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Ankit Agarwal, Founder and CEO of Phool.co. (Kanpur Flowercycling® Pvt. Ltd.)

Ankit Agarwal is the Founder-CEO of Phool.co, a social enterprise that has pioneered the 'flowercycling®' technologies to reduce the pollution in the Rivers Ganges, by up-cycling the vast quantities of flower temple-waste in India. Every year, more than 8 Million Metric tons of pesticide-laden temple-flowers are dumped in the Ganges, choking the river & causing severe health concerns - diarrhea, hepatitis & cholera. At Phool.co, over 11.4 tons of temple-waste is collected daily in Uttar Pradesh & Bihar and converted into charcoal-free incense and an animal-free alternate to leather called Fleather (PETA's Best Innovation in the Vegan World 2020).

In the process, Phool.co employs women who were previously manualas scavengers, to sort the flower waste and hand roll the popular incense sticks. This transformational disease-free employment enables these women to shun lives in which they jump neck deep into clogged sewers & scrape human faces from dry toilets. Awarded the Fast company world changing ideas and recognized by Forbes, Fortune, Business Insider and Stanford Social Review, Phool.co is driving systems change in a community that has been exploited for centuries by creating opportunities & revolutionizing the way India handles the 'Million-ton temple waste disposal'.

Ankit was named a Queens young leader in 2017 and is both an Echoing Green & Acumen Fellow. Ankit is amongst the 21 young leaders selected for extraordinary skills by the Asia Society & Recently received the prestigious United Nations Young leader for Sustainable development Goals award, the Takeda Young Global Entrepreneur Award, the Unilever Young Entrepreneur Awards, and The GSG Millennial Honor. Ankit is also a H.R.H Prince Willian's Easthshot Prize finalist for 2022.

Dr. Ruchi Saxena, Founder of Caerobotics and Pioneer in Drones for Public Health and Disaster Response

She is the Founder and Director of *Caerobotics*, a social impact consultancy that promotes the adoption of emerging technologies—such as drones and geospatial data—for public health, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development initiatives. A medical doctor with an MBA in Health Services, she is also a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, a certified quality systems auditor, and a professional coach.

With over two decades of experience in the healthcare sector, Ruchi has worked with various technologies to strengthen health systems, designing processes to enhance operations within public health facilities. She has built multilateral collaborative networks and organizes global knowledge exchange events, working closely with academics, policymakers, NGOs, and private sector entities.

Her transition into the tech world was driven by a pivotal experience in Nepal, where she witnessed patients being carried for hours across challenging terrain to receive basic medical care. This inspired her to found *Caerobotics* in 2017—a company that connects experts, governments, NGOs, and rural communities to co-create technology-based solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Caerobotics has conducted over 100 masterclasses on drones in social contexts, trained more than 40 community partners, and collaborated with *India Flying Labs* to deploy drones in remote areas of India, supporting everything from medicine delivery to disaster mapping. Ruchi has also led initiatives such as *UAV Rapid Response Task Force*, *Drones for Daughters*, *Project WINGS*, and *Project Caerodrome*, all focused on leveraging drones to enhance public health and disaster response. Additionally, she is developing a generative chatbot with support for local languages to aid women's health and conduct research on non-communicable diseases in women.

She has received the *People's Choice Award* at the Airwards and was named one of the *"50 Women in Robotics You Need to Know"* in 2021. Ruchi is also a Chevening Scholar (2022–23) and earned a Master's degree in International Health and Tropical Medicine from the University of Oxford.

Utkarsh Singh, Founder and CEO, DronaMaps

Utkarsh Singh is the Founder and CEO of DronaMaps, a cutting-edge technology company specializing in Machine Vision and Autonomous Systems. A Forbes 30 Under 30 (Asia) awardee, Utkarsh holds a degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University, where his early academic work with large datasets sparked a deep interest in the manipulation and analysis of 3D geospatial data.

Inspired by the transformative potential of drone-generated datasets, Utkarsh launched DronaMaps to develop solutions that harness artificial intelligence and rapid 3D mapping technologies to address complex challenges across industries. As the architect of the company's technical infrastructure, he has been instrumental in advancing DronaMaps' proprietary platforms and operations, both in the field and at the systems level.

Under his leadership, DronaMaps has conducted drone-based mapping of over 100 rural and urban regions across India. Utkarsh has also led the successful integration of drone-generated geospatial data with major enterprise systems, including SAP and KPMG.

He currently serves on the National Committee for Civil Aviation under the Government of India and played a pivotal role in the national implementation of India's largest AI-driven infrastructure project in 2024, commissioned by the National Highways Authority of India. The initiative involves the monthly AI-based analysis and mapping of approximately 20,000 km of highways and expressways using drone technology. This groundbreaking effort was recognized with the prestigious Gold Medal for eGovernance at the National Awards 2025.

Utkarsh has received numerous accolades for his contributions to technology and public infrastructure, including the AI Innovation of the Year Award by *The Economic Times*, presented in the presence of Steve Wozniak. He is also a frequent speaker at global forums such as the Observer Research Foundation's Raisina Dialogue, where he shares his insights on the future of AI and emerging technologies.

Driven by a long-term vision, Utkarsh Singh is committed to enabling continuous, high-frequency 3D mapping through drones, aiming to reshape the global geospatial landscape and contribute to transformative development in the second half of the 21st century.

Devanshee Deepak, Global Director of Products, DronaMaps

Devanshee Deepak serves as the Global Director of Products at DronaMaps, a leading deep-tech company at the forefront of geospatial analytics, drone-based 3D reconstruction, and AI-powered feature detection. In this role, she drives the product vision, strategy, and execution for scalable digital platforms that support infrastructure monitoring, urban planning, and the development of digital twins across India.

With a strong focus on product-led innovation, Devanshee is instrumental in translating complex spatial datasets into actionable insights for both public institutions and private enterprises. Her work bridges cutting-edge technological development with real-world applications, enabling governments and businesses to make smarter, data-driven decisions.

Through her leadership, DronaMaps continues to deliver impactful solutions that integrate advanced AI, remote sensing, and geospatial intelligence, contributing to more efficient and sustainable urban and infrastructure ecosystems.

Shivanshu Dwivedi, Founder and CEO, Predulive Labs

Shivanshu Dwivedi is a pioneering entrepreneur at the forefront of emerging technologies, sustainability, and digital inclusion in India. He is the Founder and CEO of Predulive Labs, an AI-driven drone technology company supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. He is also the Founder and Chairman of the Predulive Edutech Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering rural youth through skills development and entrepreneurship.

Shivanshu brings deep expertise in AI-powered drones, geospatial analytics, and smart agriculture. He has spearheaded the development of several indigenous drone platforms—including Avix 1.0, Krishi Drone, and the ArmE Hybrid VTOL—designed for applications ranging from infrastructure inspection and sustainable farming to defense and education.

His leadership and innovation have earned him numerous national recognitions, including:

- Top 3 in the NASSCOM AI Gamechanger Awards (2023–24)
- Winner of the Leap Ahead Contest (MeitY)
- Winner of the Startup Maharathi Challenge at Startup Mahakumbh 2025
- Presenter at major platforms such as the India Mobile Congress, GPAI Summit, and the UP Global Investors Summit
- Selected participant of the Stanford Graduate School of Business Seed Spark Program and Founder Institute, Silicon Valley

Shivanshu has also secured multiple competitive national grants, including NGIS CHUNAUTI 3.0 and NIDHI PRAYAS, and was among the top Indian startups showcased at COMEUP in South Korea.

A passionate advocate for inclusive growth, Shivanshu has spoken at over 100 national conferences and workshops hosted by CII, FICCI, PHDCCI, and ASSOCHAM. His initiatives have directly impacted more than 10,000 students and professionals, particularly in rural and underserved communities, helping bridge the digital divide through innovation and education.

Committed to global collaboration and policy-driven impact, Shivanshu is a valuable contributor to the Spain-India Council Foundation's thematic focus on *Eco Startups: Innovation and Sustainability*.

Anuja Dhawan, Co-Founder, Dubverse

Anuja Dhawan is the founder of Dubverse, an AI-first platform breaking language barriers in the content economy. With Dubverse, Anuja and her team have built one of the first Indian platforms to launch TTS (text-to-speech) foundational models in Indian languages, paving the way for studio-grade multilingual video creation at scale. With over 2 million users, Dubverse is helping creators, enterprises, and publishers reach audiences in their native languages, proving that the internet, and especially AI, should not be limited to English alone. Spanish is currently the third-most used language on the platform, underlining the growing global demand.

With a career spanning over a decade in the startup ecosystem, Anuja brings a unique combination of strategic business insight and ground-level execution. She began her journey at KPMG, but quickly pivoted to startups to pursue her passion for fast-paced problem-solving. At LimeTray, a B2B SaaS company, she was part of the founding team. She spent five years leading sales, operations, and business expansion, helping scale the company across multiple Indian cities and international markets.

She later joined Freshworks, one of India's flagship SaaS success stories, where she led initiatives to strengthen their India business, sharpening her expertise in enterprise sales, go-to-market strategy, and customer success in a high-growth, product-led environment.
A commerce graduate with a deep footing in technology sales, Anuja has consistently bridged the gap between product and real-world application. At Dubverse, she leads business, operations, and global expansion, ensuring the company is "global from day one." With the rise of the internet and AI, she believes geographical boundaries are less relevant—only linguistic and cultural understanding remains critical.

Recognised as one of India's leading voices in applied AI, Anuja and Dubverse have:

- Been named to Forbes EMERGE 200, spotlighting high-potential global startups.
- Been selected for the Google for Startups Accelerator, a program reserved for transformative tech companies.
- Joined ML Elevate by AWS, a premier program for machine learning startups pushing the frontier of AI innovation.
- Secured backing from Kalaari Capital, one of India's oldest and most respected venture funds, and IIT Mandi, where Dubverse leads cutting-edge R&D in multilingual AI speech.
- Partnered closely with Bhashini, India's national language tech mission, to democratise AI-powered video accessibility across the subcontinent.

Today, Dubverse is powering workflows for top global platforms, including Netflix, and is rapidly becoming the backbone of AI-led transformation in the media and entertainment sector. With

custom models, AI voice cloning, multilingual dubbing, and video intelligence, Dubverse is building the infrastructure for the next era of media.
Leading the charge for AI in India and globally, Dubverse is leaving a profound mark on how videos are created, localised, and consumed. From startups to studios, the world is watching.