

# Confirmed Speaker's Profile for TEDxREVAUniversity 2020

## **Jadav Payeng**

Jadav Payeng better known as The Forest Man of India, lead to the creation of the Molai Forest named after him near Kokilamukh of Jorhat, Assam which encompasses an area of about 1,360 acres. A green warrior who provided home to over a hundred deer, wild boars, few Royal Bengal Tigers and many more. His journey started after he witnessed wildlife suffering because of lack of trees and decided to take matters into his own hands, a young boy just around 16 years old, on a sandbar of the river Brahmaputra started working by planting 20 bamboo seedlings, later that same year he got together with forestry division of Golaghat district on a rejuvenation project which lasted 5 years and after completion he choose to stay back not just to look after the land, but also continuing to plant more trees in effort to transform the area, this went on for more than 30 years and the rest is history.

## Dr Rajah Vijaykumar

Dr Vijaykumar has a basic bachelor's degree in science, post-graduation in Microelectronics a Doctoral of Science in Medical Engineering, a Master of Business Administration in Corporate Crisis Management. His impressive profile full of scientific jargon(s) that a common man cannot comprehend. He holds various patents useful in health care and other fields of life from a very young age. The Chairman of Organisation de Scalene Foundation, a passionate scientific researcher, innovator and a fantastic speaker. For nearly two decades he has been working on regenerative tissue engineering, artificial intelligence and neural networks in medical diagnosis and engineering. Out of many notable achievements he is best known for developing CYTOTRON®, an anti-cancer kit which got designation of "Breakthrough Device" from the USFDA.

#### Vaibhay Chhabra

Vaibhav is a Mechanical Engineer by profession and a carpenter by passion, graduate from Boston University, Spent two years at EyeNetra building eye diagnostics devices, he then co-founded Maker's Asylum, a community space focussed on fostering innovation through hands on learning it has various labs that are co-located in order to facilitate prototyping of ideas that are interdisciplinary in nature. Maker's Asylum is the first community Makerspace in India. His various initiatives towards supporting the free thinkers and makers of the society is astonishing. He is also an instructor at MIT REDX, MIT Media Lab's Health-tech lab in India.

### N M Prathap

Prathap is a young scientist who has impressed the world with his innovations, the 22-year-old is better known as Drone Prathap. Inspired by eagles in the sky he started building drones when he was just 14 years old since then he hasn't stopped doing what he loves. To date he had built more than 600 drones using very less money and e-waste by teaching himself about the technologies associated with drone building. He has been invited over by more than 80 countries to showcase his

self-made projects. His creation has already saved a life and his continued innovations in this field is believed to help many more. Prathap already has many notable achievements and had also worked on border security telegraph, cryptography in drone networking system, drone in traffic management and National Socio Defence areas.

### Dr Rajendra Singh

Rajendra Singh is a water conversationalist from Rajasthan, India, He is a graduate in Ayurvedic Medicine, post-graduate in Hindi Literature, and popularly known as Water Man of India. He had been honoured with many awards including Stockholm Water Prize 2015, an award known as the Nobel prize for water. Currently he is the Chairman of Tarun Bharat Sangh, NGO along with this he is heading a national network of organisations working on water issues. In the past years he has helped in successful creation of 11,800 Johads, large crescent-shaped structures made of mud and rocks in more than 500 villages across the country. This water conversation technique has helped him revive 14 rivers and water bodies including Aravari, Tapi and Sarsa in Rajasthan, Mahakali in Maharashtra and Hirehalla in Karnataka.

### Mahesh Narayanan

Mahesh Narayanan is an Indian Film Editor, Screenwriter, and director who mostly works in Malayalam cinema. He started working as a small advert editor, subsequently progressed to edit documentaries and short films, later he entered film industry with Rathri Mazha, which won five Kerala State Awards. After establishing himself as an accomplished and successful editor, Mahesh ventured into writing Mili, a Malayalam film. In 2017 Mahesh directed his debut feature Take Off a drama thriller film, which was a blockbuster at the box office and grabbed Best Debut Director's Award For him at International Film Festival of India.

#### Franz Gastler

Franz grew up in Edina, Minnesota, and has been living in India since 2007. In 2008, he co-founded Yuwa, an organisation that uses girls' football to combat child marriage, illiteracy, and human trafficking in the rural regions of Jharkhand. Franz and Yuwa have won awards from Nike Gamechangers, Yahoo, Barclays, Times Now, NDTV, Ashoka Changemakers, and have been featured in countless media including BBC, Bloomberg Businessweek, Times of India, Hindustan Times, Outlok, The Hindu, Indian Express, Mint, CNN-IBN, Tehelka, People Magazine and many more.

#### **Amit Goel**

Amit is passionate about bringing actionable #FinTech focused insights, a global FinTech platform and index plus other innovations to the ecosystem. Refinitiv (Thomson Reuters and Blackstone group co.) recognized Amit as one of the global #RefinitivSocial100 top finance influencers and he is also recognised as the Asia top 100 FinTech people by Visa, E&Y and Next Money. Amit has built MEDICI (formerly LTP) which is considered the global #1 platform for everything FinTech. It has profiles of 12k FinTech start-ups from all over the world segmented into 40 categories and focused research. Amit has a strong background in strategy and market analysis and has advised clients (ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500) in payments, commerce and technology.

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