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Qamar Adamjee, Malavalli Family Foundation Associate Curator of Art of the Indian Subcontinent at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, joined the museum in 2009. She received her PhD and MA in art history from New York University and an MBA in marketing from the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi (Pakistan). Before coming to the Asian, Adamjee worked in the Islamic department at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Adamjee’s key interests lie in the intersections of art and culture and in connections between the past and our present. A specialist in Indian and Persian paintings, she has written, lectured, and organized exhibitions on subjects as diverse as Islamic art, Hindu and Sikh art, 19th-century photography, painting, and prints, Indian paintings, sculpture, and contemporary art. Her recent exhibitions have been Painting is My Everything: Art from India’s Mithila Region (currently on view) and Divine Bodies: Sacred Imagery in Asian Art (2018).

Anil Advani specializes in the representation of early stage startup companies, venture funds, institutional angel investors and many prominent angel investors in silicon valley, India and other startup jurisdictions around the world. In the last 17 years practicing law in Silicon Valley, Mr. Advani has represented more than 2,000 startup companies and numerous founders, venture capital investors, angel investors, investment banks and venture debt investors in silicon valley and across the world, on issues relating to formation, founder issues, consulting and advisory arrangements, capital structuring, angel financings, venture financings, debt financings, leasing, strategic licensing and customer arrangements, and mergers and acquisitions.
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Tavishi Alagh is an independent filmmaker and media strategist based primarily in India and the US. Her work spans multiple continents and explores issues related to cultural identity and social justice in a rapidly changing global economy. Tavishi has worked on TV documentaries on internationally renowned artists Ang Lee, Karsh Kale and Mira Nair. Her crew credits include Crucible of the Millennium, a documentary series filmed across five continents for PBS and the internationally awarded Women Behind the Camera. Tavishi has graduate degrees from NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts and the Mass Communication Research Center, Jamia University, Delhi. She lives and works in New York and New Delhi.

Geeta Anand has worked as a journalist for the past 27 years, most recently as a foreign correspondent for The New York Times and the Wall Street Journal in India. Her passion has been investigative reporting and narrative non-fiction. She was part of the team at the Wall Street Journal that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2003 for reporting on corporate corruption. I wrote a non-fiction book, The Cure, about a dad’s fight to save his kids by starting a biotech company to make a medicine for their untreatable illness, which was made into the Harrison Ford movie Extraordinary Measures. More recently, she investigated the land buying of the Gandhi family son-in-law Robert Vadra; how tuberculosis became totally drug resistant in India; how a stock market analyst got arrested by a big real estate firm for writing a negative research report. She has two daughters who are 18 and 20 and studying in the U.S.
**Niraj Antani** is serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. Having been elected age 23, now 26, he is the youngest currently serving member of the House. In addition, he is youngest Indian-American state elected official in United States history, and the first Indian-American Republican. Currently, Antani serves as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development. Antani was named to Forbes Magazine's list of the top "30 Under 30" people in the United States for Law & Politics in 2015. As well, the conservative media organization Newsmax named him the 2nd most influential Republican in the nation under age 30.

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**Ambassador Venkatesan Ashok** was born on October 8, 1958. He graduated in Civil Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi and joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1982. Ambassador Ashok has held diplomatic assignments in Hong Kong, Malaysia, China, Austria and Sri Lanka, apart from postings in the Ministry of External Affairs in different capacities. He was Director of External Relations in the Department of Atomic Energy between 1995-1998 following which he was appointed as India’s Alternate Governor and Alternate Permanent Representative in the International Atomic Energy Agency, Vienna. He was the Division Chief of Central Europe in the Ministry of External Affairs prior to his assignment as Ambassador of India to the Republic of Zimbabwe between March 2008-June 2011. Ambassador Ashok served as Ambassador of India to the Czech Republic from August 2011 - September 2014. He has taken charge as Consul General of India in San Francisco w.e.f. 21 November 2014. Ambassador Ashok is married with one son. He speaks Chinese, English and several Indian languages. He has authored a book, Dasavatara, apart from several technical articles. His interests include reading and music.

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Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard is an American politician of the Democratic Party serving as the U.S. Representative for Hawaii’s 2nd congressional district since 2013. She was also a Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee until February 28, 2016, when she resigned to endorse Senator Bernie Sanders for the 2016 Democratic presidential nomination. Elected in 2012, she is the first Samoan American and the first Hindu member of the United States Congress. She served in a field medical unit of the Hawaii Army National Guard in a combat zone in Iraq from 2004 to 2005 and was deployed to Kuwait from 2008 to 2009. Gabbard previously served in the Hawaii House of Representatives from 2002 to 2004, becoming at age 21 the youngest woman to be elected to a U.S. state legislature at the time.

Sana Gabula Having experienced the power of data, technology and business in achieving impact on scale, and the potential of education to empower individuals and change lives, Sana is focused on scaling impact through data-driven operations and technology in education.

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**Raju Indukuri** is a serial entrepreneur based out of Silicon Valley and spends half of his time in the USA and the other half of his time in India. Raju started his career at Delta Microsystems/Intelliguard Software as an Engineer and one year later co-founded his first company, ORP Systems which was acquired by Legato (now part of EMC). In 1997, Raju started Reachnet International to help technology companies set up software development centres in India where he remained for 10 years. In 2008, he founded and served as CEO at Valence Energy, a cloud-based energy management software company with offices in the USA and India. At Valence, Raju raised capital and built the core team and key customer partnerships, which led to a successful acquisition by Serious Energy in late 2010. After selling Valence, Raju founded Mtuity, a digital software company focused on IOT and Smart Cities where he is currently engaged. In addition to Mtuity, Raju is a mentor or investor in over 10 startups an has a proven track record of helping young companies and entrepreneurs grow their business. He served on the Embrace Global Board, a social innovation company focused on maternal and child health by providing the innovative solutions to the world’s most vulnerable populations.

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Asha Jadeja is one of Silicon Valley’s most respected venture capital investors who has to her credit, investments in over 70 technology startups - most with deep roots in disruptive ideas coming out of Stanford University. Asha’s close technology and academic milieu includes Google, Twitter, the search group at Facebook, UC Berkeley, MIT, CMU, UPenn and Princeton. Asha’s philanthropic works include creating Africa’s first ever Maker Faire out of Cairo Egypt. And set up the same in India in 2012. She is creating a global network of Fablabs in the Indian subcontinent starting with her first one at CEPT University Ahmedabad India. Her areas of impact investing are Non Formal Learning and Girls and Women’s Education / Skill building. She personally set up a School in the Cloud pilot at Vikas Gruh girls school in Ahmedabad India in 2013. Asha is an avid tennis player, cricket fan, Tedster, and a prolific evangelist for the virtues of non formal learning in peer group settings. She lives in San Francisco Bay Area with her family.

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**Sudhir Jain** is the Director of IIT, Gandhinagar. He is an active academic and a passionate academic administrator. His work has had tremendous impact on earthquake engineering practice and education in India. Sudhir Jain is an active academic and a passionate academic administrator. He has been on the faculty of IIT Kanpur (IITK) since 1984 from where he is currently on leave to the new Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITGN) in Ahmedabad to shoulder the responsibilities of its Director. His work has had tremendous impact on earthquake engineering practice and education in India. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering from the University of Roorkee, and Masters and Doctoral degrees from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering in 2000, and is currently its President. He also served on the Board of Directors of the World Seismic Safety Initiative from 2002 to 2009. He was elected Fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering in 2003, and was conferred Life Membership by the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering (NZSEE) in 2013.

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Ricky Kej is a 2014 Grammy® Award Winner, ‘Peace Ambassador’ and US Billboard #1 artist. He is an internationally renowned Indian Music Composer and Producer. Rickys Grammy® winning album “Winds of Samsara” was based on the ideals of peace by Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. Ricky is also and integral part of a Grammy Winning album and 2 Grammy Nominated albums at the recent 2016 Grammy Awards. Ricky Kej's latest album ‘Shanti Samsara’ was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Francois Hollande in the presence of World Leaders at the recently concluded United Nations COP21 Paris Summit. This album has gone on to Winning ‘The Global Music Award 2015’. His repertoire of work consists of 15 studio albums released internationally, over 3,000 commercials and 3 feature films.

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