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Release of AIMA-KPMG Management Capability Development Index India Report 2024 (L-R) Suneeta Reddy, President, AIMA and Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd; Yezdi Nagporewalla, Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India; Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications; Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India; Sunil Kant Munjal, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, AIMA's 10th NLC and Chairman, Hero Enterprise and Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA

# AIMA's 10th National Leadership Conclave highlights the vision for 'India next'

The 10th National Leadership Conclave (NLC), hosted by the All India Management Association (AIMA), took place on Tuesday, 15th April 2025, in New Delhi, under the theme, 'India Next – Growth, Innovation, and Responsibility.'

In his keynote address, Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, Nitin Gadkari highlighted India's infrastructure advancements. He emphasised, "Rural development must take precedence if we are to build a truly developed nation. That's the path to an audacious India."

Minister of Communications; Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India, Jyotiraditya Scindia also addressed the gathering. Drawing inspiration from the film RRR, Scindia described India as 'Real, Rapid, and Resolute,' symbolising its transformation from a fragile economy to the world's fifth-largest.

AIMA continues to play a pivotal role in driving India's progress through leadership and innovation. Suneeta Reddy, President of AIMA and Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd, shared her optimism, stating, "India is a land of boundless opportunity, where untapped potential will fuel our



Sachin Pilot, Former Deputy Chief Minister, Rajasthan Government, National General Secretary, Indian National Congress and Former Cabinet Minister, Government of India and Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder, Info Edge India Ltd



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Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited and Nikhil Sawhney, Immediate Past President, AIMA and Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Ltd



Sister Shivani, Motivational Speaker and Spiritual Mentor, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organisation and Shrinivas Dempo, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies

With visionary voices from government, industry leaders, and academia, the conclave reflected AIMA's enduring role in fostering responsible leadership and driving India's transformation into a bold and future-ready nation

nation's next transformative leap." These pivotal sessions were also addressed by Sunil Kant Munjal, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, AIMA's 10th NLC and Chairman, Hero Enterprise; T V Narendran, Senior Vice President, AIMA and CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel;



Vellayan Subbiah, Chairman, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd and CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd, and Executive Vice-Chairman, Tube Investments of India recipient of the AIMA Managing India Award for Business Leader of the Year



Sunita Narain, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment recipient of the AIMA Public Service Excellence Award and Sanjiv Puri, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited recipient of the AIMA - JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award. (Inset) A M Naik, Chairman Emeritus, Larsen & Toubro Ltd recipient of the AIMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Management



(L-R) Sanjay Singh, Director- Strategy & External Relations, Jindal Steel & Power; Piruz Khambatta, Group Chairman, Rasna Private Limited; Kamal Bali, President & Managing Director, Volvo Group India; Yezdi Nagporewalla, Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India and Pranjal Sharma, Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author



(L-R) Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd; Vikas Swarup, Former diplomat, television host and best-selling author and Pranjal Sharma Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author

'Audacious India: Becoming Asia's Paramount Power.'

In a soul-stirring opening, Sister Shivani, Motivational Speaker and Spiritual Mentor, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organisation emphasised selfless service and spiritual leadership, aligning with the theme of responsible leadership in a changing world. She stressed that true transformation begins within, i.e., through the cultivation of compassion, wisdom, and inner strength. The session concluded with an engaging interaction, where participants explored how individual awakening can contribute to national and global progress. She was introduced by Shrinivas Dempo, Past President, AIMA, and

Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies. Former diplomat, television host and best-selling author, Vikas Swarup explored how narratives shape perception and influence geopolitics. He was in conversation with Vineet Agarwal, Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd and Pranjal Sharma, Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author. A session on 'Pivot to Invent in India,' moderated by Pranjal Sharma, witnessed Piruz Khambatta, Group Chairman, Rasna Private Ltd; Kamal Bali, President and Managing Director, Volvo Group India;

Yezdi Nagporewalla, Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India and Sanjay Singh, Director- Strategy and External Relations, Jindal Steel and Power, discuss strategies for fostering IP, financial innovation, and risk-taking. In a forward-looking discussion on AI, speakers including Abhishek Singh, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and CEO, AI India Mission; Sandeep Singh, Co-Founder, Newron.AI; Utkarsh B Co-Founder, Xmplify.tech and Former Chief Architect, Flipkart discussed how India can lead the global Artificial Intelligence movement. The session was moderated by Umakant Soni, Chairman, AI foundry and Co-founder, ARTPARK. Moreover, the 7th edition of the AIMA-KPMG Management Capability Development Index India Report 2024, brought out in collaboration with KPMG in India, was also released on the occasion.



## OTHER AWARDS

- AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship**  
Shrinivas Dempo, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies
- AIMA Fellowship**  
Kamal Bali, President & Managing Director, Volvo Group India
- AIMA - Dr. J S Juneja Award for Creativity and Innovation in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises**  
NeuroEquilibrium Diagnostic Systems Pvt Ltd received by Rajneesh Bhandari, Founder & Managing Director
- AIMA - Dr Ram Tarneja Award for Best Article in Indian Management**  
Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Bhatia, Dean Academics, Jaipuria Institute of Management  
Prof. (Dr.) Arun Bhatia, Senior Consultant and Advisor/Founder & CEO- 4 Plus Management Consulting  
Prof. (Dr) Daviender Narang, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management

Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; Yezdi Nagporewalla, Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India, and Vishesh C. Chandio, Chief Executive Officer, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP.

The conclave also celebrated India's visionaries through some of AIMA's prestigious awards and fellowships, recognising those who have made significant contributions to the nation's growth and management thought.

The conclave also witnessed many thought-provoking sessions that addressed India's pressing challenges and aspirations. Sachin Pilot, Former Deputy Chief Minister, Rajasthan Government, National General Secretary, Indian National Congress and Former Cabinet Minister, Government of India, in conversation with Sanjeev Bikhchandani, Founder, Info Edge India Ltd, spoke about the need for equitable regional growth.

Amitabh Kant, India's G20 Sherpa, Government of India, outlined India's strategic ambition to become a global power, stressing bold, adaptive approaches in the special plenary titled



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