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**Ms. Shoma Chaudhury**  
**Managing Editor**  
**TEHELKA**

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Shoma Chaudhury is Managing Editor, Tehelka, a weekly newsmagazine widely respected for its investigative and public interest journalism. Earlier she had worked with The Pioneer, India Today, and Outlook. In 2000, she left Outlook to join Tarun Tejpal, and was among the team

that started Tehelka.com. When Tehelka was forced to close down by the government after its seminal story on defence corruption, she was one of four people who stayed on to fight and articulate Tehelka's vision and relaunch it as a national weekly.

Shoma has written extensively on several areas of conflict in India – people vs State; the Maoist insurgency, the Muslim question, and issues of capitalist development and land grab. She has won several awards, including the Ramnath Goenka Award and the Chameli Devi Award for the most outstanding woman journalist in 2009. In 2011, Newsweek (USA) picked her as one of 150 power women who “shake the world”. In May 2012, she won the Mumbai Press Club Award for best political reporting

and in 2013, the Italian Ernest Hemingway Lignano Sabbiadoro Award for journalism across print, internet and broadcast media. She lives in Delhi and has two sons.



**Ms. Shaili Chopra**  
**Senior Editor**  
**TEHELKA**

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Shaili Chopra is one of India's top television editor-presenters. She is currently the Business Editor for Tehelka and was earlier Senior

Editor and Lead Anchor at ET NOW & NDTV Profit. Shaili anchored the 9 pm primetime slots and conducted exclusive interviews of people like Warren Buffett, George Soros, Deutsche Bank CEO Anshu Jain, PepsiCo's boss Indra Nooyi, Microsoft's CEO Steve Ballmer and more.

In 2012, Shaili received India's principal journalism honour The Ramnath Goenka Award for best in business journalism. She also won the News Television Award for the Best Reporter in India in 2007 and later in 2008, her business-golf show Business on Course, won the Best Show Award. She also won the Media Foundation Best Business Anchor Award for 2010 and in the same year the Federation of Indian Industry gave her the Young Women's Achiever Award for contribution to media.

Shaili Chopra has been at the forefront global events like the G-20 of 2008 in Washington, Prime Minister's visit for bilateral talks in Germany, World Economic Forum in Davos, Brettonwoods II, India Economic Summit and the World Retail Congress.

Shaili's interviews include IMF Chief Christine Lagarde, Vikram Pandit of Citibank, Nobel Laureate Dr Amartya Sen, Domsday economist Nouriel Roubini, GE's Jeff Immelt, JPMorgan's Jamie Dimon, Microsoft's Steve Ballmer, Singer Peter Gabriel, Author Paulo Coelho, Blackrock's Larry Fink, Sir Evelyn Rothschild, Barclays' John Varley, Corporate Guru Dr Ram Charan, Rothchild's Lady Lynn, LVMH's Yves Carcelle, Ikea's Anders Dahlvig, WEF's Klaus Schwab, Indian Finance Minister P Chidambaram, Anand Mahindra, Kumar Mangalam Birla, Mukesh Ambani, Rahul Bajaj, Sunil Mittal and others.

Shaili was ranked among the 30

witty & intelligent to follow on Twitter by CNN-IBN.

Golf and reading are her hobbies. She also has an entrepreneurial venture in golf news called <http://www.GolfingINDIAN.com>



**Mrs. Shweta Kohli**  
**Economic Affairs Editor**  
**NDTV**

Shweta Rajpal Kohli is an award-winning business journalist and well known TV anchor. She has been in the media industry for over 15 years and is currently the Economic Affairs Editor, NDTV.

Shweta has received several awards for journalism excellence including two by Presidents of India - the prestigious Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism by President Pratibha Patil in June 2010 and the Business Standard- Seema Nazareth Award for Young Print Journalists under 25 by President KR Narayanan in February 2001.

Other recent awards include the Young Women Achievers Award (April 2013) by FICCI Young Ladies Organisation, News Television Awards for Best Business News Show (2012) and Best Business Talk Show (2010), Business Communicator of the Year by ABCI and Dr S Radhakrishnan Award for Excellence in Electronic Journalism 2011.

Shweta has attended specialized courses for financial journalists at the Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania and INSEAD Business School in 2008. A recipient of the British

Chevening Scholarship for Young Print Journalists, she studied at the University of Westminster and worked briefly at The Sunday Times, London in 2003.

She was invited by the United States Government as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) for Business Journalists in 2007.

She has interviewed several global bigwigs including Nobel Laureates Amartya Sen and Joseph Stiglitz, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, marketing guru Philip Kotler, global CEOs like PepsiCo's Indra Nooyi, Virgin Group founder Richard Branson, GE's Jeffrey Immelt, steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal and Dell Inc Founder Michael S Dell.



**Ms. Vaiju Naravane**  
**Senior Europe**  
**Correspondent (Paris)**  
**THE HINDU**

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Educated in India and the USA, Ms Vaiju Naravane is The Hindu's Senior Europe Correspondent. Based in Paris she covers France, Italy, Spain, Germany and several central and east European countries for India's most respected English-language daily (circulation 1.3 million) and other publications of The Hindu Group. In a career spanning 30 years, Ms Naravane has been witness to many tumultuous events in Europe such as the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Balkan

wars and the upheaval that followed and has interviewed several political leaders including Presidents Mitterrand, Chirac and Sarkozy, Prime Ministers Prodi and Manmohan Singh, amongst others. She has been on the staff of The Times of India (European Correspondent 1987-1995) and Radio France Internationale (journaliste bilingue 1983-1987).

A multi-media journalist combining print, radio and television she has served as Director, Information and Public Relations for the United Nations' Geneva-based World Health Organisation. A frequent guest on radio and television talk shows, (Kiosque -TV5, C dans l'air- France 5, JT - iTELE, Arte, France 2, LCP, LCI, BBC World Service Radio (English, Hindi & Urdu), Ms Naravane is also Editor (foreign fiction) at the French publishers Albin Michel where she edits several notable international writers including Alan

Hollinghurst, Vikram Seth, Anita Brookner, Norman Rush, Zhu Wen, Edmund de Waal, Chris Abani, Esther Freud, Dubravka Ugresic, Anita Nair, Indra Sinha Manil Suri among others. Ms Naravane also teaches a Masters' course at the School of Journalism, Institut d'études politiques (SciencesPo), Paris. Her articles and other details may be accessed on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), [www.google.fr](http://www.google.fr), [www.thehindu.com](http://www.thehindu.com) and [www.thehinduonnet.com](http://www.thehinduonnet.com)



**Mr. Ashis Ray (\*)**  
**Director**  
**PROJECT "RAYMEDIA"**  
**- A SOON TO BE LAUNCHED**

## **LONDON-BASED INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCY**

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**(\* Special guest for two days)**

Ashis Ray presently heads RayMedia, which is engaged in creating a niche international news and views agency out of London, scheduled to be launched in the summer.

Ray is an award-winning and senior foreign correspondent, who has uninterruptedly served in this capacity for 36 years.

He has the distinction of being the only person to have worked as a presenter or correspondent or both for BBC, CNN and ITN, not to mention as an analyst on ABC and SKY.

At BBC, he presented "South Asia Survey" on its World Service, in addition to being a commentator on South Asian affairs.

At CNN, he was this network's founding South Asia bureau chief in Delhi and principal correspondent and then editor-at-large in London, responsible for international affairs.

He has lately been the Europe correspondent of The Times of India - the world's largest circulated English language daily. He has covered general elections in Britain, Germany and France since the late 1970s.

Over the years, he has broken many a world exclusive story as well as accurately forecast outcomes of events in his commentaries. In 1992, he became the first journalist to do a "live shot" out of Afghanistan for CNN.

Ray has lectured or chaired seminars on international subjects at Oxford University and the London School of Economics.



**Mr. Pranay Sharma**  
**Foreign Editor**  
**OUTLOOK INDIA**

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I am a commentator and writer on foreign policy and current affairs. I have been a journalist for nearly three decades. During my professional life I have worked both for the print as well as the audio visual media.

A Master's degree holder in Comparative Literature from Jadavpore University in Kolkata, I started my career in journalism with one of the leading English dailies in the country, The Telegraph. I have also worked in

the Kolkata TV, the Hardnews magazine and the Indo-Asian News Service in senior positions that include, diplomatic editor, executive editor and editor of strategic and foreign affairs. I am currently working as the Foreign Editor for the Outlook, one of India's premier English weekly.

This apart, I have also been a commentator for many of the other national newspapers and journals of India that include, the New Indian Express, the Deccan Herald, the Daily News and Analysis, Dainik Hindustan, Dainik Bhaskar, Sifynews and the Seminar.

I have traveled widely, many times as part of Indian prime ministerial and other senior leader's delegation and have also been invited by governments of various countries for interaction on key foreign policy issues. I was invited by the Yale University for a week long lecture tour and to present a paper on "China, in India's troubled

neighbourhood" in February, 2010. I am 54 years old and live in Delhi with my wife and daughter.



**Mr. Saurabh Shukla**  
**Editor Foreign Affairs**  
**MAIL TODAY, INDIA**  
**TODAY GROUP**

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Saurabh Shukla is an award winning investigative journalist currently editor Foreign affairs with mail today, india today group. He has worked as editor with group's tv channel headlines today, senior editor with India today magazine and has worked with Hindustan times and the Indian express news papers in India.

He studied international relations in India and the UK and has also written a best-selling book, 'ic-814 hijacked the inside story'. He has interviewed many world leaders and has reported from global hotspots like Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Sudan.



**Mrs. Sonia Singh**  
**Editorial Director**  
**NDTV**

Editorial Director, NDTV and President of the NDTV Ethics Committee, she is an NDTV veteran and has been in television journalism for 20 years. She

anchors NDTV's prime time 9pm show, India Decides and did the weekly interview show, Your Call. An award-winning journalist, Sonia has interviewed the country's top politicians and newsmakers...

Beyond NDTV.....Sonia has 3 daughters who keep her occupied, besides that she likes to read and watch movies.



**Mr. M.K. Venu**  
**Managing Editor**  
**FINANCIAL EXPRESS**

Mr. M.K. Venu is currently working as Managing Editor of The Financial Express with over 10

editions across the country. He is in charge of the overall editorial management and other administrative aspects of the newspaper.

He manages a large team of correspondents and business analysts who report into him through their respective heads. He writes a regular column on the edit page of The Financial Express. The column mainly deals with India's policy response to its rapid economic globalisation. He also writes edit page articles on political economy issues in The Indian Express.

Previously he worked as Opinion Editor The Economic Times. Prior to that he worked as Chief Editor, News with The Economic Times. He worked with The Economic Times in varying capacities over 12 years. Prior to The Economic Times, he worked for other prestigious national newspapers such as Hindustan Times and Times of India Group, Business

Standard, The Statesman and Patriot. He has completed 30 years in journalism.

He has written a lot on India's dynamic role at the WTO as also its quest to become part of regional trade blocs such as Asean and East Asian Summit and BRICS. He has attended a specially designed workshop by the WTO headquarters at Geneva to enable a deeper understanding of multilateral trade negotiations.

He does regular economic policy related discussions on national television channels. He has participated in the annual central budget discussion on Times Now, one of the largest viewed national news television network owned by the Times of India Group. He features regularly on the NDTV news channel. Since January 2012 he has been doing a weekly interview with policymakers on Rajya Sabha TV channel.

He gets invited by Parliamentary

Standing Committees to give his considered views on important economic reforms programme. His views were sought by the Parliamentary Committee looking at creating a regulatory authority to oversee the most ambitious programme of the government which seeks to give an unique identification card to the country's billion plus population.

He has also been invited by the Central Bank Governor to participate in formal closed-door interactive sessions with the RBI top brass to discuss monetary policy options before the Bank. This happens twice a year on the eve of important monetary policy announcements. The RBI Governor seeks the opinion of various leading economists and financial writers.

He has been also invited by the United States government on a special visitors program in 2000 to understand the reforms in the infrastructure utilities

in that country. He was on a special program to the European Commission to study how the European Union works. He was part of an Indian delegation to China in 2005 to discuss larger energy cooperation between the two most populous countries. He has traveled to Japan, East Asia, China, Europe and Australia..