## TED X SPEAKERS

## 2015

## Anand Sankar

## Anand Shankar, a former photojournalist, left his career to become a full time social worker and dedicated his time to a village in the Garhwal.

## Ankit Chadha

## Ankit Chadha, a graduate in History from Hindu College left his corporate job to get into reviving the lost art of storytelling called Dastangoi.

## Guneet Kaur

## An Oxford and Berkley alumnus, Ms. Kaur has dedicated her efforts to ensure legal aid to those wrongfully detained, arrested or prosecuted for Naxal terrorism in the remote areas of Chattisgarh.

## K. Arumugam K Arumugam, an IIT Bombay alumnus, brought up in a humble household, left his lucrative job to pursue his passion for hockey and founded the Hockey Citizen Group in 2008.

## Pallavi Singh Pallavi Singh is a young graduate who has been teaching Hindi to foreigners and expats in India for the last 4 years. She owns and runs "Hindi Lessons for Foreigners in India".

## Parul Seth Khanna To increase the accessibility of this vital financial instrument, Ms Khanna and her team launched the "Gift A Pension" program whereby employers can setup a pension fund for their domestic workers.

## Sajid Shariff

## Sajid Sharif, an IIT-Bombay and Stanford alumnus, is the founder of Good Fellows, a non-profit organization aiming to resolve problems related to social ecosystem.

## 2011

## 1. Dr. B Jayaram

Dr. B Jayaram, a renowned professor and researcher from IIT Delhi worked extensively with proteins and the importance of DNA in transition from one human generation to the next.

**2. Puneet Sahani**

His talk dealt with his past experiences as a hitchhiker and how they helped him to mould and shape.

**3. Neha Aggarwal**

Neha Aggarwal was the only woman representative from India at the Beijing Olympics, 2008.

## 4. [Mohan Guruswamy](https://www.facebook.com/mguruswamy)

## Mohan Guruswamy heads the Centre for Policy Alternatives, New Delhi, an independent and privately funded think-tank. . He is the author of several books on policy issues has held senior positions in government and industry.

## 5. KK Muhammad

K. K. Muhammed, is a renowned [Indian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/India) [archaeologist](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeologist). He was the Regional Director (North) of the [Archaeological Survey of India](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Archaeological_Survey_of_India) (ASI), and is serving as Project Archaeological Director in [Aga Khan Trust for Culture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aga_Khan_Trust_for_Culture).

**6.Swapnil Kant Dixit**

Executive Director for Tata Jagriti Yatra, which was set up to unleash a movement of entrepreneurship across India. His experiences include advertising, rural education, architecture, theatre, analytics and music.

## 2012

## 1. Parth Vasavada

## Parth Vasavada, is an acclaimed social agent of Change and Social Entrepreneur. He is the Founding Member-President of Yuva Unstoppable and Founder of Youth Recruitment Program.

## 2. Niraj Sheth

## Niraj Sheth is the Co-Founder & CEO of inCrowd. He is a graduate of Stanford University and originally from New Jersey, USA.

## 3. Ruchira Gupta

## Ruchira Gupta, Founder and President of 'Apne Aap Women Worldwide', has worked for 25 years for the rights of women and girls’, advocating against sex trafficking.

**4. Nandita Kumar**

Nandita Kumar is a multi-faceted, award winning filmaker, multimedia artist, painter and performer.

## 5.Ritesh Gupta

## A Computer Science graduate from IIT Kanpur, he works on analysing networks for business insights and detection of communities in social networks, analyzing telecom Call-graphs to predict the churners and immunization strategies for diseases.

## 6. Dr. Monideepa Roy

## Dr Monideepa Roy, Group Leader of Preclinical Biology at Invictus Oncology Pvt. Ltd. leads a team of scientists to unravel novel cancer therapeutics. She has established and currently runs the R&D laboratory at Invictus, a biotechnology start-up geared toward developing the first cancer drug from India.

2010

## 1. Professor Arun Mehta

Arun Mehta is a software writer, lead developer of the Ruby on Rails based platform skid.org.in, which is designed to make it easy to develop new web-based modules to meet the growing communication.

## 2. Dinesh Kapur

## Dinesh Kapur is an International Climate Change Champion for the year 2009, selected by TERI and British Council.

#### **3.** [**Shankar N.G.**](http://www.adityabirla.com/the_group/corp_mngmnt_audit_cell.htm)

Mr N G Shankar joined the Aditya Birla Group in 2001 as Head of the Corporate Audit function and has the responsibility for the internal audit activity for businesses of the Group as diverse as Aluminium, Carbon Black, Mining to BPO, Telecom and Retail.

#### **4** [**Ravi Mehrotra**](http://www.nplindia.org/ccf/MyBiodata.html)

Dr. Ravi Mehrotra is the Scientist 'G' & Head at Central Computer Facility at National Physics Laboratory in New Delhi. He has a M.Sc. in Physics from IIT-Delhi and did his Ph.D. in Low Temperature Physics from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

**5. Prateek Singhal**

A Computer Science graduate from IIT Kanpur, he worked at McKinsey & Company for two years. Prateek is the first-ever part-time ‘volunteer consultant’ with Technoserve, a renowned global non-profit that focuses on providing business solutions to poverty. His objective is to transform governments in developing economies