



**AIMA's Platinum Jubilee (70th) Foundation Day &
20th National Management Day
'Transforming for tomorrow: Growth with Resilience'
Saturday, 21st February 2026: Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi**

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

(as on 19 February, 2026)

0830 – 0925 hrs

Registration / Arrival of Delegates

0930 – 0950 hrs

Opening Session

Transforming for tomorrow: Growth with Resilience

The future is changing continuously with new technologies taking over and trade undergoing arbitrary shifts. Indian businesses need to keep an eye on the horizon while dealing with the near opportunities and risks. Enterprises must evolve to align with the changing technologies, policies, and regulations and to build resilience against random disruptions. Business leaders must find methods and resources to reinvent value propositions, business models, organizations, supply chains and to develop agility for continuous adaptation. They must find ways to sustain global competitiveness on scale, costs, and innovation across technological, economic, and geopolitical shifts. They must aim for transformation for enduring success instead of merely incremental upgrades.

- *How can Indian companies move from incremental change to radical transformation without affecting returns and stability?*
- *How could Indian companies reconcile growth drive with resilience compulsion?*
- *Which are the key business competencies and management measures required for future relevance and resilience?*

Lighting of the lamp

Introductory Remarks

Rekha Sethi

Director General, All India Management Association

Welcome Address

T V Narendran

President, AIMA and

CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd

Release of AIMA Platinum Jubilee Foundation Day Souvenir

Address

Vishal Kampani

Senior Vice President-AIMA and

Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd

Concluding Remarks

Vineet Agarwal

Vice President, AIMA and

Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

0955 – 1040 hrs Session 2

Panel Discussion

India's Destiny in a Wobbly World: Building Growth Resilience

India's economic and geopolitical rise continues despite wobbles in the global economy and order. India's GDP is growing at twice the rate of the global economy, and it promises to grow even faster if not thrown off course by global chaos. India needs to protect its growth momentum against geopolitical, technological, socio-political, and environmental vulnerabilities to fulfil its manifest destiny of becoming a rich, resilient, and dominant country. India's GDP growth is the basis of its place in the world and it must sustain and accelerate growth with and without external dependencies for capital, technology, energy and defence. India's growth resilience also depends on regional and domestic order, and it must reconcile territorial and ethnic issues with its economic and geopolitical destiny.

- *What kind of industrial, trade and foreign policies are required to accelerate and protect India's GDP growth?*
- *How can India navigate international vanity contests, territory grabs, trade tangles, and technology barricades?*
- *What can India do to prevent regional acrimony from sapping its energy and focus?*

Moderator

Pranjal Sharma

Economic analyst, advisor and author

Panelists

Vishal Kampani

Senior Vice President-AIMA and

Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd

Vineet Agarwal

Vice President, AIMA and

Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Sanjay Kirloskar

Chairman & Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd

Mihir Shukla

Chairman & CEO, Automation Anywhere

Interaction with audience

1045 – 1130 hrs Session 3

Panel Discussion

Geopolitics and Global Business: Navigating Uncertainty in a Changing World Order

Global companies are caught in geopolitical crossfire as the incumbent and the rising powers wrestle to reshape the world order. They face minefields of national vanities, international power struggles, transmissible sanctions, tariff tussles, export controls, investment barricades, environment and human rights variance and more. Trade, technology, and travel are freely weaponized, both in

domestic politics and cross-border conflicts. Though it creates new opportunities for Indian multinationals, thanks to India's flexible alignment, it also creates costly disruptions and crippling uncertainties for them. Navigating uncertainty of the changing world order requires Indian companies to develop geopolitically agile strategies and geopolitical operating models.

- *How can Indian multinationals develop geopolitical agility?*
- *What do Indian companies require to gain from reorganization of global markets and supply chains?*
- *How can Indian multinationals navigate sanctions, tariff wars, export controls, and regulatory variance?*

Moderator

TV Narendran

President, AIMA and
CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd

Panellists

Nikhil Sawhney

Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Ltd

Sujan Chinoy

Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA) and Former Indian Ambassador to Japan and Mexico

Yezdi Nagporewalla

Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India

Raj Chengappa

Group Editorial Director (Publishing), The India Today Group

Interaction with audience

1135 – 1220 hrs
Session 4

Fire side chat

The Technology Imperative: How India Can Win in the AI Age

India's aspiration to become rich and its compulsion to raise living standards of 1.5 billion people require rapid increase in productivity and innovation. India is counting on technology to make it happen, especially AI, which promises to deliver output at unprecedented speed and scale. However, AI's powers have made it the most coveted and contested technology, and India needs to avoid technology denial to sustain productivity growth. India needs to find ways to leverage its vast workforce, large market, enormous data, and software capabilities to create world-class, globally relevant AI models and applications. India needs to scale AI learning and use, and it needs supportive partners, policies, and regulations to win the AI race.

- *What kind of funding, incentives, and regulatory support are required in India to scale investment in emerging technologies?*
- *How much and how fast can India hope to raise productivity of its large semi-educated population using AI?*
- *Is India better served by dominating AI applications or by owning AI models?*

Moderator

Vishnu Som

Senior Managing Editor, NDTV

Speaker**Vishal Sikka**

Founder and CEO, Vianai Systems and
Former, CEO & Managing Director, Infosys

Interaction with audience

1225 - 1310 hrs**Session 5****Fire side chat****Leadership Across Generations: Building Resilient Organizations in a Changing World**

This fireside chat explores how family-led enterprises can build resilient organizations amid rapid technological, market, and generational change. Drawing on lived entrepreneurial experience, the session examines contrasting leadership styles, decision-making across generations, and the challenge of aligning legacy with innovation. It will discuss the role of codified governance, succession planning, and professional management in sustaining credibility and cohesion. The conversation highlights that enduring resilience comes from shared inter-generational commitment to entrepreneurship and adaptation—not merely the transfer of ownership or control.

- *How can entrepreneurship and leadership be transmitted across generations?*
- *What kind of structures and systems can strengthen governance and agility in a multi-generation leadership?*
- *What kind of professional hiring and empowering strategies work in today's business environment?*

Moderator**Shereen Bhan**

Managing Editor, CNBC-TV18

Speakers**Vivek Chaand Sehgal**

Chairman, Motherson Group

Laksh Vaaman Sehgal

Vice Chairman, Motherson Group

Interaction with audience

1310 – 1400 hrs**Lunch Break**

1400 – 1450 hrs**Session 6****Women, Power and the New Indian Leadership Narrative**

Indian women have never had it so good, but it can be much better. While there has been a significant increase in the visibility of women in leadership roles across politics, government, business, and homes, women with independent power remain exceptions. Inclusion and empowerment have yielded important but limited representation and leadership. However, the narrative of women's power is beginning to change from patronage and inheritance to normative equality and autonomy. While the statutory inclusion in boards and parliament is helpful, the real change in Indian leadership ethos is coming from women opting to take power instead of merely receiving it. Still, for the new narrative to sustain, minds need to be changed with proof and social reinvention.

- *How ready is India for independent women political and business leaders?*

- *How can Indian women normalize their claim on power and leadership and avoid the inclusion and empowerment trap?*
- *How can the narrative of Indian leadership be changed from broad-chested masculinity to one that women find more relatable and imitable?*

Moderator

Navika Kumar

Group Editor-in-Chief, Times Now and Times Now Navbharat

Release of AIMA - KPMG Women Leadership in Corporate India 2026 Report
(AIMA Office Bearers, DG-AIMA and KPMG Representatives to join on dais)

Introduction to the Report

Shikha Kamboj

Partner, KPMG in India

Speaker

Smriti Zubin Irani

Former Union Cabinet Minister, Government of India and
Young Global Leader, World Economic Forum

Interaction with audience

1455 – 1540 hrs
Session 7

Fire side chat

Stories of Transformation: Growth, Resilience and Reinvention – On Screen and Off

India's narratives have a brash new flavour and there is a manifest optimism and bravado in the tales being told on screen and the success stories being created off it. The dramatic transformation of personal fortunes against the odds and reinterpreting of failures as triumphs is the new spirit of India and the new hit formula of popular entertainment. Stories of great resilience, perseverance, and glory dominate both the real and the fictional wars, sports, career, class mobility, community reform and more. The narratives of transformation are overlaying the frustrations and angst with hope and passion and serving both personal motivation and political causes. India needs a growing supply of grand triumphs on screen and off it to sustain its drive to become a world leader.

- *How is India being reshaped by the stories of real and fictional stories of struggle, resilience, and triumph?*
- *What role are news and entertainment playing in keeping India optimistic in a troubled world?*
- *How can the narratives of incredible victories be sustained over time without losing credibility and impact?*

Moderator

Avarna Jain

Vice Chairperson, Saregama India Limited &
Chairperson, RPSG Lifestyle Media

Speaker

Mohit Suri

Film Director

Interaction with audience

1545 – 1630 hrs

Session 8

Fire side chat

Thinking Big: Transformation at Scale

The new India has moved on from a fragmented economy to a consolidation of capacity for rapid transformation. Adani Group is the strategic spearhead of this new approach, and it has built enterprises that manage national resources and assets at a global scale. The group exemplifies the ‘think big’ and ‘think global’ ethos and it has strung together infrastructure and energy pearls and partnered global giants to drive growth, resilience and technology transition of the national economy. By thinking and acting at scale, it has become a strategic enterprise for India’s capacity building, competitiveness, and soft power. Its commitment to massive future investments is an assurance for India’s transformation at scale.

- *What allows Adani group leadership think in decades and build at global scale?*
- *How does the group build leadership capacity for transformation at scale?*
- *How would Adani group’s \$100 billion investment plan change India?*

Moderator

Sunil Kant Munjal

Chairman, Hero Enterprise

Speaker

Karan Adani

Managing Director, Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd

Interaction with audience

1635 – 1720 hrs

Session 9

The next India: Policies and plans for the next decade

India’s journey to becoming a rich economy by 2047 requires reaching many milestones on the way, and the policies and plans for the next decade will be critical for accelerating growth and making the economy future ready. India’s GDP needs to grow by 9%-10% every year over the next decade to position itself to reach the goal of at least \$30 trillion GDP by 2047. Plans are in place for investment-led GDP growth, especially in the infrastructure, manufacturing, digital and energy sectors, and the policies are committed to putting the business first. Still, in a frequently changing world, India’s plans and policies must continuously adapt to the shifting policies of other major economies, chaotic geopolitics, technological breakthroughs, energy transition, and domestic politics.

- *How can India tweak its plans and policies over the next decade to achieve a double-digit GDP growth?*
- *What kind of resilience policies are needed to guard India’s economy from global disruptions?*
- *How can India ensure that its growth push is democratic and sustainable?*

Moderator

TV Narendran

President, AIMA and
CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd

Speaker **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam**
Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog

Interaction with audience

1720 hrs **Hi-tea at Rani Bagh**

1800 hrs **Arrival of Managing India Award Winners / Celebrities / Chief Guest**

1830 – 2000 hrs **AIMA Managing India Award 2026 followed by dinner**



Managing India Award 2026

Saturday, 21st February 2026: Durbar Hall, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- 06:00 pm Arrival of Award winners, Citation readers and AIMA Office Bearers at Vazir Hall
- 06:20 pm Arrival of the **Chief Guest – Dharmendra Pradhan**, Minister of Education, Government of India
- To meet with the Award winners, celebrities and AIMA office bearers
Group Photograph for Economic Times
- 06.30 pm Proceed towards the Durbar Hall for the award ceremony
- 06:32 pm Introductory Remarks by **Rekha Sethi**, Director General, All India Management Association
- 06:35 pm Welcome Address by **T V Narendran**, President, AIMA and CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd
- 06.40 pm Introduction of the Managing India Awards by **Sanjiv Goenka**, Chairman, AIMA Managing India Award Jury and Chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group
- 06:45 pm Awards Distribution

- Entrepreneur of the Year - **Aravind Sanka**, Co-founder and CEO; **Pavan Guntupalli**, Co-founder and **SR Rishikesh**, Co-founder, Roppen Transportation Services Private Limited (Rapido)
Citation to be read by P Balaji, Group Head-Governance, Risk, Compliance, Air India Limited
- Director of the Year - **Mohit Suri**, Director, Saiyaara
Citation to be read by Rajiv Makhni, Tech Guru and Founder, RM Global Media Ltd
- Outstanding Contribution to Journalism - **Rahul Kanwal**, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, NDTV
Citation to be read by Ajit Pal Singh, Former Captain of the Indian hockey team and Arjuna Award winner
- Outstanding PSU of the Year - **Cochin Shipyard Limited**
Award to be received by: Harikrishnan S, Director (Operations), Cochin Shipyard Limited
Citation to be read by Arpana Ahuja, EVP & Head – Corporate, Brand & Communications, Jindal Steel
- Transformational Business Leader of the Year - **V Vaidyanathan**, Managing Director & CEO, IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
Citation to be read by Anil Somani, Chairman, FOSTIIMA Business School
- Young Business Leader of the Year - **Ananya Birla**, Founder, Svatantra Microfin Pvt. Ltd.; Founder and MD, Birla Cosmetics Pvt. Ltd. and Director, Aditya Birla Management Corporation Pvt. Ltd.
Citation to be read by Shiv Siddhant Kaul, Managing Director, NICCO Engineering Services Pvt Ltd
- Business Leader of the Year - **Karan Adani**, Managing Director, Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd and Adani Cement Ltd
Citation to be read by Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman & Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Ltd
- AIMA Excellence Award
- **Sunil Kant Munjal**, Chairman, Hero Enterprise
Citation to be read by Dilip Cherian, Image Guru, Communications expert, Founder, Perfect Relations
- **T V Mohandas Pai**, Chairman, 3one4 Capital and Co-Founder & Chairman, Aarin Capital
Citation to be read by Shovana Narayan, Kathak Guru-performer-choreographer, Author and IAAS retd.
- MNC in India of the Year - **Micron Technology Operations India LLP**
Award to be received by: Sanjay Mehrotra, Chairman, President and CEO, Micron Technology
Citation to be read by Pranjal Sharma, Economic analyst, advisor and author
- Indian MNC of the Year - **Motherson Group**
Award to be received by: Vivek Chaand Sehgal, Chairman, Motherson Group
Citation to be read by Yezdi Nagporewalla, Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India
- Lifetime Contribution to Media - **Vineet Jain**, Managing Director, Bennett Coleman & Co. Limited
Citation to be read by Sunil Sethi, Chairman, Fashion Design Council of India
- Lifetime Contribution Award - **Harsh Mariwala**, Chairman, Marico Limited
Citation to be read by Shivani Wazir Pasrich, Director of The Study School, Chairperson of The Commonwealth Cultural Forum and CEO, SWP Productions
- Business Leader of the Decade - **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Founder and Chairman, Bharti Enterprises
Citation to be read by Shekhar Gupta, Founder & Editor-in-Chief, Printline Media Private Limited

- 07:34 pm Introduction of Chief Guest – **Vineet Agarwal**, Vice President, AIMA and Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd
- 07:37 pm Address by the **Chief Guest - Dharmendra Pradhan**, Minister of Education, Government of India
- 07:57 pm Vote of Thanks by **Vishal Kampani**, Senior Vice President-AIMA and Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd
- 08:00 pm Private dinner at Mumtaz Hall