

## 16<sup>th</sup> JRD TATA MEMORIAL ORATION

Harnessing the Power of India's Youth

by Natarajan Chandrasekaran Chairman, Tata Sons

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## About Population Foundation of India and the JRD Tata Oration

Founded in 1970 by the late JRD Tata, Population Foundation of India is a leading NGO in the fields of population dynamics, gender equity, and sexual and reproductive health (SRH). It addresses population issues within the context of empowering women, men, and young people, enabling them to make informed decisions about their fertility, health, and well-being. The organization's approaches include strategic engagement with policymakers, media, and other key stakeholders; knowledge generation and dissemination; leveraging technology; scaling up pilot projects; and social and behavior change communication. Population Foundation of India also collaborates closely with and provides technical support to both national and state governments, as well as other NGOs.

Since 1990, the Population Foundation of India has hosted an annual lecture series featuring distinguished international and national speakers addressing pressing issues related to population and development. This series serves as a platform to honor the legacy of JRD Tata and to shed light on contemporary challenges in population dynamics. Each event encourages lively discussions, with eminent guests and experts engaging with the speaker's insights, thus facilitating a rich exchange of ideas. This booklet contains a transcript of this year's lecture, delivered by Mr N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons.







**Poonam Muttreja** Executive Director, Population Foundation of India

In the illustrious history of the JRD Tata Memorial Oration, initiated in 1995 to honor our founder Mr JRD Tata, this year's oration, delivered by Mr N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, marks a significant milestone. The series has been a vanguard, highlighting pressing issues related to population and development, and has been delivered by luminaries such as Dr Amartya Sen, Mr IK Gujral, Mr Jamshed J Irani, Dr Manmohan Singh, and Dr Soumya Swaminathan, among others.

Mr Chandrasekaran's oration, titled "Harnessing the Power of India's Youth," is of profound significance in the context of the current demographic landscape of India. Today, India stands as the world's most populous country after surpassing China in 2023. It is also home to the largest young population (10-24 years) in the world, a staggering 370 million. This youthful demographic, comprising about one-third of our nation, represents both extraordinary potential and a challenge.

In his oration, Mr Chandrasekaran focuses on the crucial role of India's youth in global transitions, the need to improve female workforce participation rates and a "Bridgital" approach, combining digital and



Al technologies to bridge the gaps in education and healthcare. His insights into ensuring access to quality education, healthcare, and equal opportunities for all, especially for girls and women, resonate with the vision and mission of Population Foundation of India.

The importance of women's participation in India's development cannot be overstated. Representing half of our nation's population, the empowerment of women and girls is fundamental to realizing India's potential. The troubling reality that a significant portion of Indian women still marry before the age of 18 highlights the urgent need for changes in sociocultural norms and practices.

Mr Chandrasekaran's visionary address is not only a clarion call for action, but also a reminder that in order to leverage our demographic advantage, India must prioritize holistic investments in our youth, particularly in women and girls, besides harnessing technological innovation to ensure last-mile coverage. The address also highlights Mr Chandrasekaran and Tata group's commitment to educational reform, gender equality, and social responsibility.

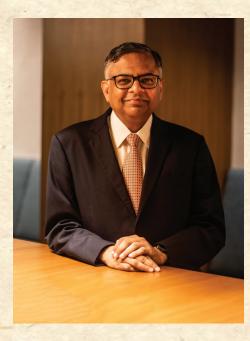
To quote the late Mr JRD Tata, it's only through systematic investment in adolescents' well-being that we can "prepare them for the tasks of tomorrow."

#### **Poonam Muttreja**

Executive Director, Population Foundation of India



## Natarajan Chandrasekaran - A Profile



Natarajan Chandrasekaran Chairman, Tata Sons Natarajan Chandrasekaran (Chandra) is the Chairman of Tata Sons, the holding company and promoter of all Tata Group companies. Chandra joined the Board of Tata Sons in October 2016 and was appointed Chairman in January 2017. He also chairs the Boards of several group operating companies, including Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Tata Power, Air India, Tata Chemicals, Tata Consumer Products, Indian Hotel Company and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) – of which he was the Chief Executive Officer from 2009-17.

His appointment as Chairman of Tata Sons, followed a 30-year business career at TCS, which he joined from university. Chandra rose through the ranks at TCS to become the CEO and Managing Director of the leading global IT solution and consulting firm. Under his leadership, TCS generated total revenues of US \$16.5 billion in 2015-16 and consolidated its position as the largest private sector employer in India and the country's most valuable company.

Since he has taken over as Chairman, Chandra has been driving transformation of the group towards digital, sustainability and supply chain resilience. The group has forayed into new businesses including electronics manufacturing, consumer internet platform and mobile technology for 5G in India.The Tata group has expanded its aviation presence with the acquisition of Air India and is building a large global airline. The group's turnover stood at over US\$150 billion with a market cap of US\$300 billion as on 31st March, 2023.



In addition to his professional career at Tata, Chandra is on the International Advisory Council of Singapore's Economic Development Board. He is the Chairman of Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow as well as the President of the Court at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru. He is the member of the Mitsubishi's International Advisory Committee and the Co-Chair of the India US CEO Forum. He is also on the Board of Governors of New York Academy of Sciences and has been elected as an international member of the United States National Academy of Engineering (NAE).

Chandra was conferred with the Padma Bhushan, one of the highest civilian awards in India, in the field of trade and industry in 2022. The French Government conferred him with Légion d'Honneur, highest civilian award in France for his outstanding business successes and decisive contribution to strengthening Indo-French economic ties. President Eisenhower Global Award for Leadership by the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) was conferred to him in 2022. Chandra has been awarded several honorary doctorates by leading Universities in India and internationally, including an honorary Doctor of Letters from Macquarie University, Australia, Doctor Honoris Causa by Nyenrode University, The Netherlands, honorary Doctor of Science by the Aligarh Muslim University, and Doctor of Letters from the Regional Engineering College, Trichy, Tamil Nadu, where he completed a Masters Degree in Computer Applications, before joining TCS in 1987.

Chandra is also the author of Bridgital Nation, a groundbreaking book on harnessing technological disruptions to bring Indians closer to their dreams.

Chandra is an avid photographer, and a passionate long-distance marathon runner. He is a Six Star Finisher of the World Marathon Majors and continues to champion fitness.

Born in 1963, Chandra lives in Mumbai, with his wife Lalitha.



## 'Harnessing the Power of India's Youth'

#### The Oration by N Chandrasekaran

#### Good afternoon, everyone.

Being with you all this afternoon is a great honour and pleasure. First, I would like to thank Dr Srinath Reddy, Ms Poonam Muttreja, Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy, and Population Foundation of India for giving me this opportunity to share a few thoughts on this important topic. Before I proceed, let me also acknowledge and remember the great JRD Tata, who, like everything else he did during his time, had enormous foresight and vision to have founded an institution of this nature.

During the last few days, while preparing for this lecture, I had the opportunity to read the history of this institution, and it is a great, great privilege. I also want to congratulate Ms Poonam Muttreja for the tremendous work that your institution is carrying out.

Now, coming to the topic, it is a very important and profound topic for today. It matters most to the younger people in this country because their aspirations are high, and their needs are not met. It matters even more to the girls and women who do not participate in the opportunities, and it matters to the economy, businesses, and society at large.

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I do want to dwell on this topic. If I may say so, this topic has two connotations or perspectives. First, it means the young population of India. Second is India's youthfulness as a nation. We are a young country, at the same time, we have an ancient history. The Republic of India is only 75 years old. We are still learning, discovering ourselves, and are at the developmental stage. **But we have enormous potential and the power to become a global force, especially in today's uncertain world.** 

I want to talk about five large segments. The first is in the context of the world today, our context, the challenges we face and some of the significant transitions happening. And then, finally, in all this context, what does it mean to address our challenges and harness our true power?

We have gone through a lot in the last 3 or 4 years. While we were seeing a rather stable world in the Cold War Era, the pandemic hit us. We seem to have already forgotten all about it because our memory is very short. In those two years, there were many nights and days one thought normalcy would never return. And here we are, almost having forgotten the hardships of those two years, and we are living life as usual. But the pandemic exposed several things. It exposed the world's interconnected nature, the failure in that interconnectedness, and what it can do to people's lives.

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In business, we loosely use the word 'supply chain'. We tend to use many words and jargon, assuming that the whole world is familiar with this jargon. But the supply chains gave away big time, bringing practically the world as a whole to a halt overnight. Growth slowed down, especially in the developed economies. Things stabilised after the pandemic. We thought things were returning to normalcy, and then, before we knew it, we were in the middle of two wars. The China-US tensions have significantly impacted global trade. While all of this is happening, it is the first time the developing economies will contribute more to economic growth than the developed economies. It is the first time the developed economies are getting used to inflation levels they were never used to. So, there is a change in dynamics in how global economic growth will look going forward. It is a decisive shift that has happened or is happening, depending on who you talk to.

However, in my limited experience, I do not know of a time when multiple transitions were happening simultaneously. I want to talk a little bit about that. We loosely call it digital transition, artificial intelligence transition, generative AI, and so on, but it is accurate. Artificial intelligence technologies will impact every country, developed or developing, rich or poor, every society and every business, whether you are a traditional industry or a modern industry, tech industry, service industry, or manufacturing industry; its effect will be profound. AI will enhance productivity and create many things hitherto that were unknown or considered impossible. There are extreme views on AI - those who think it's going to change the world so much for the better that all the problems are going to disappear, and the other extreme that it's going to take all

Significant impact of artificial intelligence technologies on every society



the jobs away and the rich are going to get richer and the poor are going to get poorer. There are many unknowns, and you can't fault anyone for having a perspective, but it can be significantly beneficial if we plan for it. Let me put it this way: it will happen; plan for it. I will come to that in a minute.

The second transition is called the energy transition, or sustainability transition, which has a broader connotation. We should be thinking about more than just decarbonisation and net zero. There are many sustainability goals, and all of them should be included. It should be an all encompassing transition, but it is happening. It will not get delayed because the public pressure will only mount, and rightly so. But considering energy alone, the energy requirement of our world will significantly increase. All the energy requirement predictions out there will get further enhanced as we go into the future, as there will be more technology and more artificial intelligence. More deployment of AI means more data, more processing, more data centres, and a requirement for more power. AI alone will increase the energy requirement by

The transition to sustainable energy sources is broader than just decarbonisation

almost 100 terawatts, an equivalent requirement for a country like Holland. That's the level at which the energy demands will go up. So, the world will need to meet this energy demand with new energy. Today, we often think the new energy is only solar and wind. Some talk about hydrogen regions, but there will be a plethora of new sources over the next two decades.



Almost 20 different technologies will become common over the next two decades. This will require a lot of investment, capital, human resources, skill upgrading, and new jobs. We will come to that.

The third transition is the supply chain transition. Over the last 30, 40, and 50 years, the entire manufacturing industry and all industries globally have been pushing for efficiency, and more efficiency. This meant that you sourced, assembled, and produced parts globally wherever it was cheaper and labour was available.

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Then you moved things around and finally made the product in one place and shipped it elsewhere. This kind of supply chain failed during the pandemic—also due to the geopolitics today. So, there is an enormous hurry to create alternate supply chain bases, and India is in the middle of it. I'll give some examples and what it means. Again, a lot of capital is going in, and a tremendous amount of talent, skills, and new jobs are necessary. So, this is the overall scenario.

In this context, if you look at India, we are making significant progress economically. We are becoming bigger and bigger. We are the fifth-largest economy, slated to become the third in the next few years and will overtake the United States to be the second sometime in the next few decades. From a positioning perspective, we do have a lot of stability today. Even though the Indian currency is stable, macro factors are good. Our banking system is healthy, by and large, well-regulated, our exports are increasing, a huge investment cycle led by private and public spending. And the most





**Clockwise (1-3)**: (1) (left to right) Dr K Srinath Reddy, Chairperson of Population Foundation of India's Governing Board, N Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, Poonam Muttreja, Executive Director of Population Foundation of India, and Dhan Singh Rawat, the honourable Health Minister of Uttarakhand; (2) (left to right) Our Board Members Dr Syeda S Hameed and Dr Shireen Jejeebhoy along with Anita George, Independent Director at Tata Sons; (3) N Chandrasekaran delivering the oration

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important thing that we have achieved is a strong, scalable digital public infrastructure. This digital public infrastructure is one of the best in the world. Such an integrated public infrastructure has a huge advantage during all these transitions, and that is a big, big, big positive.

Above all, relevant to today's topic, **our most significant strength is our youthful workforce because we have 70 crore people under the age of 30.** Given where the rest of the world is, our growth rate for the foreseeable future is likely to be faster than anyone else of material size or per capita income, which is around roughly \$2,500 and will close to double this decade. But the problem is this: \$2,500 is 60% lower than the global median, and our problem is not the average. Our problem is disaggregation. We have a lot of disparities. Some states have a significantly higher per capita income; others are low. The disparity is huge. You can either say north or south, you can say northeast versus south, or you can take specific states that are really low. So, we have the problem of disparity, which is enormous, and that is showing up in many other parameters

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We have a very large talented workforce—today, we have an estimated 16% of the global AI talent. This number will significantly increase because we produce the highest number of STEM graduates anywhere in the world, a vast number. I know this from my practical experience because I've assembled large teams of STEM people in every part of the world, from Western India to America, Africa, and every other part of the world. It takes a lot of



work to find qualified people. On the other hand, in terms of volume, we have the highest or the largest number of unskilled labour. Our national education levels continue to be low. We have only 24% workforce participation of women, but if my data point is correct, more than 12 crore women with an eighth or twelfth-grade education still do not work. And even if half the number of women are eligible to work, our GDP will go up by half a trillion dollars.

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Another disparity we have is in education outcomes. It's good in some places, in others, it's very bad. So, you hear all the commentaries: that they produce a lot of people, educate a lot of people, but they are unemployable. So, we have a disparity. So, broadly, the problem is one of inclusion and inclusive growth.

The fact remains that we are going to do well economically. We're going to grow. Our GDP will grow from 3 trillion to 5 trillion economy to 10 trillion economy to 25 trillion economy in the next three decades. But while growing, how do we simultaneously solve—whether you call it inclusive growth, equitable growth, and give opportunities for people—how do we solve the education and healthcare issues to ensure that basic education and healthcare are available to everyone, irrespective of who they are or where they come from?

In this context, the skills that are required must be thought through very carefully. Education for the future requires the basic education that we all receive and impart. We need education to provide what I call twenty-first-century skills. We want everyone to be digitally



fluent. We want everyone to have problem-solving skills. We will need to teach people how to collaborate. We need to teach creativity. So, it's more than just educating people; it is educating people with the right inputs.

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Now, coming to "harnessing the power of the youth", the topic for today. Any social transformation will require an economic transformation. You can only sustain a social transformation by achieving economic transformation and economic success. The basic fact is that you need a vibrant environment of jobs to sustain any development. **Once we have this growth, the growth opportunity, we can address and should address inclusion.** 

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On the one hand, you need to invest disproportionately in healthcare, primary healthcare (I will give you a couple of examples) and primary education skills. But, given the size and scale of the population, we need to do it in such a way that we are smart about it. You cannot solve a healthcare problem by going on a spree of building only a large number of hospitals and waiting for graduating many doctors. You all probably have more data than I do. Still, there is an estimated shortage of 500,000 doctors, and you cannot produce them overnight. You need to use the power of technology to be able to maximise what we can do with the infrastructure that we have while continuing to build new infrastructure and upskill the people to be able to provide certain services which are at a higher level than what they are capable of, primarily with the aid of technology—digital artificial intelligence. We need to invest significantly in skills because the training must be more than just people who study their schooling and then go



into tertiary education doing sciences or arts. We need both normal and apprentice skills-based practical education so people can pursue things they are interested in and get onto jobs. So, our skills have to be very focused.

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#### We call this approach a Bridgital Approach.

I should have brought the book, which I didn't. We wrote this book in 2019 and just did one book launch, and then the pandemic hit, so our book tour went for a toss. However, I could see the problems outlined in the book come to life during the pandemic, reinforcing my belief in the concept. I'm going to give you a couple of examples here. We have done a project, wherein we conducted three pilots. One of the largest ones is in Kolar in Karnataka. So, we have created a very advanced technology hub—we call it a digital nerve center- where all the expert doctors are available. There are 35 lakh citizens in the whole district.

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We trained all the Asha workers. We have developed dedicated technology apps and have given them all a modern device connected to the digital nerve center. It is hugely successful, and it serves every household. We are keeping it going, it is still operational. The whole idea is to see how to scale it up. Proactively,



we have information about citizens in the district. They handle every pregnancy. I can go into details about each of the services but then take the rest of the day here, but any of you who are interested should visit that place. I can organise somebody to host you. It basically has obviated all these people to go to a tertiary hospital. Generally, people go straight to tertiary hospitals as they don't trust the government hospital. They go to the OPD. That's completely obviated, and the experts are available for any type of problem.

It will be nice to watch how medicine is administered remotely. So, it is possible. It has created 400-500 jobs. Every worker is able to perform a higher level task. See, India has this "missing middle" problem. We either have the experts, or we have the low-skilled people. We don't have the people in between, so what happens is that the low-skilled people cannot go up, so the experts come down and spend 50% of their time doing things that they shouldn't be doing. This solves the problem, freeing up the time for the experts to do what only they can do. So, this is a digital intervention, a **significant digital intervention in which there is technology involved, skill development involved, and outreach involved.** 

Initially, people will need more confidence and trust in you. Then, there will be one example, two examples, and three examples then things work out. The power of the digital public infrastructure in the country is enormous because, first of all, we have a mechanism for everyone to have a digital identity. See, 1 don't believe the problem is jobs because in India everything is an informal economy. Everybody is doing something, but the problem is secure jobs, the problem is well-paying jobs. Most people don't get what they should be getting, so though it is essential to address the jobs, it's equally important to address the right income.

With the help of this digital infrastructure, we also have Pradhan



Mantri and Jan Dhan Yojna individual accounts, so direct benefits could happen. We couldn't have done the vaccination without the digital infrastructure. We would have struggled because this country's size, scale and complexity are so vast.

How would we have managed? We wouldn't have been able to take care of the tracking. So, this infrastructure allows anyone to get onto the network through a mobile phone or any other device. It is a digital way of solving the inclusion problem. But then, how do you ensure that everyone has access to a device? That's the next thing to address. What we need to do, and what is happening, is to continue to build more stacks. The example I gave on healthcare. That stack has to be constructed entirely so that the power of the healthcare solution can reach across the nation. In every area, there will be new applications that will come in - some will be government-led, and some will be private-sector-led because all the 'protocols' (another jargon) are published, so anyone can build a solution and then have to build the ecosystem. According to me, this is the only way. I don't want to say this is not the only way, but it is a significantly important way to address the inclusion problem.

While we must make all the investments and necessary capital to be allocated and teach, we have a huge shortage of teachers. I don't know what the number is; I used to hear that every year, the requirement of teachers goes up by 40,000. So, we need digital interventions. All these solutions, we call it stack across sectors. It can be built, and this needs to be scaled up. So, we talk about skills. So, at the Tata group, we are doing many efforts in all these areas. All our companies are hugely invested in skill development. We also do it in the Tata Trusts; we also do it in Tata Sons. For example, the power company runs a huge skill development effort for the power sector. They have got 50 centers. Auto company does skill development efforts, and we have a group called Tata Strive which has got 150 centers, that does skill development



across sectors: manufacturing services, health care, hospitality. They have got 150 centers across 25 States. They have trained about 13 lakh people, and they track who is employed and they have got an alumni network, and we know from statistics more than 75% of the people are not only well employed and they are going up. They are pursuing a career, and they just keep, keep moving up, and they come back.

Some of them are passionate and come back and teach between their jobs. In partnership with the government, we have announced and set up two major national institutes—we call it Tata Indian Institute of Skills, one in Bombay and one in Ahmedabad. These centres will be hubs, and they will have spokes everywhere. The idea is to increase the scale of skill development significantly. In Chennai, through TCS, we set up a modern skill incubation centre. There, it is not skill development; it is developing the technology for skill development. So, a lot can be done, and we want to borrow those technologies and put them in this Indian Institute of Skills.

See, I want to give you another beautiful example. We have set up this electronics-manufacturing factory in Tamil Nadu, in Hosur. We set this up during the pandemic, and it went into commercial operation last year. It has hired 15,000 people in the previous year and is commercialised. It's working; it is in production. Of these 15,000 people, 95% are young women in 12th grade who pass out. We couldn't hire enough people in the Hosur area. Many people came from Bihar and Jharkhand. They've been trained on what it is to do high-precision manufacturing. They manufacture the parts that go into the Apple phones. You must see how they speak and their level of confidence. It is just unbelievable. You have to see it to believe. You go day one, and they don't know anything; they don't know what to do. They have hired me. How will I know what to do? But now, one year later, if you go and see, they have enormous confidence.



I believe that our children, not necessarily those who go to colleges, but people from the rural areas, are extremely talented, provided we can harness them. Now, it has become a routine thing for me to send people there to see and then come back and give feedback. So, we will be 50,000 people, and I'm worried about the high concentration of women. So, it would help, if you went 70%, not 90% or 95%.

So, these three trends of artificial intelligence, energy transition, and manufacturing in the supply chain offer enormous potential. So, we need to invest in the training of these people because they earn and have also started sending money home. It changes, it's phenomenal. It is not that they make a lot of money (I don't know how much money they make). They make 15,000 rupees or something like that, but in that they save money, they send money. They got a hostel, so they live there, so not much to do in the factory environment. Their parents are happy. So, it kind of creates an ecosystem effect.

So, to my mind, manufacturing will happen in electronics, batteries, semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, and food processing. There are so many new areas—proteins. So, we need to invest in large-scale training. Large scale training and all these skills don't require high-end skills; they all can be trained.

See, India will play on both ends.

We will play in very high-end artificial intelligence and services, high-end services, latest technologies. We will also play in the low end—I don't want to say low end-manufacturing jobs. You don't need it, maybe high, but not cutting edge. So, we need to be playing across the spectrum because we need skills everywhere, we need people everywhere, we need jobs everywhere.



So, I would like to conclude by saying we are a very confident nation. There's a lot of aspiration and energy in our younger people. We need to be investing, on the one hand, in big economic development and, on the other hand, in human resources.

I broadly call it human resources because it includes everything. It includes skills, it includes education, it includes their well-being, all of that. And if we do this and deploy technology, I am a big believer that our problem is—one is access, other one is jobs and income. We shouldn't be solving it with two different access. We should be solving it by connecting it, and the connection is technology. That is why I call it bridgital. So, a plug: if you really want to know more, please read my book.

Thank You.



## The JRD Tata Memorial Oration Over the Years

Below are the topics and speakers from past orations:

- 1. Democratic Decentralisation and Population Stabilisation Strategies by Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, former chief minister of Karnataka (September 19, 1995)
- 2. Population and Development Crisis in India by Mr Chandra Shekhar, former prime minister of India (October 26, 1996)
- 3. Role of Empowerment of Women in Population Stabilisation by Dr Najma Heptulla, former deputy chairman of the Rajya Sabha (November 29, 1997)
- 4. Thrust Areas for Population Stabilisation by Mr I K Gujral, former prime minister of India (January 15, 1999)
- 5. A 'New Woman' for India- A New India for Women by Dr Nafis Sadik, former special adviser to the UN secretary general (December 13, 1999)
- 6. National Population Policy 2000 Role of the National Commission on Population by Mr K C Pant, former defence minister of India (November 3, 2000)
- 7. Role and Responsibilities of Panchayats in Population Health and Development by Mr Digvijaya Singh, former chief minster of Madhya Pradesh (December 4, 2001)
- 8. Population, Poverty and Sustainable Development by Dr Manmohan Singh, former prime minister of India (February 3, 2003)
- 9. Towards Population Stabilization: Role of Good Governance by Mr Somnath Chatterjee, former speaker of the Lok Sabha (March 30, 2005)



- 10. Corporate Social Responsibility and Issues of Population Stabilisation in India by Dr Jamshed J Irani, former director of Tata Steel (July 22, 2008)
- 11. Demographic Dividend or Debt? by Dr Nitin Desai, economist and former international civil servant (March 26, 2010)
- 12. Women and Other People by Prof Amartya Sen, economist and philosopher, awarded the 1998 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences (July 31, 2012)
- 13. Dignity and Choice for girls and women in the post-2015 framework by Late Dr Babatunde Osotimehin, former health minister of Nigeria (April 24, 2015)
- 14. Women Empowerment: The Key to India's Demographic Dividend by Dr Rajiv Kumar, economist and former vice-chairman of Niti Aayog (October 12, 2018)
- 15. Reimagining Health: Lessons from the Pandemic by Dr Soumya Swaminathan, former chief scientist of the World Health Organisation (October 12, 2020)





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