



## Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty

Chairperson – Agriculture and Rural Development Committee  
The Bengal Chamber & Consultant, Indofil Industries Limited

- Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty has 38 years of experience in Agri Input Marketing with Hoechst India Limited and Indofil Industries Limited in Leadership Team
- Currently, he is working with Indofil leadership team as a Consultant in developing FPO business vertical, drone application in agriculture, hybrid rural campaign, developing alternate sales channel, e-commerce etc.
- He has extensively visited all parts of India, Southeast Asian countries, Australia, European Nations and US for addressing various seminars

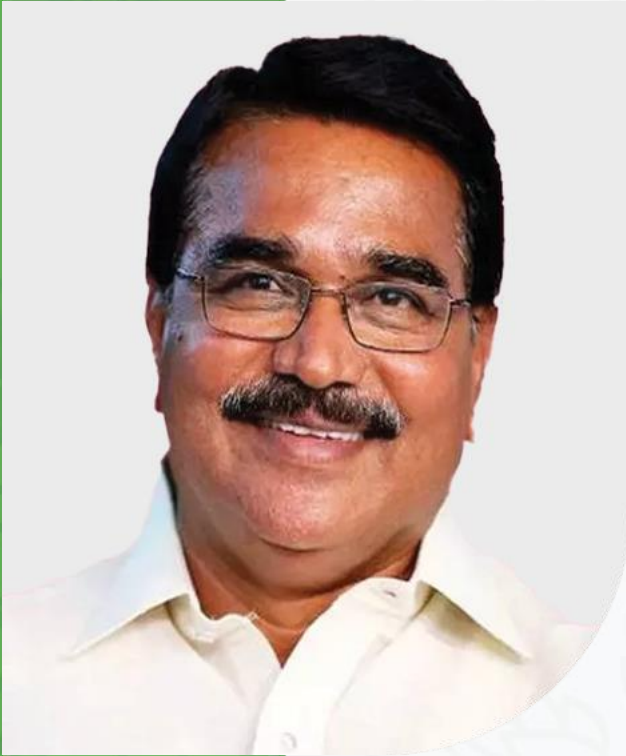


## Mr. Subir Chakraborty

President

The Bengal Chamber and MD & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd.

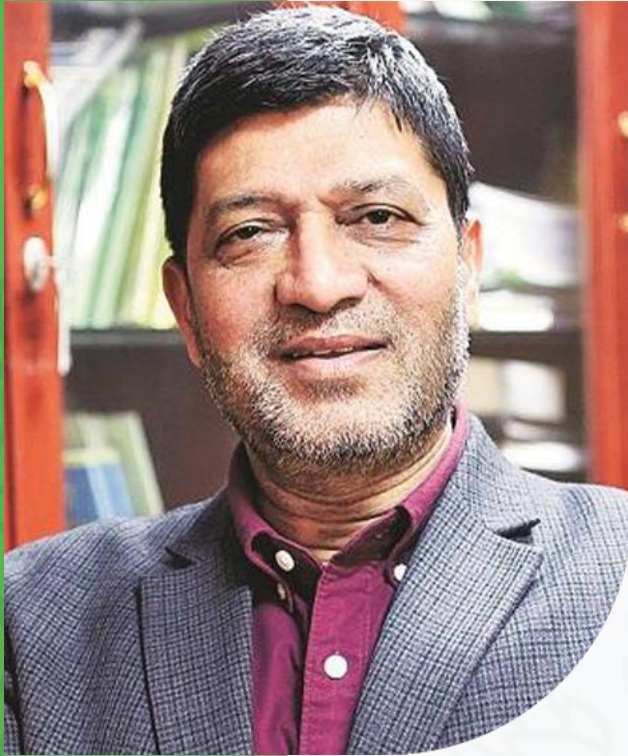
- Mr. Subir Chakraborty has spent nearly four decades working in various capacities in several organizations, out of which he spent more than twenty-five years at Exide Industries Ltd, rising from the level of General Manager to the position of Managing Director & CEO
- He chairs the Boards of several companies such as Chloride Batteries S E Asia Pte Ltd (CBSEA) Espex Batteries Ltd (Espex), Chloride Metals Ltd, Exide Leclanche Energy Pvt Ltd. CBSEA and Espex are based in Singapore and UK respectively
- He qualified as a mechanical engineer from IIT Madras, earning his B.Tech in 1980. He did MBA from IIM, Calcutta



## Shri Singireddy Niranjan Reddy

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation & Marketing  
Government of Telangana

- Shri Reddy assumed Charge as Hon'ble Minister, Govt. of Telangana in February 2019.
- He has chaired below positions:
  - 1999-2000 AP Khadi Board Chairman
  - In 2014 December he assumed as Vice- Chairman of Telangana State Planning board.
  - In Dec, 2018 he got elected as MLA from Wanaparthy Assembly Constituency
- He has degrees in B.SC, LLB. As a social activist, his area of interest is advocating for farmers' interest



## Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS

CEO, NRAA, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare  
Government of India, Chairman,  
Commission of Doubling Farmers' Income

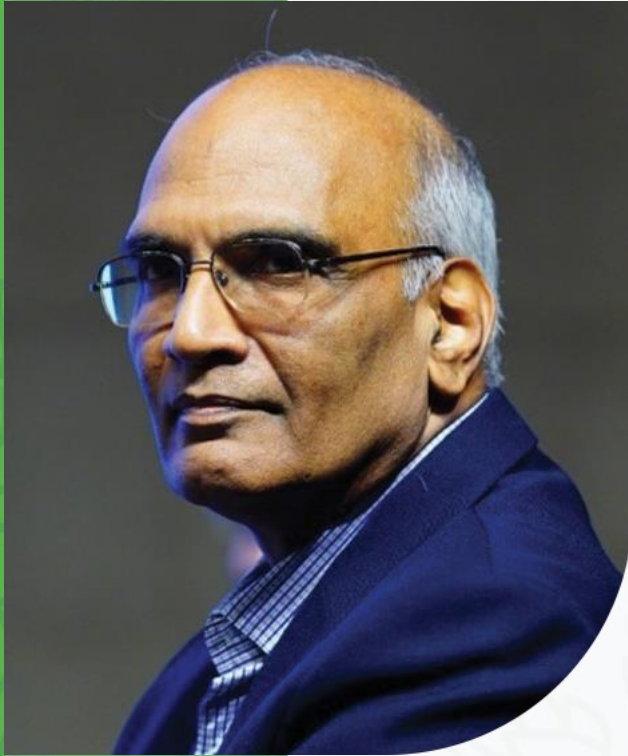
- He is presently serving as CEO of National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA)
- , Dr. Dalwai has contributed immensely to effecting several reforms which include:
  - An Integrated Ten Year (1992-93 to 2001-02) Perspective Plan for Land and Water Management, Kalahandi district, Odisha
  - Contributions to the 'First Agriculture Policy of Odisha State' 1997
  - First Textile Policy of Karnataka State, 2003
  - Model Agriculture Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017
- As Chairman of Doubling Farmers' Income (DFI), his 14 Volume Report is recognized as a comprehensive strategy guideline



## Mr. Sachin Sharma

Vice President & Head –  
Channel & Dairy Operations, ITC Ltd.

- He has over 19 years of experience in Agribusiness Sector
- He is part of ITC Agri Business Leadership team, heading e-Choupal project, Commodity & Dairy operations, Rural Marketing & Agri Services verticals and anchoring new projects across Horticulture, Medicinal plants and digital agri-value chains. He is also leading the national roll out of ITCMAARS, ITC Millet initiatives and formation of 4000 farmer collectives.
- MBA from MANAGE, Hyderabad, He was the batch topper. A graduate in Agriculture from GB Pant University, he was recipient of Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor Gold Medal for being Best All-round student in the University. He finished his MS from PAU Ludhiana with ICAR Research Fellowship and University Merit.



## Mr. Ram Kaundinya

Director General Federation  
of Seed Industry of India (FSII)

- He is an author, strategic management consultant, and a policy analyst
- He is a graduate of Agricultural Sciences did MBA from IIM, Ahmadabad
- Mergers and Acquisitions is a major area of Mr. Kaundinya's expertise
- He was a member of the MS Swaminathan Task Force and Dr Raj Paroda Committee
- Mr. Kaundinya serves Expert Review Committee for Access to Seeds Foundation, Amsterdam. He teaches Business Strategy and Agri Input Marketing at IIMA, NAARM and MANAGE
- He co-founded ThinkAg and Agricolaboratory for promotion of innovation and entrepreneurship in food and agriculture



## Smt. Susheela Chintala

CGM

NABARD, Hyderabad

- She was the MD & CEO of NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD
- She holds a Post Graduate Degree in Commerce and is a certified associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. She has 34 years of experience in agriculture and rural development projects, credit planning, monitoring, finance, Micro Credit, Supervision of Cooperatives and RRBs. She has also served as General Manager in NABFINS, a subsidiary of NABARD.
- Prior to joining NABKISAN, she had a two-year stint in Off Farm Development Department of NABARD and was actively associated with incubation centres and agri start-ups.
- She has worked in many States of India. While in Tamil Nadu, she was on the board of Tamil Nadu Women Development Corporation Ltd.



Dr. P. Chandra Shekara

Director General

National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management

- He is a leading Professional in the field of Agriculture with 31 years of experience
- He headed premier institutions like Agricultural National Institute of Plant Health Management, CCS National Institute of Agricultural Marketing and currently National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management
- As Chief Executive of these Institutions, he lead very important schemes, programs and policy interventions to strengthened Agricultural Extension System and capacity building in agricultural marketing for the benefit of farmers in India. He has also served as Director of several Centres, Research Projects and International Training Programs.





## Mr. T Narayan Reddy

President

Association of Pesticides Manufacturers (APMA)

- He has been serving agriculture industry since last four decades
- He has done his Masters in Agricultural Science
- He is currently working as a Consultant to Indofil Industries
- He is a strong advocator of judicious use of pesticides in agriculture



## Mr. R K Goyal

Director

South East Asia, Australia & New Zealand, Verdesian Life Sciences LLP, US

- Mr Goyal is currently working in Verdesian Life Sciences & Cytozyme Labs Inc.:- USA based in Salt Lake City, Utah state,
- Earlier, he worked with Bayer Crop Science for 16 years
- He has over 34 years of experience
- He is a Gold Medalist of HAU Hissar and did his MBA from NMIMS, Mumbai
- He has vast experience working with farmers understanding their problems and providing them solutions as well



## Mr. Deb A Mukherjee

Former President, The Bengal Chamber  
Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Ltd.

- Mr. Mukherjee is an entrepreneur, professionally qualified as a lawyer, with over 38 years work experience in diverse business domains, engineering systems, information technology solutions and later in energy services for the last 15 years
- Currently, he is an Investor and Country Representative for Power Roll Ltd, UK and also Managing Director of Cenergist Energy Private
- He was Executive Chairman of Eaga Energy India Pvt Ltd (subsidiary of Eaga PLC, UK FTSE250 company) until 2012
- He has served on various Trade Committees in India and the UK and addressed several international seminars on Sustainability Issues, Energy Efficiency, Renewables, Water Management and on Business Strategies



## Mr. Abhishek Dhanuka

National Sales Head  
Dhanuka Agritech

- Mr. Abhishek Dhanuka is a Chartered Accountant with an All India Rank in C.A. Examination and an alumni of IIM, Calcutta. He has a rich experience of 25 years in handling Dhanuka Branded Formulations Business
- Under his leadership Dhanuka Agritech has successfully increased business from Rs. 25 Crores to 500 Crores
- He is the Vice President of APMA (Andhra Pradesh Pesticide Manufacturer Association)
- He has also actively participated in various social welfare activities. He is an active contributor to Agri Fraternity



## Dr. Markandeya Gorantla

Chairman & Managing Director  
ATGC Biotech

- He specializes in managing insect epidemics around the world. He has developed innovative technologies for effective management of pests using mating disruption as a tool to control insect population
- He has worked in many programmes like DST, DBT BIRAC, USDA, NSF, USAID and USISTEF
- He has developed tools which has opened up new markets in pest management. Out of \$ 470 billion dollar loss of agri-produce only 15 % is taken care by Pesticides and GMO traits the other 85% is unmet need of the hour and his revolutionary tool with new class of naturally occurring bio-molecules targeting insect behavioral modification can address the unmet loss.



## Mr. R Inigo Arul Selvan

General Manager  
NABARD, Hyderabad

- Shri R Inigo Arul Selvan is currently with Telangana Regional Office of NABARD as General Manager.
- He is a Post Graduate in Agricultural Sciences with an MBA in Financial Services Management and is also a certified associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. He has 23 years of experience with NABARD.
- He has been involved in Credit Planning and Monitoring, Financing and Monitoring of Infrastructure Projects besides implementation of various developmental initiatives of NABARD in the farm and off-farm sector.
- He has also served on the board of a Regional Rural Bank in Andhra Pradesh.



## Mr. S. Siva Kumar

Manager  
State Bank of India

- Mr.S.Siva Kumar is presently working as a Specialist Manager taking care of all High Value Agri Business and Govt sponsored schemes for entire Telangana.
- He is a Post graduate in Agricultural Sciences with Gold Medalist in Rice Research from International Rice Research Institute, Philippines. And hold qualification in MBA (Finance), CAIIB
- He has banking experience of about 15 years
- He is a regular guest speaker on Agricultural finance and Government Schemes in various Institutes



## Mr. Sai Prasad Somayajula

Head, SAIL, Samunnati

- Mr. Sai Prasad Somayajula has worked in the BFSI Industry and has over 34 years of experience with Andhra Bank, State Bank of India, ICICI Bank Limited India & ICICI Bank Canada, Infosys & Finacle Canada
- He has spent last 15 years in Canada working for ICICI Bank Canada and Infosys Canada. He brings rich industry experience from Fin-tech and BFSI industries.
- In his present role in Samunnati, he leads the Innovation Hub and creates strategy for setting up new non-linear business channels at Samunnati.
- He deems it a pride to work for making markets work for small holder farmers and empowering farmers.



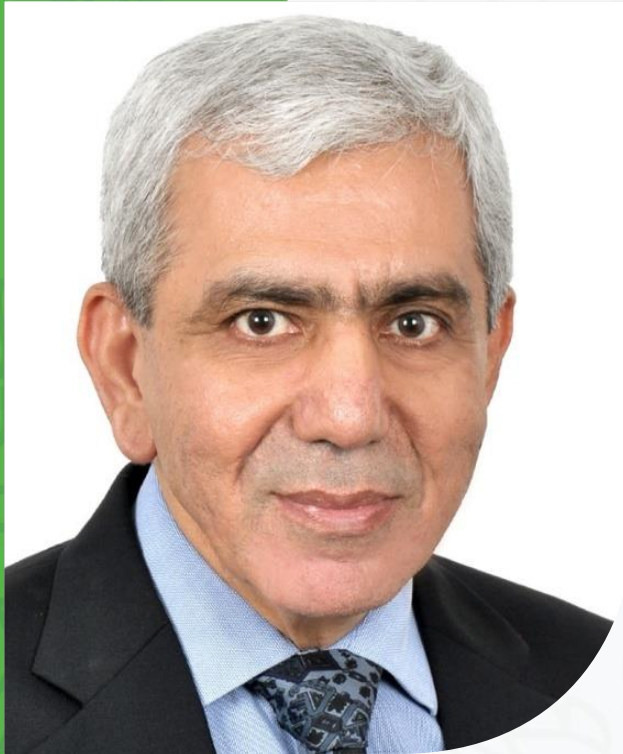


## Mr. Subhadeep Sanyal

Partner

Omnivore

- Mr. Sanyal is a Partner at Omnivore. Omnivore which funds entrepreneurs building the future of agriculture and food systems. Omnivore pioneered agritech investing in India, backing over 30 startups since 2011, and currently manages INR 9.35 billion (approximately \$130 million) across two funds
- He is an investment professional with early-stage venture capital investment with experience across high impact sectors such as agri-tech, food, rural supply chains, rural focused alternative energy, and fintech
- He is Omnivore's primary liaison with the Government of India and its network of agricultural research institutes
- He also mentors multiple startup accelerators including IIT Kharagpur's STEP, IIT Kanpur's SIIC, and ICAR NAARM's a-IDEA.



## Mr. Vivek Sehgal

Chief Business Officer  
Kalgudi Agri-Tech

- Mr. Sehgal leads Kalgudi's business operations focusing on driving traction on its various marketplaces. Kalgudi provides all stakeholders in the agriculture, allied and rural livelihood sectors with appropriate digital solutions to execute their activities efficiently
- He has started his career with Hindustan Lever Ltd in Sales & Marketing. He has been an entrepreneur for approximately three decades in various sales and marketing entities in automobiles and data analytics, prior to joining Kalgudi in 2019.
- He is an alumni of Dept of Economics, Delhi University and an MBA from IIM, Ahmedabad.



## Mr. Trivikram Kumar

Founder & CEO  
X-Machines

- Mr. Kumar is the Founder & CEO of XMACHINES, a Robotics & AI company headquartered in Hyderabad, working towards course correcting the Agri industry through introduction of AI driven Robots into the fields.
- It's flagship product XMachines X100 is a multipurpose robot for agricultural operations. With the help of various smart attachments X100 performs multiple farm operations such as
  - Seeding,
  - sapling plantation,
  - weed control,
  - pest control
  - Fertiliser micro-dosing
- Prior to starting XMachines, Trivikram has worked in Design, Manufacturing & Tech industries in Hong Kong and he is a Mechatronic Engineer by training from City University of Hong Kong



## Mr. Atul Chhura

Chief Business Officer  
AgriBazaar

- Mr. Chhura is the Chief Business Officer at Star AgriBazaar Technology Private Limited (AgriBazaar.com), one of the largest app-based marketplace for Agri commodities in India. He is responsible for driving the vision of Agribazaar to deliver tech-enabled, future-ready solutions
- As head of the Research & Planning Division of StarAgri group for more than 5 years, Atul played a vital role in diversification of the group in Agri-Finance and Agri-Tech initiatives. He had also led various greenfield projects in StarAgri including Steel Silos, mechanized handling & storage and private mandi
- Prior to deep diving into the Agri supply chain sector, he was associated with the market research and strategic consulting industry for over 10 year



## Mr. Prem Kumar Vislawath

Founder & Chief Innovator  
Marut Drones

- Mr. Vislawath is an engineer and an IIT Alumni with a vision to provide comprehensive drone technology to persisting global issues, Prem Kumar Vislawath is the founder of Marut Drones, a startup to launch India's first drone for smart farming and precision agriculture, for multi utility drone manufacturers, from seeding to harvesting
- Marut Drones is India's pioneer in Agri-Automation and Agri-Intelligence by facilitating the prevention, spraying and prediction of crop losses. Marut Drones adapts and adopts cutting edge technology to fulfill the agricultural ambition of Doubling Farmers' Income
- Marut Drones is the only Indian drone tech company which worked on India's 1st SOP protocols for agriculture spraying by drones in 7 different crops in collaboration with PJTSAU (Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University)



## Mr. Azhar Pathan

Consultant  
ITC

- Mr. Pathan has Tech-Commercial background, as a leading Agri Business Professional he is having the qualification from Prestigious Agri Institutes and served Global leading Agri Business Organizations (MNCs) with over 30 years of working experience at different levels
- His areas of expertise are Research & Development, Business Strategy, Operations, Human Resources, Sales & Marketing (P&L), Supply Chain and Corporate farms Management, Protected cultivation, Shade net, Greenhouse, Plant Protection and Tissue Culture Lab
- He has worked with ITC (Agri Business) Division, Mahindra Agri Solutions Ltd., Desai Agrifoods, YALA, Deepak Fertilizers, Monsanto Holdings, Seminis Vegetable Seeds, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.



## Mr. Shailendra Jadhav

Business Manager  
Fresh, ITC Ltd.

- Mr. Jadhav has more than 10 years of rich experience with different global agri companies at different portfolios
- He is currently working as "Business Manager Fresh Fruits & Vegetables division for Domestic & Exports" at ITC LTD. Looking after new business model executions with farmers & FPOs
- He has worked as Deputy General Manager at Mahindra Greenyard Pvt Ltd for Domestic business as Sales Head for new emerging markets & Export procurement head and was selected as "Shadow Board Member" in Mahindra Agri Division for new business strategies
- He has also worked as Assistant General Manager at Innotera's – Desai Fruits & Vegetables Pvt Ltd in charge of banana operation



## Mr. Adinarayana Raju

Vice President, Samunnati

- Mr. Raju is a Postgraduate in Sociology from Osmania university with 22 years of work experience in handling microfinance business operations, micro enterprise loans, from entry level to senior management.
- His work experience covers Business development, managing day to day operations of large geographies, product management, scaling up, collections
- He has the expertise in business development, improving core objectives efficiency, team handling, risk monitoring in the field of business development, field operations, micro credit, agri. lending, and financial inclusion