

summary report

the future of power

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A series of exclusive conversations exploring the
'shifts in power' and their impact on leadership in the 21st Century

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BRAHMA KUMARIS



Aurangabad was founded in 1610 A.D. by Malik Ambar, the Prime Minister of Murtaza Nizam Shah of Ahmednagar. With its capture by the imperial troops in 1633 it came under the possession of the Moghals and Prince Aurangzeb later renamed it Aurangabad. It remained a part of Nizam's princely Hyderabad State until its annexation into Indian Union and thereafter a part of Hyderabad state of India until 1956. In 1960 it became a part of Maharashtra state.

The city is a tourist hub, surrounded with many historical monuments, including the Ajanta Caves and Ellora Caves, which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, as well as Bibi Ka Maqbara, a replica of the Taj Mahal. It is known as the City of Gates, with 52 gates throughout the city. The Ajanta Caves consist of 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments date from 2 BCE to about 480 or 650 CE, and said to be the finest surviving examples of Indian art, particularly painting. The 34 Ellora Caves were excavated out of the vertical face of the Charanandri hills between 5th - 10th century. The 12 Buddhist, 17 Hindu and 5 Jain caves, built in proximity, demonstrate the religious harmony prevalent during this period of Indian history.

The city was a major silk and cotton textile production centre. A fine blend of silk with locally grown cotton was developed as Himroo textile. Paithani silk saris are also made in Aurangabad. It is a classic example of efforts of the state government towards balanced industrialisation of state. The Maharashtra Centre for Entrepreneurship Development's main office is in Aurangabad. It is one of the fastest growing cities in the world.

Mumbai FOP Participants and Feedback



"When we have courage God helps.
Then victory is guaranteed."

Dadi Janki
Chief, Brahma Kumaris

"Real power lies at the bottom of the
pyramid. The person whose role is
important affects those in power.
My leave has less impact than
that of our teachers."
Rajesh Tope
Minister for Higher Technical Education



"Power is unseen and yet a very
effective tool to bring about a
perceptible change in an individual,
society or nation. Power is dynamic, it
shifts from time to time."

Abhilash Khandekar
State Editor, Divya Marathi

"Power is the ability to change and
positively influence and impact the
world even in small ways such as in
your family and workplace. The
cascading effect of this power will
eventually change the world."

Dr. Ajit Bhagwat
Interventional Cardiologist
Kamalnayan Bajaj Hospital



"My power is tied up with my vision,
my vision with my purpose, my
purpose with realisation, my
realisation with knowledge.
True knowledge comes from God."

Anthony Phelps
Strategic Marketing Consultant, UK

"Everybody is unique. So we need to
explore this uniqueness at its highest level
for the betterment of society and the
world."

Dr. Asha Sakolkar
Gynaecologist
Sakolkar Charitable Hospital



"Power lies within each person and is
unconditional. Wisdom and knowledge
is power based on experience, moral
values and honesty. If we change
ourselves, power can be used in
the right way."

Vijaya Rahatkar
National General Secretary
BJP National Women's Wing

Ven. Bhante Vishodanand
Pradnya Prasara Dhamma Sanskar Kendra





Dr Champalal Desarada
Chairman, Parasons Machinery



Ekta Vishnoi
Joint Commissioner,
Income Tax Office



"Empowerment is when I do not look to anyone or anything to validate my life. Power is when I can create an impact on the world or on others."
Elizabeth Padilla
Program Manager
Anubhuti Retreat Center, USA

"Power is my own inner personal strength. This power comes from within but impacts and empowers those around me. This power is subtle yet deeply profound."
Gudrun Dawes
Horticulturalist
Global Retreat Centre, UK



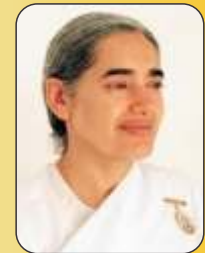
"Power is being in charge and in control of yourself. It is following the laws of nature by cleansing, self-realization, converting all that is subconscious to super conscious and tapping your natural repertoire."
Harsh Jajoo
Strategic Advisor, Can-Pack India

"Power is to share, to help the one in need. Power is not an outside source, it is within one's self. Power means self-reliant, content and satisfied."
Iqbal Siddiqui
Cricketer India Team (Retd.)



"Understand chaos and have a strong desire to rectify it through getting power from the Ultimate Reality, which I as a Muslim believe is the Creator of the Universe who is forever."
Dr Javweed Mukarram
Chairman
Tooba Pharmaceuticals

"Lack of values in our society is due to materialism and our identification with matter. The resolution of all the problems is to come back to the knowledge of the self and our inherent qualities."
Jayanti Kirpalani
Director, Europe
BK UN Representative, Geneva





"Power is the capacity to influence. Devoid of context it can be a force for harm and oppression. The way in which we gather and exercise power is one of the most important lessons to learn."

Jon Symes
Outreach Director
Pachamama Alliance, USA

"Power means energy and it comes from every human beings heart. If it is used for others this power will reorganize the whole world in a greater way. The future of power will come from the Indian people only."

Kailash Loya
Chairman, Rajuri Steel Industries



"Power is the driving force within us, which is common, unlimited and eternal. This power within can change ourselves, empower others and change the whole society."

Klaus Peter Hankel, Germany
Consultant, Renewable Energy Solutions

"Power is part of each human life. We need to share it with each other. It is like a good weapon if we use it correctly and is of no meaning if used incorrectly. This program was outstanding."

Mahavir Z Patni
District Governor, Lions Club



"Power is positive energy, which includes love, compassion and peace. We can become powerful by being organised in a systematic way. We need some external source."

Mahesh Shivankar
Joint Director, Technical
Education, Govt. of Maharashtra

"Real power is the ability to make a difference by selfless service to the world."

Mansing Pawar
Managing Director
Ratnapprabha Motors



"We can compare the world to a jigsaw and we are looking for our place in this. I need to know my shape to find my place. Entrophy is the loss of this self awareness."

Marc Fourcade
Founder, Spring Consulting, France

"In India I heard these words for the first time 'I have more than enough.'

Most people here care for the less fortunate and can sacrifice. I believe there can be a positive change here."

Maureen Chen, Australia
Future of Power





"Power is a reservoir of unlimited Divine energy, which can be naturally transmitted to receptive individuals. It is capable of unlimited transformation through these catalysts to humanity."

Namrata Jajoo
Deputy Director,
MGM Institute of Management



"Power referred to here is the potential of an individual to develop his qualities as would be useful for himself and also for the society in which he lives."

Justice Narendra Chapalgaonkar
Former Judge, Bombay High Court



"Power is realization of the self. It is achieved by doing one's duties well, a disciplined life, being kind and considerate to others and developing positive attitudes."

Om Prakash Mehra, IRS
Commissioner, Income Tax (Appeals)



"Power is probably a concept of total 'being' and not 'thinking' or 'acting'. It may be realized through the process of introspection and cleansing and reaching for the truth within us."

Parwati Dutta
Director, MGM Dance Academy

"Real power is the ability to make a difference, to create an impact, for yourself and for the world around you."

Nandkishor Kagliwal
Chairman, Nath Seeds



"The soul of Bharat, the DNA of Bharat is good, but somewhere it became contaminated. I believe that we can bring Bharat back to its origin."

Nizar Juma
Industrialist, Kenya



"Power is the ability to influence your surroundings through discipline, knowledge, sacrifice, a legitimate approach, thinking ahead of others, innovative 'out of the box' thinking and a bold approach."

Omprakash Kela
CEO, Lokmat Media



"Power is positive energy within which helps us to lead a balanced and happy life and to help others to realize the power within themselves. Realisation of the power within is the key to a bright future."

Prashant Deshpande
President, Expert Global





"Power is in the qualities of alpha, the Supreme. Reduce beta, body consciousness, increase alpha, Supreme Soul consciousness within your soul to make yourself powerful and effective."
 Dr. Purshottam Darakh
 Medical Director for Higher Technical Education, Darakh Hospital



Ritesh Kumar, IPS
 Inspector General of Police
 Maharashtra Police Department



"Knowledge based on moral values and experience backed by quality leadership is my understanding of power after attending this programme."
 Dr. Sadhana Pande
 University of Aurangabad



"Rather than planning and worrying about the future, keep the intellect plain and God will guide us in a most remarkable way."
 Sheila Didi
 Coordinator, FOP Aurangabad

"In India we see ourselves as empowered. Only God is Powerful. When we think we are powerful we become destructive."

Ram Bhogale
 Managing Director
 Nirlep Group of Industries



"Power is within you. One has to realize it, see it in the right perspective and use it for the benefit of the society at large."
 S.D. Wankhede
 Collector and District Magistrate



"We are being reminded of the traditions we have forgotten by foreigners. They are all coming to India to learn about spirituality and our ancient values."
 Didi Santosh
 Zonal In-Charge, MH
 Chairperson, Social Wing, RERF



"Power is infinite, unconditional and exists in individuals. It is possible to identify the self by power, peace and bliss achieved by detachment."
 Suresh Salunke
 Vice President, Engineering and Development Global





"To awaken power within you, you must express the divinity within you. To elevate yourself you can take help of your Guru who can very easily transform you to the desired alpha level of life."

Uday Girdhari
President, MASSIA

"Power is the ability to have an edge over anything that is bad and not in the interest of humanity. It is using means that are ethical and socially acceptable."

Dr Ulhas Gaoli
Chairman, Narayana Infra-Ventures



"Power is self-realization, self-knowledge and self-conviction. First achieve it at your level, and then reveal it at large in such an effective manner that may help others to follow."

Usha Mehra
Delhi Civil Services instead of IAS.

"Power means responsibility with accountability, serving for the betterment of society at large. Power must lead to enjoyment with satisfaction."

Dr V M Pandharipande
Vice Chancellor
Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar University



"Power is peace of mind. A peaceful mind can think in a positive manner."

Dr. Vijay Borgaonkar
CEO, Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital

"Power needs to be used selflessly with transparency. We need to take the decision to do this before it's too late. We also need to remove the blockages in our mind."

Zubair Motiwala
Managing Director, Aman Motors





Aurangabad Overview...

In a beautiful spacious room at the Taj Hotel, 44 participants, facilitated by Marc Fourcade from France, went deeply into the purpose of power and its true meaning. It was quite well summed up by Ram Bhogle, MD, Nirlep Group, "We have not generally thought of ourselves as powerful but empowered. Only God really has power. When we think that we are powerful, we become destructive. A nation is usually equated with their consumption, but consumption is destruction. We used to respect minimum consumption. Progress is not consumption. We should not be misled by this word power."

The next evening at the Sant Tukaram Natya Mandir, through a Talk Show hosted by Anthony Phelps from the UK and inspiring speakers, further depths were reached. The evening was opened by a wonderful performance by Nritya Zhankar Academy followed by Nizar Juma, an Industrialist from Kenya and Initiator of 'the future of power' dialogues, "My life upgraded when I adopted spirituality. We need a higher conscious in our every day life, especially being aware of not giving sorrow. We need to raise our self esteem." The Chief Guest, Mr Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher and Technical Education stated, "Real power lies at the bottom of the pyramid. The person whose role is important affects those in power. My leave has less impact than that of our teachers so who is powerful." Sister Jayanti, the European Director of the BKs as well as their Representative at the UN in Geneva spoke of the need for the emergence of feminine qualities in both men and women. "The founder of the Brahma Kumaris trained a group of youth, but specifically women, and specifically in spiritual education. Only in India are the Shiv Shaktis worshipped."

Vijay Rahatkar, General Secretary, BJP National Women's Wing, "The Brahma Kumaris have been a catalyst in reminding us of our spiritual roots. If I take these powers into my political work, it will make me more efficient." Usha Mehra, IAS, "Our vedas are full of teachings of soft power but we had not thought the world can be led by soft power. We know the ways, we have the laws, but institutions like the BKs need to penetrate the youth as fast as possible. They are the world's best resource, the future leaders." Elizabeth Padilla, singer and former actress from San Francisco, besides thrilling the audience with both Hindi and English songs, shared her observations of the present time, "The powers we used to look up to, especially in the USA, are now cracking. 50% of India is under 30, outsourcing is coming to India. This is our future."



Sitting: Maureen Chen (Australian, Future of Power), Gudrun Duwe (Horticulturalist, Global Retreat Centre, UK), Elizabeth Padilla (Program Manager, Anubhuti Retreat Center, USA), Usha Mehra IAS, Vijaya Rahatkar (National General Secretary, BJP Mahila Morcha), BK Santosh Didi (Zonal In-Charge), Nizar Juma (Industrialist, Kenya), BK Jayanti Didi (Director for Europe; UN Representative, Geneva), Dr. Asha Sakolkar (Gynaecologist, Sakolkar Charitable Hospital), BK Sheela Didi (Local Co-Ordinator, Future of Power), Parvati Dutta (Director, MGM Dance Academy), Namrata Jaju (Deputy Director, MGM Institute of Management), Dr. Sadhana Pande (University of Aurangabad)

First Standing Row: Ven Bhante Vishodanand (Pradnya Prasar Dhamma Sanskar Kendra), Mansing Pawar (MD, Ratnappabbha Motors), Ulhas Gaoli (Chairman, Narayana Infra-Ventures), Mahesh Shivankar (Joint Director, Technical Education, Govt. of MH), Mahavir Patni (District Governor, Lions Club), Dr. Purshottam Darakh (Medical Director, Darakh Hospital), Iqbal Siddiqui (Cricketer, India Team (Retd.)), Anthony Phelips (Strategic Marketing Consultant, UK), Dr. Vijay Borgaonkar (CEO, Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital), Kailash Loya (Chairman, Rajuri Steel Industries), Om Prakash Mehra (Commissioner, Income Tax, Appeals), S.D. Wankhede (Collector, District Magistrate, Parbhani), Champalal Desarda (Industrialist, Aurangabad).

Second Standing Row: Dr. Jaweed Siddiqui (Chairman, Tooba Pharmaceuticals), Uday Girdhari (President, MASSIA), Prashant Deshpande (President, Expert Global), Dr. Ajit Bhagwat (Cardiologist, Kamalnayan Bajaj Hospital), Harsh Jaju (Strategic Advisor, Can-Pack India), Zubair Motiwala (MD, Aman Motors), Klaus Peter Hankel (Consultant, Renewable Energy Solutions, Germany), Abhilash Khandekar (State Editor, Divya Marathi), Jon Symes (Director, Pachamama Alliance, USA), Suresh Salunke (VP, Engineering and Development Global)

Third Standing Row: Omprakash Kela (CEO, Lokmat Media), Ram Bhogle (MD, Nirlep Group of Industries), Nandkishor Kagliwal (Chairman, Nath Seeds), Narendra Chapalgaonkar (Former Judge, High Court), Marc Fourcade (Founder, Spring Consulting, France)