



Breaking News ...

New Trustees for the Kalinga International Foundation Trust

Kalinga International Foundation Trust is pleased to welcome three eminent personalities who join the Board of Trustees of the Foundation on the 2nd April, 2025; Mr. Vivekananda Lal Sondhi, Mr. Sudhakar Mahapatra and Prof (Dr.) Shankari Sundararaman.

Brief bio-profiles of the new Trustees:

1. Dr Vivekananda Lal Sondhi is a Senior Research Manager at the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority. He previously worked at Commerzbank and Russell Investments in London for over 15 years. He earned a PhD in mathematics at the University of Rochester in the US and did further postgraduate studies in finance at Edinburgh University and economics at Birbeck, University of London. He takes a deep interest in politics and international relations, and alongside academic publications, has written articles for newspapers and journals.
2. Mr Sudhakar Mahapatra is an Energy Professional with domain expertise in the Oil and Gas Upstream Sector. He has served for more than four decades in three National Oil and Gas Upstream Companies of India viz. Oil India Limited (OIL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and its overseas arm ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL). He was also the Chief Operating Officer for the OSL: Oil and Gas, a private sector entity (2020 to 2023). He was a full-time Director in the Board of Oil India Limited, the position from which he superannuated in 2017.

Currently an independent consultant, he is also engaged as an External Expert for Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, Govt. of India.

3. Prof (Dr) Shankari Sundararaman is Professor of Southeast Asian Studies at the Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, SIS, JNU. She has nearly thirty years of experience in research and teaching - at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) and JNU. She has several publications in journals, book chapters and two books titled Cambodia: The Lost Decades and Pluralism in India and Indonesia: Diversity in the Quest for Unity.

Amb Lalit Mansingh
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