

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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Rich in cultural heritage and architectural marvels, Gwalior has the added advantage of its proximity to Agra, the city of the Taj Mahal; Khajuraho, the city of great temples; and Delhi, the national capital. Historically and architecturally Gwalior is interesting, first as an ancient seat of Jain worship; second for its of palace architecture of the best Hindu period (1486–1516); third as an historic fortress and fourth as a centre for classical music.

At the heart of Gwalior is Gwalior Fort of the Tomar dynasty. This formidable structure was reputed to be one of the most structurally sound forts of India. The fort's architecture is unique and it displays a Chinese influence on Indian architecture, due to trade between China and India at the time of construction. The fort area is also home of the Scindia School, a well-regarded institution founded by Maharaja Madhavraoji Shinde in 1897. Jai Vilas Palace is a marvelous palace museum, giving a glimpse into the life of the royal family. Gwalior Temple has the very first incidence of the use of zero as a written number.

The tomb of the noted singer of the 15th Century, Tansen, is a platform where artists from all over India gather to perform. Sarod maestro, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, is from Gwalior and Baiju Bawra, a classical singer of Dhrupad, lived his whole life under the patronage of Man Singh.

The Scindias, a Marathi clan, ruled from the 18th Century until independence when Gwalior became the new Indian state of Madhya Bharat. It merged into Madhya Pradesh in 1958. In 1962, Rajmata Vijayraje Scindia, was elected to the Lok Sabha, beginning the family's career in electoral politics.

Gwalior enjoys being at a very strategic position on the New Delhi - Chennai railroad and being on NH-3 and NH-75. The important industries include dairy, chemical, manufacturing and textiles. Handicraft and small industries are also found like Gwalior potteries.

# Gwalior FOP Participants and Feedback



“I say it is the power of the future. Past is past. Now we need to look forward with courage and realise that as children of God we do have the power.”

Dadi Janki

Chief, Brahma Kumaris

“The best thing I found in this dialogue was that nothing is being imposed on you; we were persuaded to generate feelings from within and that is what we need.”

R C Lahoti

Former Chief Justice of India



“Within each of us is great power. We need to connect in yoga with Paramatma so that I, atma, realise and emerge that power as a future leaders.”

Avdesh Bhen

Director, Brahma Kumaris, Bhopal Zone

“Swami Vivekananda, ‘if the fortunate are not looking after the downtrodden, they are traitors of the society.’ We are responsible to see that our society develops in knowledge and spirituality.”

Dr Ajay Kumar

Consultant Urologist,

Former President USI and IMA



“The general tendency is to assign power to individuals or groups. Ultimate power belongs to Almighty God. Accept His authority and this world will be a far better place and we will realize the purpose of our coming on this earth.”

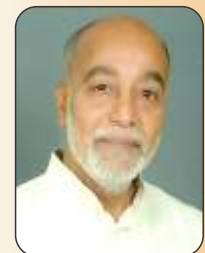
Amiruddin Malak

President, Mahdibagh Institute

“Power is ultimately the power of God which is spread through our character, moral values, doing good and the power to know who am I? Actually power is only of God and not ours.”

Anil Sarode

Director, Vivekanand Needam



“I need to allow the influence of the Supreme Power by sitting quietly, doing yoga and meditation. This positively influences my thoughts, world, relations and people all around.”

Anne Waltham

Life Coach and Counsellor

Trainer, Ecsplcrite, France

“I am responsible for my own power. This comes from asking 3 questions – Who am I? Who do I belong to? What do I have to do?”

Anthony Phelips

Strategic Marketing Consultant, UK





“Through meditation we can easily connect with the Supreme Power and develop positive thinking, tolerance, forgiveness and many inner changes. This power in India is declining and we should regain that power.”

Major Asha Mathur  
National Co-ordinator  
World Women Awakening Organization



“Power is to know one's self. If I know who I am and what I want, I will be able to understand people around me and have real power and transfer this power to the people around me.”

Dr Avinash Sidhu  
International Umpire of Hockey



“Today I came to know that the future of power lies within me. Now I am going to give this message to everybody in this world.”

Dr Brajesh Singhal  
Medical Director,  
Navjeevan Hospital



“Physical and political power will not last forever. Inner power can be increased through meditation. Live in the world like a lotus, detached from the world and its fantasies.”

Dr Diwakar Vidyalkar  
Principal (Retd) M L B Excellence College

“Soft power is our confidence, goodness, unexpected love for ourselves and for our surroundings and circumstances. These qualities will ultimately lead India to become a super power.”

Ashish Dongre  
Vice Chancellor, RKDF University,



“Power is a visible strength that can transform my life and others are also benefitted. It is not only about the external powers but internal power.”

Bidisha Mukherjee  
Joint Collector  
MP Civil Services



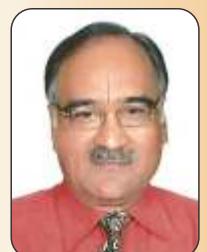
“I realized that power is the freedom and the ability to choose what is best for me and also for the people whom I am surrounded by.”

Dr Deepak Ranade  
Prof & Head, Neurosurgery  
D Y Patil Medical College



“Power is the eternal powers. We heard here how soft power is more important and we must concentrate on soft power.”

G D Ladha  
Chartered Accountant,  
Ladha G D & Co.





“Power is discovery of the self, to lift that curtain between yourself, your mind and the truth. When this happens everything goes into bliss, whether it is spiritual or moral power.”

Dr G S Davar  
Chairman & MD,  
Davars



“Divine qualities are the real power - the power to judge, discern, detach and accommodate. The aim of life should be to reveal these divine qualities and use them for the welfare of ourselves and the society.”

Dr J S Namdhari  
Registrar, G R Medical College



Dr M P Kaushik  
Director,  
Defence Research &  
Development Establishment



“Economic power is increasing and simultaneously tension is increasing. Countries which have given spirituality and peace of mind to the world in the past now have a golden opportunity to provide that soft power to the world.”

Prof Manmohan Yadav  
Chairperson Consultancy,  
Indian institute of Forest Management

“I see power in every interaction. I need to be sure that my thought and action will benefit myself and everyone else for deeper enjoyment of life.”

Helen Foggitt  
Cycling Instructor, UK



“Power is what comes to us for the service of the people.”

Dr Joseph Kaithathara  
Bishop of Gwalior



“Power is based on our thoughts, truth, thinking, spiritual values and our devotion to others. It is not just growing ourselves as a soul, but growing the society along with us. It is whatever good you can do.”

Manish Ahuja  
Director, Khajuraho Motors



“The timing is right for India to take a lead. Women in India are now finding their power. The spotlight is on India now and the world needs balance through the emergence of feminine qualities.”

Maureen Chen, Australia  
Future of Power



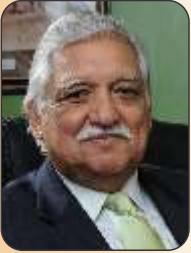


“Inner spiritual power is the ability to act at the right time to bring benefit. It is something that has to be brought out into the world to benefit others.”

Natalie Millar, Australia  
Film Producer and Writer,  
Motion Media Arts

“Whatever power we have inside us, that power needs to be utilized in a positive way. To change the minds of the people, we need power from inside.”

Neiru Gyani  
Political & Social Activist

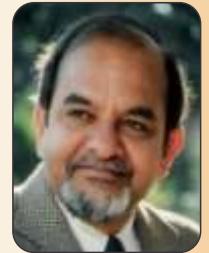


“Power is about being a custodian, to hold the power wisely and to use it with benevolence.”

Nizar Juma  
Initiator, Future of Power  
Industrialist, Kenya

“Power is not what you enjoy but what you give to others, what you use for the welfare of mankind. I enjoy more power after my retirement from the government and I have contributed much more.”

Dr P S Bisen  
Director, Vikrant Institute

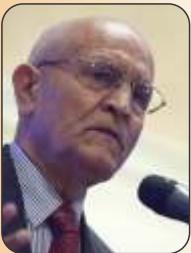


“I realized soft power is very important to mankind. From man to nation and then to the world, the utilization of power should be in the right direction. The future of the world depends on how we utilise power.”

Dr Rakesh Pathak  
Chief Editor, Pradesh Today

“People and countries are not talking to each other, so dialogue itself is a power. If each citizen is given the power to enquire, analyse, study, to break myths, to do and say what they want, then that will be the beginning of real power.”

Rama Shankar Singh  
Chancellor, ITM University



“Power means responsibility. It is to empower others. It is very secret and you have to be fully congruent with what you are blessed with so that you influence the society positively.”

Lt Gen Randhir Mehta  
Consultant, UN Peacekeeping  
Operations Indian Army (Retd)

“What really matters are human values, the humanity within you, how much you are able to serve mankind and to give away. That is what I believe power is.”

Dr Roza Olyai  
Hon. Secretary, FPAI





“Real power is to know one's self, do the right thing and maximise the use of time. Real power is doing what is best for the world.”

Dr S B Gita Narhari  
Consultant Psychologist



“Without power no individual, no most important component in doing positive thing for progress, prosperity and peace.”

Dr S S Singh  
Director,  
The National Law Institute University



Justice SK Gangele  
Administrative Judge  
M P High Court



“Fine arts and music can be the source of universal power for which India was respected and recognized. Music can be the most powerful source in softening powerful rulers like Emperor Ashoka, Akbar and Pan Singh Tomar.”

Dr Swatantra Sharma  
Vice Chancellor, RMST Music University

“Power is to control yourself, to be within your line, to ensure that you are able to distribute it. It is power for love not love for power.”

S P Bindal  
Vice President,  
SRF Limited



“Power is energy. This energy can be positively transformed by self control and self management through meditation. This will make our lives much more meaningful and purposeful for the society as well as the country.”

Dr Sandeepa Malhotra  
Academician  
Jiwaji University

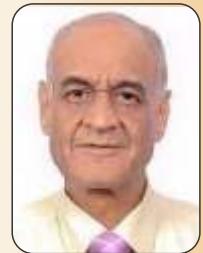


“Power is inside one's self and should be used for the development of society.”

Sushil Surana  
Secretary,  
Maharajpura Industries Society



Lt Gen V K Sharma  
Vice Chancellor,  
Amity University





Vijay Kalsi, IRS  
Nacotics Commissioner of India,  
Central Bureau of Narcotics

“In the western world spirituality is completely lost. Spirituality is important. This morning I learned hundreds of lessons which I had never learned in my life.”  
Prof Ximena Jimenez  
Peace and Security International  
Consultant and Researcher



“People say that there is some power ruling the world. I have found the hidden power within me, I am the child of the Supreme Power. I have so much power to make our earth into heaven.”  
Adarsh Bhen  
Co-ordinator, Future of Power, Gwalior

P. Narhari  
Collector



Sameeksha Gupta  
Mayor of Gwalior

Dr. Gurucharan Singh  
Consultant Anaesthetist







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