the future of Power
for enlightened leaders

the Story so far...
PURPOSE

As we witness repeated breakdowns of systems, there is an urgent call emerging for a more responsible leadership to steer us through turbulent times and achieve a stable and positive long term vision we know is possible. The purpose of these dialogues is to identify and call upon some of the world’s influential leaders to:

- Deepen their awareness of what is needed to develop and sustain a more responsible leadership.
- Share best practice of responsible leadership.
- Explore what it means to be a ‘trustee of power’ today and tomorrow.
- Develop further insight into new paradigms of leadership emerging through the power shifts of the 21st Century.
- Re-emerge awareness of ‘soft power’ which includes leading with values, spirituality and culture.

AIMS

The Future of Power dialogues aim to bring together on a neutral platform both international leaders & leaders of India to find ways to develop their individual and collective strategies in modeling responsible leadership now and for the future.

During the next three years these conversations are expected to create a focused long term inspiration for leaders to become self motivated in being responsible and transparent in their expression.

OBJECTIVES

- A series of one-day dialogues in 30 major cities across the length and breadth of India over a three year period.
- A call to action, following each dialogue, for every participant to raise the bar of responsible leadership personally and within their profession.
- Develop a knowledge-base of ideas, best practices, experiences and insights of the principles of responsible leadership - forming a historical record for educational purposes and projecting a future vision that will guide and inspire tomorrow’s leaders.

WHY INDIA?

It is the seat of original principle-based power. Increasingly, the West is looking to the Far East and India in particular, for inspiration and learning in the area of values-based leadership. Whilst, in recent years, it has been a country of tremendous progress in many fields - health, science, economy, IT, it is also witnessing an increasing loss of values and a forgetfulness of its ancient principles; which has opened the way to a corruption of power that is eroding the foundation of its future growth. Reviving those values and principles is essential for future generations to carry on a more sustainable source of authentic personal and collective power.

ONE DAY DIALOGUE PROCESS

During four 90 minute sessions participants will be gently led and provoked by experienced facilitators to be both creative and controversial while collaborating with others during conversation. Short periods of silent reflection punctuating the dialogue process will establish a peaceful and creative space for individuals to converse, co-create and contribute to a developing vision of the evolution of power.
DADI JANKI

Dadi Janki has pioneered, exemplified, and shared a structured and disciplined method of spiritual development that has had a profound impact on the lives of millions across the world. Now at the age of 96 she is the Joint Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris, and still travels extensively throughout the World.

Dadi Janki joined the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University in 1937 at the age of 21, and soon became one of India’s first female spiritual leaders. Transcending established norms of religion, society, and culture, she has taken universal spiritual truths, worked with them in the laboratory of her own life, and translated them into practical tools for improving the human condition.

Since 1974, when she left India for the first time to base herself in London, England, she has overseen the establishment of centers teaching meditation and spirituality in 84 countries.

In the 1980s Dadi’s role gained further prominence when the Brahma Kumaris were given affiliation at the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization. In 1986 Dadi launched the Brahma Kumaris Million Minutes of Peace Appeal, which became the largest non-fundraising project for the United Nations during the UN International Year of Peace. In 1988 at the House of Lords, Dadi launched Global Cooperation for a Better World, the first United Nations Peace Messenger Initiative. This project collected the visions of people in over 120 countries for positive change. Many of those visions subsequently became reality.

In the early 1990s Dadi was invited to be one of the World’s Keepers of Wisdom.

NIZAR JUMA

Nizar Juma, spent six years studying Economics, Law and Accountancy, at the University of Wales, before embarking on a stellar career in manufacturing and development, since 1968. To-day, he is a leader in industrial and commercial businesses, principally within Africa and Canada; he is best known as the manufacturer of Adidas Sports equipment for 49 Countries in and around Africa. Based in Nairobi, today Nizar chairs more than 50 Companies.

For the past 27 years, Nizar has also been actively involved in a voluntary capacity as Chairman of some of the Boards of The Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development and in the Aga Khan Social Welfare activities, including not-for-profit hospitals; and in their development activities in Power generation, fiber optics cabling systems, agriculture, banking, leather processing, pharmaceuticals, insurance, food processing and property development.

The Future of Power is the theme of a series of dialogues, which Nizar is hosting with the Brahma Kumaris, and which are taking place across India to deepen the understanding of the nature of power, and help restore awareness of the nation’s spiritual heritage both within India and abroad. Nizar says that India has dazzled the world over the past two decades with a stunning display of domestic economic growth, entrepreneurial ability at home and abroad, and emergence as a world power in information technology. Meanwhile, many western economies whose performance seemed enviable are now heavily in debt, their GDP growths are either negligible or in negative territory and showing no signs of true recovery. A historic reversal is under way, in which power is flowing back to India.
Premlata Agarwal
She scaled the world’s tallest peak, Mount Everest, at the age of 48 years. She also took part in the First Women’s Thar Desert Expedition in 2007, a 40-day camel safari. Her feats are listed in the Limca Book of Records.

“Only those who keep walking get sweet returns... look at the sun’s perseverance - dynamic & always on the move, never dormant... hence keep moving.”

Shakti Singh Gohil
Shri Shaktisinh Gohil, Leader of Opposition, Gujarat Legislative Assembly. Youngest Minister in Gujarat cabinet during the Congress Govt and Youngest Chief Member of the royal family of the Limda State, Saurashtra.

Vishwa Mohan Bhatt
He is a Grammy Award Winner. He has mesmerized the world with his pristine, pure, delicate yet fiery music and his successful indianisation of the western Hawaiian guitar with his perfect assimilation of sitar, sarod & veena techniques, by giving it an evolutionary design & shape.

Shri Narendra Modi
C M for Gujurat, inaugurated the “future of power” project for Gujarat.

“Everyone had a great time discussing the power of self realization, self control and utilisation of such inner power. Also, how we can spread happiness by controlling our anger.”
Ajit Rangnekar
Dean at the Indian School of Business with experience in East Africa and India in business strategy, new business creation, systems implementation and performance improvement in industries including telecom, utilities, energy, chemicals and shipping.

"Today thousands of wonderful seeds have been sown in my garden. Now, I have to nurture, water, provide nutrients and finally, I have to decide what I will do with this garden."

Bharat Dabholkar
Actor, Director and Writer. He has won international awards for creative excellence and pioneered the concept of skit plays.

"Power is not an external force to use against others, but to use inwardly, to make your self a better person."

Dr. Azad Moopen
Chairman of DM Healthcare and U.A.E. Chairman of MIMS Hospital. He establish the tertiary care Malabar Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital at Kozhikode, Kerala and a chain of healthcare facilities in UAE, Qatar, Oman and Saudi Arabia.

"People who hold power need to be made aware of the importance of managing power effectively at the individual, organizational level and national level."

Anu Aga
Anu Aga is an Indian businesswoman and social worker, who led Thermax Ltd. as its Chairperson. After retiring from Thermax, she took to social work, and was awarded the Padma Shri for Social Work by the Government of India. She is currently Chairperson of Teach For India. She has been nominated by the President to the Upper House of Indian Parliament.

"To me the most powerful power is personal power and that stays with you forever which means invest in yourself and invest in others."
Vijay Bhatkar
Thought leader, innovator, scientist and philosopher, educator, author and policy architect. He helped shape India’s celebrated IT industry and is the architect of PARAM supercomputers. He is the Founder of Multiversity, bringing together science and spirituality. His awards include Padmashri & Maharashtra Bhushan Awards.

“The 21st Century belongs to India, the first knowledge based civilization in the world. India should now lead the world not just in economics, science and IT but by creating a new paradigm of development for the asset of humanity synthesizing science and spirituality based on oneness of the individual with the universe.”

Kishore Biyani
Kishore Biyani is Chairman of Indivision Capital Funds and Futures Capital Holdings. He is the Managing Director of Pantaloons, Big Bazaar and Future Ventures India. Kishore is the co-author of India’s bestselling book on business entitled ‘It Happened in India,’ the story of Pantaloons, Big Bazaar, Central and the Great Indian Consumer.

Swaminathan Gurumurty
A Chartered Accountant, Corporate Advisor and Columnist based in Chennai. He is a strong proponent of the traditional Indian economic wisdom.

“If we see how this civilization has worked, we will know how to use power. Power is power – we can make it more benevolent.”

Subhash Ghai
Indian Film Director, Producer and Screenwriter. He launched Mukta Arts, a film production company and is the founder of Whistling Woods International in Mumbai.
Pratima Kirloskar
Trustee of the Japanese NGO, Ashta No Kai for empowering women. She has fostered collaboration across a range of entities - biotech research institutes, pharmaceutical companies, practicing doctors, engineering colleges, government ministries and embassies. She is the Co-Chair of ASSOCHAM and the Founder of Innovations.

Ramoji Rao
Head of Ramoji Group, owners of the 2,000-acre Ramoji Film City, Hyderabad, the world’s largest film production facility. The Group also has publishing, TV software development, hotels, food processing and financial services.

Nazia Alum
Nazia Alum has been awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Prativa Puraskar. She has performed in India and abroad in classical, popular, pop, ghazal and devotional genres of singing. She has been a regular vocal accompanist for stalwarts in Odissi dance.

Maharaja Gajapati
Maharaja of Puri, however he prefers to see himself as an “adhyasevak” in the Shri Jagannath Temple.

Nizar Juma has given us a challenge... are we Indians ready to handle the power that is coming to India? We have seen a revolutionary scale of advancement towards materialism but on the spiritual level there is bankruptcy. Power will only come when we refer to the Highest Power for the self, the community, the country, the earth.

Our journey is of empathy. Power is also a power of empathy, trusting and respecting everyone. It is not tangible but it is a daily process of living an honest life as a complete person. This moral and ethical space is power.

Power is an ability to act with strength, authority and control. The future of power is in me, in us. I am going to put in my best to touch people with the healing power of music.
Jija Harisingh
Ms Jija Hari Singh is Director General of Police, Commandant General, Home Guards, Director, Civil Defense & Director, Fire & Emergency Services for Karnataka. She was awarded the President's Medal for distinguished service. Her service has become a catalyst for change as the only woman DGP in the country. She is the recipient of the Dheera Mahila Award.

GRK Reddy
An astute businessman with a far-reaching vision. He envisaged that “Space Creation” would play a critical role in driving the Indian economy. He is a Charter Member of The Indus Entrepreneurs, a global network fostering entrepreneurship.

Frank Urbancic
United States Consulate General in Melbourne. He is responsible for managing and overseeing all aspects of counter terrorism activities and has dealt with its causes throughout his career.

Mrulini Puar Devi
Hailing from the royal family of Baroda, she is the Chancellor, MS University. She is also a Senior Research Fellow, Indian Council of Research; Member, International Union for Conservation of Nature & Natural Resources, Switzerland; Recipient of International Peace Scholarship, Iowa, USA.

“Power is the ability to influence people and to convince them that you have a reasonable rational program which makes sense for them to be part of. It requires inclusion. Power belongs to those who have the ability to influence others in a positive way to be part of a larger group.”
Madhavan Nair
Prof G. Madhavan Nair is the former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation and Secretary to the Department of Space. He is the Chairman of the Space Commission and the Governing Body of the Antrix Corporation, Bangalore. He is also the President of the International Aeronautical Association. His achievements include the Padma Vibhushan Award.

Shobana Ramachandran
Shobhana Ramachandran is the MD of TVS Srichakra and Chairperson of Lakshmi Vidya Sangham, a trust run by members of the TVS Family providing quality education.

Prof. Kalirajan
Professor of Economics in Canberpolitics trails. His work on the stochastic frontier production function methodology has given him international recognition.

Amitabh Shah
Amitabh Shah is the Executive President of the Times Foundation, Chairman of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industries Youth Wing and Founder and Chief Inspirational Officer of Yuva Unstoppable, bringing social change with thousands of youth all over India.

Dr. PS Hardia
Founder of Dr P S Hardia Advanced Eye Surgery and Research Institute.

"Power is to give ... to give your ear, your resources, your love to someone in need. Today’s experience was superb because it was a meeting with people from diverse aspect of life - lawyers, doctors, spiritual leaders etc. "

His name finds a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.
“Ultimate power is a state of mind.”
Hafeez Contractor, Architect.

“The fact that so many powerful and interesting people gathered today to share their experiences is a unique experience.”
Ashok Advani, Publisher
Business India Group.

“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.

“With India being an essentially spiritual country, soft power must prevail.”
Rani Mukherjee, Bollywood Actress.

“There is a difference between dharma and religion. Dharma is global, religion is local. Dharma never changes, only religion changes.”
Mahesh Jethmalani, Senior Advocate
High Court of Mumbai,
Supreme Court of India.

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