

THE SPEAKERS



ASMITA KABRA

Economist with School of Human Ecology at AUD

Doctoral work was on the impact of conservation-induced displacement on the livelihood of poor and marginal Adivasi communities. Areas of interest - development economics (especially conservation-induced displacement, poverty, rural livelihoods, natural resource dependence, Adivasi livelihoods and dryland agriculture), economic history and political economy.

ARUN ATTRI

Professor at School of Environmental Sciences, at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

He has been awarded Inventor's Award (US Government) and has over 70 publications (international journals, including Nature) and three international and two national patents. He has 10 years of research experience at National Institute of Health (NIH, USA) with 29 Years at the School of Environmental Sciences at JNU. His research areas include Environmental Biophysics, Aerosol Dynamics, Total Ozone Column Variation, Climate Change: Global Warming and Particulate air pollution.



RAJESHWARI RAINA

Presently with the National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (CSIR-NISTADS, Government of India).

Studied social studies of science, specializing in agricultural and rural innovation - her PhD is on agricultural sciences and economics. Current research focuses on institutional reform and policy research as well as policy capacities for (a) poverty relevant innovation in India, (b) bio-innovation systems in Asia, and (c) agriculture-environment interface.



RAVI CHELLAM
Executive director,
Greenpeace India; Wildlifer
and Conservation biologist

He was among those who undertook the earliest studies on the behaviour of the Gir lions with the specific objective of finding a new home for them in Madhya Pradesh. He organises Students Conference on Conservation Sciences in Bangalore, each year.

SANJAY CHATURVEDI
Professor of Political
Science at Punjab
University, Chandigarh

He is also the Coordinator, Centre for the Study of Geopolitics, Department of Political Science and Honorary Director, Centre for the Study of Mid West and Central Asia. His area of specialization is the theory and practice of Geopolitics; with special reference to Polar Regions and the Indian Ocean. Dr. Chaturvedi is a member of the Core Group of Experts on Antarctica and Southern Ocean set up by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India and a member of the Indian delegation to the Antarctica.



SUNITA NARAIN
Centre for Science and
Environment

Sunita Narain is the director general of Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), director of the Society for Environmental Communications and publisher of the fortnightly magazine, *Down To Earth*. A writer and environmentalist who uses knowledge for change, she was in 2005 awarded the Padma Shri by the Indian government. She has also received the World Water Prize for work on rainwater harvesting and for its policy influence in building paradigms for community-based water management. Narain began her work in the early 1980s, as a co-researcher with Anil Agarwal, an eminent and committed environmentalist who gave the country its environmental concern and message. She has devoted time to build the capacities of CSE so that it can function as an independent and credible institution, influencing public opinion and advocating change.

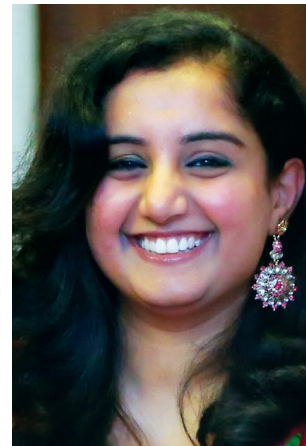


AJAY KUMAR SAXENA
Centre for Science and
Environment

Is an ecologist and forester currently engaged with CSE as Programme Manager (Community Support). He holds a doctorate degree in Forest Ecology and Environment and dual Masters degrees in Forestry and Conservation of Species. He has extensively worked earlier on biodiversity and forestry issues with the Government, United Nations and NGOs.

SRESTHA BANNERJEE
Centre for Science and
Environment

Currently engaged in the capacity of Program Officer of the Community Support and Policy Research team at CSE. Srestha is a PhD in Environmental and Energy Policy, from the University of Delaware, USA. She was also involved in various environmental governance related work in the areas of environmental justice, natural resource management, pollution abatement and alike.



ARUNA KUMARANKANDATH
Centre for Science and
Environment

Currently engaged with the renewable energy team in CSE for almost 3 years. She has a Masters in Energy Policy and Sustainability from University of Exeter and Bachelors in Economics from Delhi University. Prior to CSE, Aruna has worked with JSW Steel and as a research associate in McKinsey & Company.

VIVEK CHATTOPADHYAYA

Centre for Science and Environment

Is with the air pollution control programme at CSE. He has been involved with the public campaign, 'Right to Clean Air'. This campaign is aimed at improving the decision making process related to air quality planning and mobility management, and raise public awareness in cities. Vivek has been involved in CSE's advocacy initiatives which include phasing in of gaseous fuel program; advancing implementation of improved fuel quality norms and emissions standards; introduction of fuel efficiency standards; and awareness campaign on air quality challenges in cities, among others. Vivek is post graduate in energy and environmental management.



AMIT KHURANA

Centre for Science and Environment

Currently working with issues related to food safety and public health in India. At CSE, Amit manages campaigns on safe and good food such as antibiotic misuse in animals, pesticide use in agriculture and junk food consumption among school children. His work involves creating awareness and engaging with stakeholders such as policy makers, scientific community and industry to push for policy change.



SUSHMITA SENGUPTA

Centre for Science and Environment

Has over ten years experience in research on water and wastewater management in India and South Asia. Her current responsibilities at CSE include policy advocacy in water and wastewater management and sustainable sanitation. Sushmita holds a Masters degree in Geology from University of Calcutta, Calcutta. Some of her previous assignments include Consultant (Water Management, Aquaexplorers) and Lecturer (Department of Geology, University of Delhi). She has contributed in the writing, compilation and preparation of various national/ international journals, books and reports.

