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Foreword

Dear Members of IFSPD,

I am pleased to introduce this year's Annual Report of India Office of the IFSPD. This has been a very successful year for us, except for the last few months which have been unusual. This is true for all countries, companies, institutions and industries – the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all of us both personally and financially.

IFSPD India in collaboration with LeadCap Ventures, expanded significantly over the last twelve months and we have made a number of particularly notable achievements and collaborations. We embarked upon one research project on thought leadership Global Suitability Impact Index during the year. We are discussing new collaborations with global institutions like the World Economic Forum, World Bank, United Nations, United States International Aid for Development, Funding for Peace, Path Finder, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab and Institute for Economy and Peace, Australia.

We are also delighted and honored to have received three recognitions of IFSPD India member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai – Top 40 under 40 Europe India Leader (EU), Climate Reality Leader (USA) and Royal Society of Arts Fellow (UK). We are also active in many other countries – Africa, Southern & Central Asia, Middle East and Eastern Europe. In all these countries we are privileged to be able to work with inspiring, innovative and creative organizations and members.

None of this would have been possible without an active and supportive board led by Hon. Prof Eldar Hasanov and Mrs Biserka Jevtimijevic and the generous efforts of our staff and volunteers. I believe it has been a great year. We are satisfied with the continuing growth of our organization and are looking forward enthusiastically to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Sangeeth Varghese

Member of the Board

IFSPD India



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1. About IFSPD

The International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD), formerly known as the International Fund for Cooperation and Partnership of the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea (BSCSIF) is an international, non-governmental and non-profit organization, established on March 4, 2009, upon the initiative of distinguished intellectuals, scientific and public figures, diplomats, representatives of influential non-governmental organizations from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine.

in 2011-2015, BSCSIF was joined by the representatives from countries such as: Albania, Austria, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Sao Tome and Principe, Republic of Serbia, Slovenia, Republic of South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swiss Confederation. Thus, the activities of the organization geographically moved beyond the regions of the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. From this perspective on June 10, 2017, the members agreed during the 16th sessions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors upon the idea of changing the name of the organization in order to fully reflect its objective reality.

On this basis, and with due respect to its history and maintaining its continuity in accordance with its Charter, goals and objectives, BSCSIF was renamed to International Foundation for Sustainable Peace and Development (IFSPD). IFSPD as the successor of BSCSIF is in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), since August 1, 2013. As a think tank, IFSPD has collaborated with world-renowned consultants and experts from Canada, Great Britain, Italy, Romania, Belgium, Switzerland, Turkey, Russia, Serbia, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Montenegro on more than 60 research projects till date.

Key research projects include From the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea — A Strategic View; Multiculturalism in the Context of the Modern Globalizing World; European Identity; Abuse of the Principle of Self-Determination of Peoples and the Response of the International Community; Impact of Information Technology on Sustainable Development; Multiculturalism as a Necessary Element for the Cultural Component of the Project One Belt, One Road; Conflict Resolution, IFSPD Thought Leadership – Global Sustainability Impact Index; The Impact of Technology on Democracy in the 21st Century; The Role of Civil Society in Developing Countries; The Role of Mass Media in the Development of Society; The Role of Public Diplomacy in the Modern World; The Role and Place of Modern Youth in the Dialogue between Civilizations.



2. IFSPD India Office

2.1 India Leadership team

Board Member (Mar 2019 onwards): Mr. Sangeeth Varghese



Sangeeth Varghese has consulted for nations from Africa and Asia, institutions like UNDP, World Bank, World Economic Forum and Fortune 500 corporations like Microsoft, Intel, Unilever and Coca Cola. Varghese is the founding curator of the Global Shapers of the World Economic Forum, an organisation driving dialogue, action and change among the youth. For Global Shapers, he conceptualised and launched the Early Leadership Programme. Varghese is also the co-founder of LeadCap Trust and Leadership Village, leadership empowerment and soft skills programmes for rural youth, which influenced more than 2 million youth during 2005 to 2014. He co-founded a digital soft skills measurement and validation platform called Leadburg. Varghese is also a board member of The Global Business Oath project of the Harvard University, enabling business renewal among professional managers.

The World Economic Forum nominated him as the Young Global Leader 2010. Varghese was a member of the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum. He is a member of the Karnataka Knowledge Commission and the Chair of their data secretariat. He was a contributing editor for Forbes and Economic Times. Prior to this, Varghese was heading business planning for Reliance Industries. He has the unique distinction of being part of the core teams that helped India's telecom penetration grow from 1 to 50% and the personal computer spread from the metros to tier 2 and 3 towns. He was a Research Associate at the London School of Economics, where he completed his Masters in Development Management with a scholarship. He completed a program at Harvard Kennedy School on Global Leadership and Public Policy and another one at Yale University on Governance and Policy Making, both sponsored by the World Economic Forum. He has also done his MBA and Bachelor's in Economics with gold medals.



Full Fledged Member (Mar 2019 onwards): Mr. Vidyadhar Prabhudesai



Vidyadhar Prabhudesai has more than a decade of experience in business planning, research and analytics. He has executed more than 2000 projects for clients like Google, Coca Cola and Pfizer and institutions like the World Economic Forum, JETRO and USAID. Prabhudesai co-founded Leadburg, a mobile based behavioural analytics platform for assessing and establishing people credentials. He was nominated as Global Shaper by World Economic Forum in 2011, Top 40 under 40 leaders by Europe India Center for Business and Industry and received several awards including the International Finance Corporation Prize on tackling the world unemployment challenge.

Prabhudesai is a recipient of prestigious Global fellowships from UN, RSA and Ford Foundation. Recently he was inducted as Expert Fellow at Inclusive Development Labs, UNESCO. He is also a Mentor for Change at Atal Tinkering Labs at NITI Aayog and a member of the task force on 'Education for All' at UNESCO. He is an adviser on youth unemployment at Peach Child International (UK), Global Partnerships for SDGs in UN, Economists Without Borders (Australia) and jury panel member for The Global Teachers Prize and member of Young Leaders Council instituted by All India Management Association (AIMA) and International Foundation for Sustainable, Peace and Development (IFSPD). Prabhudesai is an alumnus of Thunderbird School of Global Management, IIT Delhi, Jamia Milia Islamia and Aegis School of Business.

2.2 IFSPD India Office Activities at Glance

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Research Activities

- Global Sustainability Index

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Development / Philanthropy Work

- Development Initiatives
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Media & Recognition

- International Recognitions
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3. Research Activities

3.1 IFSPD: Global Sustainability Index

Sustainable development is the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. As our world is dealing with extreme poverty and inequalities, sustainability has become all the more important, and we realize the need to find newer ways to harmonize ecology with prosperity. The first IFSPD Global Sustainability Report looks at this harmony from four pillars of impact – Environment, Economy, Society and Governance. Each of these four pillars are in turn defined by several sub pillars – 24 in total. In the case of environment, they are climate, clean energy, forests, ocean, pollution and natural environment. For society, they are human development, equality, literacy, happiness, education, health and freedom. Economy is defined by the sub pillars of economic performance, industries, wealth, business development and competitiveness. As far as governance is concerned, we used the sub pillars of democracy, justice, corruption, safety, peace, terrorism and government. These sub pillars were in turn derived from multiple interrelated attributes. For example, in the case of climate, attribute considered was the climate change perception index, which was derived from sub attributes, which included indices like CPI, GHG per capita, share of renewable energy, energy use per capita, national climate policy and international climate policy.

IFSPD India Office gauged the performance of 76 nations on each of these pillars, sub pillars, attributes and sub attributes; mapping the efforts of these nations in meeting their present needs without compromising the future.

1	Finland	77.69	39	Hungary	60.71
2	Norway	77.56	40	Panama	60.05
3	Sweden	76.73	41	Bulgaria	59.75
4	Switzerland	76.17	42	Romania	59.20
5	Denmark	75.66	43	Greece	59.17
6	New Zealand	75.15	44	Argentina	57.40
7	Iceland	74.21	45	Brazil	57.11
8	Luxemburg	73.49	46	Serbia	56.65
9	Netherlands	73.24	47	Ecuador	56.61
10	Austria	72.62	48	Macedonia	56.49
11	Germany	72.46	49	Albania	56.17
12	Canada	71.50	50	Belarus	55.80
13	Singapore	71.39	51	Peru	55.56
14	Australia	70.74	52	Mexico	55.34
15	Estonia	70.51	53	Vietnam	55.18
16	Ireland	70.41	54	Indonesia	54.87
17	United Kingdom	70.37	55	China	54.80
18	Slovenia	69.36	56	Russian Federation	54.62
19	Japan	69.02	57	Colombia	54.50
20	Belgium	68.78	58	Kuwait	54.04
21	France	67.48	59	Dominican Republic	53.50
22	Lithuania	67.07	60	Bosnia Herzegovina	53.21
23	Portugal	66.77	61	Thailand	52.99
24	Czech Republic	66.66	62	Sri Lanka	52.72
25	Spain	66.54	63	Moldova	52.27
26	South Korea	66.07	64	Bolivia	52.16
27	USA	65.96	65	South Africa	52.13
28	Slovakia	64.97	66	Philippines	51.20



29	Italy	64.19	67	El Salvador	50.41
30	Poland	64.01	68	Ukraine	49.13
31	United Arab Emirates	63.50	69	Saudi Arabia	48.95
32	Malta	63.49	70	India	48.69
33	Croatia	63.28	71	Turkey	48.11
34	Chile	63.23	72	Kenya	46.91
35	Costa Rica	62.55	73	Venezuela	46.86
36	Uruguay	62.47	74	Egypt	43.02
37	Montenegro	60.91	75	Iran	42.06
38	Malaysia	60.87	76	Nigeria	39.93

Africa, Middle East	Americas	Asia and Pacific	Balkans	South, East Europe	North, West Europe
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4. Development / Philanthropy Work

4.1 Development Initiatives

4.1.1 Fellowship Program - Government of Karnataka

Youth Development mandates of Govt. of Karnataka:

1. To create a bigger platform for molding ten thousand youth role models from the state of Karnataka
2. To create a platform, along with the industry, to create bigger and better opportunities for the youth.
3. To create a platform, where established leaders can interact, mentor and handhold the youth in fields like entrepreneurship, business, leadership etc.

Fellowship Program of Govt. of Karnataka:

1. To achieve these mandates, Govt. of Karnataka, collaborated with Ivy league like Harvard, MIT and LSE and corporates like Microsoft, SAP and Reliance and developed a fellowship program - a two months' intense program, where even poor students transform to be the best.
2. The program was based on Andragogy, revolutionary adult learning system, which is self-directed and active involvement focused complementing their current curriculum.
3. The program went beyond mere employability, but transforms inside-out, enabling youth to be their best.
4. It created measurable transformations in the areas of leadership, communication, confidence, public speaking and professionalism, putting even poor students to better and faster career paths.

Methodology: The Fellowship has a unique four step methodology.

1. Youth Summit:

Foundation program, enabling youth to understand the program pack, workbooks and profilers.

Based on Socratic method.

2. CEO Shadowing:

Smaller groups learn from the lives of CEOs and leaders, based on Living library method. More than a 100 CEOs from major corporations are part of this.

3. Self-Actualizing Team (SAT):

Self driven leadership development teams, producing a specific, measurable and transformational result every week.

4. Self-Exploration:

Through program packs, psychological profiles, career management worksheets and case studies.



The program impacted more than 20,000 students, mostly first-generation learners from low socioeconomic backgrounds from rural and small towns, across 7 state universities and 50 higher education institutions / colleges in Karnataka. Students not only showed significant improvement but also showed transformation in leadership.

4.1.2 Global Shapers Community - Thane Hub

The Global Shapers Community is a network of young people driving dialogue, action and change. Born out of the World Economic Forum, the Global Shapers Community is a network of inspiring young people under the age of 30 working together to address local, regional, and global challenges. With more than 13,000 members, the Global Shapers Community spans 430 city-based hubs in 150 countries. In each city, teams of Shapers self-organize to create projects that address the needs of their community. Projects are wide-ranging – from responding to disasters and combating poverty, to fighting climate change and building inclusive communities. Shapers are diverse in expertise, education, income and race, but are united by their desire to bring about change.

IFSPD member started Thane Hub of the community. The hub is currently working on projects which are targeted to create local impact on areas such as climate action, diversity & inclusion and education & skills,



4.1.3 24-Hours of Reality

IFSPD Member and Climate Reality Leader Vidyadhar Prabhudesai conducted presentation on current climate crisis, what it means for us in our everyday lives, and the solutions already in our hands. Climate change has great impact on global biodiversity, on agriculture, wildlife, and domestic. Many are on the verge of extinction. Major behavioral changes are taking place. Changing seasonal patterns. We can help taking action locally, regional and national and internationally. We can bring this change together. The presentation was attended by more than 200 students, professors, school teachers, principals and climate



activist from the city. The presentation was conducted in partnership with the Global Shapers Community – Thane Hub.

4.1.4 Mentorship Program – Lead for Sustainability – University of Oxford

Lead for Sustainability Mentorship Program is organized by the World Economic Forum Global Shapers – Oxford Hub. The inaugural batch of includes 60+ students from University of Oxford. IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai is mentoring these students in the areas of finance, corporate sustainability, consulting and impact assessments. The program was launched in November 2020.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM
GLOBAL SHAPERS - OXFORD HUB

Lead for Sustainability Mentorship Programme 2020

Shaping Sustainability Leaders for Tomorrow

Launch Event
Online
Date: 23rd November, 2020
Time: 8-9pm (GMT)



4.2 Philanthropy

4.2.1 Living My Promise (LMP)

The Giving Pledge was initiated by Bill & Melinda Gates, and Warren Buffet in 2010 wherein the wealthiest in the world came together and committed more than half their wealth to philanthropy or charitable causes either during their lifetime or in their will. Living My Promise (LMP) is bringing a similar opportunity to upper-middle-class Indians with a net worth of more than 1 crore [10 million] Rupees to come forward and promise to donate minimum 50% of their wealth to charity while they are alive or in their will. LMP believes that 'Giving inspires giving' and while not everyone can promise to give away 50% of their wealth, we hope that through LMP, we can create a community of like-minded individuals who'd like to do more, and also inspire millions of others to "re-benchmark" their levels of giving.

LMP is inspired by the example of millions of people of all income levels who give generously—and often at a great personal sacrifice—to make the world better. #LivingMyPromise aims over time to help shift the social norms of philanthropy towards giving more, giving sooner, and giving smarter. Those who join LMP often write a letter explaining their decision to engage deeply and publicly in philanthropy, as well as describing the philanthropic causes to which they are devoted. Signatories give to a diverse range of issues including poverty alleviation, health, education, women and girls' empowerment, medical research, and environmental sustainability, amongst others. IFSPD members Sangeeth Varghese and Vidyadhar Prabhudesai have joined the movement as signatories.

"Our nation is marked by deep fissures of inequality - accentuated by a broken education system - a basic necessity for the nation's development. I would like to dedicate my wealth to make a small difference to our country's educational system." – Sangeeth Varghese

"We have two states: Progressive India and Deprived India. It is only when significant numbers from the progressive or affluent Indians give up on their wealth, the deprived Indians would reap the real benefits and impact. Charity begins at home, we believe in this principle and hence decided to give half of our wealth in philanthropic activities during our lifetime and/or in our will. We will personally devote our time and energy in this journey" – Vidyadhar Prabhudesai



4.2.2 Book of Dreams

Book of Dreams is India's first book co-authored by Children of India. The Book of Dreams, titled 'I Dream...!' is the first-ever collector's edition compilation of artworks, prose and letters from the children of India addressed to the Hon'ble President of India. This book visualizes the future of India through the purest minds in the country, untouched yet by conditioning and pragmatism. With an exclusive foreword by Nobel Peace Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi, this book consists of 150 dreams and artworks on the future of India, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These diverse dreams were selected from a collection of 10,000+ dreams from children visualizing the future of India.



Further to the book release, an immersive insight report titled "The Awakening - If dreams could save the world" was developed with the objective to offer a humble reference for India's policy makers, change makers & relevant influencers, while they actively engage in the nation's transformation. It is a sincere attempt to decode and interpret the awestruck creations of the purest minds in our country, untouched yet by conditioning and pragmatism. The report aligns to UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), prioritizes key zone-wise/national issues and provides insights to accelerate the much-needed change.

The project received endorsements from Kailash Satyarthi (Nobel Peace Laureate), Madhavi Goradia Divan (Additional Solicitor General, Supreme Court of India), Dr. Neela Vaswani (Grammy Award Recipient for 'I am Malala'), Gowri Ishwaran and Piyush Pandey (Both Padma Shri Recipients, Fourth Highest Civilian Award in India), IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai has been a key contributor and has partly sponsored the project.



5. Media & Recognition

IFSPD Member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai received following international recognitions

5.1 LinkedIn Top Professionals, USA

In January 2020, LinkedIn unveiled its lists of the most influential professionals across different verticals. IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai was included in the list of professionals making impact on skills



URL: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/linkedin_professionalsoflinkedin-activity-6622331478493679616-JoCH

5.2 Distinguished Alumni Thunderbird, USA

In February 2020, IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai who is Thunderbird alumni 2012 batch has been recognized for his contribution in “Workplace Challenges and Opportunities.” He is featured among T-Bird list of 35 alumni from the world, who are leading the fourth industrial revolution. Along with Vidyadhar, the list also features two more Indians – Parth Bahuguna (Deputy Director, Clinton Health Access Initiative, 2011 batch) and Rishi Ahuja (Regional Director for Asia, Environmental Defense Fund, 1997 batch).



URL: <https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1163216466846154755>

5.3 Climate Reality Leader, USA

In July 2020, IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai was selected as Climate Reality Leader, an initiative of The Climate Reality Project, the USA. He received training from the former Vice President of USA and Nobel Laureate Al Gore and joined a global network of over 10,000 influential climate activists. This network catalyzes a global solution to the climate crisis by proposing urgent actions across every level of society.

URL: <http://knowyourtown.co.in/thanekar-takes-on-the-climate-reality/>

5.4 Royal Society of Arts, UK Fellowship

In September 2020, IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai was nominated as a non-resident fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA), London. The RSA is a 260-year-old British organization committed to finding practical solutions for social challenges through powerful ideas, cutting-edge research, and a global network of 30,000 fellows from 80 countries. Notable past fellows include Charles Dickens, Benjamin Franklin, Stephen Hawking, Karl Marx, and Nelson Mandela.

URL: <http://knowyourtown.co.in/thanes-vidyadhar-prabhudesai-gets-fellowship-from-londons-royal-school-of-arts/>



5.5 Top 40 under 40 Europe India Leaders

In November 2020, IFSPD member Vidyadhar Prabhudesai was listed among the Top 40 leaders from Europe India who are under 40 years by Europe India Centre for Business and Industry. The list covers the stories of 24 men and 16 women young leaders across 19 nationalities and their contributions in promoting EU India / UK India relations. He is selected along with seven other young leaders from India.

The infographic features a white background on the left with an orange shield logo at the top containing the text "EUROPE INDIA" and "40 UNDER 40 LEADERS". Below the shield is the EICBI logo and the text "Europe India Centre for Business & Industry". A circular portrait of Vidyadhar Prabhudesai is positioned below the text. The right side of the infographic has an orange background with white text: "#EuropeIndia40 TOP 40 UNDER 40 LEADER WHO WILL SHAPE THE FUTURE OF EU - INDIA / UK - INDIA RELATIONS". The bottom section is a dark blue background with white text: "Mr VIDYADHAR PRABHUDESAI - INDIA" and "Co founder and Board member LeadCap Ventures".

URL: <https://www.eicbi.org/2020-class-europeindia40-leaders>



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