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Aruna comes with more than 18 years of experience and deep engagement in domains of Natural Resource Governance, Institution Building, Organisation Studies and Sustainable Livelihoods. She currently works as a consultant, developing research and intervention strategies that embed systems thinking and equity in non-profit initiatives. She also teaches post-graduate courses on Environment and Development, Systems Design and Research Methods. She has widely published and presented several papers on solidarity economy, Natural Resource Governance, organisation studies, leadership and management.

*~ Aruna Pandey
Independent Consultant
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Ashpreet engages with external stakeholders ranging from government departments, corporates, research organisations along with writing opinion pieces for media outlets. Owing to her expertise in the mobility and climate change space, she represents the company on national and global forums as an official spokesperson. Before diving into the public policy space, she worked as a journalist for over a decade with organisations such as CNBC-TV18, Bloomberg, and Deccan Herald, covering high-profile government and corporate litigation developments to developments from the auto, aviation and infrastructure sector.



~ *Ashpreet Sethi*
Head of Public Affairs,
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Harsh has extensively worked on Vocational Training Programs and Solar Energy Interventions from an Entrepreneurship lens in Asia and the Middle East. He has used his Academic Knowledge and Experience around Sustainable Business, to develop impact-oriented programs, which have benefitted all the stakeholders. He believes in keeping Women at the centre of all its initiatives. For economic and social development, it is necessary for women in rural areas to play a pivotal goal in the overall economic development of society.



~ Harsh Tiwari
Director of Operations,
EMPBIndi International

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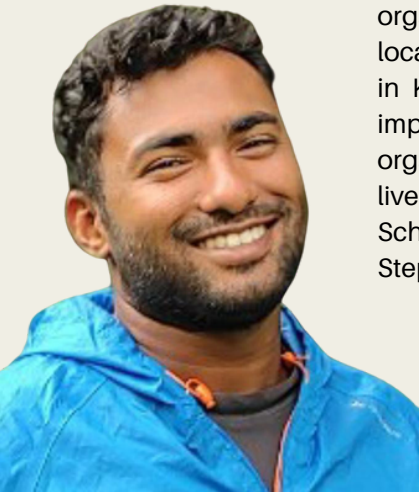
Jayashree Nandi primarily covers climate science and UN climate negotiations; weather, environmental policy and concerns in India such as air and water pollution; forests, wildlife, environmental litigation and people’s stories. With over 14 years of experience in writing on the environment, she has worked with The Times of India in the past before joining Hindustan Times in 2018. Jayashree won the Centre for Media Studies Young Environment Journalist of the Year award in 2019. She also won the merit award for sustained environmental reporting on the environment at the fourth Asian Environmental Journalism Awards (AEJA) in 2015.

*~ Jayashree Nandi
Environment and Climate Correspondent
Hindustan Times*

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Manu is a full-time farmer engaged in regenerative organic farming practices on 50 acres of farmland located at the foothills of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve in Kerala. Prior to being a farmer, he worked as an impact consultant with various social-purpose organizations in the domain of healthcare and livelihood in India. He is an alumnus of the Indian School of Development Management and St. Stephen's College, New Delhi.

~ *Manu Panjikanan*
Farmer

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Nidhi co-founded Dhriiti - The Courage Within - a not-for-profit working to inspire entrepreneurship and create impactful enterprises with a focus on women. Nidhi has an experience of over 16 years in designing entrepreneurship models for impact. She led the design and implementation of women focussed business acceleration programs with The Cherie Blair Foundation for Women in India. Currently, she is leading the model design for women-centric incubation programs in association with Deutsche Gesellschaft Fur Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE).

~ *Nidhi Gupta*
Co-founder and Executive Director,
Dhriiti - The Courage Within

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Prachi is currently pursuing B.Sc. from Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow. Inspired by her brother, she found a deep connection with nature back in her childhood with a passion to protect nature and save the world. She joined the Paryavarnam Society which gave her a chance to align her energy and passion in the right way. She acquired skills to rescue animals, especially reptiles. At the Lucknow Zoo, she has been organizing regular interactive sessions with young people on biodiversity, wildlife conservation and its impact on climate change. She is a GreEntrepreneur and is currently working on Climate Change as a changemaker under the Changeloom's fellowship.

~ Prachi Tiwari
Volunteer, Paryavarnam Society
GreEntrepreneur

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Rachita brings more than a decade of experience in the development sector, with a primary interest in reducing uneven access to resources and opportunities for the marginalised. Seeing sustainable energy as a means of development, she examines the role of energy in furthering access to livelihood, health and well-being. Her work lies at the intersection of research, program design and implementation. With SELCO Foundation, over the past 8 years, Rachita has shaped the organization's knowledge management practice that is centered on active collaboration with end users, grassroots practitioners and field teams.

~ *Rachita Mishra*
Associate Director (Knowledge and Advocacy)
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With a postgraduate degree in Business development from Pune University, Ranjan has worked across various verticals and teams over the last decade with organizations like Oxfam, Christian Aid and PHIA Foundation. He has rich experience in building strategic partnerships and project-grant management, campaigns, and humanitarian responses. He has a strong affinity for the subject of Gender and Climate change. He is part of different forums and groups which are working on creating greener and more sustainable value chains. He is currently in the process of setting up his own social enterprise focusing on climate action.

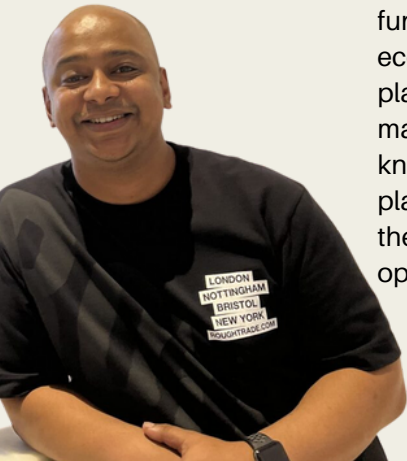
~ Ranjan
Social Entrepreneur

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Sandeep is a digital leader, driven by an entrepreneurial spirit and innovation with 15+ years of experience in leading business and strategy-oriented functions and a deep understanding of the content ecosystem. Currently, he is leading revenue strategy & planning involving sales, servicing production and marketing at VerSe Innovation. He has extensive knowledge of performance-based media strategy and platforms (paid media, social, and programmatic), with the ability to leverage complex data to target and optimize brand/artist effectively

~ Sandeep Naug
Head of Strategy - GTM,
VerSe Innovation

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Varsha is a self-taught artist, forest creator and yoga practitioner. For the last four years, she has been living in the desert and has learned to adapt to the harsh environment by honing her skills in food preservation, rewilding the Marwar region, eco-building structures and water harvesting systems. These practical skills have given her a deeper understanding of desert living. As an artist, she utilizes her artistic medium as a means of conveying her innermost thoughts and emotions, while simultaneously fostering a connection with her environment and those within it.

~ *Varsha Gurjar*
Creative Head, Maruvan Foundation
Communications, Afforestt

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