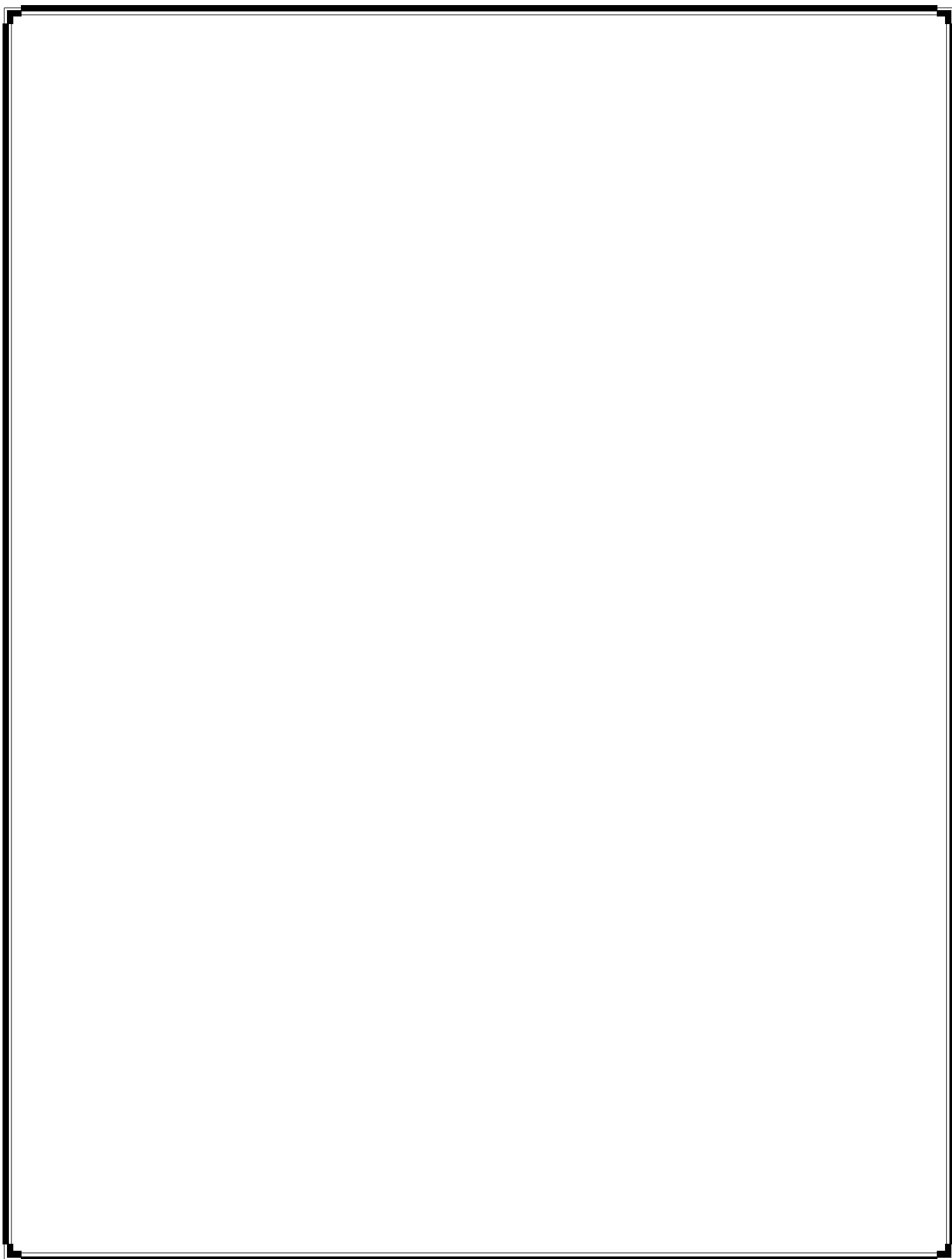




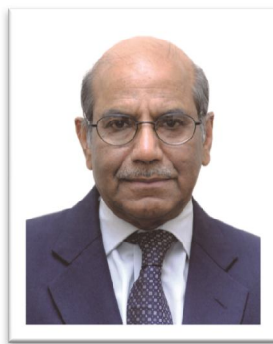
# Resumes of Speakers

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# INAUGURAL SESSION





**Shyam Saran**

*Chairman*

*Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), &  
Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB)*

Shyam Saran is a career diplomat born on September 4, 1946. Since joining the Indian Foreign Service in 1970, he has served in several capitals of the world including Beijing, Tokyo and Geneva. He has been India's Ambassador to Myanmar, Indonesia and Nepal and High Commissioner to Mauritius. In the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, Shyam Saran headed the Economic Division and the Multilateral Economic Division and also headed the East Asia Division which handles relations with China and Japan. As a Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office in 1991/92, he advised the Prime Minister on foreign policy, nuclear and defence related issues. After a career spanning 34 years in the Indian Foreign Service, Saran was appointed India's Foreign Secretary in 2004 and held that position till his retirement from service in September 2006. Subsequent to his retirement, he was appointed Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Indo-US civil nuclear issues and later as Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator on Climate Change. He has now concluded his assignment in Government and returned to being a private citizen.

During his last two assignments, Shyam Saran served as Prime Minister's personal representative or "Sherpa" at the Gleneagles and St. Petersburg G8+G5 summits and was present at the Toyako and L'Aquila Summits as an advisor on Climate Change issues. He also attended the Pittsburg G-20 summit as a member of the Indian delegation.

Currently, Shyam Saran is member of the National Security Advisory Board under the National Security Council. He is also Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, which is an autonomous think-tank specializing in studies on economic and trade related issues. He

is also Senior Fellow with the Centre for Policy Research, a prestigious think-tank which covers a wide range of political, social and economic issues, including foreign policy related issues. He speaks and writes regularly on a variety of subjects.

On January 26, 2011, Shyam Saran was awarded the Padma Bhushan by the President of India for his contribution to Civil Service. The Padma Bhushan is the third highest national award in the country.

Saran holds a post-Graduate degree in Economics. He speaks Hindi, English and Chinese and is conversant in French.

He is married and has one son and a daughter.



**Anil Wadhwa**  
*Secretary (East)*  
*Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)*

Mr. Anil Wadhwa was born on 26 May, 1957 and has been a member of the Indian Foreign Service since July 1, 1979. His previous diplomatic assignments include serving as Third Secretary in the Commission of India, Hong Kong (Sep.1981 to Sep.1983); Second Secretary / First Secretary in Embassy of India, Beijing (Nov.1983 to Feb.1987); Under Secretary / Deputy Secretary in Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (Feb.1987-May 1989); UN Disarmament Fellow in Geneva (July-Nov.1989); First Secretary (Disarmament) at the Permanent Mission of India in Geneva (Dec.1989-Dec.1992); Counsellor in Embassy of India, Beijing (Jan.1993 – Jul.1993); Director/Joint Secretary on deputation to the Provisional Technical Secretariat and later the Technical Secretariat for the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague (July 1993-July 2000; Chief Adviser, Ministry of External Affairs (Earthquake Relief) in Gujarat State, (Dec. 2000 to Jan.2001); Joint Secretary, Central and Eastern Europe, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi (Mar.2001 to Feb.2004). Mr. Wadhwa has served as the Indian Ambassador to Poland (March 2004 to August 2007), to the Sultanate of Oman (August 2007 to September 2011), and to the Kingdom of Thailand (Nov 2011 to Jan 2014).

He is married to Ambassador Smt. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, currently the Indian Ambassador to Japan, and the couple have two

sons. He holds a Masters Degree in History with specialization in Chinese history and Medieval Indian history and architecture. He is fluent in English, Hindi and Chinese and knows French. Mr. Wadhwa has contributed a number of articles, mainly in the field of disarmament and international security.



**SESSION 1:**  
**EMERGING SCENARIO OF**  
**CROSS-BORDER**  
**CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS**



## CHAIRPERSON



**Biswajit Dhar**

*Director General*

*Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)*

Dr. Biswajit Dhar is Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, think-tank based in New Delhi. Dr. Dhar has been intimately involved in the policy making process for more than two decades and has been working extensively on the issue of trade and development, researching and writing on themes of policy relevance. For more than two and a half decades, Dr. Dhar has been actively involved in debates on trade and development issues, both as a researcher and a policy adviser to the Government of India. He has been focusing on the implications of the emerging trading regime on the development aspirations of the developing countries. Dr. Dhar has been interacting closely with the organisations that have been involved in working on issues relating to evolution of the global trading regime. Besides institutions based in India, he has been working with several inter-governmental organisations. Dr. Dhar has also been working closely with a number of civil society organisations that have been participating in the debate, which emphasises the need to address the development concerns in the developing countries in the era of globalisation. He has presented research papers in several international and national conferences and has publications in reputed journals. Dr. Dhar has been a member of the Indian delegation in multilateral treaty negotiations, including the World Trade Organization, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the World Intellectual Property Organization. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of India.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Sabyasachi Mitra**

*Principal Economist*

*South Asia Regional Cooperation Coordination Division*

*Asian Development Bank (ADB)*

*Manila*

Dr. Sabyasachi Mitra is a Principal Economist in the South Asia Division of the Asian Development Bank. In his current capacity he leads the research work on economic sector in South Asia. He is also leading ADB's initiative on developing the East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) in India. Prior to joining the South Asia Department, he worked at ADB's Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI). He was responsible for ADB's research on local currency bond markets and worked on financial market integration and regional cooperation issues. He participated in ASEAN, ASEAN Plus Three and G20 meetings. While at OREI, he was the task manager and a contributing author for two flagship studies (a) Asia 2050- Realizing the Asian Century and (b) Institutions for Regional Integration: Toward an Asian Economic Community.

**Kavita Iyengar**  
*Economist*  
*Asian Development Bank (ADB)*  
*India Resident Mission*  
*New Delhi*

Dr. Kavita Iyengar is an economist with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), New Delhi where she works on regional cooperation in South Asia and knowledge management. She works with the team in project design, monitoring, and implementation for regional and sub-regional economic cooperation projects in South Asia in key identified areas which include trade and investment, transport, and information and communications technology. She is also responsible for knowledge-sharing activities including the content development and generation of economic reports, research papers, and other publications; and interactions with academia. As part of the economics unit, she liaises with the government on various programs and technical assistance projects. After her B.A. (Honours) in Economics, Kavita obtained her M.A. Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and Ph.D. Economics from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. She has had varied work experience in India and the US the fields of teaching, environment consulting, and publishing. Before moving to work at the ADB in 2003, she was Commissioning Editor at Oxford University Press (OUP) for the Economics, Business, and Ecology lists. Kavita has published papers and edited volumes to her credit. She is co-editor on the forthcoming volume *Developing Economic Corridors in South Asia*. Outside of work, Kavita has published a book of pen and ink drawings titled 'Delhi: Old and New'.

**Diep Nguyen-van Houtte**  
*Senior Transport Specialist*  
*Trade and Transport Facilitation*  
*South Asia Region (SASDT)*  
*The World Bank*  
*Washington, D.C.*

Ms. Diep Nguyen-van Houtte is Senior Transport Specialist and Program Manager for the South Asia Regional Trade and Transport Program at the World Bank where she has worked for the last 11 years. She has prepared and supervised projects relating to economic corridor development, spatial development and trade and transport facilitation in the Africa and South Asia regions, and worked on manufacturing supply chains and logistics in the East Asia Region. Before joining the World Bank, she worked at Deloitte Consulting before becoming Director at an IT startup, and subsequently Director at Computer Sciences Corporation, a Fortune 500 company in the U.S. She received her Bachelors degree in Economics at Harvard College, and her Masters degree in Public Policy and Management at Harvard's Business School and Kennedy School of Government. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband and three children.

## **Sanjiv Ranjan**

Jt. Secretary

*(Development Partnership Administration – III)*

*Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)*

Born in 1966, Mr. Sanjiv Ranjan has done B.A. (Hon.) Economics and M.A. in International Relations. He joined Indian Foreign Service in 1993. He is fluent in English, Hindi and Spanish. Between 1995 and 2006, he held a number of diplomatic positions in the Indian Missions in Madrid, Lima and PMI New York interspersed with tenures in the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India. He served as Deputy High Commissioner of India to Mauritius from 2006 to 2009. Since September 2009 he worked as Director (North) in Ministry of External Affairs and in January 2012 he was appointed as Joint Secretary in the Development Partnership Administration in the Ministry, which has been charged with the task of ensuring the efficient and effective implementation of India's grant assistance projects in developing countries such as Afghanistan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka. He is married and has one daughter. His interests include reading among others.



**Kathryn Stevens**

*Dy. Mission Director*

*US Agency for International Development (USAID)*

*New Delhi*

Ms. Kathryn D. Stevens began serving as USAID's Deputy Mission Director for India in July 2013. Ms. Stevens joined the Foreign Service in 1999. She served as a Democracy and Governance Officer in West Bank/Gaza, Serbia and Ukraine before becoming Supervisory Program Officer in Jordan in 2007 and then Deputy Director of USAID/Russia. In 2011, Ms. Stevens returned to Washington to lead the Program Office in the Bureau for Economic Growth, Education and Environment. Ms. Stevens holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Duke University and Master of Arts in Russian Studies from Georgetown University.



**Siriphan Jitprasithsiri**

*Director*

*International Highways Development Group*

*Bureau of International Cooperation*

*Department of Highways*

*Government of Thailand*

*Bangkok*

Dr. Siriphan's specialisation is Transportation Planning/Management and Transportation Economics. She did her Ph.D in Civil Engineering from University of Utah, USA. She is Director of International Highways Development Group, Bureau of International Cooperation, Department of Highways, Thailand Government. Since 1998, she is a Thai Delegate to attend the ASEAN Highway Expert/Sub-Working Groups Meeting in ASEAN member countries and also associated ASEAN meetings, i.e., Land Transport Working Group Meeting, Senior Transport Meeting, ASEAN Transport Minister Meeting, Transport Facilitation Meeting. She is also a Thai Delegate to attend the associated meetings under the Greater Mekong Economic Cooperation (GMS), ACMEC, IMT-GT, BIMSTEC.

**Than Tun**  
*Dy. Director*  
*Centre for Economic and Social Development*  
*Myanmar Development Resource Institute*  
*Yangon*

Dr. Than Tun is the Deputy Director of Research at MDRI-CESD, leading the research team on the issues of macro-economic stability, inclusive development and decentralisation. He is a trained social anthropologist. He has recently submitted Ph.D dissertation at the University of Western Australia, which focuses on the Rakhaing community at Myanmar-Bangladesh border. Prior to joining MDRI-CESD, Than Tun worked for the South Asia Section of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

**Prabir De**

*Professor*

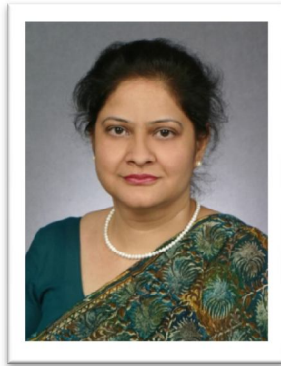
*Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)*

Dr. Prabir De is a Professor at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and also the Coordinator of ASEAN-India Centre. De works in the field of international economics and has research interests in international trade and development. De has contributed several research papers in international journals and written books on trade and development. He has guided and contributed to several international projects and studies. He was the team leader of the India Study Group on ASEAN-India Connectivity, contributed to ERIA's study on 'ASEAN-India Connectivity: Comprehensive Asia Development Plan, Phase 2', and edited a flagship publication entitled 'ASEAN-India Connectivity Report: India Country Study'. He also contributed to ADB/ADB I flagship report entitled 'Infrastructure for a Seamless Asia'. De was also the team leader of ADB's regional study on economic corridors, and edited a volume called *Developing Economic Corridors in South Asia*, to be published by the ADB in 2014, and also the team leader of ADB-ESCAP regional study on *SASEC Trade Facilitation 2013*. De has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Jadavpur University, Kolkata. He was also a senior visiting fellow at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Bangkok in several occasions during 2010 to 2012. In 2010, De received the Distinguished Researcher Award for the Year 2010 from the Asia - Pacific Research and Training Network (ARTNeT), UNESCAP, Bangkok; and Eric Lowey International Award of British Chapter of International Navigation Association (PIANC), Brussels in 2002. He is also the Managing Editor of *South Asia Economic Journal*, an international journal published by Sage. His recent books include *ASEAN-India: Deepening Economic Partnership in Mekong Region*, RIS, New Delhi 2014, and *International Trade in Services in India: Implications for Growth and Inequality in a Globalizing World*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012.

**SESSION 2:  
BUILDING BACKEND  
LINKAGES**



## CHAIRPERSON



**Renu Pall**

*Jt. Secretary (ASEAN ML)  
Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)*

Ms. Renu Pall joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1988. Since May 2011 she has been Joint Secretary (ASEAN Multilateral) in the Ministry of External Affairs. She was previously Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Berlin. Her other overseas assignments included Embassies of India at Washington DC, Paris and Moscow. She has been Director (US & Canada), Director (Foreign Secretary's Office) and Under Secretary & Deputy Secretary (US & Canada) in MEA. Prior to joining IFS, she was part of the Indian Civil Accounts Service from 1985-1988, where she was Assistant Controller of Accounts in the Ministry of Finance at New Delhi. She has a Bachelors (Honours) degree in Political Science from Delhi University and was pursuing her Masters in International Relations from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi when she joined the Indian Civil Services in August 1985.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Manoj Singh**

*Adviser (Transport)  
Planning Commission*

Dr. Manoj Singh is currently Adviser (Transport) in the Planning Commission of India. He belongs to 1990 batch of the Indian Railways Traffic Service and has served in various capacities in South Eastern Railway and Container Corporation of India. He has more than 20 years experience in the area of the Railways Planning and Policy, Cross-Border Rail Link and Multimodal Transport and Transport Facilitation, Container Transport and Ports and Rail Freight, Passenger and Safety Management. He was awarded Ph.D. in 2009 for work in the area of Transport Economics. He has been a recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship in 2005 for Ph.D. studies at Institute for Transport System, University of Leeds, U.K. and Chevening Gurukul Scholarship in Leadership and Excellence for four months at London School of Economics in 1999 as well as the General Managers Award in 1996 for professional excellence while serving in South Eastern Railway. Dr. Singh has presented papers in national and international conferences in the areas of his research interest.

**A. M. Gondane**

*Jt. Secretary (Border Connectivity)*

*Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)*

Dr. Gondane is presently the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, dealing Border Connectivity. Dr. Gondane did his Ph.D. in Sociology, and joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1985. He has served in Indian Embassies in (i) Damascus- Syria, (ii) Baghdad- Iraq, (iii) Vienna- Austria, and (iv) Ankara-Turkey. In New Delhi, he was Director of West Asia & North Africa Division and South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Division in the Ministry of External Affairs, and Officer on Special Duty to the Deputy Speaker of Indian Parliament. Similarly, he was Joint Secretary of Foreign Service Institute and Coordinator for the XIII SAARC Summit. His latest posting was High Commissioner of India to Papua New Guinea. He was also Deputy Consul General in the Indian Consulate in New York. He has edited books on Political Developments and Constitution. His interests are classical music, painting and literature.





**Mukul Saran Mathur**  
*Executive Director/Traffic/PPP*  
*Indian Railways*

Mr. Mukul Saran Mathur is a Law Graduate from Delhi University and had done Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management from Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, with specialization in Marketing Management. He had joined Indian Railway Traffic Service in 1990 and had 24 years of professional experience in Railway Operations, Commercial, and Infrastructure Planning. He had worked as Director Transport Planning Ministry of Railways for over 5 years where he was responsible for formation of project specific joint ventures, drafting their agreements and planning and implementation of Dedicated Freight Corridor project. He had closely worked with UNESCAP on preparation and finalization of Intergovernmental agreement on Trans Asian railway. He had almost 5 year experience as Head of Asia- pacific region of International Union of Railways (UIC) and had contributed to rail developments in the region. He had worked on international projects with United Nations and ADB and had worked on developments of international rail corridors apart from leading projects on containerization, passenger terminal development, energy, and training and sleeper design for UIC. On his present assignment he is responsible for implementing key infrastructure projects through PPP including last mile connectivity projects and preparation of model concession agreements. He is currently looking after projects pertaining to port/mine connectivity, Mumbai Elevated Rail Corridor, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Corridor and Dedicated Freight Corridor.

**Y.S. SHAHRAWAT**

*Chairman*

*Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)*

*Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA)*

Mr. Shahrawat is the Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI), which is an organisation under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. Some of his prior assignments in the Government included Deputy Director, DRI; Deputy Secretary, TRU; etc. He is also World Bank Consultant on Trade Facilitation. Mr. Shahrawat received Finance Minister's Gold Medal being the best Probationer, and Chairman's Gold Medal for standing First in the merit.

**Sandeep Kumar**  
*Jt. Secretary and Commissioner (Customs & EP)*  
*Department of Revenue*  
*Ministry of Finance*

Mr. Sandeep Kumar is with Central Board of Excise & Customs in the Ministry of Finance where he heads the International Customs Cooperation Division. Mr. Kumar has been closely working with the customs administrations of SAARC countries for addressing the soft and hard infrastructural issues affecting bi-lateral trade. He has rich experience in implementation of trade & transit agreements between India-Nepal & India-Bhutan. He is closely collaborating with several research organisations and multilateral institutions for addressing bottlenecks in border trade.

**P K H Singh**  
*Adviser (Transport and Communication)*  
*North East Council (NEC)*  
*Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region (MDONER)*

Mr. P K H Singh is presently Adviser (Transport and Communication) in the North East Council (NEC). NEC is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region which consists of the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. NEC was constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament. The constitution of the Council has marked the beginning of a new chapter of concerted and planned endeavour for the rapid development of the Region. Mr. Singh looks after projects on connectivity with neighbouring countries at NEC. He has vast experiences dealing transportation and communication in the North-East Region.

**SESSION 3:**  
**FINANCING CROSS-BORDER**  
**CONNECTIVITY**  
**PROJECTS AND INVESTMENT**  
**OPPORTUNITIES**



## **CHAIRPERSON**

**Nilaya Mitash**

*Jt. Secretary (MI)*

*Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)*

*Ministry of Finance*

Mr. Nilaya Mitash is the Joint Secretary (Multilateral Institutions) in the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) of Ministry of Finance (MoF), Government of India.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Paritosh Gupta**

*Chief Executive Officer*

*ILFS Infrastructure Development Corporation*

*New Delhi*

Mr. Paritosh Gupta is an M.A. (Economics), Delhi School of Economics (1985) and 1st Batch from IIM Lucknow. He is also the recipient of the British Nehru Fellowship Awarded (1994) and Monbusho Fellowship Awarded (1996). His key qualifications are Infrastructure Project Development and Management, Structured Financing and Venture Capital. Presently, he is the Chief Executive of IL&FS Limited and on deputation as Chief Executive Officer of IL&FS Infrastructure. He is currently involved in development and management of infrastructure projects in India and abroad.





**Henry Steingass**

*Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia  
U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)  
Washington, D.C.*

Mr. Henry Steingass serves as Regional Director for South and Southeast Asia at USTDA, where he assists U.S. companies and overseas sponsors to implement USTDA-funded development projects and innovative public-private partnerships that lead to increased trade. His portfolio covers emerging markets in these two key sub-regions and initiatives through the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum and ASEAN. He served as Regional Director for Asia, covering China and SE Asia from 2004 to 2007. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Steingass served as USTDA Regional Director for Africa and the Middle East, where he oversaw the reopening of the agency's operations in Nigeria and the launch of USTDA's Africa regional office in Johannesburg. He also developed a portfolio of agency-supported activities centered on U.S. foreign policy priorities, including transportation security and trade capacity. Mr. Steingass brought over 20 years of international experience in energy and other infrastructure sectors to USTDA. At K&M Engineering and Consulting of Washington, D.C., he led project advisory services for the implementation of "greenfield" independent power projects in Vietnam, Korea, Laos, Tunisia and Côte d'Ivoire, and management consulting teams for public utility restructuring. He also served as an Energy Advisor in the Asia Bureau at the U.S. Agency for International Development and at the Tennessee Valley Authority, working with its international renewable energy and environment programs. He holds a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Cornell University.

**Katsuo Matsumoto**  
*Deputy Director General and Director for India and Bhutan*  
*South Asia Department*  
*Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA),*  
*Tokyo*

Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto is Deputy Director General and Director for India and Bhutan, South Asia Dept. Japan International Cooperation Agency. Mr. Matsumoto joined the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) in 1990. In 1996, he was appointed as Representative at Bangkok office and in 2008, as Deputy Chief Representative at Malaysia office. He has worked primarily on Japanese ODA loans to Mekong region countries and worked for India and Bhutan from Apr. 2012. He was responsible for several of the largest Japanese ODA projects, such as the Greater Mekong Subregion: East-West Corridor Project and railway projects, such as the Bangkok Metro and the Bosphorus Rail Tube Crossing Project in Turkey. In India, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor and Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor as well as ODA projects are under his responsibility. He graduated in 1990 with B.A. in Law from Hitotsubashi University and in 1995 with an M.A. in International Affairs from Columbia University.



**Shailesh Pathak**

*President, Corporate Strategy*

*Srei Infrastructure Finance*

*Delhi and Mumbai*

Mr. Shailesh Pathak, over a 28 year career, has spent 12 years in private finance & infrastructure and 16 years with the Indian government, in the IAS. In the private sector, he has worked with the ICICI group for six years over two stints, apart from IDFC. He joined Srei in 2010. His areas of interest include innovations in transport and energy infrastructure finance and execution, international pension fund investment into Indian infrastructure, and effectively managing the South Asian urbanization boom over the next two decades. He is on the National Infrastructure Committee of FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM, as well as on their Capital Markets Committee, and co-chairs the PHDCCI Infrastructure and Capital Markets Committee. He is also on CII's Integrity & Transparency committee. He has been nominated to the BRICS Business Council to chair the Infrastructure working group. He has climbed a 6831 m peak in the Garhwal Himalayas, apart from several high altitude treks including the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, and the Nanda Devi parikrama. He is a committed environmentalist and wildlifer. He graduated from IIM Calcutta and SRCC Delhi. He also has an LLB, a Diploma in Business Finance from ICFAI, and a Diploma in Ornithology from Bombay Natural History Society. Most recently, he was at University of Oxford's Said Business School for a four month leadership programme in 2011.



**Sanjay Kathuria**

*Lead Economist, Regional Integration*

*South Asia Region*

*The World Bank*

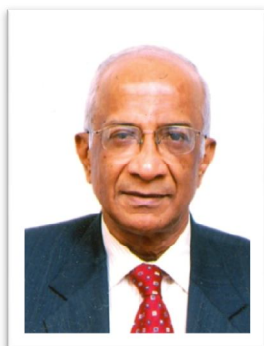
*Washington, D.C.*

Dr. Sanjay Kathuria is Lead Economist in the World Bank's South Asia Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, based in Washington, D.C. Until August 2012, he was the Bank's Lead Economist for Bangladesh, based in Dhaka. In 21 years at the World Bank, he has worked in South Asia, as well as the Latin American and East European regions. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was a Fellow at the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations in New Delhi. He graduated from St. Stephen's College, did his Master's at the Delhi School of Economics, and his doctorate from Oxford University. His research interests include issues relating to economic growth, international trade and trade policy, competitiveness, technology development, fiscal policy, and financial sector development. He has published several books and academic as well as popular articles on these topics.

## **SESSION 4: WAY FORWARD**



## CHAIRPERSON



**V. S Seshadri**

*Vice-Chairman*

*Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)*

Dr. V.S. Seshadri did his Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (1973-78). Currently, Vice-Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi. Dr. Seshadri joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1978. He was Ambassador of India to Slovenia, Ljubljana, (2007-2010) and Ambassador India to Myanmar, Yangon (2010-2013). Dr. Seshadri also served as Minister (Commerce) in Embassy of India, Washington DC (2003-06); Joint Secretary in-charge of WTO matters in Ministry of Commerce (1999-2003); Joint Secretary (ITP) Ministry of External Affairs (1998-99); Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative of India to ESCAP (1993-97); and Director (SAARC) in Ministry of External Affairs (1997). The earlier assignments of Dr. V.S. Seshadri included: Third Secretary and subsequently Second Secretary in High Commission of India, Nairobi (1980-83); Under Secretary (UN), Ministry of External Affairs (1983-86); First Secretary (Trade Policy) in Indian Mission to European Community in Brussels (1986-89); and First Secretary & Counsellor (Commerce) in Embassy of India in Tehran (1990-92). Dr Seshadri has contributed a number of research articles in international journals and written research papers. He is proficient in English, Hindi, and Tamil.

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Fatema Sumar**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs  
U.S. Department of State  
Washington, D.C*

Ms. Fatema Z. Sumar is a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State where she covers regional affairs. She joined the Department in August 2013 from the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where she served as a Senior Professional Staff Member for then-Senator John F. Kerry (D-MA) and Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ). At the committee, her responsibilities included oversight of U.S. foreign policy and foreign assistance in South and Central Asia, particularly Afghanistan, Pakistan, and India, and global Muslim engagement issues. She authored several high-profile committee reports on Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, and Central Asia, and worked extensively on the introduction and oversight of the “Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act,” (also referred to as the Kerry-Lugar-Berman bill or KLB) which tripled U.S. civilian assistance to Pakistan. Before working on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, she was a Presidential Management Fellow. During her fellowship, Ms. Sumar served as the Regional Central Asia and Tajikistan Desk Officer at the U.S. Department of State, the Economics/Commercial Officer at U.S. Embassy Kabul in Afghanistan, and as a Congressional Fellow for Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA). Prior to joining government, she worked at the American Civil Liberties Union on drug policy and racial justice issues. Ms. Sumar has a master's degree in Public Affairs from Princeton's University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a B.A. in Government from Cornell University. She also studied abroad at the American University in Cairo. She is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations and member of the Truman National Security Project.



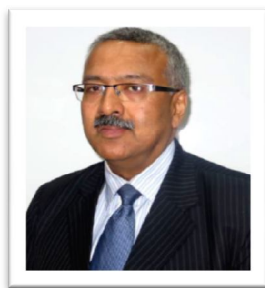


**Yasuhisa Kawamura**

*Charge d' Affaires ad interim to India*

*Embassy of Japan in India*

Mr. Yasuhisa Kawamura was appointed Minister & Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India in March 2013. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1981 and worked in various areas like development cooperation, international press, and cultural affairs. He was also seconded to Organization of Economic Development and Cooperation as a Representative in Tokyo (2004-2008). He served in the Japanese Embassy in USA, Permanent Mission to Int'l Organization in Geneva, Japanese Embassy in Indonesia, Mission to European Union, and Consulate General of Japan in New York. He graduated from Hitotsubashi University (BA of Law) in 1981 and Amherst College, MA, USA in 1984.



**Yaduvendra Mathur**

*Chairman and Managing Director  
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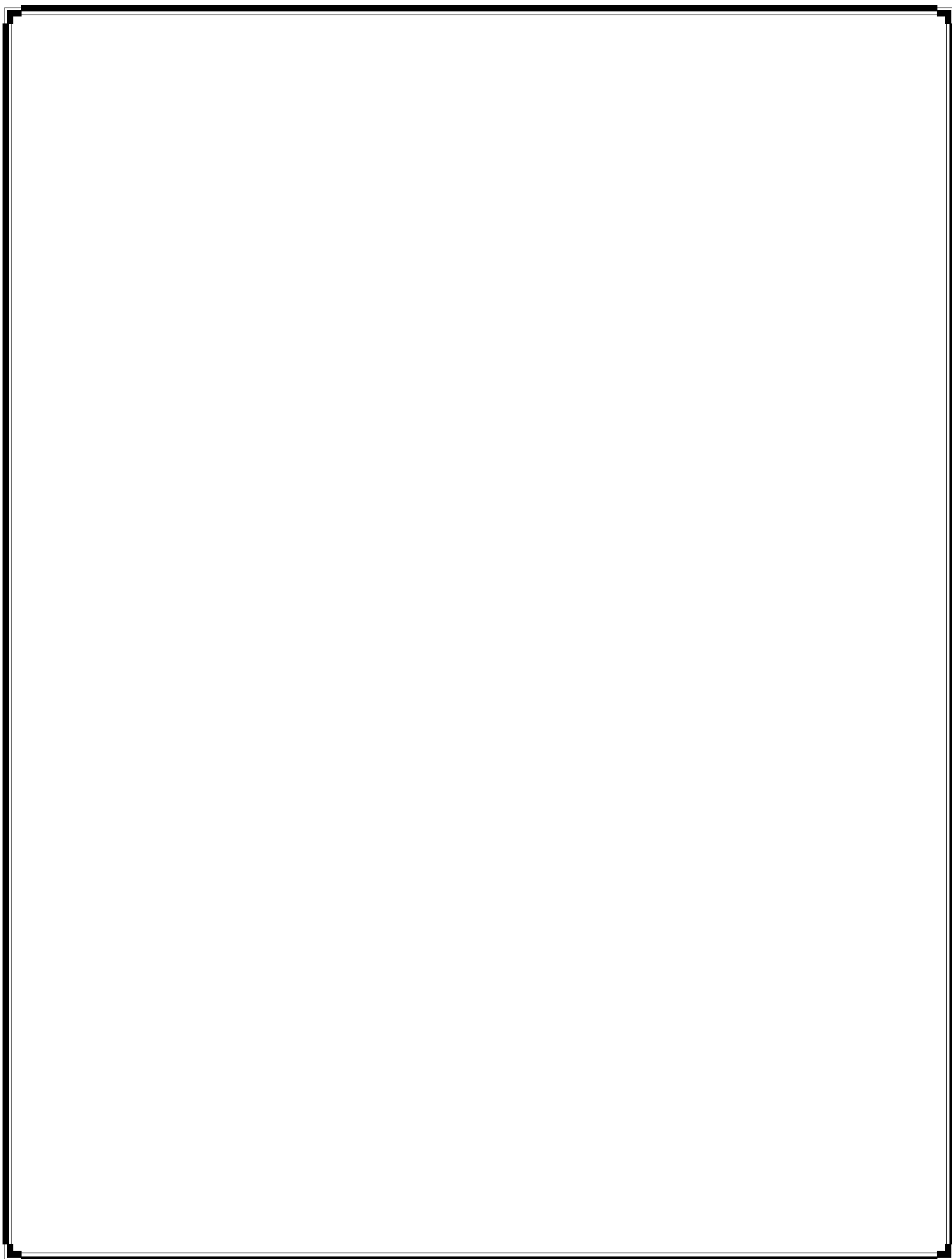
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