



ALL INDIA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

10th National Leadership Conclave
India Next – Growth, Innovation and Responsibility
Tuesday, 15 April, 2025: Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi

AGENDA

(as on 14 April, 2025)

0830 – 0920 hrs

Registration / Arrival of Delegates

0930 – 1015 hrs

Session 1: Awakening the Spirit of Bharat: Leadership for a New Era

The spirit of Bharat is not merely a historical or cultural identity. It is a consciousness of righteousness and selfless service (Seva). The call of time is not just for technological or economic leadership, but also for spiritual leadership that aligns with the higher purpose of humanity — sanskars of compassion, humility, and wisdom. The new era will be shaped not only by external revolutions but by an inner transformation where every individual recognizes the leader within.

Welcome

Shrinivas Dempo

Past President, AIMA and
Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies

Speaker

Sister Shivani

Motivational Speaker and Spiritual Mentor
Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual Organization

Interaction with audience

1020 – 1105 hrs

Session 2: Panel Discussion: - Pivot to invent in India: Making India an innovation economy

India's economy is growing at a good clip but its general prosperity has to wait at least another generation. India needs to up its game and think bigger than producing in India. To accelerate growth in both the GDP and the individual income, India needs to move up the value chain quickly by developing pioneering products and services for the world market. India needs to create a pipeline of intellectual property to get the best value for its talent. India needs to move from cost and process innovation to inventive innovation and open up to the best in the world to make the best for exports. India needs to put innovation before regulation and competition before protection. India's vaulting ambition requires it to play for bigger stakes and take greater risks.

- *What kind of nudge is needed to make Indian companies focus on creating pioneering products and brands for the world?*
- *How can Indian companies manage the transition from cost warriors to IP champions?*
- *What kind of financial and regulatory innovations are required to fund experimentation and potential failures?*

Moderator

Pranjal Sharma

Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author

Panellists

Sunil Vachani

Chairman, Dixon Technologies (India) Ltd

Piruz Khambatta

Group Chairman, Rasna Private Limited

Kamal Bali

President & Managing Director, Volvo Group India

Yezdi Nagporewalla

Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India

Sanjay Singh

Director- Strategy & External Relations, Jindal Steel & Power

Interaction with audience

1110 – 1155 hrs

Special Plenary Session: - Audacious India: Becoming Asia's paramount power

India is no longer shy about its weight in the world and its ambition to be a regional and a global leader. India has established itself as the growth leader among the large economies and it has moved up the power rankings in Asia to the third spot. India has the size and the potential to aspire for economic, technological, and geopolitical leadership, especially on its home continent. However, to realize this ambition, India needs to consolidate its position as a pivotal power in the Indo-Pacific and accelerate its advance as a global centre of production, trade, and innovation. India's destiny as Asia's paramount power depends on its ability to support the world's economic and security needs and win the confidence and trust of all in a fractious and anxious world.

- *What must India do to overtake the US and China to become the leading power in Asia?*
- *What role can the communication sector play in India's ascent as a regional and global leader?*
- *How can India tap the potential of its northeastern states to increase its influence in the regional trade and diplomacy?*

Introductory Remarks

Rekha Sethi

Director General, All India Management Association

Welcome Address

Suneeta Reddy

President, AIMA and

Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd

Presentation of Awards

- **AIMA - Dr. J S Juneja Award for Creativity and Innovation in Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises**

Dr J S Juneja, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, Global Projects & Services Pvt. Ltd to join on dais when award is presented

*Award presented to: **NeuroEquilibrium Diagnostic Systems Pvt Ltd** to be received by **Rajneesh Bhandari**, Founder & Managing Director*

- **AIMA - Dr Ram Tarneja Award for Best Article in Indian Management**

Presented to

- **Prof. (Dr.) Rashmi Bhatia**, Dean Academics, Jaipuria Institute of Management

- **Prof. (Dr.) Arun Bhatia**, Senior Consultant and Advisor/Founder & CEO-4 Plus Management Consulting and

- **Prof. (Dr.) Daviender Narang**, Director, Jaipuria Institute of Management

- **AIMA Fellowship**

Presented to: **Kamal Bali**, President & Managing Director, Volvo Group India

- **AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship**

Presented to: **Shrinivas Dempo**, Past President, AIMA and Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies

- **AIMA Managing India Award for Business Leader of the Year**

Presented to: **Vellayan Subbiah**, Chairman, Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd and CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd, and Executive Vice-Chairman, Tube Investments of India

Citation read by: **Arpana Kumar Ahuja**, Executive Vice President, Head-Corporate Brand & Communications, Jindal Steel & Power

Introduction of AIMA-KPMG Management Capability Development Index India

Yezdi Nagporewalla

Chief Executive Officer, KPMG in India

Release of AIMA-KPMG Management Capability Development Index India 2024

Keynote Address

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Minister of Communications; Development of North Eastern Region
Government of India

Concluding Remarks

Sunil Kant Munjal

Past President, AIMA and Chairman, AIMA's 10th NLC and
Chairman, Hero Enterprise

1200 – 1230 hrs

Session 4: Fireside chat: - Resilience and Growth in the New World Disorder

The world is in a flux and simultaneously multiple changes are pushing corporates to reimagine their businesses and revamp their operations. Rapid and foundational technological advances are redefining value creation, organization structure, supply chain, brand communication and more. Geopolitics is making market access and costs uncertain. Polarization on climate change and sustainability issues is resulting in substantial policy swings. The customer values and preferences are evolving and forcing corporates to reposition themselves. There is a new level of disorder in the world and corporate leaders face unprecedented challenges in defending against disruption and keeping their companies facing the right direction for growth. The leaders have to find ways to navigate the prevailing chaos, steady their companies for continuous growth, and reset their businesses for future relevance and resilience.

- *In the new world disorder, what should corporate leaders do to become future ready and continuously resilient?*
- *ESG issues are becoming a major factor in business and brand strategies. How are you dealing with the climate change and sustainability challenges?*
- *Rapid and radical technology advances are keeping businesses on their toes. How are you keeping your 'digital first' approach current, and how are you using AI in your businesses?*

Welcome

Nikhil Sawhney

Immediate Past President, AIMA and
Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Ltd

Speaker

Sanjiv Puri

Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited

Interaction with audience

1230– 1315 hrs

Lunch Break

1315 – 1410 hrs

Special Plenary Session: - India in the fast lane: Mobility, growth, responsibility

India is accelerating and it is laying the roads for faster economic growth for decades. The high priority for pervasive and rapid mobility is transforming the country and India is closing the gap on world standards in logistics efficiency and cost. Use of new technologies has hastened road construction, eased movement, and empowered governance. Mobility is also driving responsible growth by bringing all regions and populations into the economic mainstream and catalysing the transition to clean energy and vehicle technologies. India's is leading the shift to bio-fuels and electric and green hydrogen vehicles. However, India still has to find ways to build roads faster, make the roads safer, reduce the cost of logistics, and accelerate the shift to clean transportation.

- *How can India increase productivity of its roads and highways?*
- *How can India quickly catch up with the best logistics standards and costs?*
- *What kind of policy nudge is required for a quicker shift to new, cleaner vehicle technologies?*

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Introduction of Awards

Vishesh C Chandiok

Chief Executive Officer, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP

(Grant Thornton Bharat LLP - Knowledge Partner for AIMA Awards of Excellence)

Presentation of Awards

- **AIMA Public Service Excellence Award**
*Presented to **Sunita Narain**, Director General, Centre for Science and Environment*
- **AIMA Lifetime Achievement Award for Management**
*Presented to **A M Naik**, Chairman Emeritus, Larsen & Toubro Ltd (Award to be received by Rucha Nanavati)*
- **AIMA - JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award**
*Presented to **Sanjiv Puri**, Chairman & Managing Director, ITC Limited*

Keynote Address

Nitin Jairam Gadkari
Minister of Road Transport & Highways
Government of India

Concluding Remarks

T V Narendran
Senior Vice President, AIMA and
CEO & Managing Director, Tata Steel Ltd

1415 – 1505 hrs

Session 6: Panel Discussion: - .ai is the new .com

Every business must have AI or be considered a dinosaur. The already made and the wanna-be unicorns are looking over their shoulders as the next disruptors want to bring AI to the digital fight. The AI's promised super-digital powers are making everybody want a piece of it for automated data capture, analysis, prediction, creation, innovation, customer engagement, cost reduction and more. However, AI seems to work in mysterious ways and there are not enough AI experts around. There is also the daunting cost of AI capable hardware and organization-specific machine learning solutions. Scepticism, suspicion and regulations also make AI adoption tricky. The startups need to find ways to unlock the AI treasures and stay ahead in the race to disrupt and own the market.

- *Which are the easy and low-cost applications of AI for startups?*
- *Which business sectors are the most ripe for AI disruption?*
- *How can startups overcome the expertise, cost and compliance challenges of AI?*

Moderator

Umakant Soni
Chairman, AI foundry and Co-Founder, ARTPARK

Panellists

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

Interaction with audience

1510 – 1555 hrs

Session 7: Fire side chat: - From Slumdog to Summits: Storytelling, Geopolitics, and the Art of Influence

This conversation will bridge my journey as both a writer and a diplomat, exploring the power of narratives—whether in fiction or foreign policy—to shape perspectives and influence global discourse. We will delve into the themes behind Slumdog Millionaire and my other novels, the role of storytelling in diplomacy, and my take on the evolving geopolitical landscape, particularly under Trump 2.0.

- *What inspired Slumdog Millionaire and your other novels, and how does fiction serve as a lens to explore deeper social and economic realities?*
- *How is India leveraging its rich cultural heritage, literature, cinema, and diplomacy to expand its global soft power influence?*
- *In an era of shifting global alliances, what are the key geopolitical trends shaping the future?*

Welcome

Vineet Agarwal

Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Speaker

Vikas Swarup

Former diplomat, television host and best-selling author

Concluding Remarks

Pranjal Sharma

Economic Analyst, Advisor and Author

Interaction with audience

1600 – 1645 hrs

Session 8: Fire side chat: - States of the economy: Bridging the regional economic divide

India's regional economic divide is becoming more pronounced as Indian economy is getting more integrated with the global markets. The coastal states with major international ports and airports are cornering much of the investment and talent in manufacturing and services. The inland states are hamstrung by closed land borders in addition to being short on high-speed, high-frequency national and international connectivity. For India to become a high-income country, it needs all its regions and states to have strong trade infrastructure and easy access to international markets. The most direct way the inland states can go from supplying labour to attracting investors is by opening up to the world and enabling business at speed and scale.

- *How can the inland states catch up with the port states in investment and job growth?*
- *How can international trade transform education, infrastructure and incomes in the inland states?*
- *Would the northern and the northeastern states of India become economically vibrant if the land borders were opened for free trade?*

Welcome

Sanjeev Bikhchandani

Founder, Info Edge India Ltd

Speaker

Sachin Pilot

Former Deputy Chief Minister, Rajasthan Government
National General Secretary, Indian National Congress and
Former Cabinet Minister, Government of India

Interaction with audience

1650 – 1735 hrs

Session 9: India's big opportunity: Managing the turns and the U-turns in the world

There is nervousness in much of the world as the returning US president is back with his agenda of unilateral tariffs, technology exclusion, climate policy reversal, and remapping the political geography. Europe is also seeing a reaction against the green movement and the growing power of digital technologies. This disruption gives India a significant opportunity to become a friendly source of clean-tech and digital products and services. India enjoys a special status with all the major powers and has exceptional access to critical technologies and key markets. However, this could be a temporary window of opportunity. India must adjust quickly to the turns and U-turns in the world and take the necessary industrial and trade actions to establish itself as the go-to supplier of all things green and digital.

- *What kind of opportunities open up for India because of the trade and geopolitical intent declared by the US president?*
- *What can India do to quickly position itself as the innovative and dependable supplier of clean-tech and digital products?*
- *How can the G20 bring order and stability in the global economy?*

Welcome Address

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Senior Vice President, AIMA and
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Keynote Address

Amitabh Kant

India's G20 Sherpa
Government of India

Interaction with audience

Concluding Remarks

Suneeta Reddy

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1735 hrs

Conclave Concludes with Networking Hi-Tea
