

summary report

the future of power

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A series of exclusive conversations exploring the
'shifts in power' and their impact on leadership in the 21st Century

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South Mumbai, the southern most precinct of the city of Mumbai, comprises the city's main business localities and its adjoining areas. It is the richest urban precinct in India. It lies at the southern corner of Salsette Island and is known as Mumbai City or 'Island City.' The area is delimited on the east by Mumbai harbour and on the west by the Arabian Sea. It is linked to the rest of Mumbai by the newly built Sea Link Bridge from Worli to Bandra passing an old fishing village.

South Mumbai hosts the Reserve Bank of India and the Bombay Stock Exchange. Many leading Indian and multi-national companies are headquartered here. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST) and Churchgate serve as headquarters and the starting point for the country's Central and Western Railway lines respectively. Some of the famous landmarks include Nariman Point, Chowpatty Beach, the old and regal Taj Hotel, Hanging Gardens and Gateway of India from where one can take a boat to Elephanta Buddhist Caves. Walking around the old railway station, post office and the many colonial buildings is a fascinating experience.

In South Mumbai, unlike many parts of India, uninterrupted supply of power is available around the clock. With its sea views, it includes some of the most expensive residential areas in the world. This is also due to a shortage of land.

Many distinctive sporting clubs have been an integral part of South Mumbai landscape like the Willingdon Sports Club, the Turf Club at Mahalaxmi Racecourse, the Bombay Gymkhana, the N.S.C.I. The CCI and MCA are located at Mumbai's two cricket stadiums, Brabourne and Wankhede respectively.

South Mumbai is also the home to several of the city's sporting grounds, including Brabourne Stadium, Wankhede Stadium, Cooperage Ground, Azad Maidan Oval Maidan and Shivaji Park Ground.

Mumbai FOP Participants and Feedback



"I always keep time in front of me. Time says, "utilize me", time speaks and I learn."

Dadi Janki
Chief, Brahma Kumaris

"Power is the realignment of identity, ego and super ego. The energy to shape and influence lives by connecting with the minds and hearts of people with inner strength, with pure energy."

Abha Singh
Advocate



"As a sports person I have always gone inside, to the source. Power was always internal. Follow your dharma and help others attain theirs."

Aditya Mehta
Asian Snooker Champion,
Arjuna Award Recipient

"It is a matter of balance. I am reminded of the snake who was told by the sadhu to hiss but not terrorise the people."

Anil Kakodkar
Nuclear Scientist Chairman,
Solar Energy Corp. of India



"I am responsible for my own power. This comes from asking 3 questions- Who am I? Who do I belong to? and What do I have to do? I must be concerned with who, what and where I get my power."

Anthony Phelps
Strategic Marketing Consultant, UK

"Power is the knowledge of "Self". I am a peaceful, powerful, purposeful and positive individual with a purpose to serve."

Dr Ashok Mehta
MD & Consulting Cancer Surgeon
BK Global Hospital, Mumbai



"The fact that so many powerful and interesting people gathered today to share their experiences is a unique experience."

Ashok Advani
Publisher
The Business India Group

Chandrashekhar Oak
Collector & District Magistrate
Mumbai City





“Power is the ability to bring in change. It is best to be powerful from within and best achieved by staying connected to the source.”

Chetan Raikar
Chairman
Structwel Designers & Consultants



Dilip Thakker
Builder & Developer
SD Corporation



“Power begins with self mastery, with aligning yourself, your thoughts, your spirit; then extending it outward to an organisation or person that you want to influence.”

Geeta Anand
Author & Journalist, Wall Street Journal



“Ultimate power is a state of mind.”

Hafeez Contractor
Architect,
Architect Hafeez Contractor

“Power is the ability to fortify one’s self through organization and harmonization of inner strengths, through alignment with the ultimate power.”

Dhanraj Chandriani
Managing Director
Technecon Healthcare



“I have understood that soft power, non-violent soft power, is more powerful than hard power.”

G S Banerjee
Addl General Manager
Central Railway



“Truth & Service.”

Dr Gustad Daver
Director, Professional Services
P.D. Hinduja National Hospital



Harresh Mehta
Managing Director,
Rohan Lifescapes





"Whatever is going on inside is what you see reflected outside. We can sort out the problems of the world by sorting out what we have to do on the inside."

Jayanti Kirpalani
Director, Europe
BK UN Representative, Geneva



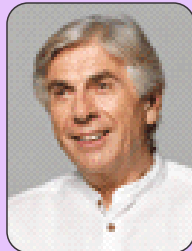
"Power is energy which brings positive change both internally and externally. With alignment, conviction, purpose and confidence we are focused in the proper direction."

Kalpana Shah
Chairperson, Group Satellite
Director, Tao Art Gallery



"Power comes from constant and complete awareness and realization of the self, in being as connecting as the source or the Supreme Being."

Dr Keki E Turel
Neurosurgeon, Bombay Hospital
President, Neurological Society of India



"Soft power is the seed of power, hard power comes from there. So you can manage or control or influence others only when you can control yourself."

Marc Fourcade
Founder, Spring Consulting, France

"Power is connected with intelligence and that comes with experience, collective consciousness. All our decisions are based on our mind - what we perceive and how we perceive things."

Jaideep Mehrotra
Contemporary Artist



"Knowledge, truth, wisdom, service and connecting with ultimate power."

Kanta Masand
Managing Trustee, Jaslok Hospital



"Power is required but without spiritualism power will harm the society and one should try to get power from outside in without any contraction in power."

Mahesh Bhansali
Diamond Exporter and Managing Trustee,
Bhansali Group



"Power is the ability to mobilise resources to meet needs - externally & internally."

Maureen Chen, Australia
Participant Liaison
Future of Power





“With India being an essentially spiritual country, soft power must prevail. We must discover out spirituality and try and acquire power through spiritual means.”

Mahesh Jethmalani
Senior Advocate High Court of Mumbai,
Supreme Court of India



“Power is the ability to move people with a vision and to set up an organization to sustain the vision. Through this forum we are able to gather people who would like to use their influence for good.”

Meeta Rajivlochan
Secretary (Public Health)
Government Of Maharashtra



“If we understand the two powers - the power of the soul and the power of the Supreme Soul we can transform ourselves and our future. They are not abstract powers.”

Ramesh Shah
Addl. Secretary General,
Brahma Kumaris



“The two words to describe this morning's experience would be Introspection and Rejuvenation.”

Nitin Killawala
Architect,
Group Seven Architects & Planners

“Power is in knowing yourself, who you are, and who you belong to and bringing the truth of this into your everyday life in alignment.”

Prof Chunghee Ryu
Professor, Translation
Korea



“Are we discussing Satta or Swatva? Satta means control over others, swatva is control over yourself.”

Mihir Bhuta
Playwright & Scriptwriter,
Gujarati & Hindi Theater & TV



“An elephant is so strong and yet allows itself to be managed by the mahoot. Soft power is to have strength and yet not use it unless required.”

BK Niha
Co-ordinator, Future of Power,
South Mumbai



“Men think spirituality is for older people and women. Men shouldn't be fooled in this way! We have to make everyday spirituality in life fashionable.”

Nizar Juma
Initiator, Future of Power
Industrialist, Kenya





“This was very inspiring for me. Power is being fearless. Once the fear is removed then you can really stand by what you believe in without compromising on those beliefs.”

Priya Dutt

Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha



“When you are convinced about something it radiates to others. People with a similar pulse gravitate towards each other and people with the same goal generate tremendous power.”

Rajyalakshmi Rao

Author, Former Member National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission



“The ability to look within myself for real truth by connecting with the source, God, and with this Silent Strength, be empowered to live with self-respect.”

Sangeeta Assomull

CEO Marigold Group



“Power = Potential. What is sitting inside me that I can tap into? In the chaos that we deal with everyday can I tap into stability within me, that is what power is. That requires alignment of the bigger outside picture and my inner state.”

Sarah Cavanagh

National Consultant, State Education, UK

“Power will be known to you through my alignment to the Source with service. This brings humility. This love is the future of power.”

Dr Radhike Khanna

Vice Principal
SPJ Sadhana School



Ramesh Chandak

Managing Director
KEC International



“Individual power comes from alignment of body, mind and soul and through regular connection with the “SOURCE” of all love, peace, energy and bliss. When one is individually powerful, collective power comes.”

Dr Sanjeev Kanoria

Liver Transplant Specialist



“There is a difference between dharma and religion. Dharma is global, religion is local. Dharma never changes, only religion changes.”

Dr Satyapal Singh, IPS

Commissioner of Police,
Mumbai





“Spirituality and materialism are not two different roads. Spirituality is not another way, it is the way. I am going to be on this way and it will help me to face everything that comes on the way.”

Sister Shivani
Brahma Kumaris
Peace Of Mind TV



“Spirituality begins and ends with awareness. One day there will be a big blast when we see a huge transformation in humanity itself. This is a wonderful platform to share it with people.”

Smita Jayakar
Actress, Bollywood



“Power is when thought, words & actions are aligned tapping the true inner self & drawing energies from the Supreme.”

Sonal Shah
Architect,
Sonal Shah Architect



“Power can't be desired. Like love, it can only be felt.”

Sonja Ohlsson
International Co-ordinator
BK Environment Initiative

“Its been a very powerful session and the mind is stimulated on what is power. You get to hear a lot of diverse and cross diverse answers on what is power.”

Shhyam Singhania
Chairman, Enarr Group



“We chartered accountants always think in terms of standard of living and here's a program which is giving us a new insight in standard of life, something that we always miss.”

Snehal Muzoomdar
Chartered Accountant
President, Indo-US Cultural Centre



“Most powerful people in history didn't have any official power, any army, etc. They transcended time. Power is the ability to master oneself and transmit something that is real from within to the outside.”

Suketu V Shah
Managing Director, Mukand Ltd



“Power is to think truthfully, speak truthfully and act truthfully.”

Udayan Thakker
Poet
Managing Director, Landmark Group





"Mastery over the self is fulfilling. When it isn't fulfilling you want to have power over others. When it is fulfilling, you have so much to give, that you use that power very differently."

Vallabh Bhansali
Chairman Enam Securities

"This journey of power is to convert the self to being happy through peace, purity and love and being able to spread that message."

Varun Khanna
Regional Director West & East,
Fortis Healthcare



"Power is the manifestation of the universe. The origin of power is universal power. Internal power has no limit, external has limit."

Dr Yogendra P. Trivedi
Sr. Advocate, Supreme Court
MP, Rajya Sabha

"It is a great initiative from the Brahma Kumaris to come forward with this kind of a brilliant platform where people can interact and share their views and ideas and learn from each other."

Dr Vipulroy Rathod
Endoscopic Surgeon,
Director Endoscopy Asia





Mumbai Overview...

Nizar Juma, an Industrialist from Kenya and Host of the 'future of power' dialogue series, opened the Mumbai dialogue on 16th March at the Shangri-la Hotel, *"Power is coming back to India. Are the Indian leaders ready to hold that power responsibly in order to meet the needs of its people in a benevolent way."*

This was followed by a dialogue facilitated by Marc Fourcade from France, in which alignment was a key topic amongst the 48 leaders from very diverse backgrounds. *"We need to understand the difference between religion and spirituality. Religion is local, spirituality is global,"* offered Dr Satyapal Singh, Commissioner of Police for Mumbai. Mihir Bhuta, Scriptwriter, enquired as to which word we are referring to 'satta', control over others or 'swatva', control over one's self.

On Sunday morning, 17th April, 1000 invited guests, including Rani Mukherjee and Vaibhavi Merchant, gathered at the NCPA for a Talk Show, hosted by Anthony Phelps from the UK. The programme also included deep sharings and the dance performance choreographed by Vaibhavi Merchant and directed by Shruti Merchant. Sister Jayanti shared, *"In India, we believe time goes in a cyclical pattern - satyug, treta, dwapar and then kaliyug. When kaliyug ends a world with the power of love will come, Satyug."* Brother Ramesh, Secretary General of the Brahma Kumaris, reminded us that Bharat is derived from 'Bhartu', meaning complete, perfect and fruitful. Sister Shivani, in her interaction with the audience, responded to Nizar Juma's suggestion that we need to make spirituality fashionable, *"Mumbai is the fashion capital of India, the trend setter. When fashions change some things are then considered 'out' as other trends come 'in'. It's time to make forgiveness and acceptance 'in'. Fashion is not always comfortable but this fashion will make our lives more comfortable."*

Kalpana Shah, Director of Tao Art Gallery, courageously brought in her practical life experience. *"My life changed on 26/11 on every level in an instant with the terrorist attack. I had to cope with my emotions, my children, the business and society. Without spirituality in my life, I cannot imagine how I would have coped."*

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Seated L-R : BK Maureen (Participant Liaison, FOP, Australia), Sarah Cavanagh (National Consultant, State Education, UK), Dr Radhike Khanna (Vice Principal, SPJ Sadhana School), Prof Chunghee Ryu (Professor, Translation, Korea) Smita Jayakar (Actress, Bollywood), Priya Dutt (MP, Lok Sabha), Rajyalakshmi Rao (Author), Nizar Juma (Industrialist, Kenya), Meeta Rajivlochan (Secretary , Public Health), Abha Singh (Advocate), Geeta Anand (News Editor, Wall Street Journal), Kalpana Shah (Director, Tao Art Gallery), Kanta Masand (Managing Trustee, Jaslok Hospital), Sonja Ohlsson (International Co-ordinator, BK Environment Initiative, Denmark), Sangeeta Assomull (CEO, Marigold Group), BK Niha (Co-ordinator, FOP), Sonal Shah (Architect, Sonal Shah Architect)

Standing L-R : Udayan Thakker (Poet & MD, Landmark Group), Ramesh Chandak (MD, KEC International) Dhanraj Chandriani (MD, Technicon Healthcare), Suketu V Shah (MD, Mukund Ltd), Jaideep Mehrotra (Artist), Dr Gustad Daver (Director, Professional Services, P.D.Hinduja National Hospital), Aditya Mehta (Asian Snooker Champion), Dr Vipulroy Rathod (Endoscopic Surgeon, Director Endoscopy Asia), Anthony Phelips (Strategic Marketing Consultant, UK), Chetan Raikar (Chairman, Structwel Designers & Consultants), Varun Khanna (Regional Director, Fortis Healthcare India), Snehal Muzoomdar (Chartered Accountant, President, Indo-US Cultural Centre), G S Banerjee (Addl GM, Central Railway), Dr Sanjeev Kanoria (Liver Transplant Surgeon), Mahesh Bhansali (Diamond Exporter and Managing Trustee, Bhansali Group), Nitin Killawala (Architect, Group Seven Architects & Planners), Dr Keki E Turel (President Neurological Society of India), Dr Ashok Mehta (MD & Consulting Cancer Surgeon, BK Global Hospital, Mumbai) Marc Fourcade (Founder, Spring Consulting, France), Shhyam Singhania (Chairman, Enarr Group)

Participants not in the picture: Vallabh Bhansali (Chairman, Enam Securities Pvt. Ltd.), Hafeez Contractor (Architect), Ashok Advani (Publisher, The Business India Group), Mahesh Jethmalani (Senior Advocate, High Court of Mumbai/Supreme Court of India), Anil Kakodkar (Nuclear Scientist, Chairman, Solar Energy Corp. of India), Chandrashekhar Oak (Collector & District Magistrate, Mumbai City), Dilip Thackker (Builder & Developer, SD Corporation), Harresh Mehta (MD, Rohan Lifescapes), Mihir Bhuta (Playwright & Scriptwriter, Gujarati & Hindi Theater & TV), Dr. Satyapal Singh (Commissioner of Police, Mumbai), Dr Yogendra P. Trivedi (MP, Rajya Sabha)