

## Bangalore City Dialogue – Panelists Biographies

### RAMASWAMY, Mr Ramesh



Mr. Ramesh Ramaswamy is Director, Resource Optimization Initiative, a not for profit institution. He has done MBA from IIM Amhedabad and A.T.I.M from RVB Institute of Management, Delft, The Netherlands. He has a background in business and has held senior executive positions in many leading companies in India. He has been working in the field of Industrial Ecology for over 15 years and has authored/co-authored several books on Industrial Ecology. He has also authored/co-authored a number of papers in international journals. Presently he also enjoys position of Councilor, International Society for Industrial Ecology (Yale University); Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Industrial Ecology, MIT Press, USA.

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### SEBASTIAN, Mr Pradeep



Pradeep Sebastian, Founder and Managing Trustee of ActNow, a proactive youth organisation. He has over 10years of experience working for alternate organisations providing Media, communications and documentation/documentaries solution, organisations include Greenpeace, Othermedia, witnessmedia, ASPBAE, sprash. Apart from time with Actnow, he also provide consultation to various Multinational Companies for their CSR initiatives such as ITC-ClientLogic, NetApps, BMRC, etc., He has initiated sereval projects like "carbon neutral bangalore" a online portal providing news, ways and means for sustainable lifestyle; Bearing Witness Camps - college students bear witness to popular issues; Aranyam - environment and Wildlife festival; Sakshitrust - Right to Information Act, etc., He is a certified Naturalist with the Forest Department of Karnataka, climbing instructor,

rafting guide and eco-experience consultant.

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### SHARATCHANDRA, Dr H. C.



Dr.H.C. Sharatchandra, Chairman of Karnataka state Pollution Control Board, is a graduate from the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore has a doctoral degree from Kannada University, Hampi for his thesis on 'environmental Governance in Karnataka'. He has over 30 years of experience in ecological and environmental sector as a researcher, university faculty, administrator and a consultant. He has extensive Knowledge about environmental planning, policy planning for environmental impact studies and environmental appraisal for a variety of developmental projects including activities from Indian Administrative system and other research activities.

His most significant work experiences are - as Additional Secretary I/c of the Department of Science & Technology and Departments of Ecology and Environment, Karnataka. Consultant to Government of Orissa for the Water Resources Project (World Bank), National Law School of India in Environmental Law (World Bank funded Project), Bangalore Agenda Task Force for Solid Waste Management, Calcutta Municipality for their Sanitation and Drinking water project (ADB funded) and Australia assisted Sanitation project of Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

## **GARIMELLA, Dr. Annapurna**

Dr. Annapurna Garimella is an art historian who specializes in the art and architecture of India. Based in Bangalore, she is currently the Research Editor for Marg Publications, South Asia's oldest art publication house. Annapurna also heads A.R.T., an organization that gathers resources, promotes research and teaching in art and architectural history, archaeology, crafts, design, and other related disciplines in academic and non-academic fora. She earned her Ph.D. in Art History from Columbia University, where her work focused on religion, kingship, architecture, and urban planning in medieval southern India. Annapurna was a Visiting Fellow at the Center for the Study of Culture and Society at Bangalore (2000-2002) with the India Foundation of the Arts, and earned several research fellowships. She has taught at Columbia and Drew Universities, and has lectured at many universities in India. Currently her scholarly work focuses on contemporary religiosities, art and education, and Indian modernisms.

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## **NAG, Ms Arundhati**



Arundhati Nag is the Managing Trustee of the Sanket Trust that has built "Ranga Shankara", a space dedicated to Theatre. She started her theatre career in Bombay in 1972 at the age of 16 with the famous Indian Peoples' Theatre Association.

Some of her memorable works are assisting Shankar Nag in the famous T.V. Serial *Malgudi Days* in Hindi and the famous director David Lean on "A Passage To India". She was involved in theatre in several languages such as Hindi, Marathi, Gujrati, Kannada and English. Her acting proficiency can be seen in several well known Kannada and Hindi Films such as *Golibar* (Kannada), *Accident* (Kannada), *Dil Se* (Hindi), *Sapnay* (Hindi), *Jogi* (Kannada). She has also proven herself in costumes designing for several Kannada films.