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OF MODERN ART

Under its
**Rural and Tribal Community Outreach
Program (RTCOP)**

**KAASH Foundation's
Centre for Academic and Professional Development (CAPD)**
in collaboration with

**National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA),
Ministry of Culture, Government of India**
is organizing its

**21st International Symposium
on
Tribal to Global: Connecting Communities
and Creating Change**

: - ORGANISERS - :

Ms. Nidhi Choudhari (IAS),
Director, National Gallery
of Modern Art

Dr. Renuka Vyas,
Joint Director (Health),
KAASH Foundation

Dr. Avkash Jadhav,
Program Director,
Founder-Trustee,
KAASH Foundation

Mr. Mayank Podar,
Advisory Board Member,
KAASH Foundation

Date:

15th December, 2025

Venue:

Sir Cowasji Jehangir
Public Hall, National
Gallery of Modern Art,
Mumbai

Time:

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

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:- Schedule for the 21st International Symposium -:

1.30 pm – 2.45 pm

- Welcome to all participants and honourable dignitaries.
- Introduction of KAASH Foundation.
- Felicitation of all the dignitaries.
- Concept Note of the Symposium.
- Opening and Welcome Address by **Ms. Nidhi Choudhari (IAS), Director, NGMA.**
- Address by **Mr. Vivek Atray, Ex IAS.**
- Address by **Dr. Pravin Mundhe (IPS).**
- Address by **Mr. Sameer Wankhede (IRS).**
- Q&A Session.



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:– Schedule of the 21st International Symposium –:

2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	<p>Address by Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Head and Associate Professor, Department of History, St. Xavier's College (Empowered Autonomous), Mumbai. Founder–Trustee, KAASH Foundation.</p> <p>Title of Deliberation: Prodigious Legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.</p>
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	<p>Review by Honourable Consul Generals of Thailand & Egypt and Deputy Consul General of Argentina.</p>
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cultural Performance by tribal students.• Vote of Thanks and Concluding Remarks.

: -Honourable Consul Generals gracing KAASH Foundation's 21 st International Symposium-:



Mr. Donnawit Poolsawat,
Consul General of Thailand in
Mumbai

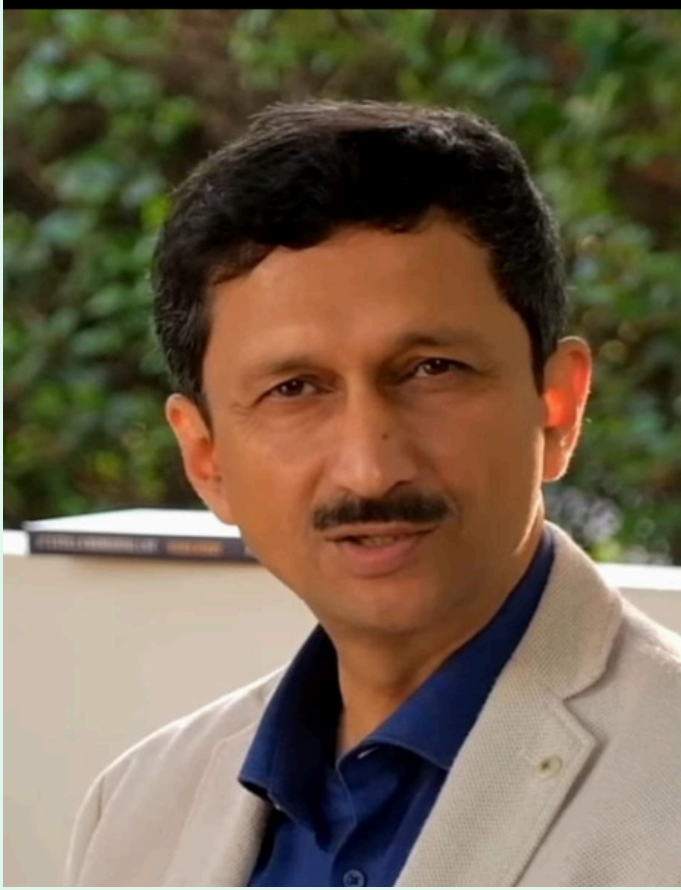


Mrs. Dahlia Tawakol,
Consul General of Egypt in
Mumbai



Mrs. Maria Yapur,
Deputy Consul General of Argentina
in Mumbai

:– Esteemed Plenary Speakers for the 21st International Symposium–:



Mr. Vivek Atray,
Ex IAS, Motivational Speaker, Author,
Mentor, Advisor, Columnist, and
Visiting Professor

Mr. Vivek Atray, ex IAS, is a Motivational Speaker, Author, Mentor, Advisor, Columnist and Visiting Professor. He resigned from the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 2017. He has 14 TEDx Talks and 5 highly popular JOSH Talks to his credit. Over 10 million people have viewed his videos and major podcasts on YouTube. He is the founder of SUVICHAR Think Tank, as well as an Advisor with KRUU and Visiting Professor & Chair of the Yogananda Centre for Theology at Shoolini University. He is also a co-founder of the Vibrant Networking Forum, Playwrite Foundation, Chandigarh Literary Society and Inkredible Novel Bunch, as well as Co-Convenor of INTACH Chandigarh. He is a former member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Chandigarh UT. Vivek Atray has spoken in India and abroad at events of HORASIS, BIMSTEC, NASSCOM, CII, TIE, NCGG, LBSNAA, IIFT, ISB, universities, colleges, schools, and private companies.

He has trained Civil Services officers from Cambodia, Maldives, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka apart from Indian State Civil Services officers. He has also trained hundreds of visiting public health professionals including doctors and paramedical staff from across the world as part of the International Public Health Management Development Programme (IPHMDP). He addresses audiences from the industry, academia, and the government, on the Nuances of Leadership, Good Governance, Interpersonal Relations, Emotional Intelligence, Life Skills, People Skills, Public Speaking Skills, Meditation, Calmness, Entrepreneurship, Education & Sports Management. He has inspired thousands of youngsters to adopt a cheerful, positive and multi-dimensional approach to their lives. His novels are "Move on Bunny!" & "Dubey ji Bounces Back". He writes a fortnightly column "Random Forays" for the Hindustan Times. His motivational books are "It's a Wonderful Life", "Finding Success Within" and "The Middle of Everything". As Director of IT and Tourism he was the man behind the Chandigarh IT Park. He spearheaded the award winning e-SAMPARK project. He was quoted by The New York Times and The Observer of UK during this period. As DC of Panchkula he initiated projects such as Village Mentoring and Aadar Samman (Respect for the Elderly). He has also remained posted as Director of Industries, Director of Technical Education and Director of Public Relations for the Government. He has been organising the annual All India JP Atray Cricket Tournament since 1992. Vivek himself was an under-19 cricketer at the national level. He is an Electronics Engineer from NIT Kurukshetra. He has a Diploma in French. His favourite book is the Autobiography of a Yogi by Paramahansa Yogananda.



Ms. Nidhi Choudhari (IAS),
Director, National Gallery of Modern Art
(NGMA), Mumbai

Ms. Nidhi Choudhari is an IAS officer, scholar, and artist with a distinguished academic background, holding multiple postgraduate degrees across English Literature, Public Administration, Public Policy, Sociology, Rural Development, and Fine Arts. As an accomplished painter, she has exhibited her work at prestigious venues such as the India Art Fair, Bombay Art Society, Jio World Centre, Ahmedabad ni Gufa, and Nehru Centre. Her professional journey includes roles in the Reserve Bank of India and the Indian Audit & Accounts Service before joining the IAS in 2012. She has served in key administrative positions including CEO of Palghar, where she led initiatives in e-learning, sanitation, and housing; senior leadership roles in MCGM, where she worked on plastic ban implementation and policy reforms; and as District Collector of Raigad and Mumbai Suburban, where she managed COVID-19 response and major disaster operations. She later held roles as Joint Commissioner of GST and Commissioner of Skill Development, earning multiple awards for innovation and administrative excellence. Since August 2024, she has been serving as the Director of NGMA Mumbai, bringing together her administrative experience and passion for art and culture.



Dr. Pravin Mundhe (IPS),
DCP Zone 1

Dr. Pravin Mundhe, an IPS officer of the 2012 Maharashtra cadre, is an MBBS graduate from Terna Medical College, Navi Mumbai. After clearing the UPSC exam with an All India Rank of 259, he joined the Indian Police Service and has since held important key positions, including Assistant Superintendent of Police in Akola and Nashik, Deputy Commissioner of Police in Pune and Mumbai, and Superintendent of Police in Ratnagiri and Jalgaon districts. Since May 2023, he has been serving as the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone I, Mumbai.

Mr. Sameer Wankhede is a 2008-batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer from Mumbai who has served in customs, the National Investigation Agency, and later as Mumbai Zonal Director of the Narcotics Control Bureau, where he led several high-profile drug and tax-evasion investigations. He gained national visibility during the 2021 Mumbai cruise-drugs case and has since faced both recognition for his enforcement work and scrutiny.



Mr. Sameer Wankhede (IRS),
Customs Department



Dr. Avkash Jadhav,
Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation
Title of Deliberation : Prodigious Legacy of
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Dr. Avkash Jadhav is an academican, historian, and activist for civil rights, heritage & environment. He heads the Department of History at St. Xavier's College (Empowered Autonomous), Mumbai and serves as the Founder-Trustee of a Mumbai-based NGO, KAASH Foundation. Under his leadership the NGO is working in the tribal villages of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Dr. Jadhav was a Gold Medalist in BA History and he pursued his PhD on The Labour Movement in Bombay: A Historical Study (1920 to 1945). He recently completed his Second Postdoctoral Program on New Technologies, Social Sciences and Law (First Postdoctoral Program in Globalisation and Human Rights), from the Mediterranean International Centre for Human Rights Research (MICHR), Italy.

For over 30 years, he has taught undergraduate and postgraduate students subjects like History, Human Rights, and Human Values. Dr. Jadhav has also been invited as a Keynote & Valedictory Speaker, Resource Person, and Chairperson to more than 350 International and National Conferences. He has over 46 publications in various international & national research journals and also Six books to his credit. He is also a subject expert on the Censor Board of India and invited to conduct sessions on various Pedagogical Skills, Unconventional Teaching Methods, Application of Academic Research Surveys for Policy Making, etc. and also to train students of Civil Services. He is also the Former Municipal Councillor of BMC and was ranked in Top 10 councillors in the city for his performance and policies, out of 232 councillors. He is also the Former Trustee of CSMVS, Museum. He has received more than 21 National and International awards for his social work including from iCongo United Nations. He represented India in the SAARC Conference at Colombo and Afghanistan, World Peace Summit at South Korea, Special Delegate to Israel, in the BRICS Conference. He is the recipient of the Asiatic Fellowship and also Research Scholar of the Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi. Dr. Jadhav has been recently awarded an Associateship (2025-2028) of the University Grants Commission (UGC) - Inter University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) an autonomous body under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, New Delhi.



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National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai

The National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai was opened to the public on 23rd December, 1996. It is located in the precincts of the former auditorium the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Public Hall (C. J. P. Hall) and the Institute of Science. It is a subordinate office of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This architecturally marvellous building was designed and built by the famous British architect George Wittet in 1911. Only the facade remains of the edifice that was formerly the auditorium known as the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Public Hall. This building has been completely redesigned by the famous architect Romi Khosla giving it a spiral spin. The interior with its elegant horse - shoe shaped balconies now exhibits a different look as the hollow interior exhibits a central stairway with semicircular galleries at different levels. Sir C. J. Hall, as it was popularly known, has been transformed into the National Gallery of Modern Art, Mumbai. NGMA, Mumbai is home to an incredible collection of one thousand four hundred and fifty-six art works include paintings, sculptures, graphics and photographs. While the permanent collection includes both Indian and international artists, special focus has been on the Bombay Progressive Artists which includes the artists S.H. Raza, V. S. Gaitonde, Akbar Padamsee, Ram Kumar, F. N. Souza and more. However, true to its ethos as an institution that is resolutely focused on India's contemporary art landscape. NGMA, Mumbai has a great tradition of hosting several spectacular exhibitions in the past, which continues till date. Some of the recent exhibitions include the highly successful Bombay Art Society exhibition which covered the landscape of the historic Bombay Art Society existence over 125 years. NGMA, Mumbai also has an impressive auditorium where film screenings and several outreach events are conducted for all age groups, regularly, in order to promote art and culture of India. NGMA, Mumbai organizes outreach activities for diverse category of museum visitors i.e. art and crafts workshops for children and adults, guided gallery walks and programmes for underprivileged children, events to mark commemorative days, expert talks and panel discussions, guided tour, film screenings and cultural programmes at the auditorium.



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KAASH Foundation, Mumbai

KAASH Foundation is a Mumbai based non-governmental organization (NGO) working on the four verticals of E2 H2 viz. Education, Environment, Health and Heritage. The Foundation was registered on 3rd October 2019 under the Bombay Trust Act, 1950. Founded by Dr. Avkash Jadhav and registered with NITI Aayog, Government of India, the Foundation primarily works towards organizing training & development programs in academics, health & naturopathy camps, and women empowerment programs; creating environmental awareness; and preserving tangible & intangible heritage. The Foundation has always strived to become a CHANNEL TO EMPOWER WITH KNOWLEDGE. With this perspective, the Centre for Academic and Professional Development (CAPD) was inaugurated on 25th May 2020 by Dr. Avkash Jadhav as its Director and Dr. Geeta Ajit as its Coordinator. The CAPD works as an allied body for KAASH Foundation's academic endeavours. Under its aegis, the Foundation has organised 19 International Conferences / Symposiums and 3 International Faculty Development Programs. Since 14th November 2021, the Foundation has been working on its Rural and Tribal Community Outreach Programs in the rural & tribal areas of Vikramgad, Palghar District, Maharashtra, to curb malnutrition in women and children living in the vicinity. On 14th November 2021, the Foundation adopted 150 malnourished children from Vikramgad and regular health / yoga / naturopathy camps were held to improve their health. Additionally, on 14th November 2023, the Foundation adopted 100 adolescent girls with an aim to improve their health as well as to facilitate their educational aspirations. Apart from this, it also aims to make people, especially women, self-reliant through a series of financial literacy programs and vocational courses, and encourage girls to complete their education and pursue a career in order to avoid early marriages & pregnancies and decrease mortality rate.

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