

## In focus



Pratibha Jain, Partner, Nishith Desai Associates; Reshma Anand, CEO, Hindustan Unilever Foundation; Suparna Singh, CEO, NDTV Group and Amitav Virmani, Founder CEO, The Education Alliance at the Inaugural session “What Glass Ceiling? Indian Women in the Workplace” of “The Woman Speaks” series

## The Woman Speaks: ways to break the glass ceiling at the workplace

January 10, 2019 / New Delhi

India has to empower women to realise their full potential. Ananta Centre has launched a five-part dialogue series on women and gender issues called The Woman Speaks. The series puts the spotlight on the challenges that women face in multiple environments of underrepresentation and prejudice and starts the process of finding solutions. In the long run, the recommendations gleaned from the dialogues will be put together as a white paper.

The first dialogue—**What Glass Ceiling? Indian Women in the Workplace**—brought together a panel of accomplished women professionals to table the challenges faced by women at the workplace and possible ways to address them. Equal pay, redressal mechanisms for harassment and public safety emerged as strong and viable solutions. [Read More](#)



The Indian Delegation with Harsh Vardhan Shringla, the Indian Ambassador to the US (L to R): Sujith Haridas, Kiran Pasricha, Rajan Navani, Dr Naushad Forbes, Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Dr S Jaishankar, Jamshyd Godrej, Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, and Tarun Das.

## Visit to Washington: deeper conversations for stronger ties

January 14-16 , 2019 / Washington DC

The India-US relations, in the past year, have observed intense engagement with the promise of elevating relations to a new height. The US sanction waiver to India on import of Iranian oil, development and operation of Chabahar port and defence deals with Russia demonstrate the growing trust between the two countries.

In the backdrop of these intensifying ties, an Ananta Centre delegation visited Washington D.C. and interacted with leading think tanks, Congressmen, officials from US Administration and senior economists to discuss defence and strategic cooperation, emerging global geopolitical trends, maritime security and cooperation and deepening trade and investments. [Read more](#)

## New from Ananta Authors



### How Ethiopia flew away

Ethiopian Airlines contributes directly or indirectly to nearly 4 per cent of Ethiopia’s GDP. [Read more](#)

Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times writes for Ananta Centre Africa Review



### Economic developments, January 2019

Uzbekistan is planning to get US\$ 4.1 billion in foreign direct investment in 2019. It has introduced several tax and financial reforms to further improve the investment climate. [Read more](#)

Amb. Ashok Sajjanhar, Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden and Latvia writes for the Ananta Centre Central Asia Digest



### Political developments, January 2019

China is increasing its influence in the region. President Xi Jinping's visit to Argentina in December was his fifth in three years. [Read more](#)

Amb. Deepak Bhojwani, Former Ambassador of India to Colombia, Venezuela and Cuba, writes for the Ananta Centre Latin America and Caribbean (LAC) Review



### Mixed Russian response to US actions on Afghanistan

Russia’s MFA cautiously welcomed the US announcement of withdrawal of half its military contingent from Afghanistan, but adding that its implementation remains to be seen. [Read more](#)

Amb. PS Raghavan, Former Ambassador of India to Russia writes for the Ananta Centre Russia Review



### Oil-related developments, January 2019

On 31 December, crude oil prices rose about 2 percent but were on track for the first annual decline in three years amid lingering concerns of a persistent supply glut. [Read more](#)

Amb. Talmiz Ahmad, Former Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia, UAE and Oman writes for the Ananta Centre West Asia Digest

## Forthcoming programmes

### The Growth Net Summit: key opportunities and challenges for emerging markets

June 6-7, 2019 / New Delhi

The 7th Annual meeting of The Growth Net Summit convened by Ananta Centre in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industry and Smadja & Smadja will focus on how collaboration between emerging market countries will help maintain growth momentum and promote sustainable development. The agenda will include growth strategies, innovation and Start Ups, skill development and job creation, Industry 4.0, technologies of future like A.I. Big Data & automation and also the role of emerging economies - India and China. [Know more](#)

## New members

### Ananta Centre welcomes its new corporate members:

- Ambuja Neotia Holdings Private Limited
- Bajaj Electricals Limited
- CESC Limited—RP Sanjiv Goenka Group
- Thermax Limited

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