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Plenary Session 3: Where is Global Growth Headed in 2021?

Welcome



Dr K C Ravi

Past President and Co-Founder, PAFI &
Chief Sustainability Officer,
Syngenta India Limited

Prior to joining Syngenta, Ravi was heading the Government and Public Policy function for the Cummins Group of companies, the world's leading manufacturer of engines and related technologies. Ravi has also worked in Monsanto as the head of Government and Public Affairs and in DHL Express as the Head of Customs and Regulatory Affairs. In these roles, his principal responsibility was to influence policy change to provide a conducive environment for the growth of the industry. He was also advising DHL network in the South-East Asian Region.

Ravi has been a regular contributor and has written numerous articles in all leading financial dailies like Business Standard, Economic Times, Times of India and Financial Express. He has also contributed a paper to the World Bank Report on "Harmonization of Customs Procedures". Besides, he has written policy papers on trade and tax reforms as well as economic policy issues for the CII for submission to the government.



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Moderator



Anil Padmanabhan

Managing Editor
Mint

Anil Padmanabhan has worked as a journalist for the last 34 years. At present he is the Managing Editor at Mint, the business daily from the Hindustan Times group. He also writes a weekly column and podcast, Capital Calculus, which focuses on the intersection of politics and economics



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Panel



Dr Omkar Goswami

Founder & Chairman

CERG Advisory Private Limited

A professional economist, Dr. Goswami did his Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics in 1978 and his D.Phil (Ph.D) from Oxford in 1982. He taught, collaborated and researched economics for 18 years at Oxford, Delhi School of Economics, Tufts, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Rutgers University and the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi. He was also the Editor of Business India from 1996 to 1998; and the Chief Economist at the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from 1998 to 2004. Dr. Goswami has been a consultant to the World Bank, the IMF, the Asian Development Bank and the OECD. He serves on the board of the following listed companies: Bajaj Auto, Ambuja Cement, Godrej Consumer Products and Bajaj Finance. From 2004, Dr. Omkar Goswami is the Founder and Chairman of CERG Advisory Private Limited.



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Taimur Baig

Managing Director & Chief Economist
DBS Bank, Singapore

Taimur Baig, Ph.D., heads economics as well as macro strategy for interest rate, credit, currency, and equities at DBS Group Research. He also advises the bank on risk management and investment strategy.

Prior to joining DBS, Dr. Baig was a Principal Economist in the Economic Policy Group, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS). Earlier he spent nine years at Deutsche Bank's Singapore office, where his last position was Managing Director and Chief Economist, Asia.

Before Deutsche Bank, he was based in Washington, DC, at the headquarters of the International Monetary Fund, for eight years, where his last position was Senior Economist.

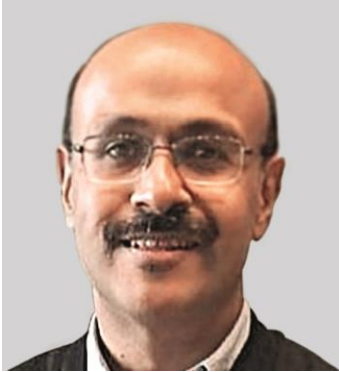
Dr. Baig has published extensively for both specialists and a general audience, on areas including monetary policy in a deflationary environment, exchange rate regime determination, demographics, energy sector, frontier markets, fiscal policy efficacy, and financial market contagion.

Dr. Baig sits as a council member for the Asian Financial Think Tank, Economic Society of Singapore, and Women's World Banking.

Dr. Baig holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He attended London School of Economics and Wabash College for his B.A. in Economics



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Javed Sayed

Associate Executive Editor
The Economic Times

Javed Sayed is the associate executive editor of The Economic Times, India's largest business newspaper. He heads the national news operations of ET and is also responsible for print digital integration.

He has been the Resident Editor (North) of the newspaper and the National Corporate Editor of The Economic Times and ET NOW, the sister channel of the newspaper. He was part of the founding team of ET NOW.

A journalist with around 25 years of experience, Javed tracks corporate and macro trends and is keenly interested in the intersection of policy and business.



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Dr Mukesh Aghi

President & CEO
USISPF

Dr. Mukesh Aghi is the President and Chief Executive Officer of USISPF. Dr. Aghi has extensive experience working with business and government leaders in the U.S. and India to promote trade and strengthen ties between the two countries. He also currently serves as a trustee at Claremont Graduate University.

Previously, Dr. Aghi served as Chief Executive and Member of the Board at L&T Infotech where he expanded the business on a global level. During his time at Steria, Inc. (India), Dr. Aghi served as Chairman and CEO of the Asia-Pacific region. Additionally, Dr. Aghi was the founding CEO of Universitas 21 Global, the world's largest consortium of research-led universities and global leader in providing post-graduate online education. He was also the President of IBM India for IBM Corporation, and spent time working with Ariba, Inc. and JD Edwards & Co.

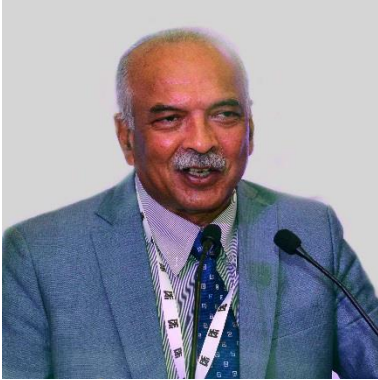
Dr. Aghi holds several degrees, including an advanced management diploma from Harvard Business School, a Ph.D. in international relations from Claremont Graduate University, an MBA in international marketing from Andrews University, and a BA in business administration from the Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon.

As a fluent speaker in many international languages, Dr. Aghi was recognized by Esquire Magazine as a Global Leader and has won many awards over the course of his professional career, including the J. R. D. Tata Leadership Award. In his free time, Dr. Aghi is a major marathon and mountaineering enthusiast. He has competed in over 27 international marathons and climbed some of the highest peaks in North America and Europe.



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Closing Remarks



Sanjay Singh

Managing Committee Member, PAFI &
Former Principal Resident Executive,
Tata Sons

He has served the Tata Group over 35 years. He joined Tata Steel as Management Trainee in 1978 and held positions in diverse areas of the Steel Company's operations. Starting his career within the steel works, he went on to head Corporate Communication for Tata Steel, a position he held for over 10 years. During his tenure as the Chief of Corporate Communications, Tata Steel pushed through its path breaking change management programme and became the least cost producer steel in the world. Corporate communications played a vital role in keeping the stake holders engaged through the change process.

Sanjay moved to New Delhi in 2002 as the Chief Resident Representative for Tata Steel, a role which moved away from communications to Government relations & public affairs. In 2004, he was appointed Vice President – Public Affairs in Tata Services. He is primarily responsible for engaging the Tata groups key stakeholders in New Delhi --- Parliament and Ministries, think tank's and policy advisors, the business and industry associations, besides the international business community. He has also taken the lead role in organizing the Tata Groups defence companies at the Aero India and the defence exhibitions in the last few years. Sanjay has a Master's in Business Administration and has been trained at INSEAD France. He is a keen observer of policy trends globally and in India.