

Indian growth story: The way forward

AIMA's 45th National Management Convention was an interactive platform for policy makers, political and corporate leaders to discuss key issues concerning the nation and find out ways for economic development



(L-R) Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; T V Mohandas Pai, President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services; Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India; Sanjiv Mehta, Convention Chairman and Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Ltd; Harshavardhan Neotia, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group; Sanjay Kirloskar, Vice President, AIMA and Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd. (Inset) Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Government of India, addressing AIMA 45th National Management Convention through video message

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Indian democracy's tradition is *matbhed*, not *manbhed*. We should fight on ideology and programmes and all parties should raise the level of politics, said Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India, in a special session of Aap Ki Adalat at AIMA's 45th National Management Convention. Replying to a question asked by

Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, India TV, vehicular pollution, Gadkari said, "Delhi's pollution is down by 27% because of new peripheral roads because of which trucks do not have to go through Delhi."

In a video message, Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Government of India, said that India is poised for a huge growth. "In aviation, we are trying to make airplanes in India. Around 100 airports will come up in the next 15 years with the investment of 65 billion dollars. I am preparing a

vision for aviation for 2035 to make it globally competitive and the leading industry of the country. All these transformative measures are going to help India grow," he said.

Guest of honour Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India, expressed his opinion on Farm to Frontier: A Unique Development Model for India.

In his keynote address, M J Akbar, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India, spoke about disruption and pillars of modernisation for India.

T V Mohandas Pai, President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services; set the tone for the two-day convention. Rekha Sethi, Director General, All India Management Association, Sanjiv Mehta, Convention Chairman, and Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Limited, and Harshavardhan Neotia, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group, also spoke on the occasion.

Sanjay Kirloskar, Vice President, AIMA, and Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar



Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India and Rajat Sharma, Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, India TV, during Aap ki Adalat at AIMA's NMC



Brothers Ltd concluded the inaugural session.

Several awards were also presented to dignitaries. Sanjiv Mehta received the Honorary Fellowship of AIMA award, whereas Sunil Kant Munjal, Immediate Past President AIMA and Chairman, The Hero Enterprise, was presented the Honorary Life Fellowship of AIMA this year. AIMA Managing India

Awards for Business Leader of the Year was given to Ajay G Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group, and AIMA Managing India Awards for Indian MNC of the Year was presented to Bharat Forge Limited. The award was received by Baba N Kalyani, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited.

Convention Souvenir was also released on the occasion.



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Baba N Kalyani, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Forge Limited, with the AIMA Managing India Award for Indian MNC of the Year



Sanjiv Mehta, Convention Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Limited, recipient of Honorary Life Fellowship of AIMA



Ajay G Piramal, Chairman, Piramal Group recipient of the AIMA Managing India Awards for Business Leader of the Year



Sunil Kant Munjal, Immediate Past President, AIMA and Chairman, The Hero Enterprise, recipient of AIMA's Honorary Life Fellowship



Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji, Founder, The Art of Living Foundation, addressing AIMA's NMC as Sudhir Jalan, Chairman & Managing Director, Meenakshi Tea Co. Ltd., and Preetha Reddy, Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals look on