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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, a Fulbright exchange, enhances leadership among international professionals who collaborate to address local and global challenges and foster change for the collective good. Through academic study and professional development with U.S. counterparts, this growing global network shares best practices and builds expertise in fields of critical importance to advance societal and institutional capacity, promote human rights and freedoms, ensure sustainable environments, and develop thriving communities.

Humphrey Alumni Global Policy Series

To mark the 45th anniversary of the Humphrey Fellowship in 2023, the Humphrey Fellowship has launched the Humphrey Alumni Global Policy Series. This policy series convenes Humphrey alumni across world regions to address global policy concerns and challenges through roundtable dialogues, engagement with key stakeholders, and collaborative networking. These in-person dialogues allow Humphrey alumni to reconnect, share best practices, and develop global solutions to critical issues.

The policy series in New Delhi will focus on supporting vibrant and responsive societies and include panel discussions on “Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Livelihood Security”; “Education and Innovation”; and “Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality.”

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November 16-18, 2023, The Lalit New Delhi

AGENDA

Thursday, November 16

@Crystal Ballroom

6:30 – 7:15 pm : Guests arrive. Networking over drinks and appetizers.

7:15 – 7:50 pm : Opening session

Adam J. Grotzky, Executive Director, USIEF

Eric Garcetti, U.S. Ambassador to India

Kelsi Ward Molowa, Chief, Humphrey Fellowship and Community College Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

7:50 – 9:30 pm : Dinner

Friday, November 17

@Crystal Ballroom

9:00 – 10:30 am : **Session I – Policy Dialogue**
Climate Change, Sustainable Development, and Livelihood Security

Moderator : **Anubha Bhonsle**, Founder, Newsworthy, New Delhi

Panelists : **Pradeep Monga**, Senior Advisor, IIASA

Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India, New Delhi

Pratim Roy, Founder and Director, Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, Nilgiris

Swayamprabha Das, Associate Vice President and Lead Policy and Planning, Development Alternatives, New Delhi

Aaron Schubert, Deputy Director, USAID Indo-Pacific Office, New Delhi

10:30 – 11:00 am : Tea and Coffee break

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11:00 – 12:30 pm : **Session II – Policy Dialogue**
Education and Innovation

Moderator : **Vrinda Sarup**, Former Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education

Panelists : **Satish Jha**, Chairman, President and CEO, OLPC (one laptop per child) India Initiative
David Moyer, Education and Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi
Ira Singhal, Special Secretary (Education), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar
Vyjayanthi Sankar, Founder and Executive Director at Centre for Science of Student Learning (CSSL), Bengaluru

12:30 – 1:30 pm : **Networking lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 pm : **Session III – Policy Dialogue**
Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

Moderator : **Meeran Chadha Borwankar**, Speaker | Author | Lawyer | Consultant

Panelists : **Ved Mitra Arya**, Founder, Self-Reliant Initiatives Through Joint Action (SRIJAN) and The Buddha Institute, New Delhi
Ranu Bhogal, Executive Director, CARMDAKSH and Development Consultant, Delhi-NCR
Suneeta Dhar, Co-Founder and Chair, South Asia Women's Foundation, New Delhi
Kiran Somvanshi, Assistant General Manager - The Economic Times Intelligence Group, Mumbai
Ritika Chopra, Gender Advisor, USAID, New Delhi

3:00 – 3:30 pm : **Tea and Coffee break**

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3:30 – 5:00 pm

Session IV

Takeaways, Conclusions and Action Plan

Moderator

: **Peter K. Moran**, Director, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, Institute of International Education, Washington, D.C.

Pratim Roy, Founder and Director, Keystone Foundation, Kotagiri, Nilgiris

Vrinda Sarup, Former Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education

Meeran Chadha Borwankar, Speaker | Author | Lawyer | Consultant

Anand Chiplunkar, Former Director, Central and West Asia Urban and Water Division, Asian Development Bank, Philippines

Jahanzeb Akhtar, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Mumbai

5:00 – 5:15 pm

Concluding Remarks

Kelsi Ward Molowa, Chief, Humphrey Fellowship and Community College Programs Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

7:00 – 8:30 pm

: **Dinner**

@Regal, Level I

Saturday, November 18

8 – 2 pm: Community engagement (*optional*)

Visit to rejuvenated water bodies in Gautam Buddha Nagar area, NOIDA, Uttar Pradesh. Humphrey alumni will interact with communities and school children on restoration of water bodies and conservation of biodiversity as lifelines of the village. Community members will showcase low-cost wastewater treatment model for treating the greywater entering the ponds.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:15 – 7:50 pm

Opening session

@Crystal Ballroom, Lobby Level



Ambassador Eric Garcetti
U.S. Ambassador to India



Adam J. Grotsky
Executive Director, USIEF



Kelsi Ward Molowa
Chief, Humphrey Fellowship and
Community College Programs,
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Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department
of State, Washington, D.C.



Sindhu Manjesh
Scholar | Educator | Consultant
Journalism | Media | Communication
(Master of ceremonies)

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Ambassador Eric Garcetti is a committed public servant, educator, and diplomat. He was confirmed in a bipartisan vote as the 26th United States Ambassador to the Republic of India on March 15, 2023. After serving twelve years as a Los Angeles city councilmember, including six as City Council President, Garcetti was elected as the 42nd Mayor of the City of Los Angeles in 2013 as the youngest mayor in Los Angeles history, and he was re-elected in 2017 with the widest margin ever recorded in his city. During his mayoralty, Garcetti led Los Angeles through crisis, charted a bold green future, and launched record investments in infrastructure. Under his watch, Los Angeles was named the best run city in America by the What Works Cities initiative of Bloomberg Philanthropies and Garcetti was named Public Official of the Year in 2019 by Governing Magazine. Garcetti oversaw a period of record economic growth and opportunity, won the Olympic and Paralympic Games for Los Angeles in 2028 and left the city with a record budget surplus. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Garcetti was praised for leading Los Angeles' aggressive response, building the largest testing and vaccination sites in the world and adopting many of the earliest public health protections while keeping critical sectors of the economy going. While Mayor, Garcetti was elected by his global peers to serve as Chair of C40 Cities – a network of 97 of the world's biggest cities taking bold climate action. At COP26 in Glasgow, he represented the world's urban leaders delivering the Cities Race to Zero pledge, a commitment of over 1,000 global cities to implement net-zero carbon futures.

Garcetti served as a naval officer in the reserve component for 12 years and was selected as Rockefeller Next Generation Leadership Fellow, an inaugural Asia 21 Fellow of the Asia Society, a Young Fellow of the French-American Foundation, a Rodel Fellow at the Aspen Institute, and a Reboot Fellow. In 2005, he was awarded the New Frontier Award given each year by the Kennedy family and Kennedy Library to a young elected official who embodies President Kennedy's vision of service. Garcetti earned a B.A. at Columbia College, Columbia University as a John Jay Scholar and his roommate's father, William Clark, was a predecessor of his as U.S. Ambassador to India. Ambassador Garcetti studied Hindi and Indian culture and history while at Columbia and went on to earn a Master's degree at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs. After graduating, Ambassador Garcetti was selected as a Rhodes Scholar, studying at The Queen's College, Oxford and the London School of Economics and Political Science. While in England, he met his now-wife Amy Elaine Wakeland, who was a fellow member of his Rhodes Scholar class. They have one daughter and have been foster parents for more than a decade. A fourth-generation native of Los Angeles, Garcetti is a proud card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild and is an avid pianist and photographer.

Adam Grotsky has worked in the field of international education for over three decades. He has served as the Executive Director of the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) since May 2008. As Executive Director of USIEF, he oversees the administration of the prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship Program and five EducationUSA advising centers located throughout India. During Mr. Grotsky's tenure as Executive Director, USIEF has administered over 3800 Fulbright-Nehru and Fulbright-Kalam Fellowships awarded to U.S. and Indian citizens. Under his leadership, the program has tripled in size, and USIEF has expanded the scope of its offerings to include postdoctoral fellowships for Indian citizens,



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distinguished chair awards for U.S. scholars, English teaching assistantships for U.S. students, and short-term grants for international education administrators from both countries. Prior to his current position, he was the Director of Study Abroad at Towson University (Maryland) for four years. His work at Towson University included development, administration, and promotion of the university's study abroad programs. Before Towson, he served as the Associate Director for International Programs at the University of South Carolina (1997 to 2004). Mr. Grotzky got his start in international education with the University of Wisconsin's College Year in India Program (Varanasi) where he served as the resident director of the program (1992-1994). Mr. Grotzky has a BA in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in South Asian Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kelsi Ward Molowa serves as the Branch Chief for the Humphrey Fellowship and Community College Programs in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) at the U.S. Department of State. In this capacity she oversees several global academic and professional exchange programs designed to advance U.S. foreign policy priorities. Over the last 10+ years she has held multiple positions at the State Department, working in public diplomacy, international exchanges, and in the Secretary of State's executive office. Kelsi began her career in public service as a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru. Kelsi holds a degree from the College of Charleston in South Carolina and recently completed the Secretary's Leadership Seminar, an Executive Education Program at Harvard Business School.

Sindhu Manjesh is a scholar, educator, and consultant in journalism, media, and communication. Her work spans these areas across three continents over two decades. Her latest position was Lecturer in Journalism, University of Maine. She has earned her PhD in communication from American University, Washington, D.C. She was a Hubert H. Humphrey fellow at the University of Maryland (2011-12) during which she specialized in new media and data journalism and was a visiting journalist at the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, Washington, D.C. A Chevening scholar at SOAS, University of London (2004-05), Dr. Manjesh has worked as an award-winning journalist in India across media outlets including The Times of India, NDTV, CNN-IBN, CNBC-TV 18, and Zee News.



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9:00 – 10:30 am

Session I – Policy Dialogue

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Anubha Bhonsle is an award-winning journalist and media entrepreneur. She is the founder of Newsworthy—a storytelling, strategy and design company working on storytelling for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Anubha has a strong body of work reporting on politics, conflict, social justice and citizen movements. She was the Executive Editor-CNN-IBN and has worked across major legacy and digital media outfits. Anubha has been an ICFJ Knight Fellow, a Fulbright Humphrey fellow in 2015, and Jefferson Fellow.

Pradeep Monga is currently working as Senior Advisor and Policy Director with the World Biogas Association and Emeritus Research Fellow at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria. He has worked extensively in areas of climate resilience, nature-based solutions, sustainable energy, regenerative agriculture, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable development. A former member of the Indian Administrative Service, he studied at the University of Washington, Seattle, as a Hubert H Humphrey Fellow during 1993-94. He is very passionate about addressing global development and environmental challenges through systems approaches, public-private partnerships, and innovative financing.

Abhilaksh Likhi has more than thirty years of experience in the Indian Administrative Service that includes working in both senior field and policy formulation levels in the Union and State Governments in India. Since July 2023, he is posted as Secretary Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Prior to these assignments he has served as Principal Secretary, Agriculture in the Government of Haryana and as Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. He regularly contributes articles on various issues pertaining to best practices across India in these sectors. He was a Fulbright Hubert Humphrey Fellow, 2004.

Pratim Roy is the Founder and Director of the Keystone Foundation, a nonprofit organization situated within the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve. His primary areas of interest encompass climate change, environmental diplomacy, and negotiations. He received the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship from Cornell University (2011-12) and played a pivotal role in establishing the ongoing Nilgiris Field Learning Course in partnership with Cornell University. Additionally, he holds a UNEP-Universite de Geneve Certificate of Advanced Studies in Environmental Diplomacy, obtained in 2009, and has been a Rockefeller Bellagio Residency Fellow.

Swayamprabha Das is presently serving as Associate Vice President and Lead for Policy Research and Planning with Development Alternative Group. She recently completed her assignment with India's G20 Secretariat, with a focus on Environment and Climate Sustainability, and Development. Her work has evolved around marine conservation and demonstrates an interdisciplinary approach to human development, skill development and gender. She was the recipient of the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship in 2007-08 and was based at the University of California at Davis, CA and focused on the designation of a network of Marine Protected Areas and continues to build on the blue economy paradigm in the present context.



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Aaron Schubert is the Deputy Director of the USAID Indo-Pacific Office. Before joining USAID, Aaron worked with UNICEF-Rwanda as a health project officer supporting the Ministry of Health efforts to scale up pediatric antiretroviral treatment. Prior to UNICEF, Aaron worked as a community outreach and case manager with an antipoverty nonprofit in the U.S., focusing on issues related to chronic homelessness, including HIV and AIDS. He holds BAs in political science and history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MA in sustainable international development from the Heller School of Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.



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Session II – Policy Dialogue

Education and Innovation

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Vrinda Sarup is a 1981 batch IAS officer, who has served as Secretary to Government of India in the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources Development and in the Department of Food and Public Distribution. Ms. Sarup has worked in the sector of education for over 23 years both at the Central and State Governments, where she has experience both as an implementer and policy maker. She has been closely associated with the formulation and implementation of national programs of the District Primary Education Programme, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the revised Vocational Education Programme at secondary/senior secondary level. Ms. Sarup received the Humphrey Fellowship in 1991 from Cornell University.

Satish Jha is the Chairman of Edufront Foundation, Ashraya, Innovations in CSR (IICSR) and mentor of Edufront Technologies. His initiatives at Vidya Bharati Rajasthan and Jammu, and several other states have instituted a Digital Learning Ecosystem in various schools where every single student and teacher is provided with a quality tablet computer along with a digital board where teachers can write with their hands on the screen along with a complete content accessible on the tablets as well as the boards, accompanied by an Internationally developed program in STEM, Robotics and AI. He began his educational journey of leveraging technology for better learning outcomes by co-founding One Laptop per Child in collaboration with Nicholas Negroponte in India that led to the adoption of screen-based learning in government schools across several states in the country.

David Moyer is the Education and Cultural Affairs Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi. He joined the U.S. State Department in 2003 and his overseas assignments include Cyprus, South Korea, Vietnam, and Mexico. His last assignment was as Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate General in Hyderabad. He also served in Washington DC. He has bachelor's degrees in Japanese and International Relations from Brigham Young University and an MBA from the George Washington University. His wife Audrey is also a Foreign Service Officer and they have three sons.

Ira Singhal, IAS, is the First Person with Disability to top the prestigious Civil Services Examination, in the year 2014. She is the Brand Ambassador for Department of Disability, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. She is also a brand ambassador for Ministry of Women and Child Development, Niti Ayog and is on the National Panel for Accessible Elections, Election Commission of India. She has been a Humphrey Fellow in Public Policy for the year 2021-22 at University of Minnesota. Currently posted as Special Secretary Education, Arunachal Pradesh, she has brought about many ground level changes in the education system of the state like introduction of Career Counselling, Mental Health Management Workshops, Bagless Saturdays with focus on imparting life skills, standardised classroom teaching plan across the state, introduction of skill courses as part of degree programs, etc.



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Vyjayanthi Sankar is the founder and executive director for the Centre for Science of Student Learning (CSSL) - one of the leading providers in South Asia for diagnostic learning assessments in academic subjects and the social-emotional domain. A 2013-14 Fulbright Humphrey fellow and a 2016 Ashoka fellow, Vyjayanthi regularly advises at the global level for the Brookings Institution, The World Bank, UNICEF, and several national governments across South Asia and about 21 governments in Eastern and Southern Africa. In India, she serves as an advisory member in many central and state government committees on student learning outcomes, large-scale assessment surveys, teacher assessments and training.



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Session III – Policy Dialogue

Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

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Meeran Chadha Borwankar belongs to 1981 batch of the Indian Police Service. She was the Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development and National Crime Records Bureau beside several other posts in Maharashtra and CBI. She holds doctorate in 'Organizational Management' and was a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow at University of Minnesota, in 2001. As a Law graduate, she has been member of the 'Core Advisory Group on Criminal Justice System Reforms' of the National Human Rights Commission, and various other boards.

Ved Mitra Arya is a social development entrepreneur and author who has devoted his life to impacting livelihood opportunities for India's rural poor, and working for the cause of poverty alleviation and empowerment. In 1997, he founded, Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action (SRIJAN), a non-profit organization in India in the sustainable rural livelihood space and for empowerment of rural women. Ved is a member of several policy-making bodies including the Advisory Committee, Promotion of Producers' Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. He was invited by the US Government as Hubert Humphrey Fellow in 1990. During this Fellowship, he went to John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and worked at The World Bank.

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