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Kamal Singh: The Man, The Marvel
(11 November 1959 – 26 October 2020)



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KAMAL SINGH
Executive Director,
Global Compact Network India

1959-2020

Kamal Singh's passing is an irreparable loss to the Global Compact Family and he will be deeply missed by all of us.



A man of humble beginnings, he made indelible imprints on the sands of time through sheer grit and perseverance. His distinguished career as a management professional and a sustainability advocate is a testament to his tenacious spirit. He started his career at the All India Management Association (AIMA). He spent nearly three decades at AIMA, scaling up the ladder and being instrumental in launching many initiatives that brought laurels to AIMA in building its profile and equity with its stakeholders. He then moved on to the National HRD Network (NHRDN) and was its Director-General for more than four years, before joining Global Compact Network India (GCNI) as the Executive Director.

A seasoned management professional, a high-performing connector manager, a zealous HR practitioner, a torchbearer of CSR interventions and a passionate advocate of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework, he worked tirelessly to popularize their adoption. In spite of his professional commitments and the allure of the corporate world, he always remained rooted in his culture, and native customs and valued his relationship with people from varied backgrounds and contexts. He was always a genial host and forged enduring relationships through earnest gestures of goodwill. He was a great team player, an efficient problem-solver with an inherent ability to approach complex situations with ease and a highly creative motivator; a unique skillset which was admired by all and sundry.

The UNGC eulogy can be read at - <https://unglobalcompact.org/news/4602-10-27-2020>

UNGC Anti-Corruption Collective Action Working Group Meet
Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks

UNGC, under the ‘Scaling up Anti-Corruption Collective Action within Global Compact Local Networks’ project, conducted the October Anti-Corruption Collective Action (ACCA) Working Group meeting on 7th October 2020 wherein Working Group members from Global Compact Local Networks from across the globe were present and shared their inputs for the finalization and launch of the ACCA Playbook, along with the next steps of the Working Group. The Working Group has met through five consultations since April 2020 to develop the Playbook, which will enable Local Networks and their participants to make a clear diagnosis of the corruption landscape in their respective countries, including situation analysis, the laws, policies, courts, challenges and opportunities, identifying relevant actors and experts and exploring appropriate ACCA and other multi-stakeholder efforts to fight corruption. Ms Shabnam Siddiqui, Director, Dr Somnath Singh, Project Lead and Mr Arya Dev, Programme Analyst, Global Compact Network India participated in this 6th working group meeting and shared inputs for finalizing and launching of ACCA Playbook.

Stakeholders who are interested in being a part of the Anti-Corruption Collective Action initiative for India, do write to Dr Somnath Singh at somnath.UNGCNI@globalcompact.in

Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework 2.0



Post the launch of “Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF), the Climate Centre for Cities at the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), with technical support from its knowledge partners, supported a total of 143 cities in mapping their climate journey by collaborating with 25 city level and state line departments, supported by more than 20 partner organizations. With the deadline extended to 13th November 2020, almost mid-way into the process, participating cities have shown immense commitment and filled in more than 50% of the 108 data inputs for 28 indicators over the five thematic areas. For specific details please visit <http://c-cube.niua.org/>

Announcements

“CSCAF 2.0 Mentoring Sessions for Cities”

- ✚ C-Cube is organizing a series of Daily Mentoring Sessions for City Nodal officers implementing CSCAF 2.0 in November 2020. Cities can directly interact with the thematic experts to resolve their queries.

“Understanding the Future of Corporate Sustainability”

- ✚ In the 5th episode of the podcast C-Cube explores, how corporate sustainability is helping conglomerates become cost-efficient. Stay tuned for our next episode with Mr Anirban Ghosh, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mahindra Group on the topic, ‘Understanding the Future of Corporate Sustainability’.

“C-Cube’s upcoming webinar on 5th November 2020, 4 PM”

Join C-Cube’s webinar series “Chat for Change towards Building a resilient urban future” on Thursday, 5th November at 4 PM. The upcoming webinar focusing on ‘Air Quality Management in cities-Synergies with climate action for Health’ will be presented by Dr Poornima Prabhakaran, Additional Professor, Head, Environmental Health & Deputy Director, Centre for Environmental Health, Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI).

Online Career Mela 2020: Jamia Millia Islamia

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**Online Career
Mela 2020**
31st October 2020

 


Prof. Najma Akhtar
Vice Chancellor, JMI

 Career after 10+2  Career in Government Jobs

 Career in Defence Services  Higher Studies Abroad

 Career in Development Sector  Interaction with Achievers


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Chaudhary (Retd.)**
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UN Global Compact India


Mr. Syed Nadeem
Head of International
Education, Times Group


Mr. Sanjeev Aggarwal
Founder, Managing
Director, CEO – Amplus


Mr. Sanjiv Goyal
CEO
Droisys

As part of the 100-year celebrations of Jamia Millia Islamia University, the institution organized an Online Career Mela 2020 on 31st October 2020 where Ms Shabnam Siddiqui, Director of UN GCNI and other distinguished speakers from corporate and other sectors shared the opportunities for emerging professionals and helped them choose their career options. The experiences and insights shared by the speakers have not only provided a roadmap to the students but also encouraged them towards building their capacity, skills, and eligibility to grab suitable and respectable employment.

UN GCNI Governance: 18th Meeting of Project Advisory Committee

The Project Advisory Committee is committed to reviewing UN GCNI's performance on a regular basis and providing a roadmap to grow toward achieving its goals within the mandate of Corporate, Urban and Environmental Governance.

The 18th meeting of the Project Advisory Committee was held virtually on October 20, 2020, under the leadership of Mr Vinod Pandey, Chairman UN GCNI Committee and Director, Govt & External Affairs, Sustainability and CSR.

At the meeting, the Committee advised the UN GCNI team to work in a three-dimensional manner – virtual events for visibility and engagement, a masterclass/certification course on good governance and the development of research / white papers on contextual issues.

Upcoming Initiatives of UN GCNI

- Ideation Meetings with Healthcare Sector and Professionals (Transparency, Accountability and Ethics in Health).
- Training on Ethical Business Practices in Healthcare.