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On the second day of the 3rd National Leadership Conclave of All India Management Association in New Delhi, Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Railways, Government of India while speaking on the topic 'Driving Indian Economy: Railways as a Growth Engine', talked extensively about how Indian Railways is working towards strengthening the country's economy and how Asia has dominated the world for a long time. "Asia has an ancient culture and growth cannot happen without a deep-rooted culture. Asia is one continent but not one union unlike most other continents. We must segment Asia and see where most of this growth will come from. I am sure India has a great role to play," he said.



(L-R) Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd; Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Railways, Government of India and Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group



(L-R) Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group; Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (IC), Government of India; Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service and T V Mohandas Pai, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairperson, Manipal Global Education Services

India: Moving ahead with times

The two-day long 3rd National Leadership Conclave by AIMA turned out to be the perfect platform to deliberate upon how industry and government can come together to strengthen India's positioning in the Asian growth map



(L-R) Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service; Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India; M Venkaiah Naidu, Minister of Urban Development, Information and Broadcasting, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India; Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group; Harshvardhan Neotia, Vice President, AIMA & Chairman, Ambuja Neotia Group and T V Mohandas Pai, Senior Vice President, AIMA and Chairperson, Manipal Global Education Services

Prabhu further added that India will play a key role in the coming times. "Transportation sector will be very significant in infrastructure. We are bringing investment for the railways. In a never-before initiative, we are also integrating the railway link with Myanmar and other

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While addressing the audience in the valedictory session, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Minister of State, Skill Development and

and formal education is given a lot of importance, but the problem is that we do not look at skilling people. Therefore, the employability of the students in various industries is very low. In the past years, vocational training has not gone into the definition of

skilling. As a country, we have lost a lot of time and we are still slow. Industries pick students according to their requirement and train them to suit their needs, but the government has not been able to provide the training. It became a real challenge for the

country, but now with new initiatives, things are changing. We need to create a functional skill system. As a change, if we are able to overlook the formal education system and provide vocational skills to the students, we would be able to increase their employability many times," added Rudy. He was joined by Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group; Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service and Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA during the session.

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On the second day of the conclave, the welcome address was delivered by Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs talked extensively about how India as a country can demonstrate its soft power to become more visible and get prominence as a world leader. "We are a significant country in terms of our economic growth, forces and technological advancements, but we are not a world leader yet. India's role in the 21st century will come

Leading through Music', Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Sarod Virtuoso & Composer, along with his sons Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, also prominent Sarod Masters & Composers, shared their thoughts on how music continues to enrich our lives for the better. In conversation with Vir Sanghvi, Print and Television Journalist & Columnist, the maestro spoke about how due to the committed musicians of the Indian classical music fraternity, the legacy is still continuing and how India has attained its unique visibility due to its classical music. During the session, they also



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(L-R) Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service; Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs and Richard Rekhy, Former CEO, KPMG in India

THE SOFT POWER THAT INDIA HAS CAN CONSIDERABLY AUGMENT THE COUNTRY'S POTENTIAL TO BECOME A LEADER IN THE COMING TIMES.

neighbours," he shared. According to him, this integration will not only have good infrastructure, give more jobs, but will also provide the proper vision and strategy for India to work towards making this region stronger. Prabhu was accompanied by Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv

Entrepreneurship (IC), Government of India, said, "While we talk about Make in India, it is imperative that we also talk about the Makers in India as Make in India will only happen if we have makers in India. There are a large number of educated people in India



(L-R) Sunil Alagh, Chairman, SKA Advisors & Past President, AIMA; Pramod Bhasin, Founder, Genpact and Chairman, The Skills Academy; Rekha Sethi, Director General, AIMA; Sanjiv Goenka, Conclave Chairman and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group; Manish Singhal, Founding Partner, Pi Ventures and Sunil Kant Munjal, President, AIMA and Chairman, Hero Corporate Service

Development, Information and Broadcasting, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, talked about how governance came to prominence only in the 1990s. "On the way to create Asia as a world leader, India and China have a very prominent role to play. The population in Asia, and more specifically the population of our country has to be leveraged for growth. As a country, we will have to focus on wealth creation through ideas. Industries, business and agriculture are the pillars of our economy and also our development. Asia is going to be the future for the world's development story and emerge strongly as a world leader in the coming times," said Naidu.

Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, Government of India, during his address highlighted the fact that the Indian GDP in PPP is \$8 trillion and this contribution is extremely significant. "As our businesses do the good work that they are doing, they must also focus and innovate around affordability to be able to meet the expectations and genuine needs of the Indian consumer," said Sinha.



(L-R) Vanitha Narayanan, Chairman, IBM India Private Limited; Rishi Jaitly, CEO, Times Global, Bennett Coleman and Co. Ltd. (Times Group) and D Shivakumar, Chairman & CEO - India Region, PepsiCo India Holdings Pvt Ltd

from its art, society and culture that the world likes. Our culture is so strong that we embrace all while standing on our own feet. But, the soft power has to have the hard power behind to be credible." The session was also addressed by Richard Rekhy, Former CEO, KPMG in India. This century is said to be the Asian century. The region has given a lot to the world in terms of culture and art. India being an important country in Asia has also contributed significantly with its art forms and culture. The soft power that India has can considerably augment the country's potential to become a leader in the coming times. In an interesting session on 'Plucking the right strings:

elucidated how music always has a positive effect and therefore, the younger generation and the corporate sector also embraces it as is. They iterated that with the soft power of music, India can definitely create its unique position in the world order. The two day conclave witnessed the presence of various ministers from the government, dignitaries from various industries and many other prominent personalities from across sectors. With its insightful deliberations and brain-storming sessions that were attended by a large audience on both days, the conclave successfully evolved as a platform where ideas were exchanged and perspectives were shared across segments.