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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

*W*E ARE DELIGHTED TO  
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**THE KAMALNAYAN BAJAJ FELLOWSHIP**

WE APPRECIATE  
THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF  
MR RAHUL BAJAJ  
AND  
THE JAMNALAL BAJAJ FOUNDATION



**ILI 5 – Famous V Fellow NANDINI SINGLA** has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Portugal. Previously, she was Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Apart from working with the MEA in Western Europe, Nandini has also served with Indian embassies in Switzerland and France. Nandini, an arts stream student from a small town named Keshwapur in Hubballi district has proven theories of our society wrong by becoming one of the youngest Indian ambassadors to Portugal and the first one from her hometown.....[READ MORE](#)



**ILI 5 – Famous V Fellow ANANT MAHESHWARI** has joined Microsoft as President on 1st September 2016 and taken over operations of the company from Microsoft India Chairman Bhaskar Pramanik with effect from January 1, 2017. Maheshwari is responsible for Microsoft’s product, service, and support offerings across India. Maheshwari joins Microsoft from Honeywell where he was the India President. He has held various business leadership roles at Honeywell for over 12 years.....[READ MORE](#)

**ILI 5 – Famous V Fellow ZEENA JOHAR** was among 16 scholars selected for the 2015 Yale World Fellows in the US for their exemplary mid-career work. Zeena was chosen from a pool of about 4,000 applicants for the prestigious Ivy League university’s signature global leadership development initiative. Zeena Johar is founder & CEO of Sugha Vazhvu Healthcare (SVHC) and IKP Centre for Technologies in Public Health (ICTPH), organizations working to create a primary care delivery network through rural clinics.....[READ MORE](#)



The International Centre for Climate Governance (ICCG) has ranked Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) as one of India’s leading climate think-tanks. CEEW has been ranked 2nd in India, 4th outside Europe and North America, and 20th globally out of 240 think tanks. This is a tremendous achievement for **ILI 4 – 4sight Fellow ARUNABHA GHOSH**, CEO, CEEW because CEEW is not yet six years old.....[READ MORE](#)

**ILI 4 – 4sight Fellow SRIKUMAR MISRA**, the founder of India’s first venture capital backed agri startup Milk Mantra had a “once in a lifetime opportunity” when he got a selfie clicked with unarguably the most powerful financial official in India: RBI governor Raghuram Rajan. Rajan showed an interest to meet Srikumar, the 39 year old entrepreneur during his scheduled visit to Orissa to understand how “ethical sourcing of milk” from over 40000 farmers by Milk Mantra has resulted in financial inclusion of the community and in turn augmented the start up’s revenue to crores.....[READ MORE](#)



When **ILI 5 – Famous V Fellow KALYAN AKKIPEDDI** reached the age of 30, he quit his well-paying job and decided to do something different. After travelling all over India to understand poverty, he realized that instead of spending energy on eradicating poverty, he should work to create abundance. Kalyan purchased 12.5 acres of land in Tekulodu village to set up an ecologically sustainable, socially cohesive and economically viable rural community built by the villagers, for the villagers. Today, the village is energy self-reliant, WiFi enabled and has consistent water supply. Known as ProtoVillage, the village also has an eco-friendly visitor’s Centre. Some days back, an old man after reading about ProtoVillage, travelled for a couple of days to meet Kalyan and visit his ProtoVillage. It was one of the most touching moments for Kalyan .....[READ MORE](#)

Chitkara University conferred the Doctor of Literature degree to **ILI Class 1 Fellow SHIVINDER MOHAN SINGH**, Executive Vice Chairman, Fortis in recognition of his outstanding contribution to education, business and humanity owing to his inspirational journey as a role model business leader and his stellar role in creating significant impact in the domain of healthcare delivery and community outreach.....[READ MORE](#)



**ILI Class 1 Fellow SANJAY JAYAVARTHANEVELU**'s company Lakshmi Machine Works (LMW) has designed and developed a solar-powered “mini ring frame” spinning machine which would benefit the Khadi industry, empower youth, boost self-employment and women empowerment even in remote villages. As part of its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, LMW has joined hands with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises to develop the machine. The machine is capable of producing high quality yarn in counts from 10s to 60s with solar power for nine hours a day from 8am to 5pm.....[READ MORE](#)

**ILI 3 – Third Generation Fellow SHAFFI MATHER'S** MURgency, a mobile based emergency medical response app has been chosen as the start-up of the year at the prestigious Startup Grind 2016 conference at Silicon Valley in California. The app was selected from among 1100 start-up's from 200 cities across the globe. MURgency is an award winning app that connects people in need of emergency medical aid with doctors and paramedical staff.....[READ MORE](#)



**ILI 2 – Second Wave Fellow VIKRAM MISRI** has been appointed as the country's next Ambassador to Myanmar. A press release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said Mr. Misri, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1989 batch, is expected to take up his assignment shortly. Mr. Misri is currently the Ambassador of India to Spain.....[READ MORE](#)

## ILIFAMOUS V GRADUATION CEREMONY

The graduation seminar of the India Leadership Initiative (ILI) Class 5 – Famous Five took place at Taj Dwarka, New Delhi from July 12th to 16th 2016. The Promise of Leadership is the final seminar in the series of four and is the most introspective. The seminar was moderated by senior moderator Keith Berwick along with James Abraham and Manoj Kumar. There



*ILI Famous Five Fellows with the moderators on their graduation evening*

were deep and meaningful reading based dialogues exploring the meaning of life and one's legacy. It culminated into the Graduation Ceremony which the fellows planned themselves. Some of the interesting readings during the sessions were Aristotle's Theory of Happiness by Mortimer J. Adler, The Doer of Good by Oscar Wilde, Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Antigone by Jean Anouilh etc. During the seminar, Fellows shared the progress made on their community



ILI Fellows from all the classes at senior moderator Keith Berwick's farewell and felicitation

ventures and explored issues of balancing work and family, community engagement and personal legacy. The graduation evening also included a special and touching felicitation of Keith Berwick, senior moderator, Aspen Institute. Keith Berwick had been associated with India Leadership Initiative since the inaugural class. ILI Fellows from all classes shared their thoughts and reflections on Keith who was presented some special mementos.



The Resnick Aspen Action Forum 2016

### CARPE DIEM... SEIZE THE MOMENT

The Resnick Aspen Action Forum 2016 took place from 19th July to 22nd July in Aspen, CO. The Forum provided a space for participants to both reflect on their daily lives and draw inspiration from their peers. The theme, Leading Toward Justice, gave those assembled the chance to dig deep into challenges of injustice across sectors and around the world, and to commit to concrete actions to tackle them. The participants also reinforced their action pledges. For example, the Deep Dive group on Race and America pledged to address slavery in United States and seek to work with those who are leading those efforts. Finally, one of the most powerful speeches of the week came from Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative on how to combat injustice.....[WATCH VIDEO](#)

### Special Achiever: MUKTI DATTA

During The Resnick Aspen Action Forum 2016, The Aspen Institute and Trustee Anne Welsh McNulty announced the ninth annual group of John P. McNulty Prize Laureates, four extraordinary leaders who are impacting their communities and the globe in innovative, scalable and replicable ways.

ILI Class 1 Fellow Mukti Datta has been shortlisted as a finalist for the prestigious McNulty Prize for her community project Mandakini Women Weavers which she started as an ILI fellow. In the wake of massive floods in 2013, Mukti Datta applied her vast experience improving rural economic situations by replicating the Panchachuli Women Weavers model she pioneered. Mandakini provides women with sustainable livelihoods linked to global markets, the success of which has catalyzed the creation of a new hub for handlooms to scale opportunities for women weavers across India's Himalayan region.

Founded by Anne Welsh McNulty in honor of her late husband John, the McNulty Prize celebrates the boldness and impact of individuals who are using their exceptional leadership abilities, entrepreneurial spirit and private sector talents to address the world's toughest challenges.....[WATCH VIDEO](#)

