

Fostering growth, the digital way

The second day of the 4th edition of National Leadership Conclave focussed on how India can become an inclusive and sustainable nation with the use of technology



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In the keynote address on the second day of the 4th edition of the National Leadership Conclave, organised by All India Management Association (AIMA), Jairam Ramesh, Member of Parliament (RS), Indian National Congress, emphasised on the steps that the political organisations should take to ensure that not just national unity, but even equality is achieved among the masses. "We all look forward to growth, but we need to acknowledge the fact that the growth must be inclusive. I have come to realise that the nation needs to have rapid, inclusive and sustainable growth. Agricultural growth has to be sustainable. Gone are the days of the supremacy of the central or state government. It is now a three-tier governance that includes central, state and local governments. State governments

have become powerful in the last 30 years, but now the local governments need to take off. There is a need to empower the gram panchayats," said Jairam Ramesh. This session was chaired by TV Mohandas Pai, President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services Pvt Ltd, who discussed about the need of getting employment for the youth in the country. He also stressed on the need of local governance being more impactful. Technology is changing the engagement that the government has with its people. Digitisation is making the government more accessible to the citizens and vice versa. In the second session, chaired by P Balaji, Director-Regulatory, External Affairs & CSR, Vodafone India, Arvind Gupta, CEO, MyGov, said, "The concept of government as a service is very new for India. As a nation, India didn't have the choice as we are leapfrogging



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into the 4th industrial revolution and getting digitalised simultaneously. Aadhar stack platform is the most frugal platform in the world, it is not private and it connects with those

who are online as well as offline. By linking the people through this platform, we are taking the Sarkar to everybody's door."

New technologies and businesses drive high economic growth. They create new demand and new jobs and also upgrade the productivity of the existing economy. India, as a nation, is beginning to see emergence of disruptive startups that are redefining industry, agriculture, services and infrastructure. These startups are not only redefining industries, but are also redefining employment among the youth of the country. They are removing the constraints on scaling up both, the capacity and the output of the enterprises. Nonetheless, India has to find the money and the talent to promote experimentation and the will to reward game changers. India's future growth will depend on the fact as to how it realises the potential of

these disruptive startups. A panel discussion on Disruptive Startups: The X Factor in Future Growth was organised towards the end of the second day. Moderated by Pranav Pai, Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer, 3one4 Capital, the panelists for the session included Kumar Abhishek, Founder & CEO, ToneTag; Anand Anandkumar,

Co-Founder and CEO, Bugworks Research; and Umair Mohammed, Founder & CEO, Wigzo Technologies. The discussion during the session focussed on the parts of Indian economy that are ready for disruptive startups.

Earlier, the second day of the Conclave began with a yoga and meditation session by Art of Living.



(L-R) Pranav Pai, Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer, 3one4 Capital; Anand Anandkumar, Co-Founder and CEO, Bugworks Research; Kumar Abhishek, Founder & CEO, ToneTag and Umair Mohammad, Founder & CEO, Wigzo Technologies

AIMA LAUNCHES YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL

In its endeavour to provide a platform to young leaders to shape the management destiny of the country, All India Management Association has constituted Young Leaders Council (YLC). The Council, consisting of enterprising and socially-minded young men and women, who are the driving force of Indian business, art, culture and sports flourishing across sectors and economies, will try to bring about transformational changes in India.

The Council, over time, will serve to be a synergistic conduit for business ideas, a platform for collaboration, network of ideas, and an enabler of innovation. The objective of the Council is to create a platform for young leaders who are ushering in the new era of change and building the new age India to engage with each other on a regular



AIMA Young Leaders Council members

basis. It also aims to mentor and nurture young leaders to prepare for the next wave of national transformation. Not only will it provide networking opportunities for the young leaders, but also translate the learnings from the evolution of leadership thinking in India into AIMA's core focus in the domain.

The Council will comprise members from gen-next of inter-generational/legacy businesses, known for building inter-generational client confidence and stakeholder; founders of start-ups; young professionals from large and medium companies, recognised as future leaders; and young leaders from different walks of life. It would also have permanent mentors including President, AIMA; Immediate Past President, AIMA; AIMA Office Bearers; and Director General, AIMA.