Eminent Leaders From Across The World Come Together For The First Ever
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP FORUM
A two day mega event to be held in New Delhi on 12th and 13th March, 2016

New Delhi, 7 March, 2016 : The Global Leadership Forum is being held on 12th and 13th March, 2016 at Leela Ambience Convention Hotel in New Delhi under the aegis of the World Culture Festival, a celebration of The Art of Living’s 35 years of service to humanity. The forum will bring together senior leaders from business, government, politics, science, NGOs, faith-based organizations, sports, academia and media to reflect on the paradigms of leadership needed to manoeuvre the world of today and bring out in open the challenges facing leadership.

Key leaders joining the forum include, Indian Leaders - Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar- Spiritual leader and founder of the Art of Living, India, India, Hon. Mr. Suresh Prabhu- Railway Minister, India, Hon. Mr. Piyush Goyal- Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy, India, Hon. Mr. Nitin Gadkari- Minister for Road Transport and Highways and Shipping, India, Dr. Kiran Bedi- Recipient of Ramon Magsaysay Award, IPS Officer 1972-2007, India, Hon. General Vijay Kumar Singh- Minister of State for External Affairs (Independent Charge), Minister of State for Statistics and Program Implementation, India, Hon. Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman- Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India, Hon. Ms. Meenakshi Lekhi- Member of Parliament, India, Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya- Chairperson, State Bank of India, India, Mr. Kishore Biyani- Chairman, Group CEO, Future Group, India, Mr. Anurag Batra- Chairman GBN Media, BW, Business World, Exchange4media Group, India, Mr. Shashikant Sharma- Comptroller and Auditor General, India, Mr. B Ashok- Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., India, Mr. G M Rao- Executive Chairman and Managing Director, GMR Group, India, Dr. Arvind Panagariya- Vice Chairman of Nitin Aayog, India, Mr. Samarth Bedi- Executive Director, Forest Essentials, to name a few.

International leaders include – Sir Richard Branson, Founder, Virgin Group, United Kingdom. Hon. Mr Alojz Peterle, Former Prime Minister, Slovenia and Member of the European Parliament, Hon. Ms Sherry Rehman, Member of Senate and Vice - President of the People’s Party of Pakistan, Pakistan, Hon. Ms. Dace Melbarde, Culture Minister of Latvia, Latvia. Hon. Ms. Robin Kelly, Congresswoman, House of Representatives, United States of America. H.E Professor Adnan Badran, Former Prime Minister, Jordan, Hon. Mr Alojz Peterle, Former Prime Minister, Slovenia and Member of the European Parliament, H.E. Mr. Michael A.S. Adhin- Vice-President of Suriname, Mr. Michael S. Perlis- President and CEO of Forbes Media LLC, United States of America, United States of America, H.E. Mr. Dominique de Villepin- Former Prime Minister, France, Mr. Armin Laschet- Deputy Chairman of Christian Democratic Union of Germany (CDU), and Head, North Rhine-Westphalia, Hon. Mr. Matthew Offord- Member of Parliament, United Kingdom, Hon. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu- Ninth Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Cooperation, Turkey, Hon. Jan Creemers- Mayor, City of Maaseik, Belgium, to name a few.
Never in history, has the geopolitical and economic landscape changed at a pace faster than today. The digital revolution has turned the world into a global village and the economic challenges in the last few years have led to incredible pressure for businesses to adapt their strategies and keep reinventing themselves. The forum among other issues will also examine the dilemmas of leadership and reflect on how they can balance these challenging dichotomies in today’s world - Ethical And Profitable, Current And Farsighted, Global And Local, Humane And Digital, Steady And Adaptive, Dynamic And Peaceful. *(Kindly refer to the attached agenda for details)*

Founded by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Art of Living is celebrating completion of 35 successful years of service to humanity in the form of World Cultural Festival. Going with the motto of a world as’ Vasudhaiva Kuttumbakam’ which means ‘one family’ and of making Life a Celebration, the forum will help build leadership qualities. In the fast changing world those who are not able to match the need of globalising world face extinction. To understand the dynamics, keep faith intact and spread positivity, good leadership is a must. This is most pertinent while leading an individual, a team or an entire organization with responsibility. To direct them in a way that brings best out of them and is beneficial to society as well is an art. Every art needs a refinement to be perfect. Here, this forum seeks to bring out that sparkle in leadership.

In the race of reaching heights, it’s humanity that is taking a back seat. This forum will help sustain originality with success. It will help bridge the gap between old leadership and new leadership. Going back to recent times, leadership’s view was ‘being Bossy’. But now-a-days, with smart-working, leadership needs to be redefined. Debates and discussions with eminent people will raise new questions and answer the most of challenges leadership is carrying. Even the most prominent and effective leaders’ face obstacles, having these eminent leaders under one roof, this forum will give all an opportunity to learn from each other’s experience.

**About Art of Living**

Founded in 1981 by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, The Art of Living is an educational and humanitarian movement engaged in stress-management and service initiatives. The organization operates globally in 155 countries and has touched the lives of over 370 million people. The programs are guided by Sri Sri’s philosophy of peace: “Unless we have a stress-free mind and a violence-free society, we cannot achieve world peace.” To help individuals get rid of stress and experience inner peace, The Art of Living offers stress-elimination programs which include breathing techniques, meditation and yoga. These programs have helped millions around the world to overcome stress, depression and violent tendencies. The movement has spread peace across communities through diverse humanitarian projects, including conflict resolution, disaster relief, sustainable rural development, empowerment of women, prisoner rehabilitation, education for all, and environmental sustainability.

**About World Forum for Ethics in Business**

The World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB) is a registered public interest foundation based in Belgium. The mandate of the Forum includes all manners of pursuing and establishing the indispensable ethical foundations of business in a globalized world through building awareness, creating ethical
leaders and changing the rule of the game by pushing for collective action for transparency. WFEB works towards a just society and inclusive growth. It aims to support and showcase organizations which are profitable yet focus on sustainability and values and create shared value. WFEB is governed by its President Rajita Kulkarni and its Board Members Dr. Sanjay Pradhan, Vice President for Change, Knowledge and Learning, World Bank; Jo Leinen, Member of European Parliament; Nirj Deva, Member of European Parliament; Madhu Rao, Vice-Chairman Shangri-La Hotels; Roland Glaser, Former CEO Minerva School; and Ram Lakhina, Chairman of The Netherlands India Chamber of Commerce and Trade. Over the past thirteen years 40,000 leaders from more than 60 countries joined in worldwide conferences and innumerable stories of transformation at a personal as well as at a corporate level have taken place.

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