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Bio CV of Speakers



Dr. Suresh Kumar Rohilla, holds a doctoral degree from Queen's University Belfast, UK. He was a Fulbright Fellow affiliated at University of California, Berkeley and is Visiting Fellow at School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engg., Queen's University Belfast. Currently he is the Head of the Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Water Management of Ministry of Urban Development and National Key Resource Centre working for the Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Government of India at CSE.

He has a vast experience in planning and development of area development/township and infrastructure projects in the area of water and environmental sustainability in the urban context. He has been nominated as the expert member of the various committees set up by Central / State Governments and international professional bodies.



Aditya Batra is Programme Director (Board & Funding), where he looks after fund raising and institutional development affairs of CSE. He has been with CSE for more than a decade, and has had many roles -- as web editor and consulting editor with Down to Earth, as head of the Anil Agarwal Green College, and as head of the South Asia programme, where he coordinated the efforts of various CSE teams in their work in the region.

Prior to his work in CSE, Aditya was senior editor at The Earth Times in New York City, where he coordinated all editorial functions of the newspaper, and covered the United Nations beat. Aditya has earned an MA in Sociology from the University of Hyderabad, and another MA in Journalism from the University of Missouri, Columbia, USA.



Nitya Jacob is the Programme Director for Water with the Centre for Science and Environment, his job involves advocacy and research work of the Centre on water, sanitation and wastewater to improve water-sewage service delivery and equity.

Earlier, he worked as the Resource person of the Water Community, the UN's knowledge management (KM) programme that helps individuals and institutions expand their activities and horizons. His work informed policy and programs of the government, NGOs and donors. He brought out publications that reflected state-of-the-sector knowledge on water management, governance and conflicts. For example, he facilitated e-consultations to seek provide the government inputs for the development of India's five year plan.

He is a published author of books on India's traditional water wisdom, rural governance and trends in rural development. He has been writing on environment, health and social trends as well as on business topics for nearly 25 years. His essay was published in an UN-sponsored publication Water Voices From Around The World. He has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a master's degree in mass communication. He has an advanced certificate in integrated water resources management. He is the programme director for water on research and advocacy with the Centre for Science and Environment. His work is aimed at improving water supply and wastewater treatment. In his previous assignment, he has worked as the Resource person of the Water Community, the UN's knowledge management (KM) programme that helps individuals and institutions expand their activities and horizons. His work has informed policy and programs of the government, NGOs and donors. He has brought out publications that reflect state-of-the-sector knowledge on water management. He has written books on India's traditional water wisdom, rural governance and trends in rural development as well an essay for the 2008 UN-sponsored publication Water Voices From Around The World.

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Amit Baruah is Programme Director (Education & Training) and heads CSE's training operations. He is an award-winning journalist who has lived and reported from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Singapore. He is the author of *Dateline Islamabad*, an account of his experience as an Indian journalist in Pakistan. He has worked as the South Asia Editor of the BBC World Service and the Head of its Hindi Service. Previously, Amit was the Foreign Editor of the *Hindustan Times* and worked for *The Hindu* in Delhi, Colombo, Islamabad and Singapore.

Amit has written extensively on South Asian issues. He has interviewed world leaders like Vladimir Putin, Nicolas Sarkozy, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair apart from a host of key South Asian actors.



W.M.D.T. Wickremasinghe holds a master's degree in Public Policy from Australia and Masters in Natural Resource Management and Bachelors in Botany from University of Peradeniya. In 1998, she joined Sri Lanka administration services and was part of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration as a consultant until 2009. Currently, she is the Director (Development) Ministry of Water supply and Drainage where she is involved in policy formulation and implementation of various water and sanitation sector projects. Prior to this, she was part of various ministries at various levels like Ministry of Youth Affairs & Skills Development, Ministry of Disaster Management, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Ministry of Science and Technology.



Tanuja Ariyananda, hydrobiologist with a PhD in Environmental Science, from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka; M.Sc. in Aquatic Resource Management from King's College London; &B.Sc(Honours) in Applied Biology from University of Wales, UK.

She is the Director of Lanka Rain Water Harvesting Forum since its inception in 1996. President (2008-2012) of International Rainwater Catchments Systems Association, IRSCA.

Abadh Kishore Mishra did his B.E. (Civil Engg) from RIT Jamshedpur in 1980, M.E. in Environmental Engg. from Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand (1986-1988). He joined the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage (DWSS), the only lead government organization for water supply and sewerage in Nepal. He has worked as Engineer, Divisional Engineer, Divisional chief of different section of DWSS, Regional Director of different region of Nepal, Project Director of water supply and sewerage development project supported by ADB for Kathmandu Valley and other projects before joining as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Urban Development. He has worked as chief of water quality section of DWSS and led Sanitation movement in Nepal. At present, he is looking for the water, sanitation and environmental sector in this ministry.



Prakash Amatya is a familiar name in the Water Supply Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) sector in Nepal for his contribution in advocating the rights of the urban poor, promotion of rainwater harvesting and its utilization for the freshwater conservation. Mr. Amatya accomplished M.Sc. in Microbiology in 1998, and attended postgraduate diploma in Environment Management in 1999 from Israel. He has proficiency in Journalism and recently completed MBA (executive) degree from the Kathmandu University in 2010.

He served Kathmandu Metropolitan City for more than four years at different capacities related to decentralized governance, capacity building, poverty reduction, information empowerment etc. from 1997 to 2002. Since September 2002, he worked as Executive Director at NGO Forum for Urban Water and Sanitation (NGOFUWS) responsible for the coordination of the civil society movement for pro-poor policy reforms in urban water supply and sanitation.

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Anil Sthapit is Director at GUTHI and has done his Master's in Business Administration from Tribhuvan University. He is a development professional working to promote the WASH issues in the media. He has led youth based campaigns to strengthen and to promote the community engagement in different WASH advocacy events. He has been coordinated various campaigns, interactions and workshop on WASH issues.

He was one of the co-producer of the tele-film '*Dhalamat*' that highlighted the issues of river pollution and solution to urban sewerage management.



Khairul Islam is one of the leading public health professionals and development workers of Bangladesh. He has worked in various capacities in different development organizations in Bangladesh and Africa. Dr. Islam has been associated with the drafting of the national health policy and national population policy of Bangladesh; and sits in several policymaking committees related to water, sanitation and hygiene in Bangladesh and in the region. Currently, he is working in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene as the Country Representative of WaterAid Bangladesh since early 2008.



Hasin Jahan is a development professional having specialized work experience in 'Water Supply and Sanitation sector. She graduated in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) in 1993. She completed her MSc in Water & Environmental Management in 1995 from WEDC, Loughborough University of Technology, UK.

She worked for Danida, WSP-the World Bank and Local Government Engineering Department, Bangladesh. Currently she is working for WaterAid in Bangladesh as the Director Programmes. She leads all the implementing programmes/projects of WaterAid in Bangladesh. She is contributing significantly in promoting rainwater harvesting in Bangladesh.



Sisira Jayasundara works at Hatton National Bank Sri Lanka as a Project Manager – Operations and Maintenance. He holds two National Diplomas in Engineering Science and Quantity Surveying. He is also a graduate in Civil Engineering, Postgraduate Diploma in Public Management, Master of Business Administration (MBA) specialization in project management, and currently pursuing his doctoral studies at the Management and Science University Malaysia. He is accredited to green building council for last 5 years. He has 22 years of experience in Civil Engineering, and Project Management with experience also in providing consultancy service for Green Building Construction and Energy Management. He has been involved in implementing various Rainwater harvesting projects at building level. He has been awarded also with a platinum award for implementing sustainable green innovative design in year 2013.



Md. Ashraf Al Alam (Ratan), a Bachelor in Architecture (BUET) and Masters in Environmental Science (SUB). He is practicing Architect, Sustainable Building/Neighborhood Research, Idyllic Design, also Secretary of RAIN Forum.

His running projects include: four RWHS design at industry building, one RWHS design for neighborhood of 25000 people at *teknaf*, client: UNHCR, one DEWAT system design for eco resort cum training centre, client: BRAC, one DEWAT system design for refugee camp of 25000 people at *teknaf*, client: UNHCR. He has conducted and been part of several awareness seminars and training workshops with architects, engineers, planners, environmentalists and other development workers.

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AKM Sirajuddin did his masters in Human Settlement. He is working as a Senior Lecturer in Department of Architecture, BRAC University. In 1995 he started working as professional architect, has shifted to teaching since 1997.



Indra Man Singh Suwal, Master in Science in Civil Engineering, currently heads the Building Permit and Land use Planning Division at the Kathmandu Metropolitan City. He is responsible for the issuing building permits and monitoring building by laws. He has almost tendered two decades of service in various capacities in the municipality. He is specialized in industrial and building construction.



Suman Shakya is Managing Director of One Planet Solution Pvt. Ltd. Its footprint includes water management solution (SmartPaani), waste to energy, solar (SmartUrja) and improved cook-stove (SmartChulo). He is Director of Rooster Logic, and also associated with bitarak.com, Digitainment and doing business consultancy and training through Tangent Waves. Suman completed his Diploma in Foreign Trade and MBA from Calcutta, India.

He is known for his understanding of the Nepali market and aptly called marketing strategist and guru, he taught at Kathmandu University School of Management for over five years starting 2000. Currently, he is an adjunct faculty of Marketing at Ace Institute of Management and South Asian Institute of Management. He is the Past President of Everest Toastmasters Club, an important hub of a global network that trains people to become better communicators and leaders. Suman is also the Co-organizer of Startup Weekend Kathmandu, a global grass root movement promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.



Narendra Man Dongol, Director, Niva Rain, is a construction contractor and water system entrepreneur with an experience of 20 years in the sector. He was a lead contractor to build the first constructed wetland in Nepal under the guidance of Dr. Roshan Raj Shrestha.

He has installed more than 150 rainwater-harvesting systems at several sites in Nepal. The wastewater treatment systems at Sushma Koirala Memorial Hospital, Nyado Monastery Pharping and Kathmandu Metropolitan City are some of his landmark projects.

He worked as construction manager to build the first constructed wetland system in Nawab Shah, Sindh, Pakistan in 2009. He is currently overseeing the total water management solution at Namu Buddha Resort owned by a German businessman. The resort is famous in promoting the organic farming in Nepal.



Karuna Thapa is Member at Nepali Youth at Guthi (NYG). She is pursuing her B.Sc. in Environment Management from School of Environmental Science and Management (SchEMS), New Baneshwor, affiliated to Pokhara University, currently in 8th Semester.

She is an alumni of CSE training course in KTM and represent the student community. She is currently coordinating rainwater school projects in Lalitpur.