context of environment and wildlife. Most significant of the honorary positions that Sahgal holds presently are Member, Maharashtra Wildlife Board, Honorary Wildlife Warden, Mumbai, Co-chairman, Maharashtra Nature Park, Member IUCN, Member Executive Committee, Bombay Natural History Society, Mumbai.

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### RAJEEV, Mr R A



Shri R.A. Rajeev is Addl. Municipal Commissioner with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai.

Earlier he has worked as Managing Director with The Maharashtra State Co-op. Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation Ltd.

Prior to this, Shri R.A. Rajeev, I.A.S. of 1987 batch (I.P.S. in 1986) held important post such as Assistant Collector Jalgaon / Chalisgaon, Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Parishad, Thane and Pune; Collector, Gadchiroli; Deputy Secretary of Rural Development Department, Government of Maharashtra; Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India, General Manager of The Handicrafts and Handloom Exports Corporation of India, Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

Shri R. A. Rajeev also worked as Private Secretary to Union Minister of State for Environment and Forest, Govt. of India and M.D. of Maharashtra State Co-operative Milk Federation, popularly known as 'Mahanand'.

## **PATHAK, Mr Shailesh**

Mr Shailesh Pathak is Director- Investments at ICICI Venture. He is also a keen environmentalist, and has completed his Diploma in Ornithology from BNHS in 1995. He has been actively associated with the conservation movement, and has persuaded villages to voluntarily relocate from core zones of Protected Areas.

In his 21 year career as an Infrastructure and Finance specialist, Mr Pathak has been in investment banking for 5 years and in public service for 16 years- embodying a Public Private Partnership (PPP) himself.

From 1990 to 2006, he worked with the State Government of two Indian States. Among other assignments, he was Managing Director of the State's Infrastructure Development Corporation for over three years, Later, he was Secretary Public Works Department, with 900 engineers working on Highways.

He graduated in 1984 from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi, and then went to Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, passing out in 1986. He has also finished his LLB and a Diploma in Business Finance.

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## **PATHAK, Mr Jaimini**



Jaimini Pathak is a writer, Actor, and DIRECTOR & PRODUCER. He began career in the theatre in 1990, as an actor. His Current work as an actor and director includes MAHADEVBHAI, a 2-hour solo performance based on the diaries maintained by Mahadev Desai, secretary and onlooker to Mahatma Gandhi. 3, SAKINA MANZIL - a love story of the city, against the backdrop of the Bombay Dock Explosion of 1944 and Anton Chekhov's THE SEAGULL.

We see writer director and actor Jaimini in ONCE UPON A...TIGER! The play utilizes a fun-filled format, to inform the audience about many important issues like conservation, the environment, ecology, forests, rivers, etc, keeping the tiger in focus, both, as a symbol, and as an endangered species.

In 1999, he turned director and producer with the formation of independent theatre group, WORKING TITLE, with Suruchi Aulakh. Since then he produced 14 offbeat, alternative work with original scripts and new talent.

He has conducted several THEATRE WORKSHOPS in renowned schools and colleges throughout India.

He is also often seen in cinema, television serials and commercial. The other feather to his multi facade hat is journalism.

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## **KUMAR, Dr Rakesh**



Dr. Rakesh Kumar is working for National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, part of Council and Scientific and Industrial Research and presently stationed at Mumbai Zonal Center as scientist and head.

He is M.Tech in Environmental Science & Engineering and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering. He is also qualified ISO 14001 EMS auditor through RAB UK and EARA, USA.

His main area of expertise is in development of appropriate technology for environmental quality improvement.

He has been awarded the best scientist award, for NEERI and nominated for CSIR Young Scientist Award. He is also the recipient of Commonwealth Commission Award, UK. He has also been awarded with "Environmental Leadership Award" by US Asia Environmental Partnership and US-AID for outstanding contribution in improving quality of life for the population of Asia. In NEERI, he has been awarded with best patent for the year 2005-2006.

He has eight patents on pollution control devices, besides several papers in national and international Journals and conferences and a book for Commonwealth of Learning, Canada.

He is member of several committees at state, central and International level.