

Brief Profile

of Speakers, Presenters & Support Team Hands on Sessions

Prof. M.M. Pant

Prof. M.M. Pant has promoted Planet EDU Pvt. Ltd., as its Founder & Chairman, along with a team of highly experienced and skilled professionals from Education & Training, Operations, IT and Finance.

A Ph.D in Computational Physics along with a Professional Law Degree, has been a practitioner in the field of Law, IT enabled education and IT implementation.

Prof. Pant, has been the Pro-Vice Chancellor at Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and on the faculty at IIT – Kanpur (the premier Engineering institution in India), MLNR Engineering College and on the Faculty & Visiting Professor at University of Western Ontario-Canada.

He has been a Visiting Scientist to research centers in Italy, England, Germany & Sweden and has delivered international lectures with about 80 published papers to his credit.



Dr. Rajiv Tandon

Dr. Rajiv Tandon is Founder and Chairman of Adayana, Inc. (www.adayana.com) a Minneapolis based performance improvement and workforce development company providing services and solutions that empower individuals to learn. Tandon relinquished the CEO position at Adayana in 2009, continuing as Chairman, to focus on his "next adventure" related to educational initiatives around the world. He is teaching classes in Entrepreneurship at the Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota; and in India to develop the human resources for the transformed educational paradigm.

Dr. Tandon holds a Mechanical Engineering degree, with honors, from the Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, a M.S. in Operations Research, M.B.A. and Ph. D. in Entrepreneurship; all from the University of Minnesota.



Prof. G.D. Sharma

Prof. G. D. Sharma has done his Ph.D. in Economics from Bombay University and Masters in Economics from Jodhpur University. Recently retired as Director-(a position Equivalent of Vice-Chancellor of Central University) Consortium for Educational Communication (CEC), New Delhi- an autonomous organization of University Grants Commission (UGC) New Delhi. He served CEC as Director from October 2003 to March 2007. Prior to this he served as Senior Fellow and Head, Higher Education Unit, NIEPA, New Delhi till September 2003, now renamed as National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA).

He was Secretary, University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi from 1996 to 1999. Also has served as Director, Indian Institute of Education (IIE), Pune and as a Consultant of UNESCO, UNDP and IIEP, Paris. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education of Punjab Government. He was also lead consultant for developing report on Higher Education in Andhrapradesh.

He has published 12 books and 55 research papers. His major areas of work, particularly research and consultancy, include planning and management of university education, equity, quality and financing of higher education, trade in educational services under GATS: WTO regime. He was awarded D.Litt. Degree (Hon. Cause) by Nagarjun University, Andhrapradesh.



Mr. Sanjay Malaviya

Sanjay Malaviya, the C.E.O. of Planet EDU, comes with over 22 years of hands-on experience in the services industry.

Before moving in the field of Educational Services he spent about 12 years in the MICE (Meetings, Incentive, and Conferences & Exhibitions) and IT enabled services businesses.

With specialized skills in Computer based systems analysis, Project design, Testing and Implementation, he is the architect of Planet EDUs proprietary products, "ExtraLearn- learning facilitation system", "ExtraBack - educational back office solution", which has serviced over 600,000 students in the last 5 years with an average support to over 150,000 students annually.

He has keen interest in field of technology based solutions for teaching and learning and is constantly looking for new opportunities in the same.



Mr. J.M. Pant

B.Tech and M.Tech from I.I.T Delhi, with over 35 years of experience in industry, business, education, training and management consultancy. Experienced in setting of new enterprises from idea generation, project formulation, project financing to commercialization of the enterprise.

Provides consultancy to SME sector on strategy, quality and operations, human resource development and training. Mentors senior level executives and entrepreneurs.

Completed international assignments in Japan, South Korea and Kenya.



Mr. Manoj Pant

Mr. Manoj Pant is a C.E.O. at Shankh Inc., Mumbai. He is also M.D. Roamware India & V.P. Global Support at Roamware Inc

B.Tech. from I.I.T. Kanpur in 1973. He has over 38 years experience across high technology complex businesses with a high Customer service focus.

He has been Head -Application Services , Customer Service at Reliance Infocomm now Reliance Communications Ltd. and VP Network Operations at Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd. Mumbai

He also has been V. P. Corporate Affairs /Network Operations at Hutchison Telecom, India (Now Vodafone, India).



Mr. Vishal Singhal

Mr. Vishal Singhal is CMO & Co-Founder of CellStrat. He is a leader and serial entrepreneur in areas of mobile, media and hi-tech industries. He has started and run many startups like etruevalue.com, India Venture Group and most recently CellStrat. Vishal has expertise in planning, sales and marketing of mobile products, services, e-commerce and media consulting.

Vishal, in his recent endeavor at CellStrat, specializes in strategy, platforms and applications related to Mobile Media, Mobile Web and Systems Integration. CellStrat is a management consulting and mobile solutions firm working in industries as diverse as mobile / telecom service provider, media/advertising, retail, medical, education and high-tech.

Vishal has published white papers on mobile media and mobile advertising in prominent magazines in India and abroad and is a speaker in leading conferences. Vishal is an organizer and producer for CellStrat Executive Forum, Digital Media Conclave and The Mobile Conclave. Vishal holds an MBA from University of Western Sydney in Sydney, Australia.



Mr. Kamlesh Vyas

Mr. Kamlesh Vyas completed his MBA from XLRI after his B.Tech from Delhi College of Engineering and post graduate program from Staffordshire University, UK. He has over 17 years of corporate experience with global firms like Arthur Andersen, Ernst & Young and Watson Wyatt and was CEO of SQS before joining academics.

He has consulted and worked in India, Pakistan, Singapore, Thailand, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Nepal, Bhutan & Sri Lanka. He is one of founding members, Director & Professor of strategy and Marketing Management at First India School of Business, Gurgaon.



Mr. Lingaraj Mishra

Lingaraj currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of YSL Holdings, LLC (Yugma). Lingaraj founded the Yugma, Inc. in 2003 and has served on its Board of Directors since its founding. He formerly served as the CEO and Chairman of Yugma, Inc. from July 2003 to April 2008.

Prior to founding the Yugma, Lingaraj successfully ran MSL Group, a high technology consulting firm from 1994 to 2003, providing strategic consulting services to Fortune 500 companies. He has served in Lead Technology/CTO roles for several successful start-ups, in business, technology and internet services and well-established technology companies. Lingaraj has broad industry knowledge of private & public sector industries in finance (Banking, Insurance), High Tech (Computer H/W, SW, Telecommunications, Internet), Health Care, Logistics, Wholesale, Retail, Travel and International Trade, and has several years of working experience in India, Africa, Europe, and the United States.

Lingaraj holds a BS in Physics from Utkal University (Orissa, India), a BE in Electrical Engineering and Electronics from the Indian Institute of Science (Bangalore, India) and an MBA in Finance from Kansas State University.



Dr. Sanjay Jasola

Dr. Sanjay Jasola is a recipient of gold medal for innovation in open and distance learning by IGNOU, 2006. Mr. Jasola has done his Ph.D in computer Science from Jawaharlal University, New Delhi and Master of Technology (Computer Science & Technology) from University of Roorkee.

He is Professor and Dean, School of Information and Communication Technology Gautam Buddha University, Greater NOIDA.

Worked as an Associate Professor of Computer Science in the School of Science and Technology, Wawasan Open University, Penang, Malaysia. Adjunct Associate Professor of The University of Fiji, Lautoka, Fiji 2008 onwards.



Mr. Jaipal Anand

Mr. Jaipal Anand's specialize in facilitating programmes which provide a range of diverse, practical, Experiential and intellectual inputs towards managing people and teams.

He has 18 years of corporate experience which encompass HR and managerial stints in the advertising, banking, travel, BPO, and construction sectors. He won awards for his work in HR and OD at national and international level, including honourable mentions from the UN, Central and State Governments.

Apart from corporate assignments, he also teaches some aspects of HR as visiting faculty at several business school. He runs the India Chapter of the Gian Foundation – a charity organization that provides financial aid for education to under-privileged children.



Mr. Shishir Sharan

Shishir Sharan is a serial entrepreneur and is currently on the management team and board of several companies in India in the Internet, Outsourcing, Technology and HR space.

Shishir started his entrepreneurial journey in 1999, with the setup of an online exchange for IT and IT-Powered services and solutions, in the Silicon Valley. As his primary responsibility, Shishir serves as the CEO of reqSmart Consulting, founded in early 2007, a company he founded after the sale of his earlier outsourcing venture in the HRO space.

Shishir has keen interest in new ventures in the Internet, Technology, and Outsourcing space, as well as the HR and Education domains. He believes that the forms of association may vary, but fundamentally, smart people can come together to create enterprises of tomorrow, in India, and globally, especially in this age where paradigms of business are ever changing and evolving. Shishir is an alumnus of IIT Delhi and has worked with Deloitte Consulting, Mphasis, and HCL, at senior positions earlier.



Ms. Karnika Seth

Chairperson of the Cyberlaws Consulting Centre, World's first integrated cyberlaws consulting venture.

Karnika Seth specialises in cyber law, media laws and intellectual property, and is Managing Partner of Seth Associates, an internationally networked full service Indian law firm.

She has recently authored a book titled 'Cyberlaws in the Information Technology age' published by Lexis Nexis Butterworths that elucidates the key developments in the field of Cyberlaws across many important jurisdictions—India, United States and European nations. She received the Law Day Award in 2009 for her contribution to field of Cyberlaws.

She is an active Speaker on Cyberlaw issues in conferences organized by FICCI, ASSOCHAM, PHD Chambers and other leading institutions of the country and in various cyberlaw discussions held on television.



Ms. Lovely Kumar

Lovely Kumar, an L&D professional with 14 years of experience is currently V.P, Learning & Development at Images Knowledge House. Here she handles large multi-location projects and is responsible for business development, client servicing, TNA, research, creating program structures, designing training materials, content creation, delivery of training and learner assessments and post program evaluation of training.

Previously she has handled management positions with training consultancies such as Ma-Foi consulting solutions limited and Ma-Foi academy. Prior to that she has been associated as faculty with institutes such as All India Management Association – Centre for Management Excellence (AIMA-CME); ICFAI Business School, Gurgaon (IBS); ICFAI School of Financial Studies; Skyline Business School and Birla Institute of Management Technology, Greater Noida



Dr. Madhu Parhar

Dr Madhu Parhar is Professor in Distance Education, and working in Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi since 1998. Presently she is also Director (Incharge) of Inter University Consortium in IGNOU.

Specialises in educational technology, and open and distance education, has contributed several articles and research papers in these areas. She has co-edited several books including Open and Distance Education and Indian Education: Development since Independence. She was consulted by UNESCO on various distance education projects. Was Senior Educational Technologist in Wawasan Open University, Penang, Malaysia.



Mr. Atul Pant

Atul co-founded Enabling Dimensions in 2001, a company based in Singapore and India, providing bespoke elearning solutions to clients based globally, including Nokia, DAL Group, Michigan Virtual University, World Wide Fund for Nature and UEFA (Union of European Football Associations).

In 2008 he started Timeless Lifeskills, a company based in United Kingdom providing learning solutions for imparting skills that are essential for thriving and flourishing in the 21st century. Atul lives with his family in London.



Ms. Anila Rattan

A City & Guilds certified trainer with over 14 years of work experience in corporate training delivery and training consultancy. She has covered areas within training from diagnostic meetings; training needs analysis, content and course development, program structuring, syllabus development to training assessment, post training interventions, feedback analysis, training quality control and training delivery.

Presently Anila is the Managing Director of IKH. Images Knowledge House (IKH), an Images Group company is a specialist training organization that provides end to end learning and development solutions.



Ms. Deepti Pant

She is trained in design management and User Research from National Institute of Design, Deepti has more than 16 years of professional experience in the field of Design research and Innovation. In her career as design strategist and forecaster, she has done research and innovation assignments with Samsung, Volkswagen, Colgate and Palmolive, LG mobile phones, Pl constructions, P&G Singapore etc,

She is formally trained in the craft of filmmaking from FTII, Pune and has worked with ravidespande productions in the area of ad films and corporate films. And as a student, she has worked with Saeed Mirza and Vishal Bhardwaj. She has been head of Onionxt :The Trends and innovation Division Of Onio Design, Pune and Director - Strategy at Centre for Knowledge Societies.

Currently she is the founder director of Ralibha : which is an ethnographic research company using design research tools to understand consumer needs and future trends and PALIYOON DESIGN & FILM HUB that caters to visualization and creation of Graphic design, exhibition design and film and animation solutions.



Mr. Tarun Varma

Mr. Tarun Varma is Co-founder & Director at Gaboli. He leads business development and new partnerships for the firm.

Prior to Gaboli, Tarun was part of a fast track general management programme at Tech Mahindra Ltd. In this role he led teams as part of several multi-million dollar critical deliveries and was part of core team setting up new offshore delivery centre for British Telecom's Global Services arm in India. Tarun graduated with an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Delhi.

Tarun is a certified mountaineer and in his free time you'll find him trying to climb a mountain or training to get to one!



Mr. A. Prahalad

Mr. A. Prahalad is a retired Indian Air Force officer with 10 years of experience in Radar & Missile technologies. He is a young and dynamic budding entrepreneur, currently working on business Outsourcing Extra Curricular Activities to Schools/ RWA/ Apartments etc. It is about providing services like Yoga, Dance, Abacus, Theatre Workshop etc. The business sales target is Rs 20 lakhs in year one and Rs 70, 150 lakhs in subsequent years.



Ms. G. Mythili

Ms. G. Mythili, B.E. (Computer Science and Engineering), Master of Science in IT and Master of Arts in Distance Education is Analyst (Sr. Scale) in Staff Training and Research Institute of Distance Education, IGNOU. She has contributed towards the development of human and training resources through academic workshops and by developing training materials in IGNOU.

She has conducted a number of research individually, and as part of a team during the last 5-6 years and has published articles in referred journals. She is an efficient resource person for training of various kinds with special reference to computer related training on basic computing, multimedia development and online, web-based training (Web 2.0). She is coordinating two online programmes of IGNOU: Academic Counsellors Training–Online and Post Graduate Diploma in E-Learning.



Ms. Puja Grover

After studying Economics and Education, she started her career with school teaching before moving to training and development. Has been involved in teacher training, trainer training and soft skills programmes with the government of Bihar and Rajasthan. She has been involved in content designing, delivering and assessing teacher training qualifications from Edexcel across India and Bangladesh. She has also worked on content development and designing teacher training and trainer training qualifications from SQA and now also working in the area of soft skills.

After completing masters in Economics and Education, Puja started her career as a high-school teacher at the prestigious Delhi Public School, Patna before moving into the area of training and development of teachers and trainers. She has been involved in teacher training, trainer training and soft skills programmes with the government of Bihar and Rajasthan. The diploma courses that she works with are offered internationally by Edexcel, UK and the Scottish Qualifications Authority, across India and Bangladesh. Her current new area of interest is training for Soft Skills.



Mr. Ajit K. Gautam

Mr. Gautam is at the verge of completion of his PhD in Environmental Science from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. He has M.Sc. (Environmental Science) from JNU, New Delhi, Associateship of Information Science (AIS) with "Patent Information System" from NISCAIR (CSIR) and B.Sc. (Physics) from Magadh University, Bodhgaya. He has also completed sustainable development course from EPFL, Switzerland.

He was also associated with NISTADS (CSIR) as trainee and project assistant. He has completed "General Course on Intellectual Property" and "Advance course on Biotechnology and Intellectual Property" from WIPO, Geneva. He has also published some papers/articles in national and international conferences/journals. He led the team at ASHMAR technology & research and helped grow the company to a very good level. His areas of interest are Patent, Environmental Science, knowledge management and entrepreneurship.

