the future of power
for enlightened leaders

the story so far...

Some of the participants
**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:

- Explore what it means to be a ‘trustee of power’ today and tomorrow.
- Deepen participants awareness of what is needed to develop and sustain a more responsible leadership.
- Re-emerge awareness of ‘soft power’ which includes leading with values, spirituality and culture.
- Deepen their awareness of what is needed to develop and sustain a more responsible leadership.
- Share best practice of responsible leadership.

**AIMS**

the future of power dialogues are bringing together, on a neutral platform, both international leaders and leaders of India, to find ways to develop their individual and collective strategies in modelling responsible leadership now and for the future.

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, starting with 60 major cities across India and Nepal and now travelling to the West.
- 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?**

India was the seat of original principle-based power. Whilst, in recent years, it has been a country of tremendous progress in many fields - health, science, economy and technology 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 aand collective power.

**ONE DAY DIALOGUE PROCESS**

During interactive sessions, participants are 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, 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 98 she is the Joint Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris.

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 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 over 130 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 become 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 Wisdom. Together with Nizar Juma she shared the Bharat Gaurav Award in July 2014.

NIZAR JUMA

Nizar Juma, spent six years studying Economics, Law and Accountancy, at the University of Wales, until 1968. To-day, he is a leader in industrial and commercial businesses, principally within Africa and Canada; including manufacturer of Adidas for 49 Countries in and around Africa. Based in Nairobi, today Nizar chairs more than 63 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 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.

In 1982 Nizar was awarded The Silver Star by The President of Kenya for outstanding services to Kenya. In 2011 he was given The Lifetime Achievement Award by the Insurance Industry.

In 2013, H E President Mwai Kibaki of Kenya gave Nizar an award for selfless service to the People of Kenya.

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.

In July, 2014, at the House of Commons in London, Cabinet Minister Baroness Verma presented Nizar with the Bharat Gaurav Lifetime Achievement Award for spreading spirituality in India and other countries, through ‘the future of power’ project.
SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS . . .

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.

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

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

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 a evolutionary design & shape.

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.
**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.”

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**Dr. Azad Moopen**
Chairman of DM Healthcare and U.A.E. Chairman of MIMS Hospital. He established 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.”

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**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 Indivion 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.

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.

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

“We need to understand the challenges of our time. Every generation has unique challenges. One of the challenges of our time is that of being ruled by our minds. I understood how we use power to affect our environment and one of the things I took is how do I take it to my work space.”

Dr. Kevin Murray
Co-ordinator, Australia India Design Platform, Melbourne.

“I’ve been really touched by the integrity and the values that have been expressed in this forum. I think the BK’s have got credit for providing a space in which that can be delivered in a way that is very trusting and supportive and that is very significant. Thinking about ways we can keep the flame alive is very important to me.”

Leander Paes
Professional Tennis Player

“Real learning is to be amazed by people who have accomplished something in life and to take inspiration. Each human being is a story. The way I interact with others needs to be an inspiration for others to follow.”

Neelesh Mehta
Executive Director, Texas Peak Group of Companies, Melbourne

“I will grow into a larger tree, spread my branches, provide shade and bend my branches and provide fruit and nourish you as you come by. That’s what my feelings were from the gathering.”

Victor Perton
Victor Perton Global Partners, Melbourne

“I came here with the belief that Indian soft power, or spirituality in life, already offers a great competitive advantage. Living in the US I have seen many Indian born chief technology officers bringing their Indian influence into American corporate life. It has been interesting to put a framework around it and to hear other intelligent voices.”
Opia Restaurant was the venue for the future of power dialogue, in New York City. It was attended by 46 heads of 20 different professions. Dinner followed the event.

'High tea' was the pre setting to the FOP Dialogue in Chicago held at The Chicago Cultural Center GAR Auditorium. This event was attended by 38 participants representing a cross section of the Chicago Community from varied professions. This was the 63rd FOP event worldwide and the 3rd event in the USA, during 2016.

The three hour FOP event in New Jersey was the 2nd one in the USA and was held in Clinton in a series of 4 events held in the USA during 2016. The Dialogue was preceded by Dinner.
The Boston FOP Dialogue was held at the prestigious Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, which opened its doors in 1912! The event was attended by a "full house" of participants representing a cross section of the Boston Community.

A FOP week-end Retreat was held at the Leura Retreat Centre, in the picturesque Blue Mountains in Australia, during the week-end of 18th to 20th November 2016 (pictures above and below). Forty eight participants from very diverse professions took part. Some of them had travelled from Melbourne and Perth to attend the event. The participants were also from varied ethnic backgrounds - 60% were Caucasian Australians and the rest were of Asian and Aboriginal descent. Guests to the Retreat arrived on Friday evening and departed after lunch on Sunday.
Fifty seven participants from all over India came together at The Crown Plaza Hotel in Ahmedabad to attend the Future of Power ‘dialogue’. As leaders in their sphere of influence, they engaged in meaningful conversations on the future of power and of India and from the conclusions of these conversations it became evident to many that each one can make a difference to the future of India – as the destiny of each of us is the destiny of India. (picture above)

This was followed by an evening programme which was attended by 5,000 people (picture below) and which was facilitated by Anthony Phelips and the speakers included Ms Shivani, Nizar Juma and Chandrikaben. A lovely dinner for 5,000 followed!
Elizabeth Padilla
Program Manager
Anubhuti Retreat Center, San Francisco, USA
“Empowerment is when I do not look to anyone or anything to validate my life. Power is when I can create an impact.”

John Levoff
President
New Frontier Entertainment
“We need the faith in the power of our inner light to protect us - no matter the circumstances.”

Melissa Oberon
ROLETARIAT Denim
Los Angeles, USA
“Integrate the subtle connection with God with the conscious mind and turn this "wisdom" into an actionable force that becomes the physical emotional and psychological manifestation of who I am and what I do in my life time.”

Judy Rodgers
Executive Director Images & Voices of Hope, New York, USA
“Power is the ability to be good and to do good regardless of what is going on around us.”

Elizabeth Haddad
Spiritual Mentor
Brahmakumaris California
“No one is you and that is your POWER.”
Silvana Dimech-Conti
Lecturer in Organisational Behaviour and Theory, Sydney.

“We started the weekend many of us strangers to each other and within just one day we were bonded like a family. This is the power and magic of spirituality. It melts away facades and we connect with others at a deep level.”

Dr. Christopher Snedden
Dean, Navitas College of Public Safety, Melbourne.

“It is always wonderful to be reminded how we are… Intrinsically, authentically, deep down in our core, pretty good individuals, souls. I’ve come out with a sense of adventure… I’ve regained my sense of humor. People don’t mind you being off the planet here!”

Pece Gorgievski
Global Dialogue Foundation, Melbourne

“This is what I am taking: To meditate throughout the day - I have been able to connect with the spot of power, the light deep between my eyes and the place to centre. To integrate power in my language; to use the word power in the sense of increasing spiritual fitness when working to inspire others; doing a daily audit as a way to build strength and discipline and to harvest clean thinking and connection with others.”

Greg Newton
Consultant, Indian Start-ups and Joint Ventures, Southern Highlands, NSW

“As a leader it is easy to get caught up in what I do, and lose who I really am. I need to give myself more space, concentrate more on who I really am and bring that into my daily life. The true nature of power of inner leadership resembles a seed that grows with the water of respect, trust, wisdom and humility for the empowerment of others.”

Charles Hogg
National Director, Brahma Kumaris

“I was touched by this coming together with a group of people that do not know each other and seeing how our hearts can come so close.”
Prahlad Kakkar
Founder, Genesis Film Productions

“The most important part of power is responsibility. Every time you do something or make a decision it affects all the people around you. They look to you for leadership or inspiration so that responsibility is tremendous.”

Nitin Gadkari
Former National President, Bharatiya Janata Party

“Power is a positive energy that motivates and inspires you for doing good things. Power is an inherent energy in your mind which is strengthened by positivity”

Kiuri Mburathi
Owner & Principal Architect of Insight Architecture & Design Ltd, Practitioner & Instructor of Raja Yoga

R N Lakhota IRS
Senior Tax Consultant

“We are forgetting to love and help each other. We should not put obstacles in the path of others. Do not impose our views, or hurt their ego. Just share. Spirituality means to do good and help.”

Srishti Rana
Miss Asia Pacific World 2013

“Power can be good or bad, we have both inside. Which one wins? The one you feed the most. It depends on our individual choice - whether we choose the power of good or evil to handle any situation”

N Chandrababu Naidu
President, Telugu Desam Party & Former Chief of Minister of Andhra Pradesh
Dr. Indla Ramasubba Reddy
President, Indian Medical Association
“Power is the capacity to understand others and help others”

Dr. Arju Rana Deuba
Honourable Member, Constitutional Assembly
“I don’t want to live with blemishes. I don’t want to shy away from the facts and forget that we have come with a two way ticket. It is good to remember everyday that you are mortal. Even Bill Gates can’t buy back yesterday.”

Dasho Wangda
Consul General, Royal Bhutanese consulate
“The idea of power that I have learnt about today is very natural, to be good, to truly enlighten the spirit and if we can do that, we can make a little difference.”

Jon Symes
Outreach Director, Pachamama Alliance, USA
“Power is the capacity to influence. The way in which we gather and exercise power is one of the most important lessons to learn.”

Shivkishan Agrawal
Chairman, Haldiram Group
“Inner power is more helpful than material power. We must reflect on the usage of power and avoid wasting our precious inner power”

Maddala Anthony
Secretary, All India Church Council
“Power is an intellectual instrument to know unseen things with mental strenth and good judgement.”
"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."

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.

"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."

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

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.

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.

"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 within everyone, a part of our life. Because of its spirituality and philosophy, India can sustain soft power.”

“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.”
**Prof. Kalirajan**
Professor of Economics in Canberra politics trails. His work on the stochastic frontier production function methodology has given him international recognition.

“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.”

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

His name finds a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records.
Priya Dutt
MP Lok Sabha

Dr. Satyapal Singh, IPS
Commissioner of Police, Mumbai

Dinesh Trivedi
MP Lok Sabha

“There is a difference between dharma and religion. Dharma is global, religion is local. Dharma never changes, only religion changes.”

Rani Mukherjee
Bollywood Actress

“With India being an essentially spiritual country, soft power must prevail.”

Mahesh Jethmalani
Senior Advocate High Court of Mumbai, Supreme Court of India

Hafeez Contractor
Architect

“Ultimate power is a state of mind.”

Justice M. N. Venkatachalapathy
Chief Justice of India from 1993 to 1994

Vallabhb Bhansali
Chairman Enam Securities

Vyjayanti Mala
Bollywood Actress

Ashok Advani
Publisher, Business India Group

“The fact that so many powerful and interesting people gathered today to share their experiences is a unique experience.”

R C Lahoti
Former Chief Justice of India

“Nothing is being imposed on you; we were persuaded to generate feelings from within and that is what we need.”