

LEADERS CHART INDIA'S GROWTH PATH

Business, policy and technology leaders converged at AIMA's 70th Foundation Day and 20th National Management Day to discuss India's growth priorities and honour the winners of the 16th AIMA Managing India Awards



Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education with AIMA Managing India Award winners and office bearers. Sitting (L-R) Vivek Chaand Sehgal, Karan Adani, T V Narendran, Dharmendra Pradhan, Sanjiv Goenka, Sunil Kant Munjal, and Sanjay Mehrotra; standing (L-R) Vineet Jain, Harikrishnan S, Mohit Suri, Vineet Agarwal, Rahul Kanwal, Ananya Birla, Vishal Kampani, Rekha Sethi, T V Mohandas Pai; inset (top to bottom) Harsh Mariwala, Sunil Bharti Mittal, and S R Rishikesh



Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Government of India

The All India Management Association (AIMA) marked its Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day and the 20th National Management Day with a full-day leadership summit and the Managing India Awards 2026. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education, Government of India, was the chief guest at the 16th AIMA Managing Awards 2026. The minister conferred the honours on the winners and delivered an empowering address on India's resilience and growth amid global challenges.



The day opened with the discussion on 'Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience'. T V Narendran, president, AIMA, and CEO and managing director, Tata Steel Ltd; Vishal Kampani, senior vice president, AIMA and vice chairman and managing director, JM Financial Ltd; Vineet Agarwal, vice president, AIMA and managing director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd, and Rekha Sethi, director general, AIMA, were the panellists.

in Corporate India 2026 Report. Further, B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog, and T V Narendran engaged in a policy-focused dialogue on India's next decade.

A fireside chat titled 'Thinking Big: Transformation at Scale' featured Sunil Kant Munjal, chairman, Hero Enterprise, and Karan Adani, MD, Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd. An inter-generational leadership session brought together Vivek Chaand Sehgal, chairman, and Laksh Vaaman Sehgal, vice chairman, Motherson Group, in conversation with Shereen Bhan, managing editor, CNBC-TV18.

Technology took centre stage in a



Release of AIMA-KPMG Women Leadership in Corporate India 2026 Report; (L-R) Vineet Agarwal, vice president, AIMA and managing director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd; Rekha Sethi, director general, All India Management Association; T V Narendran, president, AIMA and CEO and managing director, Tata Steel Ltd; Smriti Zubin Irani, former Union Cabinet Minister, Government of India and Young Global Leader, World Economic Forum; Yezeri Nagaporewalla, CEO, KPMG in India; Navika Kumar, group editor-in-chief, Times Now and Times Now Navbharat, and Shikha Kamboj, partner, KPMG in India



(L-R) B V R Subrahmanyam, CEO, NITI Aayog and T V Narendran



(L-R) Karan Adani, managing director, Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd and Sunil Kant Munjal, chairman, Hero Enterprise

Smriti Zubin Irani, former Union Cabinet Minister, Government of India, and Young Global Leader, World Economic Forum; and Navika Kumar, group editor-in-chief, Times

fireside chat on the AI imperative, with Vishal Sikka, founder and CEO, Vianai Systems and former CEO and MD, Infosys, in conversation with Vishnu Som, senior managing editor,



(L-R) Laksh Vaaman Sehgal, vice chairman, Motherson Group; Vivek Chaand Sehgal, chairman, Motherson Group; and Shereen Bhan, managing editor, CNBC-TV18

Sawhney, vice chairman and MD, Triveni Turbine Ltd; Sujan Chinoy, director general, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) and former Indian

Narendran as the moderator. Avarna Jain, vice chairperson, Saregama India Limited and chairperson, RPSG Lifestyle Media, and Mohit Suri, film director, engaged

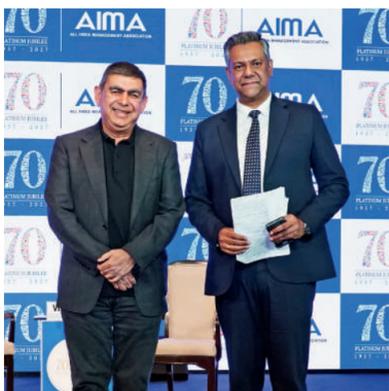
chairman, AIMA Managing India Award Jury and chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, delivered the introductory remarks. Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder and chairman,

featured Vishal Kampani, Vineet Agarwal, Sanjay Kirloskar, chairman and MD, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd, and Mihir Shukla, chairman and CEO, Automation Anywhere. The discussion was moderated by Pranjal Sharma, economic analyst, advisor, and author.

Later in the evening, the Managing India Awards 2026 honoured excellence across industries. Sanjiv Goenka, chairman, AIMA Managing India Award Jury and chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, delivered the introductory remarks. Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder and chairman,

Micon Technology Operations India LLP was named 'MNC in India of the Year'. The award was accepted by the company's chairman, president, and CEO, Sanjay Mehrotra. Sunil Kant Munjal and T V Mohandas Pai, chairman, 3one4 Capital and co-founder and chairman, Aarin Capital, received the AIMA Excellence Award.

Karan Adani, MD, Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd, was awarded 'Business Leader of the Year'. Ananya Birla, founder, Svatantra Microfin Pvt Ltd; founder and MD, Birla Cosmetics Pvt Ltd and director, Aditya Birla Group was honoured as 'Young Business Leader of the Year'. Cochin Shipyard Limited was recognised as 'Outstanding PSU of the Year'; the award was accepted by Harikrishnan S, the company's director (Operations). Rahul Kanwal, CEO and editor-in-chief, NDTV, received the 'Outstanding Contribution to Journalism' honour. Mohit Suri was named 'Director of the Year' for Saiyaara. Aravind Sanka, co-founder and CEO; Pavan Guntupalli,



(L-R) Vishal Sikka, founder and CEO, Vianai Systems and former CEO and managing director, Infosys and Vishnu Som, senior managing editor, NDTV



(L-R) Yezeri Nagaporewalla; Sujan Chinoy, director general, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) and former Indian Ambassador to Japan and Mexico; T V Narendran; Nikhil Sawhney, vice chairman and managing director, Triveni Turbine Ltd; and Raj Chengappa, group editorial director (Publishing), The India Today Group

Now and Times Now Navbharat, engaged in an insightful discussion on the role of women in India's leadership narrative. They also released the AIMA-KPMG Women Leadership

NDTV. A panel discussion on 'Geopolitics and Global Business: Navigating Uncertainty in a Changing World Order' comprised Nikhil

Ambassador to Japan and Mexico; Yezeri Nagaporewalla, CEO, KPMG in India; and Raj Chengappa, group editorial director (Publishing), The India Today Group with T V

in a fireside chat on the importance of bringing out optimistic narratives through modern-day cinema. Another insightful panel on India's economic and geopolitical rise



Mohit Suri, film director, and Avarna Jain, vice chairperson, Saregama India Limited and chairperson, RPSG Lifestyle Media



(L-R) Mihir Shukla, chairman and CEO, Automation Anywhere; Sanjay Kirloskar, chairman and managing director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd; Pranjal Sharma, economic analyst, advisor and author; Vishal Kampani, senior vice president, AIMA, and vice chairman and managing director, JM Financial Ltd; and Vineet Agarwal



Dignitaries at AIMA Managing India Awards ceremony

Bharti Enterprises, was named 'Business Leader of the Decade'. Harsh Mariwala, chairman, Marico Limited, received the 'Lifetime Contribution Award'. Vineet Jain, managing director, Bennett, Coleman & Co Ltd, was recognised with the 'Lifetime Contribution to Media' award. Motherson Group took home the 'Indian MNC of the Year' honour, received by chairman Vivek Chaand Sehgal.

co-founder; and SR Rishikesh, co-founder, Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited (Rapido), won the award for 'Entrepreneur of the Year'.

The celebrations closed with a vote of thanks by Vishal Kampani, rounding off a day that blended strategic foresight with recognition of those shaping India's growth narrative.