



Platinum Jubilee National Management Convention
“Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience”
21-22 September, 2026: Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi

CONVENTION AGENDA

(as on 20 September, 2026)

Day 1: Monday, 21 September 2026

0830 – 0925 hrs
0925 hrs

Registration and Networking Tea/Coffee at Shahjahan Hall
All to be seated inside Durbar Hall

0930 – 1030 hrs
Opening Plenary

Building a Resilient India: Competitiveness in a Changing Global Order

India is entering a new phase of growth at a time when the global economic and geopolitical landscape is being fundamentally reshaped. Changing patterns of trade and investment, geopolitical realignments, supply-chain restructuring, technological disruption and energy security are creating both new vulnerabilities and new opportunities. The session will explore how India can use these shifts to strengthen its economic position — by building competitive capabilities, deepening domestic capacity, fostering innovation and technology, and remaining globally integrated and attractive to investment. Resilience is not about withdrawing from the world; it is about building the capabilities to compete confidently in it.

- *How can India turn global disruption into a competitive advantage?*
- *What capabilities does India need to build for resilient and sustained growth?*
- *How can India remain globally integrated while becoming more resilient and self-reliant?*

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 the AIMA Platinum Jubilee Convention Souvenir***
- ***Presentation of AIMA Best LMA Awards 2025-26***

**Introduction of the
Chief Guest**

Vineet Agarwal
Vice President, AIMA and
Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Keynote Address **Amitabh Kant**
Former G20 Sherpa (India); Former CEO, NITI Aayog and
Senior Adviser -Fairfax, SMBC & Warburg Pincus

Interaction with Audience

Concluding Remarks **Vishal Kampani**
Senior Vice President, AIMA and
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd

1035 – 1120 hrs
Plenary Session 2

Data to Decisions: Powering India's Next Growth Story

As India moves towards a new phase of growth, data will increasingly shape not only how we make decisions, but how we measure progress itself. The conversation will explore India's evolving data ecosystem, the role of AI and digital infrastructure, and how we can develop a fuller picture of national progress—going beyond GDP to capture productivity, inclusion, quality of life and sustainability.

- *How can India turn its expanding data ecosystem into a competitive advantage for faster and more inclusive growth?*
- *How should we measure India's progress beyond GDP—and what new indicators matter for the India of tomorrow?*
- *How can data and AI enable better decisions while ensuring quality, trust, privacy and responsible governance?*

Welcome **Vineet Agarwal**
Vice President, AIMA and
Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Keynote Address **Saurabh Garg**
Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Government of India

Interaction with Audience

Concluding Remarks **Shiv Siddhant Kaul**
Managing Director, Nicco Engineering Service Ltd.

1125 – 1240 hrs
Plenary Session 3

Panel Discussion:- A world at War: Navigating Endless Conflicts

The world is entering an era of persistent geopolitical turbulence. From the wars in Europe and the Middle East to tensions across the Indo-Pacific and India's own challenging neighbourhood, conflicts are becoming more interconnected, prolonged and difficult to resolve. At the same time, the boundaries between military power, diplomacy, technology, economics and information warfare are increasingly blurred. How does India navigate this uncertain world—and what does it mean for its strategic choices, economic ambitions and global leadership?

- *Why are today's conflicts proving so difficult to end? Are we witnessing a fundamental shift towards a world of permanent geopolitical competition, rather than temporary wars followed by periods of stability?*

- *Where does India stand in this emerging global order? How should India balance its relationships with the US, Russia, Europe and the Global South while protecting its own strategic autonomy?*
- *Is deterrence replacing diplomacy? What lessons should India draw from recent conflicts about military preparedness, technology, intelligence and the changing nature of warfare?*
- *What are the risks of the next major geopolitical flashpoint? Could the Indo-Pacific, Taiwan, South Asia or another unexpected theatre become the next centre of global conflict?*
- *What does all this mean for business and India's growth story? How should Indian CEOs prepare for a world of fragmented supply chains, trade wars, energy insecurity, sanctions and technology restrictions?*

1125 – 1145 hrs

Moderator

Keynote

Sunil Kant Munjal

Chairman, The Hero Enterprise

Keynote Address

(15 minutes)

Stephen D Mull

Vice Provost for Global Affairs, University of Virginia and

Former Acting Under Secretary for Political Affairs, U.S. Department of State

1145 – 1240 hrs

Moderator

Panel Discussion

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Panellists

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Ajay Bisaria

Former High Commissioner of India to Canada and Pakistan

Lt. Gen. Deependra Singh Hooda (Retd.), PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM & Bar

Co-Founder, The Council for Strategic and Defense Research (CSDR) and

Distinguished Fellow for Military Strategy, Delhi Policy Group

Pramit Pal Chaudhuri

Head of the South Asia Practice, Eurasia Group

Interaction with Audience

1245 – 1335 hrs

Plenary Session 4

India at the Cusp: Can the Growth Story Become a Transformation Story?

India has emerged as one of the fastest-growing major economies, but the next phase will demand more than maintaining momentum. The real challenge is to convert growth into higher productivity, better jobs, broader prosperity and deeper structural transformation. At a time of geopolitical shifts, technological disruption and changing global supply chains, what will it take for India to seize its opportunity and build an economy that is both competitive and inclusive?

- *What are the structural shifts India must make to move from high growth to sustained, transformational growth?*
- *How can India turn its demographic dividend, technology and manufacturing opportunity into productive jobs and broad-based prosperity?*
- *In a fragmented and uncertain global economy, what must India do to emerge as a more competitive and resilient engine of global growth?*

Welcome

T V Narendran

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

Presentation of AIMA Awards

- **AIMA - Kewal Nohria Award for Academic Leadership in Management Education**
*Introduction of the award and winner: **Kewal Nohria**, Past President, AIMA*
*Presented to: **Biswajeet Pattanayak**, Founder & President, ASBM University*
- **AIMA - R K Swamy High Performance Brand Award**
*Introduction of the award and winner: **Srinivasan K Swamy**, Past President, AIMA and Executive Group Chairman, R K Swamy Hansa*
*Presented to: **Trent Limited***

Keynote Address

V Anantha Nageswaran

Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India

Interaction with Audience

Concluding Remarks

P Balaji

Group Head-Governance, Risk, Compliance, Air India Limited

1335 – 1430 hrs

Networking Lunch at Shahjahan Hall

1430 – 1515 hrs

Plenary Session 5

Fireside Chat:- Building for the Long Term: Leadership, Partnership and Change

A candid conversation with Naveen and Shallu Jindal on the journey of building successful businesses, meaningful institutions and a life grounded in shared values. The session will explore the choices and experiences that have shaped their individual and collective journeys, the role of partnership in navigating ambition and responsibility, and the lessons they have learnt while balancing leadership, family and personal values. It will also reflect on their ability to embrace change and remain relevant in a rapidly evolving India and business environment—and their thoughts on what it truly means to build a legacy that endures.

- *How have their shared values and partnership shaped their leadership journeys and helped them balance business, family and public responsibilities?*
- *How have you adapted and stayed relevant as India and its economic, social, and business environment have rapidly changed?*
- *What constitutes a meaningful legacy that they hope to leave behind for future generations?*

Moderator

Navika Kumar

Editor-In-Chief, Times Group

In conversation with

Naveen Jindal

Chairman, Jindal Steel and Member of Parliament

Shallu Jindal

Chairperson, Jindal Foundation and Chancellor, O.P. Jindal University, Raigarh

Interaction with audience

1520 – 1620 hrs

Plenary Session 6

Panel Discussion:- Beyond Legacy: How the Next Generation is Redefining Leadership

India's next generation of business leaders is stepping into leadership at a time of extraordinary change. They inherit successful businesses and powerful legacies, but must navigate a world shaped by technology, AI, geopolitical shifts, sustainability and rapidly changing consumer expectations. How do they honour what has been built before them while having the courage to challenge established ways of doing things? This conversation will explore how the next generation is redefining leadership, innovation, growth and the very idea of legacy.

- *You have inherited businesses with strong legacies and established ways of doing things. What have you felt you must preserve—and what have you felt you must change?*
- *How do you earn the credibility to lead when you come from a well-known business family? Is there a point at which you stop being the "next generation" and simply become a leader in your own right?*
- *Looking ahead 10 years, what will the businesses you lead need to do differently to remain competitive and relevant—and what do you hope your own generation will be remembered for?*

Moderator

Nayantara Rai

Worker, Eternal Limited

Panellists

Lakshmi Venu

Vice Chairman, Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE)

Rama Kirloskar

Joint Managing Director, Kirloskar Brothers Limited

Laxit Awla

Executive Director and CEO, SAEL Industries Ltd

Interaction with audience

1625 – 1725 hrs

Plenary Session 7

Panel Discussion:- Leading Through the Next Disruption: Growth, Resilience and Reinvention

India is entering a new phase where technology, geopolitics, changing consumer expectations and talent are reshaping the rules of business. For CEOs, the challenge is no longer simply to grow, but to continuously reinvent while building organisations that can absorb shocks and seize new opportunities. This conversation brings together leaders from diverse sectors to explore what it takes to stay ahead in a world of constant disruption.

Most importantly, what should CEOs be doing today to prepare for the opportunities—and uncertainties—of tomorrow?

- *How do you balance the pressure for growth today with the need to reinvent for tomorrow?*
- *Which disruptions—AI, geopolitics, technology, changing consumers or talent—will have the biggest impact on Indian businesses?*
- *What distinguishes organisations that merely survive disruption from those that emerge stronger from it?*

Moderator

Raj Chengappa

Group Editorial Director (Publishing), India Today Group &
Editor, India Today Magazine

Panellists

Vishal Kampani

Senior Vice President, AIMA and
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd

Shrinivas V Dempo

Chairman, Dempo Group of Companies

Rajiv Vastupal

Group Chairman & Managing Director, Rajiv Petrochemicals Pvt. Ltd.

Vinita Bajoria

Chairperson, Nicco Cables Pvt Ltd

N Satish Reddy

Pro-Chancellor, Aditya University

Interaction with audience

Day One concludes with Tea/Coffee at Shahjahan Hall

Day 2: Tuesday, 22 September 2026

0845 – 0920 hrs Registration and Networking Tea/Coffee

**0930 – 1030 hrs
Plenary Session 8**

Panel Discussion:- Fortifying Growth: Arming the Economy Against External Disruptions

In an increasingly fragmented and unpredictable world, India's growth story faces a new generation of external risks—from geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions to volatile commodity prices, supply-chain shocks and technological upheaval. Yet every disruption also creates an opportunity to strengthen India's economic foundations and accelerate its global ambitions. This session will explore how India can build greater resilience across trade, industry, finance and supply chains while sustaining high growth. The conversation will examine what businesses, policymakers and investors must do today to make India's next phase of growth more secure, competitive and future-ready.

- *How vulnerable is India's growth model to external shocks—and where are the biggest fault lines that need to be strengthened?*
- *Can India turn global supply-chain realignment, trade tensions and geopolitical fragmentation into an opportunity to deepen manufacturing, exports and domestic capabilities?*
- *What are the critical policy and business choices India must make now to build resilience without sacrificing growth, competitiveness or openness to the world?*

Moderator

Nalin Mehta

Managing Editor, Moneycontrol; Chief AI Officer - Editorial Operations, Network18 and Non-Resident Senior Fellow, ISAS, National University of Singapore

Panellists

Sanjiv Mehta

Executive Chairman, L Catterton India

Sudhir Jalan

Chairman, Neo Foods Pvt. Ltd.

Yezdi Nagporewalla

CEO, KPMG in India

Soumya Kanti Ghosh

Member 16th Finance Commission, Member PMEAC & Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India

Sanjay Narayan

Chief General Manager, Zonal Head Delhi, Union Bank of India

Gaurav Chiplunkar

Assistant Professor of Business Administration, UVA Darden School of Business

Interaction with Audience

1035 – 1120 hrs

Plenary Session 09

Fireside chat:- The Sound of Legacy: Tradition, Creativity and the Next Generation

What does it take to keep a great artistic legacy alive in a rapidly changing world? For Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and his sons, Amaan Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash, tradition is not about preserving the past—it is about giving it new life through creativity, experimentation and a new generation of musicians. This conversation explores the delicate balance between staying rooted in heritage while embracing change, and how timeless art can continue to find relevance and resonance with younger audiences.

- *How do you preserve the soul of a musical tradition while allowing it to evolve with the times?*
- *What does creativity mean when you inherit a rich artistic legacy—and how do you find your own voice without losing your roots?*
- *What will it take to make India's classical arts compelling and relevant to the next generation and to audiences around the world?*

Moderator

Shekhar Gupta

Founder & Editor-in-Chief, The Print

In conversation with

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan
Sarod Maestro and Composer

Amaan Ali Bangash
Sarod player and Composer

Ayaan Ali Bangash
Sarod player and Composer

Interaction with Audience

1125 – 1225 hrs

Plenary Session 10

From Dream to Orbit: My journey from a young boy with a dream to becoming an Indian astronaut in space

What does it take to turn a childhood dream into a journey beyond Earth? This inspiring conversation traces the extraordinary path from a young boy with a dream to becoming an Indian astronaut in space. It explores the years of discipline, rigorous training, perseverance and sacrifices behind the mission, and the determination required to push beyond conventional limits and achieve the seemingly impossible. The session will also offer a perspective on India's emerging human spaceflight capabilities and the country's growing ambitions in the global space ecosystem. It will examine how space exploration is driving advances in science, technology, engineering and innovation, while inspiring a new generation to dream bigger. As India charts an exciting trajectory towards becoming a significant space power, the conversation will reflect on the journey behind the journey—and the limitless possibilities that lie ahead.

- *What did it take to transform a childhood dream into the reality of becoming an Indian astronaut?*
- *What does India's growing human spaceflight capability mean for the country's future?*
- *What possibilities does India's new space journey hold for the next generation?*

Welcome

Nikhil Sawhney
Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Triveni Turbine Limited

Keynote Address

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, AC
Distinguished Pilot, Indian Air Force (IAF) and
Astronaut, Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO)

Interaction with Audience

Concluding Remarks

Suneeta Reddy
Immediate Past President, AIMA and
Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd

1230 – 1330 hrs

Valedictory Session

Transforming for Tomorrow: Growth with Resilience

India's growth journey is entering a transformative phase, requiring the country to balance ambition with resilience in a rapidly changing global environment. The session will explore how sound economic policies, structural reforms, investment and innovation can strengthen India's foundations for sustainable and inclusive growth. It will also examine the opportunities and challenges in navigating global uncertainties, enhancing competitiveness,

creating jobs and unlocking the potential of Indian businesses. The discussion will also consider how government and industry can work together to build a future-ready economy that is resilient to external disruptions, embraces technological change and positions India as a leading force in the global economy.

- *How can India sustain high growth while strengthening economic resilience amid global uncertainties?*
- *What reforms and investments are needed to enhance productivity, competitiveness and inclusive development?*
- *How can government and industry collaborate to build a future-ready economy that drives innovation, jobs and global leadership?*

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Presentation of AIMA Fellowship to:

- **Richard Rekhy**, Vice Chair, Grant Thornton Bharat
- **Arun Kumar**, Managing Partner, Celesta Capital

Presentation of AIMA Honorary Life Fellowship to:

- **Suneeta Reddy**, Immediate Past President, AIMA and Managing Director
Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd

**Introduction of the
Hon'ble Minister**

Vineet Agarwal

Vice President, AIMA and
Managing Director, Transport Corporation of India Ltd

Keynote Address

Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of Finance; and Corporate Affairs
Government of India

Concluding Remarks

Vishal Kampani

Senior Vice President, AIMA and
Vice Chairman & Managing Director, JM Financial Ltd

1330 hrs

Convention Concludes followed by Networking Lunch at Shahjahan Hall
