

NAVIGATING TOMORROW'S FRONTIERS

AIMA's Platinum Jubilee National Management Convention closed its second day with a wide-ranging set of conversations, from economic resilience to cultural legacy and India's ambitions in space



(L-R) Vineet Agarwal, Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd; Vishal Kampani, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd; Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance; and Corporate Affairs, Government of India; T V Narendran, President, AIMA and CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd and Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA



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As part of the ongoing Platinum Jubilee National Management Convention of All India Management Association (AIMA), another day of discussions and deliberations unfolded with an august gathering of policymakers, corporate leaders, and academics. Under the theme 'Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience', the thought leaders discussed the country's exemplary economic resilience, an ever-changing world order, reaping the demographic dividend and

products, services, processes and institutions. Our goal is for Indian products to be not just 'made in India,' but 'imagined in India.'"

T V Narendran, president, AIMA and CEO and managing director, Tata Steel Ltd, delivered the welcome address. Vineet Agarwal, vice president, AIMA and managing director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd, welcomed Sitharaman for the session, and Vishal Kampani, senior vice president, AIMA and vice chairman and managing director, JM Financial Ltd, delivered the concluding remarks. Rekha Sethi, director general, AIMA,

astronaut, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), was welcomed by Nikhil Sawhney, vice chairman and managing director, Triveni Turbine Ltd, and Suneeta Reddy, Immediate Past President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. Shukla spoke about the



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(L-R) Gaurav Chiplunkar, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, UVA Darden School of Business; Sudhir Jalan, Chairman, Neo Foods Pvt. Ltd.; Sanjiv Mehta, Executive Chairman, L Catterton India; Yezdi Nagporewalla, CEO, KPMG in India and Nalin Mehta, Managing Editor, Moneycontrol; Chief AI Officer - Editorial Operations, Network18 and Non-Resident Senior Fellow, ISAS, National University of Singapore



Richard Rekhy, Vice Chair, Grant Thornton Bharat recipient of AIMA Fellowship

Arun Kumar, Managing Partner, Celesta Capital recipient of AIMA Fellowship

Suneeta Reddy, Immediate Past President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd recipient of AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship

converting every threat into an opportunity for the next growth cycle.

Delivering the day's keynote address, Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister, Government of India, Nirmala Sitharaman, said, "This year's theme for AIMA's convention, 'Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience', aligns closely with the country's strategic priorities. India is now borrowing to invest rather than consume. Our next phase of growth must focus on quality, and every factory floor, boardroom, service centre and R&D team should aim for higher standards and fewer defects. Quality consciousness must become a shared discipline embedded across

also graced the occasion and set the context for the day's proceedings, which saw several insightful conversations.

Energy in the hall shifted again for the morning's most anticipated session titled 'From



session brought together sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons, Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, both accomplished sarod players and composers in their own right. Moderated by Shekhar Gupta, founder and editor-in-chief, The Print, during the conversation, the three discussed what it means to inherit a musical tradition and still find room to experiment within it, and how classical Indian art forms can stay relevant to younger audiences without losing their roots.

Earlier in the day, a panel titled 'Fortifying Growth: Arming the Economy Against External Disruptions' was held. Panelists included Sanjiv Mehta, executive chairman, L Catterton India; Sudhir Jalan, chairman, Neo Foods Pvt Ltd; Yezdi Nagporewalla, CEO, KPMG in India and Gaurav Chiplunkar, assistant professor of business administration, UVA Darden School of

discipline and years of preparation behind his journey from an aspiring flyer to an astronaut. The session traced not just a personal story but a national one, situating India's expanding spaceflight capability within the country's broader technological and scientific ambitions, and pointing to what that ambition could mean for a generation of engineers and scientists still to come.

The tone shifted from economic strategy to cultural continuity in the next session, a fireside chat titled 'The Sound of Legacy'. The



(L-R) Sarod Players and Composers Ayaan Ali Bangash and Amaan Ali Bangash; Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Sarod Maestro and Composer; Shekhar Gupta, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, The Print, and TV Narendran

Business. Moderated by Nalin Mehta, managing editor, Moneycontrol, chief AI officer - editorial operations, Network18 and non-resident senior fellow, ISAS, National University of Singapore, the panel examined how India can protect its growth story from external risks like geopolitical tension, trade disruption, and supply-chain shocks. It explored what businesses, policymakers, and investors need to do today to make India's growth more secure and future-ready.

The convention closed with its valedictory

session, built around the overarching theme that ran through both days, 'Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience'. The session examined how India can sustain high growth while building economic resilience, the reforms and investments needed to strengthen productivity and inclusion, and how government and industry can work together to build an economy ready to absorb shocks and compete globally.

The session included the presentation of AIMA Fellowship(s) to Richard Rekhy, vice chair, Grant

Thornton Bharat; and Arun Kumar, managing partner, Celesta Capital; along with AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship to Suneeta Reddy, immediate past president, AIMA and managing director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd.

Over two days, AIMA's Platinum Jubilee National Management Convention successfully covered insightful discussions ranging from geopolitical risk and data infrastructure to family business succession, classical music, and space exploration.

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