

**Resource Persons Profile's {as per session's presentation}**  
**Orientation Programme on Environmental Law and Sustainable Tourism for**  
**Stakeholders**  
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**Mr. Sudhir Sahi** was educated at The Doon School, Dehra Dun and at St. Stephen's College, Delhi where he obtained the B.A. Honours and M.A. degrees in Economics. His present appointment is UNDP National Consultant for the GOI-UNDP Rural Tourism Project. His professional career in the tourism industry spans 35 years, covering sustainable tour operations & marketing, hotel management, airline marketing and tourism consultancy. His focus areas are rural tourism, sustainability, eco-tourism and habitat conservation. This has included his extensive travel across India, UK, Europe, USA, Central Asia, Gulf, Africa, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Thailand, Cambodia, Singapore, Nepal and Sri Lanka. He served for four years on the GOI Ministry of Environment & Forests Expert Committee for Environment Impact Assessment of Tourism, Transport and Port Projects. He has represented India on the Youth Commission of the world apex Union of International Alpinist Associations. He made the curtain-raiser presentation on National Tourism Day 2002 in Delhi for the International Year of Eco-tourism. He is a frequent commentator and writer on sustainable tourism, the environment, marketing and infrastructure.

**Mr. Toby Sinclair** began his career as a naturalist with Tiger Tops in Nepal and has been living in India for over 25 years. He is actively involved with Tiger Link and Global Tiger Patrol. Over the years he has written or edited 20 books on the subcontinent including Insight Guides "Indian Wildlife" and "Photographic Guide on the Birds of India" and various books on the temples of Khajuraho and museums & monuments of India. As field production manager and lead project consultant (and encyclopedia!) for the BBC, Toby has researched and managed the filming of "Tiger Crisis" (1994) and the "Land of the Tiger" (1998) for BBC/PBS. He worked on, "Tiger!" filmed over two years in Kanha Tiger Reserve and produced by the National Geographic Society/BBC, that was aired in April 1999. Subsequently he worked on three films for BBC/Discovery in Ranthambhore and another film in Panna Tiger Reserve documenting a project that monitored the dispersal of male tigers. He concurrently worked on two projects in Sri Lanka for BBC/Discovery; one on elephants - "The Last Tusker" and another on the thriving leopard population in Yala National Park. He then put together a book on the Sri Lankan leopard ("For The Leopard") that was published in 2003. He also worked on a project which was 50 minute documentary on "The Desert Wolves of India" broadcasted in UK in October 2004. He is currently researching a project on the migration of geese over the Himalaya and helping compile a book on the Indian Landscape.

**Mr. CB Ram Kumar** - CB, as he is popularly known, has been an advertising and marketing professional for two decades. He has spent most of his professional career outside India in the Middle East. While CB did a brief 1 year stint in sales with the HCL group, his advertising career started in Ogilvy, Benson & Mather in Bangalore, he left

India in 1989 to join the Publicis Groupe and was with them for 9 years. After a 2 year stint with Standard Chartered Bank in Marketing, CB then spent the last 5 years with Saatchi & Saatchi, heading their Procter & Gamble business for the Middle East, based out of Dubai. CB returned to India in 2006 to follow his dream and passion. He is the founder of Our Native Village, a 100% eco resort, 40 kms outside Bangalore in a village called Hessargatta. Our Native Village follows a 100% eco principle. They generate almost 80% of their electricity, process all their wastes, have a fully natural swimming pond, etc. Being as distinctive as it is, the vision of Our Native Village is to be the first 100% eco resort chain across the globe. CB is also a Past Life Regression therapist and a Rebirthing breath work therapist. This has led to Our Native Village pioneering a new concept with its Soul Spa – the first one of its kind in the world. The Soul Spa massages your soul using new age techniques like Past Life Regression, Rebirthing breath work, musical massages, binaural beats, along with ayurvedic massages, meditation, yoga, etc. Close on the heels of the resort, CB also started FEEL, a Foundation to Enable Eco Living. A not-for-profit foundation, FEEL hopes to enable sustainable living for individual house holds, and conduct eco living programmes for school children. FEEL will also hopes to spear head an Organ Donor movement in India over the next few years. Drawing from the practical knowledge of Our Native Village, CB is now planning his second venture – SusTech, which stands for Sustainable Technologies. SusTech, a clean tech company, will facilitate sustainable living technologies for large corporations and entities. The main area of expertise will be in water, energy and waste management technologies. SusTech will be the first company that will offer a 360 degree service expertise for a fully sustainable model. CB has been part of the consultative process of the GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Criteria), a global criteria for sustainability in tourism ventures. Based on this, Our Native Village is now a Net Work member, and the only member from India at the GSTC. CB is now working with UNEP to bring this criterion into India in general and along with the KTF into Karnataka in specific.

**Ms. Seema Bhatt** is an independent consultant (based in India) working on issues related to biodiversity. She holds a Masters degree in Environmental Studies from Yale University, USA. She has served as Senior Programme Officer, Biodiversity 'Hotspots' Conservation Programme, WWF- India. Ms. Bhatt was part of the Technical and Policy Core Group that formulated the technical report for the formulation of India's National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan (NBSAP). She is also involved in documenting Community Conserved Areas across South Asia. Her particular focus of work is on strengthening the links between conservation of biodiversity and livelihoods of local communities. She views ecotourism as one such link and has coordinated two projects on ecotourism as the South Asia Coordinator for the USAID supported Biodiversity Conservation Network. Ms. Bhatt has since then worked extensively with various other ecotourism projects in India. She co-authored a book on 'Ecotourism Development in India' published by the Cambridge University Press. *Ms. Bhatt is a Fulbright Scholar and worked with the Center for Responsible Travel (CREST) from March to May 2009.*

**MR. Mandip Singh Sojn** Explorer, Mountaineer, Environmentalist, Adventure travel & Eco tourism specialist. Mr. Mandip has over 35 years of climbing and exploration experience in India and other parts of the world. He has instructed at outdoor schools in

Scotland and Wales, climbed in the Alps and made first ascents in the Indian Himalaya. The Limca Book of records nominated him 'India's most versatile Expeditioner '. He was conferred the Ness Award for expeditions and explorations by the Royal Geographical Society, London. In 1989 at the ICEWALK International Students Expedition in the Canadian Arctic near the North Pole, he studied environmental impacts of pollutants in the ice and the growing ozone hole, under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In 2002, the year of the Mountains, he participated in an Indo Pakistan Friendship expedition in the Swiss Alps under the IUCN and UIAA and has been campaigning to save the Siachen Glacier from environmental degradation due to the two armies present. In 2007 , he undertook a ecotourism river expedition with the Government , in the state of Madhya Pradesh to try and convert bandits into tourism guides and naturalists in this biodiverse rich but bandit ridden area. Mandip Singh Soin FRGS , is the Founder and Managing Director of Ibex Expeditions Private Limited. Established in 1979, Ibex is a specialist tourism company in India that specializes in Ecotourism, Adventure, Luxury & Safari Travel. He has edited the four issues of the Environment & Eco Tourism handbook published by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. He lectures worldwide on responsible and ecologically sound tourism and is deeply committed to being a good trustee of this earth.

**Dr. A.K. Bharadwaj** is 1985 batch Indian Forest Service officer from the Kerala Cadre on deputation to WII. Since 1988, he served as a manager in different protected areas (PAs) of the southern Western Ghats. Periyar Tiger Reserve has undertaken an innovative initiative to involve local communities in PA management, and he was associated with the planning and implementation of this important programme. Maintaining an interest in this subject, he undertook doctoral work on “Assessment of Eco-development Initiatives in Periyar”. He is involved in many action research projects of the Institute in the area of PA and wildlife management. His special areas of interest include community participation in biodiversity conservation and ecotourism. Dr. Bharadwaj is currently involved in training field managers, providing technical support for management planning of PAs to states and upgrading the WII database. He is member of the IUCN Sustainable Use Specialist Group.

**Mr. Ritwick Dutta**, Advocate, Supreme Court is pioneering many ventures with regard to Environmental Law Litigation. Founder of Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) he and his team is restoring transparency and accountability to India's Environmental Impact Assessment processes in order to protect the environment and at-risk communities from encroaching big industry. Through what he calls “environmental democracy” Ritwick gives citizens the tools to assess the impact of industrial development projects and challenge destructive practices. He works to bring change within judicial system itself: He has revived the previously defunct National Environment Appellate Authority (NEAA), originally created to evaluate the impact of such projects. Ritwick and his team of environmental lawyers have filed eight of the nine litigations reviewed by the NEAA, pioneering a decisively results-driven approach to environmental advocacy in India. Ritwick's efforts to create a cohort of informed citizens on the one hand and an effective system for legal redress on the other have had a tangible impact on project development in India. His organization, Legal Initiative for Forests and

Environment, and its legal team—among the only practicing environmental lawyers in the country—have already been responsible for numerous policy changes and the stalling of a mega mining project in the state of Orissa, in what has been hailed as the biggest such victory in the history of environmental suits in India. ***Ritwick is an Ashoka Fellow, elected in the year 2008.***

**Mr. ADN Rao** is an advocate, Supreme Court. Has been in legal practice for over thirty years now. ***Mr. Rao is Amicus Curiae, N. Godavarman Thirumulkpad Vs Union of India (WP 202/1995), one of the key forest cases in Supreme Court.*** The case is popularly known as the Godavarman case. This case has led to fundamental changes that have wide impact on forest management issues.

**Mr. Samir Sinha** is the Head of TRAFFIC India. He holds a P.G. Diploma (Honours) in Wildlife Management from Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun and is the member of the Indian Forest Service (IFS), Uttarakhand Cadre. He has served in 11 different Protected Areas so far including six years at the Corbett Tiger Reserve,(1996-2002) and later as Director of Rajaji National Park (2002-04) and Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve (2004-06). He is a Member of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), IUCN- The World Conservation Union as well as the Advisory Committee, National Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Govt. of India. He is also a recipient of ***His Excellency the Governor's Trophy for Excellence in Wildlife Management*** in 2003. He has designed and conducted a large number of capacity building programmes including for Forest Dept., Police, Army, Paramilitary, Customs and Judiciary, media personnel and local communities.

**Mr. Nirajan Khatri** is currently General Manager - Welcomenviron Initiatives of ITC Welcomgroup. He has a hotel management background and has had operational experience as the General Manager of various ITC Welcomgroup hotels. He pioneered the concept of eco designing in Welcomgroup Bay Island in Port Blair/Travel House/Landbase India Ltd. and submitted a paper to ILO/CORNELL UNIVERSITY on eco-designing. He was invited by CII to Head their Renewable Energy cell for one year. He developed eco rating for the Delhi Govt, which has been distributed to 1200 schools, translated into Marathi & further distributed to 6000 schools. Mr. Khatri was a Faculty member of the Railway Staff College, Baroda and has conducted 30 sessions on eco designing for senior management of the Indian Railways. He has also conducted sessions for many public/private sector companies like BHEL, CEL, TATA BP SOLAR, WIPRO AND KARNATAKA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD / Power Finance Corporation. He has been taking sessions for IIT -Delhi & Mumbai, Delhi University & for management institutes like XLRI, S.P. Jain MDI and other institutions like the CII, FICCI, PHD, Assocham on eco designing. Ex convener of the water committee of CII Delhi council. Currently member of power & water committee of CII northern region. Member of Arunim an arm of ministry of social justice looking at issues of persons with multiple disabilities. Served as a non executive director in Central Electronics Ltd for 5 years. ***Recipient of Hellan Kellar Award 2006 & Karamveer puraskar.***

**Dr. PK Jha** have over 22 years of working experience with Sulabh International Academy of Environmental Sanitation, New Delhi, in the fields of sanitation, biogas from wastes, solid waste management and waste water treatment sectors and has expertise in development of sustainable technologies, preparation of projects, their implementation and monitoring, training, social marketing and consultancy in the above fields in urban as well as in rural areas in India and abroad. He is one of the experts on the panel of Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India, to assist independent innovators of India as Technology Angel under Technopreneur Promotion Programme of the Ministry. He is also working as the Reviewer for the International Journal- Ecological Engineering, Elsevier Publication, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. He has many international paper presentations to his credit some of them being presented in South Africa, Nairobi and Singapore. He contributed a chapter- “Social marketing of Sanitation: Sulabh Experience “ for the book Social Marketing of Sanitation, published by the UN HABITAT, New Delhi office in 2006. For another book- Sanitation and Energy, of the UN HABITAT- his manuscript entitled “Human wastes, sanitation and bioenergy” has been accepted for publication. He worked as the Coordinator of Clean Yamuna Manch Project Agra- a major project of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, funded by the Japan Bank of International Cooperation, Govt. of Japan. He developed a simple technology for rapid composting of bio degradable wastes under a project funded by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India. The system popularly known as STAC ( Sulabh Thermophilic Aerobic Composting ) requires hardly 10 days to degrade any biodegradable wastes without manual handling of wastes during composting. He got the technology patented. He also worked as the Principal Investigator of the project “Duckweed based wastewater treatment system and its economic return in terms of pisciculture,” funded by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Government of India, New Delhi.

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**Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur**, graduated in History (Hons.) from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University in 1974. He obtained LL.B. Degree from Law Faculty, Delhi University in 1977 wherein after he practiced in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court of India. In 1981 he was enrolled as an Advocate-on-Record in the Supreme Court of India. He was appointed as Junior Standing Counsel for the Income-tax Department in 1981 and as the Editor, Indian Law Reports (Delhi Series) in February, 1983. He was also the Standing Counsel of the Central Government from December, 1990 to December, 1996. He was designated as Senior Advocate in February, 1997 and was appointed as Additional Solicitor General of India in 1998. In 1999, he was appointed as an Additional Judge of Delhi High Court and thereafter as a Permanent Judge of that High Court. As a Judge, he has actively initiated judicial reforms to speed up the justice delivery system and also encouraging continuous judicial education through the National Judicial Academy. *A scholar at heart who always encourages institutions and organizations in spreading awareness on various fields of law.*