

alumna Sunita Narain amongst **Time's** 100 influential people 2016



Sunita Narain

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Environmentalism Sunita Narain presented Padma Shri by President of India Dr A P J Abdul Kalam at Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. (pic source: The Times Of India Group) 29.03.2005 (tentative)

Sunita Narain is an Indian environmentalist and political activist as well as a major proponent of the Green concept of sustainable development. Narain is director general of the India-based research institute the Centre for Science and Environment, director of the Society for Environmental Communications, and editor of the fortnightly magazine, *Down To Earth*.

In 2016 she is in Time Magazine's list of *100 Most Influential People*.

She began working with the Centre for Science and Environment in 1982, working with the founder Anil Agarwal, while completing her studies at the University of Delhi. In 1985 she co-edited the State of India's Environment report, and then went on to study issues related to forest management. For this project she traveled across the country to understand people's management of natural resources. In 1989 Narain and Anil Agarwal wrote 'Towards Green Villages' on the subject of local democracy and sustainable development. In her years at the Centre, she has studied the relationship between environment and development and worked to create public consciousness about the need for sustainable development. In 2012, she wrote the 7th *State of India's Environment Reports*, *Excreta Matters*, an analysis of urban India's water supply and pollution.

Publications

She co-authored *Towards Green Villages* 1989 advocating local participatory democracy as the key to sustainable development.

- In 1991 she co-authored *Global Warming in an Unequal World: A case of environmental colonialism*
- She also co authored *Towards a Green World: Should environmental management be built on legal conventions or human rights?* 1992

Awards

- The Centre for Science and Environment under her leadership was awarded the Stockholm Water Prize 2005
- Conferred the Raja-Lakshmi Award 2009 from Sri Raja-Lakshmi Foundation, Chennai.