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# About Youth Ki Baat

Youth Ki Baat has emerged as a powerful voice for young Indians, with over 150 episodes designed to Inspire, Influence, and Impact. Launched during the challenging COVID-19 pandemic, we began as a fully virtual platform, offering hope and meaningful engagement in a time of uncertainty. It became a beacon of resilience, creating space for impactful conversations that empowered listeners from their homes.

We have hosted a stellar lineup of guests, including the 6th United Nations Environment Head, the ISRO Chairman, esteemed Ambassadors, Members of Royal Families, and celebrated Sports Icons like the Captain of the Indian Football Team. Each episode explores topics aligned with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, covering areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Green Skills, Mental Health, Sustainable Development, and Renewable Energy—issues deeply relevant to the youth.

What started as a virtual initiative has now grown into a hybrid model, blending online and in-person recordings. Youth Ki Baat continues to evolve, serving as a dynamic platform that bridges digital and real-world spaces. By amplifying the voices of India's resilient youth, the podcast inspires positive change and celebrates their "Stories of Strength."



Sailesh Singhal, the "Accidental Activist," has spent over a decade championing social betterment and environmental sustainability. Guided by the age-old concept of Vasudeva Kutumbakam- the world is one family- he's committed to mobilizing young people globally toward a sustainable and inclusive future. As the Founder of the Youth of India Foundation, a United Nations-accredited organization, Sailesh has built a network of over 200,000 young leaders across India and over 78 countries. The Foundation Engages, Empowers, and Evolvles the youth to support Bharat's vision for 2047, in line with the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, he serves as the Co-Founder of Youth For Green Hydrogen and the Youth Representative for G20 under various Presiden-cies, where he collaborates with Governments, Corporations, and Communities alike to promote environmental and economic sustainability while advocating for equitable access to technology. With an experience of hosting over 150 virtual and in-person sessions, Sailesh has also spoken on numerous international panels, including the United Nations and G20, among others. Through Youth Ki Baat, his vision is to provide a platform for the world to echo off the resilient stories of the Indian Youth.





# Message from the Youth Ki Baat Director

As the Director of Youth Ki Baat, **Tanishi Somani** is happy to reflect on the Foundation's journey with the YOUth so far. Youth Ki Baat started as a virtual platform during the pandemic, and now we've become a vibrant community for young voices in Bharat who are ever-ready to get to the top and make the movement Collective, Connective and Collaborative. Our Mission is for you to Inspire and Be Inspired, with the people who share similar stories and are on their paths stronger than ever. We are centred upon tackling significant topics, featuring guests who share their unfiltered insights and experiences. Each episode aims to spark conversations that matter to YOU and empowers YOU to make a difference.



# Impact & Influence



## Testimonials from Youth Ki Baat Guests & Listeners

#### Smt. Hawa Diallo

United Nations Department of Global Communications

Thank you for putting Youth Ki Baat sessions together and for highlighting really pertinent topics which are important for both Global and Local Levels. Congratulations on the really relevant and fantastic job that the Youth of India Foundation is doing on a variety of fronts.





## H.E. Satyendra Prasad

Permanent Representative of Fiji Islands to United Nations, NY

As we first interacted in the Climate Summit, I was really impressed by the work the Youth of India Foundation is doing for UnPlastic India and other sustainability-driven initiatives. They are not only excellent at the work they do but also exceptional at networking and connecting with the rest of the world through interactive sessions like these.

## Sh. Rajiv Chandran

United Nations Information Center for India & Bhutan

Any Youth Network like yours is a priority for anybody who wants to spread information to the young people as they are the critical partners to the Future, and that's the reason Youth Ki Baat is as inspiring as it sounds!





#### V.P. Nandakumar

Managing Director & CEO, Manappuram Finance Limited

I congratulate the Youth of India Foundation for organizing timely events and programs that address current needs. During this pandemic, it has been immensely rewarding to connect with the nation's youth through these sessions.

## **Karimul Haque**

Padma Shri Awardee

I was invited by the Youth of India Foundation to engage in the Youth Ki Baat podcast, and it was truly an incredible experience. It's inspiring to see them choose voices like ours to advocate for change. I genuinely hope their message reaches every corner of the world. The Foundation is doing remarkable work, and I wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.



#### **Sh. Andrew Fleming**

British Deputy High Commissioner to Andhra Pradesh & Telangana

The Youth of India Foundation's team is incredibly active and vibrant—the kind of team I am always up to connect and interact with! The Youth of India is truly incredible and inspiring; they represent not only the future of India but of the entire world!

### **Komal Kaur**

Listener at Youth Ki Baat

The Youth Ki Baat podcast by the Youth of India Foundation is an inspiring and thought-provoking platform. Engaging conversations with the Founder Mr. Sailesh Singhal on pressing issues like education, social change, and personal development, it not only informs but inspires young listeners to think critically and act responsibly. It is a must-listen for anyone passionate about driving change and making a positive impact in the world!





**Anubhav Saraf** 

Listener at Youth Ki Baat

As a regular podcast listener, I was super excited to check out Youth Ki Baat by the Youth of India Foundation, with an enjoyable conversation featuring Mr. Sailesh Singhal—and it didn't disappoint! The podcast covers all the things that matter to young people today, like mental health, education, spirituality, and even pop culture. It's easy to feel included, like you're part of the chat rather than just listening in!

# **Speakers**



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Hawa Diallo
Chief, Civil Society Unit,
Department of Global Communications,
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Dr. S. Somanath 10<sup>th</sup> Chairman, ISRO



Karimul Haque Ambulance Dada Padma Shri Awardee



Erik Solheim
6th Executive Director,
United Nations
Environment Programme



Shri Bandaru Dattatreya Hon. Governor, Himachal Pradesh



Sh. Raju Bista
Hon. Member of Parliament,
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Ricky Kej 3 times Grammy Award Winner & United Nations Goodwill Ambassador



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CG Corp Global (Wai-Wai)



Rajiv Chandran
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Sh. Om Birla Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha



Nixon Joseph
President & COO,
SBI Foundation



Bhaichung Bhutia
Indian Football Captain



Dr. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar Kumar Sahib of Udaipur



Dia Mirza Rekhi Indian Actress

# Speakers





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Sous-Sherpa, G20 Civil (C20)



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of Costa Rica to
United Nations, NY



Anushka Shrestha Miss Nepal



Ravi Dubey
Indian Actor & Producer,
Motivational Speaker



Uludong
Permanent Representative
of Palau Islands to
United Nations, NY



Sh. Temjen Imna Along

Hon. Minister of Higher Education & Tourism, Govt. of Nagaland



Sh. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar

Hon. Member of Parliament, Mysore



Gauranga Das Prabhu

Spiritual Leader



Vishal Malhotra
Indian Actor