



Azim Premji University Colloquium Series
presents a lecture

"A Development Vision for India"

Speaker

Dr. R Balasubramaniam

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Time: 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

The talk will revolve around the concept of how 'Development' needs to be viewed as a constant expansion of human capabilities. It will trace the history of the Nations's growth over the last millenia and the paradigm of how expanding human and social capital is more critical to India today than ever before. It will also demonstrate how this expansion can result in economic consequences for all. The talk will also include how the eco-system for implementing this paradigm needs to be created and why the development agenda set by the Govt. must reflect the 'voice' of the people/communities. It will conclude with a call for collective action that includes the Government, an engaged citizenry, a sociall responsible private sector and vibrant civil society groups. The talk will be based on the experience of the speaker from founding and running one of India's leading development organization for over three decades and from studying and teaching in some of the world's leading schools including Harvard & Cornell. It will also draw from the many experiential anecdotes written in his latest book, 'i, the citizen'.

About the Speaker

Dr. R Balasubramaniam (Balu) is a development activist who is a physician by qualification. After his MBBS, he earned his MPhil in Hospital Administration & Health Systems Management from BITS, Pilani. He has a Masters in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University. His living habits were greatly influenced by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and at the age of 19, he founded the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (www.svym.org) based on the principles of Ahimsa (non-violence), Satya (Truth), Seva (Service) and Tyaga (Sacrifice). He has spent the last 31 years of his life in the service of the rural and tribal poor in the forests of India. He has built this non-profit organization into India's leading development

NGO and the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) today runs more than 50 projects reaching out to more than a million people across the state of Karnataka and also has centers in the USA and UK. He is also the Founder and Chairman of Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (www.graam.org.in). A recipient of numerous State and National Awards, Dr R Balasubramaniam has lectured and taught at many reputed universities around the world.