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US-India: Strategic Areas of Collaboration

AIMA's 3rd US-India Conference at Berkeley highlights India's growing importance for the US companies and identifies the way forward for increasing mutual trade and investment

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Keeping up with its endeavour to provide a platform for thought-provoking deliberations, All India Management Association (AIMA) organised the 3rd US-India Conference at Berkeley Haas recently.

The conference started with the welcome address by Carol Christ, Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley, who stressed on the importance of good and high quality learning for making a positive difference. Conference Chairman Sunil Kant Munjal, Chairman, The Hero Enterprise, underlined the need of the world, in particular US businesses, to look at India from the perspective of a large yet complex market.

Addressing the audience, T.V. Mohandas Pai, President, AIMA and Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services, presented the Great India story, one of hope and opportunities, on the basis of statistics and facts. In his keynote address, Rajeev Gowda, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, India, identified healthcare, infrastructure and education as the key and important areas where technology and innovations associated with them could help India leapfrog into the future.

(L-R) Solomon N Darwin; T V Mohandas Pai; Carol Christ, Chancellor, University of California, Berkeley; Sunil Kant Munjal; Rajeev Gowda, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, India; Ambassador Venkatesan Ashok, Consul General of India, San Francisco and Catherine Wolfram, Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Cora Jane Flood Professor of Business Administration, Berkeley Haas

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Ambassador Venkatesan Ashok, Consul General of India, San Francisco, gave a special address while Solomon N Darwin, Executive Director, Garwood Center for Corporate Innovation, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley, delivered the concluding remarks.

Earlier, Prof. Catherine Wolfram, Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Cora Jane Flood Professor of Business Administration, Berkeley Haas; and Rekha Sethi, Director General, All India Management Association, also addressed the gathering.

The session of John T Chambers, Founder and CEO, JC2 Ventures, and Chairman Emeritus, Cisco, was the highlight of the conference. While addressing the gathering, he emphasised that it is important for organisations to be agile to the changing needs of the market and also share the fruits of the growth with all the stakeholders.

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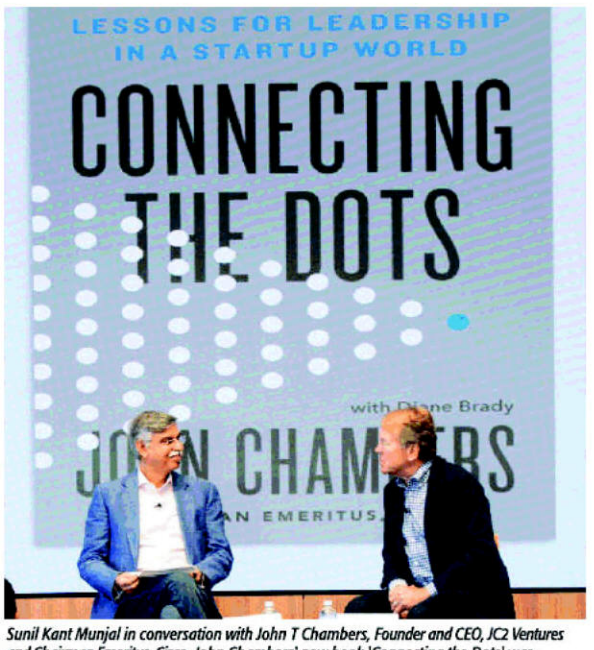

Sunil Kant Munjal in conversation with John T Chambers, Founder and CEO, JC2 Ventures and Chairman Emeritus, Cisco. John Chambers' new book 'Connecting the Dots' was presented to Sunil Kant Munjal at the Conference

The panelists of the next session discussed the healthcare sector. The session was chaired by Munis D Faruqui, Chair of India Studies, Director, Institute for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley; and the panelists were Preetha Reddy, Vice Chairperson, Apollo Hospitals; Eric Goosby, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy on TB and Professor of Medicine at UCSF School of Medicine; Clifford Samuel, Sr. Vice President - Access Operations & Emerging Markets, Gilead Sciences.

Catherine Wolfram chaired the panel discussion on globalisation. The esteemed panel comprised of AnnaLee Saxenian, Dean of the School of Information, UC Berkeley; Sanjay Kirloskar, Vice President, AIMA and Chairman and Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd; Sudhir Jalan, Chairman & Managing Director, Meenakshi Tea Co. Ltd; Sean Randolph, Senior Director, Bay Area Council Economic Institute.

The concluding discussion revolved around scaling up the start-ups where in panelists Anil Kamath, Fellow and Vice President of Technology, Adobe; Ajeet Singh, Co-Founder and Executive Chairman, ThoughtSpot; Venktesh Shukla, General Partner, Monta Vista Capital; ex Chair, TiE Global; B.V. Jagadeesh, Managing Partner, KAAJ Ventures; discussed their views under the chairmanship of Toby Stuart, Faculty Director, Berkeley-Haas Entrepreneurship.

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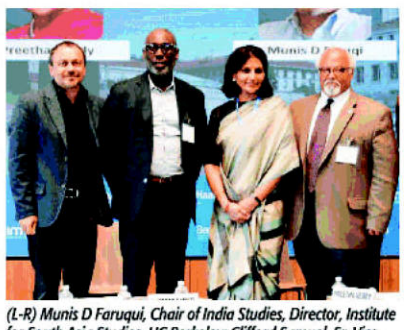

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AIMA CEO DELEGATION TO THE SILICON VALLEY

AIMA CEO delegation at NASA Ames Research Center

AIMA organised pre-conference visits to iconic Silicon Valley companies from September 4-6. The delegation was led by Sunil Kant Munjal as Leader of the Delegation and T.V. Mohandas Pai as Co-leader of the Delegation. It also included Sanjay Kirloskar; Preetha Reddy; Nikhil Sawhney, Vice Chairman and MD, Triveni Turbine Limited; Sudhir Jalan; Rekha Sethi; Sreenivas Dempo, Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies; Akhil Bansal; Vineet Agarwal, MD, Transport Corporation of India Ltd; Vikram Chandra; Kusum Pai, Founder, KSA Social; Prof Solomon N Darwin; Vasudev Bhandarkar, Founder & CEO, ScoreData Corporation; Shiv Grewal, Co-Founder and Managing Member, Auctus Global Capital Group; Pratima Kirloskar; Pranav Pai, Founding Partner and Chief Investment Officer, 3one4 Capital; Rama Kirloskar; Siddarth Pai, Founding Partner and Chief Financial Officer, 3one4 Capital; and Nisha Holla, Co-Founder and Director of Product, Biomoneta.

AIMA CEO delegation visit to Verily Life Sciences

AIMA CEO delegation visit to Apple

The visits were conducted at Silicon Valley's most innovative companies such as Apple, NASA Ames Research Center, Verily Life Sciences, Byton, AutoDesk, Gilead Sciences and Greylock Partners. The delegation also visited the Stanford University Campus and an early expansion stage venture capital firm - Innovation Endeavors.

AIMA CEO delegation visit to Gilead Sciences