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IN INDIA'S BIG
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Convention Theme: 'Opportunities for Diaspora Indians in India's Big Manifest Future.'

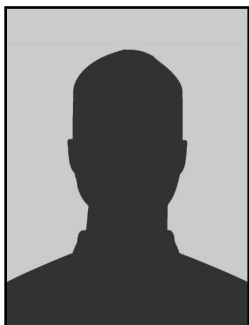
SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH - MAIN CONFERENCE SESSIONS
NEEL KAMAL BANQUET HALL

9.00 AM GOPIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THE WORLD-WIDE NETWORKING OF THE DIASPORA BUSINESSES AND SMES IN INDIA.



CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
PRAKASH SHAH
GOPIO's Global Ambassador and Convention Convener and President First Growth Mortgage and Realty LLC

Mr Prakash Shah is an Investment Banker in Commercial Mortgages and Business Loans. He is former Chairman of the New Jersey Development Authority and President Clinton's Appointee to the Board of \$108 Million US Government Fund for the Twelve Countries of Southern Africa and Chair of the Board's Investment Committee. He is a Founding Life Member of GOPIO, NFIA, AAHOA and of New York City based India Chamber of Commerce of America that he led for 15 Years.



SPEAKER:
BHARAT PATEL
Immediate Past Chairman of AAHOA



SPEAKER:
BRAJ AGGARWAL
President, Braj Aggarwal CPA PC, New York, NY

Mr. Braj is the Owner of Braj Aggarwal, CPA, P.C, a leading CPA and accounting firm located in New York City. Mr. Aggarwal has been in the public accounting field since 1991, specializing in a variety of solutions from audit, tax planning, business consulting, company formation, forensic accounting and more. Mr. Aggarwal and his team work with a variety of industries including manufacturing businesses, construction, wholesale, retail and more. With an experience of over 28 years, we ensure that we only produce the best quality of work for our clients.



SPEAKER:
DR. VITHAL DHADUK
Pharmaceutical Business in USA. Developed and Sold Pharma Companies, NJ.

Practicing Neurologist, Assistant Professor of Neurology, Chairman of Corepharma, LLC, Chairman of the board directors of Marizyme and proud grandfather of 4 kids.



SUNIL HALI
Chairman, Radio Zindagi,
Indian Eye, NDTV USA, NJ

Sunil Hali is an IIT graduate and double gold medalist turned media and marketing pioneer focused on Indian diaspora and brand India for last twenty five years in USA.

icant time in Orange County, California, USA. She holds a BA in Physics, MS in Computer Science, and MBA in Marketing from State University of New York, Buffalo, and New York University.



PANELIST:
SORUBA RANI KUUSTO
Registered Nurse Consul-
tant(ret'd), GOPIO Los Angeles

Rani Kuusta is a retired Registered Nurse Consultant for the State of California Dept. of Corrections. She has over 40 years of experience with the State of California, including

working as a Chief Nurse Executive, a Cal-OSHA inspector, as a health and safety training officer, and as a nursing instructor who has taught in various community colleges.

After retirement, she volunteered as a secretary for GOPIO-LA, Co-Chair for the women's council for GOPIO International, Fullerton Lions Club & Excel Foundations USA. As a GOPIO-LA volunteer she assists with food drives for low-income families & students, blood drives, visa camps, hunger projects, vaccination camps diabetic seminars & educate the seniors on health topics. She holds a B.Sc in Nursing and Masters in Public Health.



PANELIST:
DR. RINI JOHAR
Holistic Medicine Doctor and
Lawyer, GOPIO Northern Cal-
ifornia

Rini Johar is an Integrative Holistic Medicine doctor and a lawyer. Her focus is on social and humanitarian causes. Her nonprofit Disha Darshan works

with women of domestic violence.

She directs her initiatives to serve several other non-profit organizations, including GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin), Rotary International, AIA, and me. She has been invited as a public speaker by different groups.

Rini lives in Fremont, California. She works full time as a healer. Additionally, she wears her lawyer cap to help women of domestic violence in distress. Her

**10.15 AM DIASPORA WOMEN:
MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

A diversity of GOPIO Women on this panel, to share their remarkable stories of the contributions they are making in their adopted homelands, as well as to the Indian Diaspora. From New Zealand to the USA. across generations, and professional background, they have a few things in common. They are high achievers, dedicated to their professions, and have a deep sense of public service and will share their, Personal success story - achievements in their mainstream career, Public service contributions, including as part of GOPIO to the Diaspora, Perspectives on opportunities for Diaspora Women in India's Big Manifest Future.



CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
J. NAMI KAUR
Marketing & Communications,
IBM (ret'd), GOPIO Int'l.

Jasbir Nami Kaur is a Marketing and Communications Consultant and Advisor in the Non-Profit Sector. Her focus is on Humanitarian causes and Philanthropic initiatives.

Nami retired from IBM Corp. upon completion of a successful career, sequentially, in Technology, Marketing, and Public Relations. She has since then, dedicated her skills, energies and time to serving several non-profit organizations, including GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin), NYBG (New York Botanical Garden), CHI (Children's Hope India), CCAC (Coop and Condo Advisory Council), Rotary International, and more.

Resident of New York, USA, she also spends signif-

focus is on helping them in their legal wrangles through her non-profit organization.



PANELIST:
BEENA KOTHARI
Real Estate Associate Broker,
GOPIO New York

Beena Kothari's association, interactions, and contributions with Indian and American communities have been extensive, valuable, and memorable. Her accomplishments with various

social and cultural nonprofit organizations have occurred in various leadership capacities over the last many years,

Her roles have included Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) NY-President; Suffolk County Human Rights Commission Member; Women Advisory Commission Member; Indian American Community of Long Island Founding Member; Association of Indians in America (AIA-NY) VP; India Association of Long Island (IALI) Past President; RANA BOD; Akshaya Patra, and Cry America.

Beena resides in New York. She has been an Associate Broker in the professional career of Real Estate since 2004. Her previous professional career includes stints with SONY, Time Warner, JP Morgan CHASE, and IBM IT Services.



PANELIST:
DR. VIMAL GOYLE
OB/GYN Physician (Retd.),
GOPIO-NY

Vimal Goyle has been a retired gynecologist since 2020 when Covid 19 hit New York City. At present she spends time in spirituality initiatives led by the Brahmakumaris. She is currently

learning Spanish on Zoom.

She practiced OB/GYN for 37 years in Wichita, KS. During that time she volunteered in various nonprofit organizations like Red cross, Dress for Success, Global learning Center and Indian Culture Association.

Vimal moved to New York City in 2014 to be close to

family namely her son and two granddaughters.

In 2020 she had the opportunity to be a part of GOPIO Manhattan Chapter. She is its VP, and coordinates a community feeding program every month.

She holds an MD degree, is a certified Ob/Gyn and a diplomat of the American board of OB/GYN.



PANELIST:
SUMAN KAPOOR
Hospitality Entrepreneur,
GOPIO New Zealand

Suman Kapoor, a New Zealand citizen is an educator, research scholar, social worker and an entrepreneur in the hospitality sector. She has spent the last 22 years initiating and helping

social and community service groups. Her focus remains on women causes and philanthropic initiatives, touching people at grass root level globally.

Her career included teaching, hospitality, enterprising marketing, and social work in her adopted country. She is an advocate for the languages, culture and heritage of India.

She has served several non-profit organizations, including GOPIO (Global Organization of People of Indian Origin) internationally and locally, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan NZ, IKMG (International Khatri Mahasabha), Multicultural Council in Waikato Hamilton NZ, Senior Citizen Association, Jaceeys (as Henry Geisenbiere Fellow HGF) and more.

Suman lives in Hamilton New Zealand, spending significant time in London (U.K.), Australia and India. She holds a BA in Education, MS in Science (Chemistry), and an MBA in Marketing and Advertising from Indore University, India.

11.30 AM MEDICAL AND HEALTH ISSUES AND HOW DIASPORA INDIANS CAN PARTICIPATE IN INDIA'S FRONTLINE ROLE IN PHARMACEUTICALS, VACCINES AND MEDICAL TOURISM AND IN PROPAGATING YOGA AND ITS BENEFITS



MODERATOR:

DR. ASHA SAMANT
DMD, MDS, BDS, FICD

GOPIO's International Coordinator-at-Large and Associate professor. at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine. UMDNJ. Livingston, New Jersey

Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

Awarded Five times Excellent Teaching award, Awarded Masters Educator Guild Award of UMDNJ NJ, Lifetime Achievement award ICD Sri Lanka Nepal India section. Lifetime Achievement Award for 50 years commitment as Prosthodontists. Invited international Speaker over 16 countries. Lifetime Member GOPIO for over 28 years. Served Vice Chair and chair Annual International GOPIO Conferences, International Chair Health Council GOPIO. Conference Convenor Gopi Annual Conference 2010, Conference Scientific Annual Conference. Varanasi. Now serves as international coordinator GOPIO at large. Daughter of an unknown lifetime devotee freedom fighter from Amritsar Panjab. Spent years of younger life associated with well-known India's freedom fighter leaders... Believe in honesty simplicity integrity and sincere commitment as Volunteer of Community. Founding director of Indian Dental Association NJ. Married, successful spouse medicine doctor and proud mother of very competent successful civil rights and discrimination attorney daughter.



SPEAKER:

DR. ANIL DIWAN PH.D.

Dr. Anil Diwan is President & Executive Chairman of Nano-Viricides, Inc, a public company (NYSE-Amer.: NNVC). He has invented nanomedicine technologies that are poised to revolutionize treatment of viral infections just as antibi-

otics revolutionized treatment of bacterial infections. The lead drug NV-387 has completed human safety Phase I clinical trials with no adverse events reported. NV-387 is being developed to treat all major respiratory viral infections including SARS-CoV-2 (COVID), RSV, and others. This unique broad-spectrum activity reminiscent of antibiotics is because NV-387 is an antiviral nanomachine that completely dismantles the virus, mimicking the critical cell-side features that the virus requires to infect cells. Thereby, viruses would not be able to escape a nanoviricide drug despite mutations, unlike the traditional vaccines antibodies and small chemical drugs; solving a critical unmet need in antiviral medicines.

Dr. Diwan holds a PhD in (Bio)Chemical Engineering from Rice University, TX and a BTech in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IITB). He was 9th All India ranked on the Joint Entrance Exam to IITs.



SPEAKER:

RAKESH GROVER

After working in the pharmaceutical industry for twenty plus years, in 2015, Dr. Grover founded Carnegie Pharmaceuticals LLC located in New Jersey. Carnegie Pharmaceuticals develops, manufactures, and distributes pharmaceutical

products worldwide for orphan diseases where limited or no generic products are available. Carnegie Pharmaceuticals's vision is to improve current marketed products for cancer and cardiovascular diseases to have lower side effects by reducing the dosage.



SPEAKER:

DR. ANURAG PANDE

Vice President, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Sabinsa Corporation, East Windsor, New Jersey

Dr. Pande, Vice President for Scientific Affairs at Sabinsa Corporation, has been associated with Sabinsa Group

since 2004 in a research capacity and spent several years at Sabinsa's Japanese office as Senior Technical Manager. He has also been very instrumental in building and developing Sabinsa's European and Chinese operations.

He joined Sabinsa Corporation in 2005 as Production Manager and oversaw the conception to completion of Sabinsa's manufacturing plant located in Payson, UT. In 2007, he became the Vice President of Engineering Services. With his vast experience in the areas of Pharmaceutical and Dietary supplements manufacturing, he oversees all operations at the Utah facility. Dr. Pande holds a PhD in Phytochemistry from RML Awadh University. He has both Master's Degree in Science and a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Lucknow University. He is author of several trade and peer-reviewed publications.

By applying his chemistry knowledge to the ingredients Sabinsa promotes, he brings a refreshing viewpoint of understanding how these ingredients work. In his current capacity, Dr Pande helps with technical marketing, delivers talks on various health benefits, provides worldwide regulatory support of Sabinsa's portfolio of ingredients, as well as closely working with customers to help them develop new products and formulations in a time bound manner.



SPEAKER:
HARI SINGH PANASER
Chairman at Global Indian Trade and Cultural Council, USA | Global Business Development | Financial Advisor | Pharmaceuticals | Project Management | AI | EDP

Mr. Harinder S Panaser is a Bachelor of Science and Master's in Business Administration. Chairman, Global Indian Trade and Cultural Council, USA (GITCC) He started his career with Glaxo (GSK) and left as Group Product Manager after a decade. Panaser has a very strong network globally and contacts in the field of IT, Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare, AI, and ML Harinder is also Vice President of Coolsoft II He initiates high-level meetings with US and Indian Bureaucrats and industry leaders. Recently, he conducted meetings with the IT Minister and the Chief Minister of Karnataka with White House delegates on US India relations on healthcare and IT. Harinder has been honored by Hetero, Cedilla, Zydus, Sun, and Micro Pharmaceuticals India. Mr. Panaser also addressed an event organized by KDPMA in Bangalore, Food and Drugs Control Administration, FICCI and Indian American Chamber of Commerce in Ahmedabad, M D University, Rohtak Haryana, SAM University in Bhopal, Chitkara Univer-

sity, Punjab University, in Chandigarh and NJPER in Mohali, Punjab.



SPEAKER:
DR. JAYA DAPTARDAR

Dr. Jaya Daptardar MHA is a globally recognized expert in Ayurveda, a licensed Esthetician, writer, healthcare executive, entrepreneur, and speaker. She has been featured in various magazines, newspapers, and television shows in the

USA. She has authored three books, "Aging Gracefully," "Ayurveda's Wisdom for Management of Pain and Addiction," and "Be Beautiful Inside Out." She is passionate about beauty care in Ayurveda.

Dr. Jaya has received several awards and recognitions for her work in Ayurveda and wellness, including the prestigious DHARMA award from the Association of Ayurvedic Professionals of North America and an international women's empowerment award from Ayush Darpan India, New Delhi. She has been practicing and teaching Ayurveda in the USA for 25 years and a global conference speaker for 20 years. She serves on multiple boards. She has received a Lifetime Achievement Award in the healthcare service field from the Physician's Association in CT. She believes in prevention and lifestyle management as a better tool for wellness and longevity.

Additionally, Dr. Jaya is the CEO of Active Ayurveda and Yoga LLC and a faculty member at AAPNA, Global Ayurveda Conferences, and Counsel Academy. She works as an executive healthcare business consultant for multiple companies and serves as the Chief Strategy and Compliance officer of Bridges Healthcare in CT.

1.45 PM EMERGENCE OF INDIA AS A GLOBAL POWERHOUSE FOR DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, SUPPLY CHAIN LOGISTICS, AND AI: HOW US BUSINESS CAN PARTICIPATE

(Special Session in partnership with The Indus Entrepreneur - New Jersey Chapter)



**CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
DR. SURESH U. KUMAR**
President, The Indus Entrepreneur-NJ Chapter, Professor of Entrepreneurship, New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Suresh is a professor, serial entrepreneur, CXO/Life coach, mentor, author, and non-profit leader. He co-founded the first

of his five entrepreneurial ventures in 1999, leading to a lifelong passion for innovation and entrepreneurship. After completing his doctoral study on Indian American entrepreneurs, Suresh entered the academic world in 2015 as a startup mentor at Columbia Business School in New York. In 2019, Suresh co-founded Indian Americans for Biden-Harris and was appointed to the Biden-Harris Campaign economic development sub-committee on small business and entrepreneurship. His current roles include Chairman & CEO of the R-Factor Institute, President of The Indus Entrepreneur-NJ Chapter, and Professor/ Director of innovation and entrepreneurship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology.



**SPEAKER:
ANJAN LAHARI**
CEO of Navikanz; ex-CEO of Birlasoft, co-Founder of Mindtree, Chairman of Advisory Board, TIE-NJ, "Emergence of Digital India and leveraging AI as a driver of economic growth"

Anjan is the CEO and founder of Navikenz, a company focused on AI and GenAI Services to large enterprises. He previously was a co-founder of Mindtree and set up operations for the startup in the US in 1999. Then he established Mindtree in Europe from 2003 to 2008 and led Mindtree's IT Services business globally from Ban-

galore from 2008 to 2013. He then became the CEO of Sasken, a Telecom Products company in 2013 and led the revitalization of that business, tripling the stock price in one year.

In 2015 he took over as the CEO and Managing Director of Birlasoft, a \$150M company. By the time he left in 2019, Birlasoft was a \$500M public company with a diversified and stable customer base in a successful turnaround, recognized by the industry. Anjan's career also includes experience at Cambridge Technology Partners, a Boston based consulting company, and Wipro. In 2019 the software report rated Anjan as among the top 10 CEOs in IT Services companies globally.



**SPEAKER:
NEHA SHAH**
President & Co-founder of GEP Worldwide & TiE NJ Board Member

Neha Shah is the president and co-founder of GEP, a global leader in digital supply chain and procurement transformation. Known for her innovative leadership, Neha drives growth strategies and fosters strategic client relationships while prioritizing sustainability, diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives within the company. Recognized for her achievements, she has received prestigious awards such as the Women in Supply Chain award and the Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Neha is deeply involved in advocating for human rights through her advisory/board roles in various non-profit organizations, including The Indus Entrepreneur (TiE)-New Jersey, Pratham USA, and the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, where she works to eliminate child labor. Additionally, she actively supports initiatives promoting racial literacy, serves on the board of the McCarter Theatre in New Jersey, and holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania's College of Arts and Sciences and the Wharton School of Business, all earned with highest honors and distinctions.



SPEAKER:
NAVNEET PURI

PhD; Founder of Nevakar & Founder of InnoPharma

Dr. Puri founded Nevakar in 2015 with a vision of improving patients' quality of life and healthcare outcomes in hospital and ophthalmology segments. He founded Inno-

Pharma, Inc. in 2005, focusing on development of hospital injectable products. Following the acquisition of InnoPharma by Pfizer in 2014, he stayed on as Vice President of Pfizer's Worldwide Research & Development until 2015. Dr. Puri received Future 50 magazine's Smart CEO award in 2015. He was also awarded the EY Entrepreneur of The Year award from the state of NJ in 2015. Dr Puri's past board positions include InnoPharma, Eyenuk, Xeris Pharmaceuticals, BioNJ, and TiE-NJ. His current board positions include Nevakar, Alzeca Biosciences and [Chair] Rutgers Health Leadership Council. Dr. Puri earned a BS in Pharmacy from University Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences (India), MS from the University of Mississippi and a PhD in Pharmaceutics from Rutgers University.



SPEAKER:
SANYUKTA KULKARNI

Sanyukta has almost 18 years of experience in International Logistics & Freight Forwarding Industry. Completing her MBA from well-known B-School in India with a Major in Marketing, she has several years of Experience in Supporting

Customers in India with International Supply Chain solutions before moving to the USA in March 2023. Currently as a Route Development Manager for Indian Subcontinent at DB Schenker, Sanyukta is committed to providing Support & Solutions to Importers, Exporters, Traders who are looking to Do & Grow Business with the Indian Subcontinent. DB Schenker is one of the World's leading logistics providers. The company operates land, Air, & Ocean transportation services, and it also offers comprehensive logistics and global supply chain management solutions from a single source, With around 76,600 employees at more than 1,850 locations in over 130 countries.

3.00 PM **DIASPORA YOUTH AND YOUNG ACHIEVERS AND THE ROLE THEY CAN PLAY IN INDIA'S FUTURE AND HOW GOPIO CAN FACILITATE THEIR PARTICIPATION?**



SESSION CHAIR:
MS. VASU PAWAR

CEO/Founder of Step2StepUp Inc., Non-Profit

Fulfilling Entrepreneurial Dreams of Young Adults, Influencer, Powerful Group, Systems Analyst, Finance Controller, Entrepreneur, CEO/Founder of GOPIO-Inland Empire and

Community Leader, Southern California



SESSION CO-CHAIR:
BHAVYA GUPTA

Founder and Managing Partner of ACE Consultants

Bhavya is the Founder and Managing Partner of ACE Consultants, working on collaborative working relationships with Investors and clients globally. She has a strong Banking

career internationally and at USA spanning over two decades. Having worked with HSBC Private Bank, Citi Bank etc. she is an entrepreneur now and works extensively between India and USA supporting companies grow and expand globally. She is amongst the Founding team of GOPIO Manhattan and works closely with lead initiatives like Indian Students welcoming and handholding, in addition to others.



KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
KUNAL DEVMANE

Keynote Speaker of G20-India

Author, Buffering to Streaming, Face of Creativity-Forbes, 'Became a Better Version' Daily Hunt, Comprehensive understanding, and elucidating complex topics in Marketing, Technology, Indian History,

and Outsourcing. Wealth of expertise in International Marketing, and Outstanding contribution to Under-

graduate students of Maharashtra, planted 270K trees, Mumbai, India.



SPEAKER:
RAVI KURANI

Technology Speaker and Panelist

Founder, CEO of Sutro, solving critical challenges surrounding water quality through innovative technology, Pursued Engineering and Business, recognized in Forbes 30 under

30, for his contribution to energy and sustainability.



SPEAKER:
MONICA ARORA
Investment Management

A partner and co-head of the Private Funds Group, Proskauer, a Thought Leader in the industry, recognized as leading investment lawyer by Chambers USA, and Legal 500, named by the Minority Corporate Counsel as the 2022 Rainmaker. Active member of Her Justice, providing free legal help to low-income women in New York.

100 Gala in 2009 and has been the Carnegie Hall's Ambassador of Indian Music since 20026.



SPEAKER:
FALGUNI SHAH
Audience Specialist

Singer, Song Writer, and the first Asian Woman to win the Grammy, internationally recognized artist and has performed for Past President Obama and First Lady, Michelle Obama, Featured performer at Time-

100 Gala in 2009 and has been the Carnegie Hall's Ambassador of Indian Music since 20026.



SPEAKER:
NEIL NAYYAR
Creative Genius

A young 19-year-old musician who has been known to Weave, a Tapestry of Sound that extends beyond Instrumental Mastery. He is a vocalist and

sings in 7 different languages and can play 125 musical instruments.



SPEAKER:
BHAVIK SHAH
Hotel & Realty Veteran

A principle of a family-owned business, Ari Investments, along with his brother has converted family company into owners of Prime Hotels and Multi-family apartments in 15 States. They own Marriot's,

Hiltons, Hyatt's, Holiday Inns. He supports numerous Mentorship programs, and non-profits throughout the community as Hunger Free Zones serving Vegan Food and active in Various Chambers of Commerce.

4.15 PM TECHNOLOGIES AND AI AND OTHER INNOVATIONS. HOW DIASPORA INDIANS ARE LEADING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS?



SESSION CHAIR:
DR. THOMAS ABRAHAM

Dr. Thomas Abraham, Chairman, GOPIO and President, Innovative Research and Products, Inc.

Dr. Abraham is the Founder President and currently serves as the Chairman of the Global Organization of People of

Indian Origin (GOPIO). Dr. Abraham has been serving the Indian American community for the last 51 years. He served as the first president of the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA) of New York and the National Federation of Indian American Associations (NFIA). Other than these organizations, two other groups initiated by Dr. Abraham are National Indian American Association for Senior Citizens (NIAASC) and South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS) and co-founded Indian American Kerala Center. In 2008, Dr. Abraham was recognized by President of India with Overseas Indian Honor Award. Dr. Abraham has Also been recognized with Lifetime Achievement Award for community service by India Abroad, American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin and Indo-American Press Club and was honored as the

Father of the Community by Excel Foundation in 2021. A graduate of Columbia University, Dr. Abraham is a materials scientist and nanotechnologist by profession and is President of Innovative Research and Products, Inc., an industry, technology and market research firm based in Stamford, CT, USA.



**SESSION CO-CHAIR
AND MODERATOR:
PROF. RAJASEKHAR
VANGAPATY**

Academic Advisor, Fashion Institute of Technology, State University of New York, USA

Rajasekhar Vangapaty Academic Advisor, Admissions Counselor and served as Registrar if FIT. Prof. Vangapaty (Raj) has been working in higher education since 1983 as an administrator and a faculty member. As a recipient of German and French government scholarships, Raj has learned and shared the education and cultures in Germany, France, England, Holland, Malta, Dubai. Raj holds B. Eng.(OU), M.Tech (Eng) (IIT), M.S. Computer Science (Lehman, CUNY) and Advanced Engineering from Ecole des Min, (France). Raj enjoys advising and counseling the diverse student body, domestic and international STUDENT population in his work as an Academic Adviser at Fashion Institute of Technology. Prof Raj conducts workshops and seminars on US Higher Higher Education and Study Abroad Programs. Develops Articulation Agreements, Dual Degree Programs bringing US and non US Universities/Colleges together. Prof Raj serves as President, Empowerment Skills International and Society for Empowerment Skills Global, Executive VP for GOPIO-Manhattan Chapter NYC, Chairman for Youth Scholarships, American Telugu Association. Prof. Raj Vangapaty served as a Board member in a number of organizations, Vice President, Information Technology, State University of New York Registrars' Association, Board of Director, Escribe Company, Board member of Briarcliff College, Vice President of Technology and Curriculum at American Institute of Professional Studies, Chair and Education Advisor for American Telugu Association, Secretary, Society of Indian Academics in America. He trained more than 1600 Government School Teachers in Computer Technology, Teaching Through Technology program digitizing the course materials, developing educational modules and establishing online teaching modules through digital classrooms, Adopted three

Government Girls Schools and runs Women Empowerment Programs in Technology, Spoken English and Fashion Design Skills, for the underserved youth and adult populations in Warangal and Kamareddy Telangana. Also He teaches and trains Differently Enabled community, physically challenged, down syndrome and autism students. Prof Raj volunteers in multi-cultural community centers in the United States and in India, as well as conducts academic Computer Technology courses to the senior citizens through intergenerational programs to engage them mentally and physically.



**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:
PROF.
SIDDHARTHA DALAL**

Professor of Professional Practice in Applied Analytics, Columbia University, New York, NY, "Technologies and AI, and other Innovations: How Diaspora Indians are leading Research and Innovations."

Dr. Siddhartha Dalal is a Professor at Columbia University teaching AI and Crypto areas with 100+ publications and patents. He was CTO at RAND, VP of Research at Xerox, Chief Scientist at Bell Labs, Chief Data Scientist at AIG, a member of the Army Science Board appointed by Secretary of Defense. He is recipient of many distinguished awards including Meritorious Civilian Service Medal from US Army.



**SPEAKER:
KATHIRVEL
KUMARARAJA**

President, Founder and CEO, DevJee, Inc., New York, NY, "Bridging Traditional Wisdom and Modern Healthcare: Opportunities for Diaspora Indians in India's Health Innovation Economy"

Kathirvel Kumararaja is a distinguished figure in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning, currently serving as the Founder and CEO of DevJee Inc. Based in New York, DevJee Inc. is at the forefront of creating innovative mental wellness solutions. Kathirvel's academic background includes a Computer Engineering Degree, an MBA, and a Postgraduate Diploma from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, equipping him with a robust foundation in

both technology and business management.

In addition to his role at DevJee Inc., Kathirvel is a General Partner at the American Tamil Fund, a venture fund that invests in promising startups. His leadership extends to his role as President of the New York Tamil Sangam, demonstrating his commitment to cultural community activities. He also holds a significant position as Director of Strategic Accounts at NoblQ, where he strategizes on key partnerships and business development initiatives. Kathirvel's involvement with the entrepreneurial community is extensive. He has been the Vice Chair for TiE Open Mic Night at the New York Chapter and was the former Chair of the FeTNA Entrepreneurs Forum held in New York in 2022. His continuous involvement with FeTNA's Entrepreneur Committee since 2020 highlights his dedication to fostering entrepreneurial spirit among the Tamil community globally.

His prior experiences include serving as an Assistant General Manager of IT at Jindal Steel and Power Limited, part of the 13 billion dollar Jindal group, and leading significant projects such as the Pentagon Wedge 5 renovation and the construction of the Burj Khalifa Tower, the world's tallest building. Kathirvel also serves his community as an Auxiliary Police Officer with the New York Police Department, showcasing his commitment to public service. On the personal front, Kathirvel is a family man, married to a dentist, and a father to two teenage boys. His elder son, Jeeva, is pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering, following in his father's footsteps, while his younger son, Deva, is a high school senior poised to make his own mark in the world.

Kathirvel Kumararaja's professional and personal endeavors illustrate his multifaceted approach to leadership, innovation, and community engagement, making him a key contributor to the field of artificial intelligence and an esteemed member of his community.



SPEAKER:
ABRAHAM
PANNIKOTTU

CEO, American Engineering Group, Akron, Ohio, "India's Opportunities and Challenges of AI in Defense Sector on Overseas Small Business Partnerships."

Abraham is Mechanical engineer and owner of American Engineering Group (AEG). AEG is working with US Army on Run-flat tires. Their tire is called Pressure Zero Tire. The Ohio-based firm specializes in carbon fiber pressure zero tire technology, which ensures that the tires will continue running even after being shredded by roadside bombs or gunfire. The development of this manufacturing technology replaces current run-flat inserts inside military tires for both manned and unmanned-autonomous vehicles, a company statement stated.

Artificial intelligence (AI) can be a game changer for Tire Manufacturers. Greater efficiencies, lower costs, improved quality and reduced downtime are just some of the potential benefits. This technology is not only for large manufacturers. High-value, cost-effective AI solutions are more accessible than many smaller manufacturers realize.

AI projects improved equipment uptime, increased quality and throughput, and reduced scrap. With the healthier bottom lines and increased profits came lessons learned. Rick identified key drivers for successful AI implementation, potential pitfalls and best practices and shared some pro tips.

Army Contract for developing blast protection panel for HMMWV with threshold level of NIJ Level III , Air force Contract for development of carbon fiber honeycomb as ballistic protection for control surfaces & Army Contract for developing carbon fiber bullet-proof tire and run-flat carbon fiber for ballistic protection

Abraham Received a B.S in Engineering from NIT Surat, Gujarat India and graduate degrees in Physics and in Polymer Science from the University of Akron, USA.



SPEAKER:
KRIS MANI

President, NSR Technologies, Basking Ridge, NJ, "Nanotechnology and Other Technologies"

Kris Mani has wide ranging experience in the areas of chemicals technology, separations processes as well as in commercializing chemical processes. As President/CEO of NSR he was responsible for all facets of com-

mercializing the production of potassium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid using the Ion-Sep technology. The \$12.5 million venture in Decatur, IL was operated for over 5 years. Dr. Mani also was the inventor and responsible for the commercialization of a process for the recovery and reuse of mixed acids (hydrofluoric + nitric) at a stainless steel production facility in Western Pennsylvania. The \$3 million facility operated successfully for over 10 years and represented the first commercial use of the novel EWS technology. The facility won a runner-up Kirkpatrick award from the Chemical Engineering Magazine.

Dr. Mani has more than three decades of experience in the chemical industry, and held research and management positions at Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and Honeywell. He holds his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Chemical Engineering from Northwestern University.



SPEAKER:
DR. JATIN V. MEHTA
CEO, MetaSense Digital Marketing, Philadelphia, PA, "Mastering SEO & Marketing with AI."

Jatin V. Mehta, PhD, MBA, is the CEO of MetaSense, an Inc. 5000 company, dedicated to helping American business-

es thrive online. With a background in Biomedical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, University of Massachusetts, and a certificate from the Wharton School of Business, Jatin's journey reflects the resilience and adaptability crucial for success.

Founding MetaSense Marketing with a modest investment, Jatin's dedication propelled the company to significant growth, emphasizing his commitment to innovation and service. Through iMetaDex Patent, AI-driven software, iMetaDexTM, which helps companies outsmart Google and maintain organic traffic. With this multiple patented software embedded at the core of the company, today, Jatin's motto of "unity, harmony, and oneness" empowers businesses to navigate the complexities of Google SEO, driven by a greater purpose of driving positive change in the digital landscape.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH SECOND TRACK CONFERENCE SESSIONS

NERA GAON (DOWNSTAIRS ROOM)

Open to all academics to discuss cooperation and joint projects related to Indian Diaspora and programs cooperation with academics in India.

1.30 PM DIASPORA LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

People migrate when they relocate to new nations for a variety of reasons, bringing their cultures with them. In their new surroundings, they frequently try to conserve elements of their old culture while embracing new ones, such as picking up the local tongue. Conflicts between cultures may arise from this adaptation as people work through their identities. Scholars of South Asian languages and literatures investigate these issues in diasporic studies, offering insights into how diasporic cultures deal with cultural change. We have invited a few academics to discuss their perspectives on the Indian diaspora in relation to their language, literature, and culture at this session.



MODERATOR

GUJARATI:
DR. BABU SUTHAR

Ph.D. in Linguistics (University of Pennsylvania, USA), Former lecturer in Gujarati language, literature and culture at the South Asia Studies, University of Pennsylvania, writer, poet,

and an editor of a literary journal, 'Uhapoh:2'. He has published five novels, seven poem collections, four

books of literary theory and culture. His areas of interest include Indo-Aryan languages, Gujarati linguistics, Cultural theory, digital culture, and contemporary analytical and European philosophy.



**HINDI:
ANOOP BHARGAVA**

Anoop Bhargava is a Technology person by profession and a poet by heart. In 2007, Anoop was awarded “Hindi Videsh Prasar Samman” by ‘Uttar Pradesh Hindi Sansthan’ for his contribution to promoting Hindi outside of India. In 2015,

Anoop was given “Vishwa Hindi Samman” by the Government of India.

Anoop was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by Mr. Raj Nath Singh - the home minister of India. Anoop believes that the Internet and latest computer technology can play an important role in spreading Hindi across the globe and has been working aggressively on several projects to realize this goal.



**MARATHI:
ASHOK VIDWANS**

Ashok Vidwans: Retired mechanical engineer. Though he is a born Maharashtrian, his primary and secondary schooling was all in Gujarati and he feels Gujarati is his first language. His father Gopalrao was very prominent and

popular translator and has translated more than 70 Marathi books into Gujarati.

Ashok’s uncle Bhaskarrao was a prominent cartographer and authored high school geography textbooks. Ashok has written few Gujarati short stories and has published a book of collection of his stories. He has translated one of Swami Sachchidanandji’s Gujarati books into English and published under the title “Geeta and Our Issues”. Ashok has also translated and published a Marathi novel by Dr. Prakash Lothe into Gujarati. Ashok married to Shaila Sahasrabudhe in 1971 and believes that Shaila has lion’s share in all his personal accomplishments.



**TAMIL:
VASU RENGANATHAN**

Vasu Renganathan: Ph.D. in Linguistics (India), Ph.D. in medieval Tamil language and literature (, University of Pennsylvania, USA). Lecturer in Tamil language and literature at the University of Pennsylvania since 1996. Research

interest: History of Tamil language and literature, History of Tamil Religious developments, Tamil Sangam Literature and Tamil inscriptions, teaching Tamil language and literature and Impact of technology on pedagogical methods.



**MALAYALAM:
RAJU THOMAS**

Raju Thomas: Writes Malayalam poetry. He came with his wife to the US in 1983, and they live in Nassau County, Long Island, NY. He has been a very active member of the Kerala Center, Elmont, Nassau County. His English literature studies

channeled his interest into sister-disciplines like philosophy, history, and Indian ithihaasaas & puraanaas.



**BENGALI:
DILIP CHAKRABORTY**

Dilip Chakraborty: A writer who has three published books in his credit and has written numerous articles which were published in USA and West Bengal. Dilip Chakraborty received his graduate and post graduate degrees from Calcutta

and Jadavpur University. His philanthropic works in West Bengal were recognized by awarding him “Philanthropist of the Year” award by Ram Mohan Mission of Kolkata with a Gold Medal and 5 Lacs of Rupees. His recently published book “Walking Alone” is available in Amazon.com, Barnes and Nobles. He is also a member of famous The Cultural Association of Bengal, currently serving as its Chairman of the Board of Trustees.



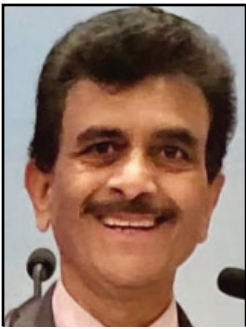
**PUNJABI:
BALDEV SINGH
GREWAL**

Baldev Singh Grewal: A Novelist and Short Story Writer. M.A., B.A. (Hons.). He is Ex Magazine Editor, Daily Ajit, Jalandhar and also an Ex Editor, Sher-E-Panjab (First Panjabi newspaper of USA)

uated with B. COM (Hons.) from Bombay University and then later became a Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant, Chartered Corporate Secretary from India. After coming to the US, completed MBA, CPA, JD (Fordham University) and LLM (NYU School of Law) from USA. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a member of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut Law Bars. He has been a moot court judge at NYU School of Law for more than 25 years.

He is Past President and Paramarshak of Indo-American Senior Citizen Center of New York, Inc. and currently serves as the President of India Home, Inc., a Director of Federation of Indian American Seniors Associations of North America (FISANA), a member of the Indian Cultural Unit at Parker Jewish Institute Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, New Hyde Park, New York, an EC member of GOPIO Manhattan and Vice President of Rotary Club of North Shore, NY. He is a trustee of Vaishnav Temple of New York, Brahmin Society of New York and Gujarati Samaj of New York (2009 through 2013 and thereafter called a Well Wisher), and a Founder Member of Spiritual Development Center of New York. Mukund and his wife Padma are actively participating in the above organizations. The couple is blessed with two daughters, Nita (Ophthalmologist) and Kamini (Rheumatologist).

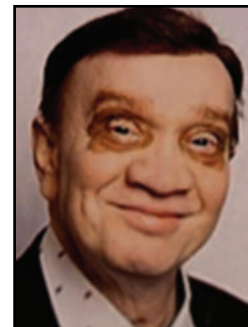
**3.15 PM DIASPORA INDIANS
AGING GRACEFULLY**



**CHAIR AND MODERATOR:
BHARAT RANA**
President, FISANA and Chair,
Volunteers Committee of GO-
PIO-2024 Convention

He is the President of GOPIO North Jersey, Chair Person for "Diaspora Indian Aging Graciously", President of the largest Umbrella Association of

FISANA (Federation of Indian Seniors Associations of North America over 12000 members). As the former elected Commissioner of the Board of Education, former Commissioner of the Passaic Housing Authority, past President of Rana Samaj USA, a current Board of Trustees for the Boys and Girls Club of America, Clifton chapter and the current President of the Indian American Senior's Association of Clifton, as it applied my vast experience and took the challenge and responsibility for the welfare and engagement of our Seniors in the community to take a more proactive role in the various activities.



**SPEAKER:
DIPAK SHAH**

Dipak Shah is a Chairman of FISANA umbrella organization, is CEO and owner of various Pharmacy owner, Philosophies and community leader, a board of director of Bhartiya Vidhya Bhuvan, NY and Board of Trustee of Khadaty Samaj USA.



**SPEAKER:
MUKUND MEHTA**

Mukund Mehta joined CALTEX Oil Company in Bombay, India, in 1964. He was transferred with family to its Head Quarters CALTEX New York in 1971. He continued with the Company and its parent companies TEXACO and CHEVRON until

2002 and retired as a Senior Tax Attorney. He grad-



**SPEAKER:
SUDHA ACHARYA**

Sudha Acharya, GOPIO's Founding Co-Convener in 1989, Sudha Acharya serves as the Executive Director of SACSS after serving as the Founder-President for the first two years. She has been active in the community for the past

thirty-five plus years. She has held various respon-

sibilities and leadership positions in several Indian American community-based organizations such as President of FIA and the Chair of the Board of Trustees of NFIA. Sudha represents the All-India Women's Conference (AIWC) at the United Nations and served as the Chair on the NGO Committee for the Status of Women for two terms, leading 200 organizations in consultative status with the United Nations. Sudha has served in city and state level health care coalitions. Sudha's work has been recognized with many awards, including the Union Square Award, Joan H Tisch Community Health prize for 2023, the India Abroad Award for Community Service, the Gandhi Community Award, Indo-Caribbean Network Award, the Federation of Indian Associations Award, and the Change Maker Award from Domestic Harmony Foundation, among others. She has Master's Degrees in English Literature and Financial Management.



**SPEAKER:
SUMAN KAPOOR**

Spending 22 years on adopted land New Zealand with dignity trust and hope that every thing can be changed as we grow old. Serving Council FOR SENIORS in GOPIO INTERNATIONAL as Co Chair I realized that it is finding happiness in

isolation remain a global issue and Ageing Gracefully has many challenges. Served Age Concern, Grey Power, Senior Indian Association and several more gave me deep insight and touching their lives in a longer way.



**SPEAKER:
MUKUND THAKER**

Mukundbhai Thakar is a president of indian nurssinghome program and CEO of Aristacare Nursing Homes in New Jersey. He is a Vice Chairman of FISANA and Board of Trustees of many Non Profits Organizations including Senior's Associations.

He received many Community recognition awards.



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