

summary report

the future of power

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

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Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan. It was founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, after whom the city has been named. The city today has a population of 3.1 million. With the beautiful Hawa Mahal, the Palace of Wind, Nahargarh Fort, the observatory, Jantar Mantar, a World Heritage Sites, formal gardens and lakes, it is part of the Golden Triangle tourist circuit, along with Delhi and Agra.

The city was built following the principles of Shilpa Shastra, built in the form of an eight-part Mandala known as the 'Pithapada' under the science of Indian Architecture. Known as the Pink City, in 1876, during the regime of Sawai Ram Singh, the whole city was painted pink to welcome Edward, Prince of Wales. The major rivers passing through the Jaipur district are Banas and Banganga.

Jaipur district is a centre for both traditional and modern industries. It is famous as a large exporter of gold, diamond and stone jewellery in Asia and is the only city finishing blue diamond, or tanzanite, in the world. The prior rulers of Jaipur patronized a number of arts and crafts. They invited skilled artisans, artists and craftsmen from India and abroad. It is an arts and crafts centre of world repute.

Jaipur FOP participants and feedback



“When we center our self all confusion ends. I am a soul, a being of power. I need to realise the source of power within and how to connect with the Supreme Source.”

Dadi Ratan Mohini,
Joint Chief of Brahma Kumaris,
Mt.Abu

“Since ancient times India has been a torch bearer of spiritual power for the whole world. Meditation is the drug that can cure the world of all its diseases ”

Dr. Jitendra Singh
Minister for Energy, PHED DIPR, GWD,
Govt. of Rajasthan



“Today I am here to listen in order to improve myself by improving my self-confidence. If I improve my self-confidence, definitely, my power will improve by all means.”

Mr. Ashok Patni
State Convener & Vice Chairman RAJREDCO

“Power is the capacity to deliver good, obstruct or destroy. The choice is entirely ours. The soft power is under the control of our own self, not environmental factors. It is the cumulative power of intrinsic values and virtues which produce good for humanity.”

Dr Ashok Panagariya
National President
Indian Academy of Neurology



“We came from different backgrounds, different communities but there was a very common theme of each individual wanting to be strong within. Spiritual power is connectedness and we are able to manifest change for good in the world at large.”
Ms.Barbara Hannon
Rehabilitation Physician
Australia

“Power is to bring change internally in the life of others in a positive manner by convincing that person to do acts which will be beneficial for them and the society at large. That can be done only through love and affection and helping the needy.”
Mr. Brijesh Gupta
Chief Commissioner (CCA) Income Tax



“This has reinforced the importance of thinking and discussing things like this. It reaffirms something in me. We were with high thinkers from Jaipur and there was very good communication amongst us.”

Dr. David Goodman
Dentist, UK
Trustee, Janki Foundation

“To do good you have to be good - to have compassion for other people and an understanding of what moves them. To empathise with them, you have to have a greater sense of sympathy and you yourself have to align with the rest of the world.”

Ms. Deepali Pant Joshi
Regional Director Rajasthan
Reserve Bank of India





"Today's session was amazing as it contributed towards creating awareness of my inner power. What exists in my experience right now is confidence, courage and a feeling of togetherness. Soft power gives the message of love and peace which are universal in nature."

Mr. Ikraam Rajasthani

Station Director (Retd.) All India Radio
Poet, Writer, National Commentator



"Power is an energy that attracts. Force creates resistance. The more power we have the less force we need to use."

Ms. Judy Johnson

Organization Development
Facilitator, Canada



"It was a mind throbbing exercise to understand how India could be a world power again and spiritualism in the true sense. We are sacred souls of the great Supreme Power."

Mr. K.L. Jain

Honorary Secretary General
Raj. Chamber of Commerce & Industry



"As our headquarters are in Rajasthan, I am hopeful that our collective vision will bring in a new dawn to this state."

BK. Karuna

Chief of Multimedia,
Brahma Kumaris



Mr. Hari Mohan Dangayach
Chairman Dangayach Group



"Real power is spiritual power. We need the awareness that we are guests on this earth and not the masters. Then we will understand what we are, where we are, what we are meant to do, who has created us and what the goal of our life is."

Prof. K. L. Kamal

Former VC University of Rajasthan
Former Member RPSC



"This was a very dynamic workshop. To control my anger, as a practice, I will postpone getting angry until after 3 pm. Here I liaised with many accomplished people and felt very good having done so."

Ms. Kailash Agarwal "Manav"

Founder & Managing Trustee,
Narayan Sewa Sansthaan



"Learning needs to be acquired and sustained in a manner that allows us to take action on that basis, to witness those actions and reflect on the results. This provides a pathway to contribute and grow in the area of your dedication and commitment."

Mr. Kulbhushan Kothari

Managing Trustee, Pratham
Rajasthan Advisor, Rajasthan Patrika



“What impressed upon me was to increase more confidence in capacity building - inner and outer. Without the inner power and strength we can't achieve anything in the outer world.”

Prof. Lad Kumari Jain
Chairperson
Rajasthan State Commission for Women

“There is a power shift happening in the world. Many countries are powerful, others are feeling powerless. It is not military power that is important. We discussed inner power, sources of power and how to use power for public good and sustain it through meditation.”

Mr. Mithalal Mehta
Former Chief Secretary



Mr. Mukund Goyal
Chairman
Goyal Group of Companies

“Spirituality is what we do with our intellect, religion tends to be physical and dogma. Combining spirituality with life we can bring elevated thoughts and actions.”

Mr. Nizar Juma
Initiator, future of power
Industrialist, Kenya



“Power is the capacity to change things in a positive direction, for the better, for the maximum number, in a positive direction.”

Mr. Omendra Bharadwaj
Director General of Police, Jail
Rajasthan Police

“This has deepened my understanding of World Power. It is a process, an action, a passion, to achieve peace of mind, peace in the family, in the society and in the nation by considering that others as more important than myself.”

Dr. P. C. Vyas
Chief Co-ordinator Rajiv Gandhi Study Circle



“I am very pleased to see people of such power coming together in meaningful dialogue. Let's work together to increase spirituality in our state”

BK. Poonam
Sub-Zone Incharge,
Rajapark, Jaipur

“India has a lot of man power and money power and with the efforts of transformation of thoughts being undertaken by the BK organization, it is possible to see India as the next best alternative as a world power not long from now.”

Mr. R.D. Baheti
Chairman, RDB Group
Chairman, Rajasthan Yog Parishad





“From limited power of personal knowledge and position, I now wish to move to the realm of real power, the self. To do something for others through the power of love, passion, compassion and power of empathy. This will impact my career as a police officer.”

Mr. Rajeev Dasot
Addl. Dir. General Police
Vigilance Mines Department

“This dialogue has changed my perception of power. I thought of power as physical power, I now understand power as inner power through meditation. Meditation is the instrument to use inner power and is really the future of power.”

Prof. Ramanuja Devanathan
VC, Jagadguru Ramanandacharya
Rajasthan Sanskrit University



“External power is social power, organizational power, power to control other people. That all comes from internal power and internal power comes when one meditates, reflects and is in communion and harmony with the self.”

Dr. Shiv Gautam
Director, Gautam Inst. of
Behavioral Science & Alt. Medicine

“Persuasive power influences the minds of people through spiritual empathy. Through conviction one is equipped to face the world and to talk about the influence good power has and how this can change the minds and actions of large numbers of people in the nation.”

Lt Gen (Retd) Susheel Gupta
Member, Armed Forces Tribunal



“Everyone had a great time discussing the power of self realization, self control and utilisation of such inner power. We can spread happiness in this world by controlling our anger and emotions and promoting soft powers.”

Pt. Vishwa Mohan Bhatt
Inventor of Mohan Veena, Music Maestro

“I like self-analysis and self-valuation. I sit down and meditate and see where my energy is going but I have never had these sort of conversation before with others in a closed room. It is good to know that there are other people who think this way.”

Vishwajeet Singh Champawat
Director, Gateway Hotel Ummed, Ahmedabad



“India can show the world a new kind of leadership through its spirituality, values and culture. We are greatly in need of this.”

Ms. Maureen Chen
Participant Liaison FOP,
Australia

“The leaders here already understood where true power comes from - the center of the self. The discussion was not whether we are powerful but how to access that power. I see India as a land of hope for the world.”

Mr. Anthony Phelips
Strategic Marketing
Consultant, UK







Standing L to R: Dr Ashok Panagariya (National President, Indian Academy of Neurology), Ramanujan Devanathan (Vice Chancellor, Sanskrit University), Ashok Patni (VC, Rajasthan State Real Estate Dev Council), Vishwajeet Singh Champawat (Director, Gate Way Hotel Umed Ahmedabad), Rajeev Dasot (Addl. Director General of Police), Brijesh Gupta, IRS (Chief Commissioner of Income Tax), Dr. Shiv Gautam (President Designate, Indian Assn of Geriatric Mental Health), Kulbhushan Kothari (Pratham Rajasthan Managing Trustee), Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt (Inventor of Mohan Veena), Lt.Gen (Retd) Susheel Gupta (Member Armed Forces Tribunal), Prof K.L. Kamal (Former V C, University of Rajasthan), Nitin Singhal (FOP), Dr PC Vyas (Chairman, Vaigyanik Dristikone Society), Ikraam Rajasthani (Station Director Retd, All India Radio), David Goodman (Dentist; Trustee Janki Foundation, UK), Anthony Phelips (Strategic Marketing Consultant), B.K. Chanda (FOP)

Sitting L to R: Maureen Chen (FOP), Mithalal Mehta (Former Chief Secretary), Dr Deepali Pant Joshi (Regional Director Rajasthan, Reserve Bank of India), Prof Lad Kumari Jain (Chairperson, Rajasthan State Commission for Women), Judy Johnson (Organisation Development, Canada)

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