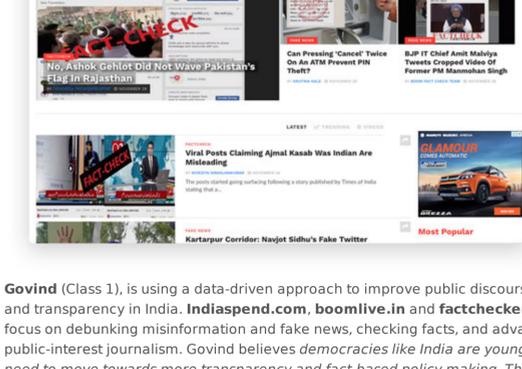


FEATURED INITIATIVE

Govind Ethiraj: using data to fight fake news

Ethiraj, founder of Boom and IndiaSpend, is bringing transparency in public discourse through three media ventures



Govind (Class 1), is using a data-driven approach to improve public discourse and transparency in India. [Indiaspend.com](#), [boomlive.in](#) and [factchecker.in](#) focus on debunking misinformation and fake news, checking facts, and advancing public-interest journalism. Govind believes *democracies like India are young and need to move towards more transparency and fact-based policy making. This can only happen if citizens appreciate the importance and need for data, and are not influenced by deliberate or otherwise misinformation.* Govind is a Laureate of the prestigious McNulty prize 2018. [Read more.](#)

TAKING THE LEAD

James, Sudha, Rahul and Amitav talk Socrates in times of Soccer, to High Schoolers

James Abraham (Class 3), Founder and Director, SolarArise, **Sudha Iyer** (Class 1), Managing Director, Skillin Learning Technologies Pvt. Limited, **Rahul Mirchandani** (Class 4), Chairman and Managing Director, Aries Agro Limited and **Amitav Virmani** (Class 3), Founder and CEO, The Education Alliance moderated Socratic Dialogues for 72 High School students at the Shri Ram Ananta Leadership School 2018. This unique programme includes community visits, guest lectures, team building activities, communication and social skills and a mandatory leadership venture. The school helps instill a spirit of volunteerism and active citizenship amongst the High Schoolers and inspires them to impact their communities.

Reshma and Gunjan guide the first class of young women



Reshma Anand (Class 2), Chief Executive Officer, Hindustan Unilever Foundation and **Gunjan Shah** (Class 5), Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co., helped the inaugural class of GP Birla Fellowship for Women Leaders graduate this October. This is a programme designed specifically for women from Tier 2 and 3 cities. It equips them with tools to accomplish leadership goals and provides them a platform for collaborative support for each other. The programme has a "Mentor-Me!" model where the fellows get to work with individual mentors in their developmental journey.

Charu, Govind and Masood moderate the inaugural class of the Ananta Leaders Fellowship



Charu Sinha (Class 4) Inspector General - Central Reserve Police Force, Bihar, **Govindraj Ethiraj** (Class 1), Founder, BOOM and IndiaSpend and **Masood Hussainy** (Class 5), Head Aerostructures and Aero-Engines, Tata Aerospace and Defence, moderated the inaugural class of the Ananta Leaders Fellowship, a unique programme for young leaders from uniformed forces, corporate sector and the civil society. This leadership programme, facilitated by Ananta Centre, helps the Fellows engage better with society and make a significant impact.

The seventh cohort of the Bajaj Fellowship begin its journey with James, Manoj and Sejal



James Abraham (Class 3), Founder & Director, SolarArise, **Manoj Kumar** (Class 2), CEO, Naandi Foundation and **Sejal Shah Gulati** (Class 5), General Manager & Vice President, Global Commercial Services, American Express, led the first seminar of the seventh cohort of the Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellowship, in their journey to develop as values-based leaders and move from 'thought to action'.

Aditya, Shankar, Pallav and Kalyan help college youth hone their leadership skills



Class 5 Fellows **Aditya Natraj**, Executive Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation, **Shankar Vanavarayar**, Joint Correspondent, Kumaraguru College of Technology and Executive Director, Sakthi Auto Motors, **Kalyan Akkpeddi**, Founder, ProtoVillage and **Pallav Patankar**, Executive Director, ALMATA, took the lead for the Ananta Aspen Emerging Leaders Programme for college students. Aditya and Shankar helmed the Coimbatore edition in June 2018, while Kalyan and Pallav led the one at Wardha in October 2018. This programme, helps students connect with their inner values to grow intellectually, socially and emotionally.

Sameer, James and Sudha conduct the first seminar of the ASEAN India Leaders Fellowship



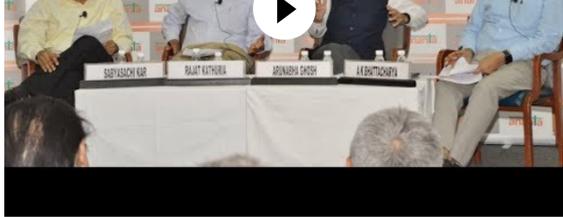
James Abraham (Class 3), Founder and Director SolarArise, **Sudha Iyer** (Class 1) Managing Director, Skillin Learning Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and **Sameer Wallia** (Class 4), Founder and Chief Executive, Ripples of Hope, conducted the first seminar of the ASEAN India Leaders Fellowship. It had a diverse group of 20 young leaders, two each from nine ASEAN countries and India. This programme was conceptualized in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of ASEAN India Partnership, promote ties among successful young leaders from the region and enhance socio-cultural ties among India and ASEAN member states.

Anuj Poddar leads Godrej Ideas India 2018 for Ananta Centre



The Ananta Godrej Ideas India initiative was led and driven by the Kamalnayan Bajaj Fellows under the leadership of **Anuj Poddar** (Class 1) Executive Director, Bajaj Electricals and Ltd. The overall theme of IDEAS held at Amritsar was "Fearless Leadership" and it was the best-themed edition to date.

Govind leads a conversation on fake news



Govind Ethiraj (Class 1), Founder, BOOM & IndiaSpend led a panel discussion on Fake News. The Panel consisted of **Pawan Duggal**, Founder & Chairman of International Commission on Cyber Security Law, **Rema Rajeshwari**, District Police Chief, Jogulamba Gadwal District, Telangana (Fellow of Ananta Aspen Telangana Police Programme) and **Mihir Sharma** (Class 6), Columnist, Bloomberg View.

Arunabha Ghosh adds to the vibrant session on the implications of rupee depreciation



Arunabha Ghosh (Class 4), CEO, Council on Energy, Environment & Water participated in a vibrant session on Depreciation of the Indian Rupee: Implications for the Economy, Trade and Energy Security as part of the Public Policy Dialogues organized by Ananta Centre.

Rajan, Indrani and Sameer participate in the 11th India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue



Rajan Navani (Class 3), Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies, **Indrani Bagchi** (Class 3), Diplomatic Editor, Times of India and **Sameer Wallia** (Class 4), Founder and Chief Executive, Ripples of Hope, participated in the 11th India - Singapore Strategic Dialogue.

AT A GLANCE

- Bhairavi Jani**, (Class 3), Executive Director-SCA Group, Chairperson and Founder-IEF Entrepreneurship Foundation participated in the Trilateral Commission Regional meeting at Beijing in November 2018. Bhairavi is also leading the Kashmir Dialogue and Development Forum.
- Rajan Navani** (Class 3), Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies, is now the Chairman of Ananta communications committee. The committee provides support for achieving the objectives of the Centre and formulate a communications strategy keeping in mind the financial viability of the strategy
- Nikhil Sawhney** (Class 3), Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Limited, has recently taken over as the Co-Chair of the 11th India Israel Forum, representing the Indian side.
- Aditya Natraj** (Class 5), Founder & Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation and Moderator Training held in Aspen, Colorado in November.

IN THE NEWS

- Akshat Rathee** (Class 3), **Managing Director, NODWIN Group** [India in the e-sports arena](#) Forbes India | November 15, 2018
- Aditya Natraj** (Class 5), **Founder & Director, Kaivalya Education Foundation and** **Amitav Virmani** (Class 3), **Founder & CEO, The Education Alliance** [The heroes who are saving India's schools](#) rediff.com | September 17, 2018
- Srikumar Misra** (Class 4), **Founder & CEO, Milk Mantra** [A milk startup takes on 300 million cows](#) Business Standard | July 7, 2018
- Manoj Kumar's** (Class 2), **CEO, Naandi Foundation** [Crown by Tribals, Coffee from Andhra's Araku Valley Wins Gold In Paris' Prix Epicures!](#)
- Umang Bedi** (Class 7), **President, Dailyhunt** [Opinion | A lean start-up manager in more ways than one](#) Livemint | Sept 17, 2018

IN NEW ROLES

- **Anuj Poddar** (Class 1), is now Executive Director, Bajaj Electricals Ltd.
- **Saloni Malhotra** (Class 5), is now Vice President, Invest India and Head of AGNI.
- **Prashant Agrawal** (Class 6) is now the Indian High Commissioner to Namibia

UPCOMING LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

- Ananta Leaders Fellowship:** Seminar III to be held from 27 February to 2 March 2019
- ASEAN India Leaders Fellowship:** Seminar II to be held from 10 - 14 March 2019
- The Shri Ram Ananta Aspen Leadership School 2019:** 19 May to 1 June 2019
- Banyan Tree Dinners:** 18 January 2019 in Pune; 1 February 2019 in Kolkata; 15 February 2019 in Mumbai
- Emerging Leaders Programme:** 14 to 19 October 2019 in Wardha