

Towards strength, growth, and global autonomy

The second day of AIMA's 52nd National Management Convention highlighted important insights on India's economic reforms, strategic development, and global policy disruptions



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(L-R) Vishal Kampani, Vice President-AIMA and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd; TV Narendran, Senior Vice President, AIMA and CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd; Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Former Foreign Secretary of India; Suneeta Reddy, President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, and Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA

Our economic fundamentals are very strong. We have had one of the highest rates of growth; we are one of the fastest growing large economies in the world, said Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and Former Foreign Secretary of India, on the second day of the 52nd National Management Convention organised by All India Management Association (AIMA). TV Narendran, Senior Vice President, AIMA and CEO and Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd, also addressed the audience. Earlier, welcomed by Vishal Kampani, Vice President-AIMA and Vice Chairman and Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd, Shringla delivered a keynote address on 'India First: Balancing Strategic Alignment and Autonomy'.

"When we talk of reforms, it is the changes that are required both on the part of the government and the private sector," said V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of

India, in a session titled 'Next-Gen Reforms: Driving Bottom-Up Growth'. With India being an agrarian economy, agriculture and MSMEs play an important role in economic development. With reforms and digitisation, these sectors can drive the growth of the nation. Welcomed by Suneeta Reddy, President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, he discussed the reforms needed to stimulate growth in the Indian economy. Rekha Sethi, Director General, All India Management Association, also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier, on the first day of the 52nd National Management Convention, AIMA brought together national and international experts, who shed light on different facets of resilience and adaptability in the modern world. The sessions addressed the roles of defence, space, sustainable innovation, economic agility, education, banking, etc., in overcoming contemporary global challenges. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat,



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Minister of Tourism and Culture, set the tone for the two-day convention with his address. He said, "Tourism is not just about leisure. It is a strategic pillar of development. It creates jobs, investment, foreign currency and soft power." His address was followed by sessions on diverse subjects including cross-domain hybrid leadership, ISRO's transformative role in the economy, and education system reforms for global resilience. Expanding on the approach towards modern leadership, General Upendra Dwivedi, PVSM, AVSM, Chief of the Army Staff (India) said that a leader today has to be a minimalist. And all those leaders, who become role models, generally follow the principle of minimalism.

Industry leaders and academicians

President, AIMA and Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Ltd; C Raja Mohan, Distinguished Fellow, Council on Strategic and Defence Research; Vishal Kampani, Vice President-AIMA and



Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd; and Group Captain (Dr) Ajey Lele (Retd.), Deputy Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

An insightful panel discussion on navigating global policy disruption to strengthen India's economic growth was conducted on the second day. Panellists Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director-Strategy &



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(L-R) Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director- Strategy & External Relations, Jindal Steel Limited; Satish Reddy, Vice Chairman and Pro-Chancellor, Aditya University; Nitin Atroley, Chief Strategy, People and Corporate Affairs Officer, KPMG in India and Sanjay Narayan, Chief General Manager, Zonal office -Delhi, Union Bank of India



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Srinivasan K Swamy, Past President, AIMA and Executive Group Chairman, R K Swamy Hansa and KN Radhakrishnan, Director and CEO, TVS Motor Company recipient of AIMA - RK Swamy High Performance Brand Award



R Mukundan, Managing Director & CEO, Tata Chemicals Ltd, recipient of AIMA Fellowship



Ayush Gupta, Director (Human Resources), GAIL (India) Limited, recipient of AIMA Honorary Fellowship



Nikhil Sawhney, Immediate Past President-AIMA & Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Ltd, recipient of the AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship



engaged in discussions on sustainable innovation, banking technology, and geopolitical shifts. The event also honoured Larsen & Toubro Ltd with the Managing India Award and recognised academic and industry leadership through prestigious fellowships and awards.

A session on 'War on Peace: Navigating Coercive Geopolitics' brought forth interesting insights about significant challenges because of wars, tariff disputes, trade controls and growing polarisation in the global economy. The discussion moderated by Pranjal Sharma, economic analyst, advisor and author included the panellists Nikhil Sawhney, Immediate Past

External Relations, Jindal Steel Limited; Satish Reddy, Vice Chairman and Pro-Chancellor, Aditya University; and Sanjay Narayan, Chief General Manager, Zonal office-Delhi, Union Bank of India, discussed the Indian industry's solution to achieve a critical level of autonomy in technology, materials, and the markets. They also discussed about sectors which are likely to emerge stronger. The discussion was moderated by Nitin Atroley, Chief Strategy, People, and Corporate Affairs Officer, KPMG in India.

The AIMA-RK Swamy High Performance Brand Award was presented to TVS Motor Company, which was received by K N Radhakrishnan, the Director and CEO of TVS Motor Company. The awards for the AIMA Best LMA Awards 2024-25 were presented to local management associations for their exemplary work during the year.

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