Amit is the Founder of the BioUrja Group, a leading enterprise focused on energy commodities, grains, mid-stream assets, specialized metal bars and tubing, and power, and serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. He sets the overall direction for all group companies, defines the vision and mission, and directly oversees all commercial activities, which have combined annual revenues >USD$5 Billion. Immediately prior, Amit spent 13 years with ExxonMobil, where he was involved in trade and developed technical operations experience at the ExxonMobil Baton Rouge Refinery. Amit also is an avid supporter of philanthropic causes, including serving as the U.S. Chair of Magic Bus, an award-winning charity that has helped over 400,000 impoverished children receive new skills and hope for their future. He supports numerous educational and other charities, as well as contributes to the city of Houston when needed (he worked tirelessly with the Mayor of Houston after hurricane Harvey in 2017 in restoring the city, as well as raised over $1 Million for the Mayor’s relief fund).

Ever an entrepreneur, he has built numerous successful companies over the past twenty years, including childcare companies, real estate investment companies, and various retail companies, all of which have been profitable, 100% owned, and successful. He received a B.S in Chemical Engineering, Suma Cum Laude, from Drexel University. Amit is a U.S. citizen, has been married to his serial entrepreneur wife, Arpita Bhandari, for 23 years and has three lovely children. When not working, Amit enjoys running marathons (6 so far), writing poetry, and exploring the world with his family.
Ananth is a Senior Advisor at Dasra and plays a key role in mentoring senior leadership, guiding key engagements with funders, NGOs and the Government, and supporting the institution’s strategy and mission. He is the founder of several social enterprises and non-profits - including most recently the Socratus Foundation for Collective Wisdom.

Ananth has charted the growth story of premier institutions, nurturing purpose-driven leaders and enabling organizations to scale. In his many leadership roles beginning from Head of Teacher Education at the Azim Premji Foundation, CEO of Greenpeace India, International Program Director of Greenpeace international to CEO of Amnesty International in India, he has made significant contributions towards building robust institutions to impact the development sector at large.

In his most recent experience, he helped set up and scale Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI) as its CEO, guiding the philanthropic interests of the Premji family and making big bets on high-potential programs and organizations. Ananth has a B-tech in Electrical Engineering from IIT Madras. He has led Greenpeace India delegations to the G20, UNFCCC and other international platforms, and mentored CEOs for Amnesty International in countries like Brazil and Kenya.
Dr. Aparajita Gogoi is the Executive Director of Centre for Catalyzing Change (C3, formerly CEDPA India). C3 works to create lasting systems change at the grassroots, working with adolescent girls and women while leveraging government mechanisms to provide sustainable solutions.

Aparajita is a political scientist, an advocate and crusader for realizing the rights of women and girls, and works with networks and advocates to effect change by mobilizing action and people. Her work of over 25 years centers on defining approaches and implementing strategies to improve the lives of girls and women by empowering them with skills to build better lives. She is pivotal to conceptualizing and implementing Center for Catalyzing Change’s scaled up programs for adolescents.

She leads research, implementation, policy advocacy, and campaigns, which put women and girls at the center. The very successful whatwomenwant campaign was conceived and implemented in India under her leadership, and she guides the global whatwomenwant campaign as the global co-chair.

A winner of the WIE Humanitarian Award, Aparajita was also named as one of the 100 most inspiring women in the world by The Guardian of UK in 2011. She holds a PhD in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
Deepak Raj is Founder and Managing Director of the New Jersey-based private investment firm Raj Associates with investments in real estate and public and private securities. He is also a CFA and the founder of the Raj Center on Indian Economic Policies at Columbia University with his wife Neera.

Deepak has extensive experience as an equity analyst and an investment banker. His leadership positions during 24 years with Merrill Lynch include senior analyst in research (and member of the Institutional Investor All-America Research Team); head of their Global Consumer Products Investment Banking practice; and senior vice president and member of the firm’s executive management committee. As director of Global Equity Research, he managed a staff of approximately 700 investment professionals located throughout the world. He is also the Chairman of the India Philanthropy Alliance.

A chartered financial analyst (CFA), Deepak graduated from IIT Kanpur with a BTech in electrical engineering and earned an MBA from Northeastern University. He has served on the investment committee of Spring Mountain Capital. Deepak is chairman of Pratham USA.
Deval Sanghavi co-founded Dasra with his wife, Neera Nundy, to accelerate social change by driving collaborative action through powerful partnerships. He has provided philanthropists with intelligent investment strategies, resulting in over USD 130 million being directed into the social sector in India. He incubated the Dasra Philanthropy Forum and the Dasra Philanthropy Week, and has engaged over 3,000 philanthropists, multilateral agencies and corporate foundations that collectively contribute towards the philanthropy agenda in India and internationally. He also initiated the Dasra Giving Circle – India’s largest collaborative giving platform, which combines in-depth research, funding, and managerial support to non-profits to enable scale of 15-30x.

He has been published in the Times of India, Business India, Economic Times, Hindustan Times, and Mint, and quoted on NDTV. He has spoken at platforms such as the Global Philanthropy Forum and We the People, NDTV. He was awarded the Forbes Philanthropy Award in the ‘Crossover Leaders’ category in 2014. Deval holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a dual Honors degree in Business and Finance from the University of Texas, Austin, he is a Cordes Fellow and a founding board member of Magic Bus and Villgro.
Don Gips, recently announced as the CEO of the Skoll Foundation, leads the organization’s work investing in, connecting, and celebrating social entrepreneurs to create lasting social change around the world. His experiences span public service, politics, business, finance, and technology.

Most recently, he led Albright Stonebridge Group’s Africa Practice, consulting with companies, entrepreneurs, and foundations investing across the continent. Previously, he served as Director of Presidential Personnel in the Obama White House, ushering in the most diverse administration in U.S. history. He served as U.S. Ambassador to South Africa where he managed more than 1,000 staff and a budget of over $600 million across multiple government agencies.

Early in his career, he helped design and create a $650 million start-up government corporation to promote community service which became the AmeriCorps program, still operational today. He served as Chief Domestic Policy Advisor to Vice President Al Gore and Chief of the International Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission. Still earlier in Don’s career, he developed a clean water project with Sarvodaya, a leading social enterprise, and managed a refugee camp in Sri Lanka.
Karen Doff is a former management professional, perpetual expat, and co-parent to 38 girls. Karen’s career as an organizational strategy and change management specialist with organizations such as RR Donnelley, Cisco and ADIA led her from New York to London, Paris, Hong Kong, Chennai, Abu Dhabi, and finally to Mumbai, India.

She left the corporate world and co-founded the Aasha Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, where she is currently the Executive Director. Aasha provides education, healthcare, comprehensive enrichment support, and professional development for the girls at the Sharanam Centre in Mumbai, India. Sharanam, located in Mumbai’s Dharavi slum, is a permanent residential shelter home for formerly destitute girls; Sharanam receives funding and support from Aasha.

Karen is a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management. She also received a master’s degree in Organizational Management from George Washington University.
Lisa Kleissner is the President of the KL Felicitas Foundation, a family foundation she co-founded with her husband, Charly, in 2000. The Foundation is dedicated to supporting programs that: empower rural communities and families through sustainable economic and social change; enable social entrepreneurs worldwide to develop and grow economically sustainable, scalable enterprises with high measurable social impact, and; advocate their Foundation’s sustainability, mission, and social investment strategy with foundations and socially minded individual investors.

Lisa provides pro-bono architectural, project and construction management services for nonprofits both locally and internationally with a focus on culturally appropriate and sustainable design. Additionally, Lisa has led fundraising efforts for a variety of both local and international nonprofits focusing on capital and endowment campaigns. Lisa was raised in Hawaii, attended the Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with a BArch in Environmental Design. She was the vice president of an architectural firm in Hawaii doing work in Hong Kong, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. Most recently she was the president of The Kleissner Group, an architectural and project management firm in Silicon Valley.
Mark Smolinski brings 25 years of experience in applying innovative solutions to improve disease prevention, response, and control across the globe. Mark is leading a team that co-creates tools for early detection, advanced warning, and prevention of pandemic threats. Since 2009, Mark has served as the Chief Medical Officer and Director of Global Health at the Skoll Global Threats Fund (SGTF), where he developed the Ending Pandemics in Our Lifetime Initiative in 2012. His work at SGTF created a solid foundation for the work of Ending Pandemics, which branched out as an independent entity on January 1, 2018. Prior to SGTF, Mark developed the Predict and Prevent Initiative at Google.org, as part of the starting team at Google's philanthropic arm. Working with a team of engineers, Google Flu Trends was created in partnership with the U.S. Center for Disease Control. Mark has served as Vice President for Biological Programs at the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a public charity directed by CNN founder Ted Turner and former U.S. Senator Sam Nunn.

Mark received his BS in Biology and MD from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He is board-certified in preventive medicine and public health and holds an M.P.H. from the University of Arizona, where he was recognized as the 2016 Alumnus of the Year.
Neelam Chhiber is co-founder and Managing Trustee at Industree Crafts Foundation, and co-founder and Director at Mother Earth. An industrial design graduate from the National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, Neelam has, for the past three decades, been working with artisans in rural areas by providing design, technical, marketing and management solutions to bridge the urban-rural divide.

Industree’s work ensures that communities become part of mainstream value chains, with customers such as IKEA, H&M, Future Group, and have greater control over their economic security and resources. She has received various awards including the Indian Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award, 2011 from Schwab Foundation and L’Oreal Paris Femina Women Awards 2012 for Social Impact. Neelam is an alumna of Social Impact International as well as Global Social Benefit Incubator, Santa Clara University, USA.
Neera Nundy is the co-founder of Dasra. She leads Dasra’s field building initiatives in the areas of Adolescents & Urban Sanitation. In 2016, she launched the Dasra Adolescents Collaborative, a USD 50 million fund to foster multi-stakeholder collaboration to impact 5 million adolescent lives.

She facilitates key partnerships for Dasra, including one with Harvard Business Publishing, to launch the Dasra Social Impact Leadership Program, which is a first-of-its-kind executive education program for social sector leaders in India. She supports knowledge creation and has overseen 70 social sector research reports, driving USD 44 million in funding for hundreds of nonprofits.

She is a recipient of the Canadian Governor General’s Medallion for her dedication to addressing India’s critical development challenges, and the Forbes Philanthropy Award in the Crossover Leaders category. Neera holds a Master’s in Business Administration from Harvard Business School and is an Indian Leadership Fellow with Anantha-Aspen Institute.
Priya Agrawal is the Founder-Director of Antarang Foundation, an organisation that systemically addresses the gap between education and productive employment for high-risk youth. In a short span of 6.5 years, Antarang has impacted the careers and futures of over 60,000 adolescents and young adults. Prior to founding Antarang in 2012, Priya spent 20 years in advertising and also led large organisations in India’s social sector including The Akanksha Foundation and SNEHA. Priya is an Ashoka Fellow and an UnLtd India Growth Challenge Fellow. She was part of the first cohort of the Dasra Social Impact Leadership Program.

Antarang is challenging the paradigms in career linkages for children from low income backgrounds who are at a high risk of dropping out of education and falling into the informal, and often exploitative, sector. She is striving to break the stereotypes around job opportunities deemed fit for these children and looking to equip them with soft skills as well as social wherewithal to pursue a career, not just a job, of their choice. She is implementing an empowering process of reflection and a marriage of strengths and reality with dreams, to give a path to each child to stay the course, and make good of a life that is at a high risk of falling through the cracks.
Raj is a banker-turned-social entrepreneur and co-founder of Lend-A-Hand India (LAHI), an organization focused on providing vocational education in secondary schools, covering 0.8 million students in 8500+ schools in 24 states across India. Raj has worked across Asia, Europe and North America in the fields of education, banking, insurance and IT. Prior to leaving the corporate world in 2011, he spent ten years in New York working with Citibank and Deloitte Consulting. Raj was appointed by the Government of India as a General Body Member of the National Skill Development Agency from 2014 to 2017.

He has been an advisor to the Government of Maharashtra and a member of a state-level committee on the effective utilization of CSR resources in education. Raj was awarded the Chevening Fellowship by the British Government in 2012. He is an Electronics Engineer from the University of Pune, CFA, and has completed his MBA from the University of Texas at Austin.
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Rajesh is the co-founder of Socratus, a new organization that seeks to be the midwife of collective wisdom. Socratus uses data and design to bring together communities to solve wicked problems such as the agrarian crisis and climate change. He has a PhD in Cognitive Science from MIT.
Rekha Pai Kamath is a Partner at Silicon Valley Social Ventures and serves on the boards of Fast Forward, an Accelerator for Tech Nonprofits based in San Francisco, and Intelehealth, a tech nonprofit building Intelligent Tech for last mile health. Prior to becoming an Impact investor, she led New Business incubation at Juniper Networks. She has 15+ years in various Corporate Strategy, Product Management, Marketing, and Product Development positions at companies such as Symantec Corp, Applied Materials, Sun Microsystems, and Procket Networks (acquired by Cisco).

Rekha has been a Mentor, Coach, Advisor, and on the Alumni Council of Techwomen.org, a US Department of State Initiative that seeks to connect global women leaders in technology with those in Silicon Valley. She is an investor and advisor to start-ups at Stanford Angels and Entrepreneurs (SA&E), at Lean LaunchPad @Stanford Graduate School of Business, as well previously at StartX. She holds a Master’s degree in Electrical Engineering from Iowa State University and an MBA from Santa Clara University’s Leavey School of Business.
Dr. Sanjeev Arora is the Founder and Director of Project ECHO, a non-profit that uses technology, a disease management model, case-based learning, and a web-based database to arm primary care providers with the knowledge needed to treat those with complex health problems, who would otherwise have to travel for medical care.

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) was developed to improve both capacity and access to specialty care for rural and underserved populations through service delivery, education, and evaluation. ECHO uses a hub-and-spoke model and currently operates hubs in 38 countries, and spokes in 125 countries. 78,000 health and education professionals have participated in ECHO’s telementoring networks.

Dr. Arora is also a Distinguished and Regents' Professor of Medicine with tenure in the department of Internal Medicine at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center.
Sanjeev is new to the non-profit sector and has been involved with Tech4Dev since early 2019. He continues to be amazed by the hard work and dedication of the people he encounters in the NGO world.

Sanjeev is an entrepreneur and startup advisor and has worked in Silicon Valley for 25 years. He holds an M.Tech. in Computer Science from University of Pune, India and a PhD in Computer Science from Penn State University.
Sapphira Goradia is the Executive Director of the Vijay and Marie Goradia Foundation. As Executive Director, Sapphira leads the Foundation’s efforts to improve health and educational outcomes in India through the support of innovative, measurable and scalable initiatives. Prior to assuming her role at The Goradia Foundation, Sapphira worked for a number of NGOs focused on the prevention and treatment of both acute and chronic diseases, including UNAIDS and Population Services International. She holds a BA from Pomona College and a Masters of Public Health from The George Washington University. Sapphira serves on the advisory board of Pratham USA and the board of directors of the global health NGO SightLife. She also serves on the board of directors of Dasra, Women Moving Millions, and The Philanthropy Workshop.
Sneha is the Co-founder and CEO of Dost Education. Dost Education creates short audio content and mobile nudges to empower parents of any literacy level to promote early childhood development in India. Before Dost, Sneha worked as a management consultant at Dalberg and Oliver Wyman, serving clients such as the Gates Foundation, Teach For India and Goldman Sachs. After a stint in Kenya, she became intrigued by the research on simple home practices that accelerate children’s early cognitive development, wondering how rising mobile access could play a role in scaling such practices. She is a Mulago Rainer Arnhold Fellow 2017-18 and a Gratitude Network Fellow 2018. She holds an MBA from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA from the University of Texas at Austin.
Sri Rajan is a partner in Bain & Company's San Francisco office. Prior to this, he was the Chairman and Managing Director of Bain's India offices. He has over 20 years of management consulting experience across India and the United States. He has supported the creation and execution of turnaround strategies for multiple diversified firms across sectors. Additionally, he serves on the board of Delhivery, a logistics start-up in India, and is an investor in and advisor to numerous start-ups and funds. He is on the Board of Akshaya Patra US, an India-based NGO that serves meals to more than 1.86 million children every day, and is also the chair of their Consultative Council in India. He is on the Advisory Boards of Bridgespan India and Central Square Foundation. Sri earned his MBA from the Wharton School of Business, where he was a Palmer Scholar. He graduated with a post-graduate degree in management from IIM Calcutta and prior to that with a BS in Physics.
Steven Gorelick holds the Cyrus F. Tolman chaired professorship in the Department of Earth System Science and Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University. At Stanford since 1988, he runs the Hydro Program and directs the Global Freshwater Initiative. His interdisciplinary approach analyzes coupled human-natural-engineered systems to evaluate water-supply vulnerability and freshwater security solutions in stressed regions throughout the world. His many publications and three books are widely cited. Professor Gorelick is a member of the US National Academy of Engineering as well as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and he is the recipient of Guggenheim and Fulbright fellowships.
Sunil Wadhwani co-founded and was Chairman and CEO of IGATE Corporation, which provided a broad range of Information Technology services. Additionally, he is the co-founder and chairman of the Board of Mastech Digital Corporation (MHH), which provides high-value IT services and digital solutions. Sunil has also established the Wadhwani Institute for Sustainable Healthcare (WISH Foundation) in India in 2014. WISH uses a Public Private Partnership (PPP)-driven, innovation-led model to transform primary healthcare in low income areas in India and other developing countries. He has also cofounded the Wadhwani Institute for Artificial Intelligence (WIAI), which leverages artificial intelligence to empower under-served communities. Sunil is a Distinguished Alumnus of the Indian Institute of Technology and has a Master’s degree from Carnegie Mellon University.
Tarun has been a Dasra board member for over 10 years, and was previously Chairman of Dasra’s Global Council. He is a founding partner at Naviter Capital, a London-based investment firm focused on providing capital solutions to emerging financial companies worldwide. Tarun has over 30 years of experience in global financial markets, including both regional and global leadership responsibilities, in a career spanning three continents. Before Naviter, Tarun spent 27 years in banking at Morgan Stanley, Lehman Bros and Nomura Securities. Through his career, he has lived and worked in New York, Tokyo, London and Mumbai.

Tarun and his wife Anne have two children attending college in Southern California. Currently, Tarun is back-to-school as part of the Stanford Distinguished Careers Institute.
A Dasra old-timer, Vishal began his Dasra journey in 2010 and spent most of his six years operationalizing the Dasra Giving Circle – one of India's largest collaborative giving platforms for individuals – and managing Portfolio Services – one of India's most intensive diligence and capacity building support programs for non-profit organizations. He worked closely with pioneering organizations like Mann Deshi, SNEHA, Naz, Aangan Trust and ARMMAN, supporting them on business planning and strategy, organizational structure and HR, fundraising, financial planning, and impact assessment.

Since 2016, Vishal has supported Dasra's efforts in developing a strategic philanthropy movement for India, helping philanthropists in India, the US and UK make larger and smarter philanthropic decisions. Prior to joining Dasra, Vishal worked with Charles River Associates in Boston. Vishal holds a BA in Economics with Honors from Trinity College, Hartford, CT, where he also co-captained the Squash Team (US inter-collegiate national champions).