

**The First Young Indians Southern Regional Summit on  
India on the rise...**

**Sustaining the momentum through Young Indians  
14-15 July 2006: SITRA Auditorium: Coimbatore**

**Day I: 14 July 2006**

**1700 hrs Registration for the summit**

**1730 hrs Inaugural Session: India on the rise....opportunities a plenty**

*India. From a third world nation to one of the world's fastest emerging economies, its transition has been both rapid and astounding. The country's economy is on the fulcrum of an ever-increasing growth curve. Positive indicators such as a stable 8 percent annual growth, rising foreign exchange reserves of close to US\$ 140 billion, a booming capital market, flowing foreign direct investment (FDI) close to US\$ 8 billion and a more than 20 per cent surge in exports, it is easy to grasp why India is a leading destination for foreign investment. What's more, Growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant prices in excess of 8.0 per cent has been achieved by the economy in only five years of recorded history, and two out of these five are in the last three years. This undoubtedly is the right time to explore more opportunities to take India forward.*

- **Mr M Lakshminarayanan**, Chairman, CII – Southern Region & Joint Managing Director, MICO\*
- **Mr Suresh Krishna**, Chairman and Managing Director, Sundaram Fasteners Ltd
- **Lt Gen [Retd] S S Mehta**, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry

**1900 hrs Entertainment: "The cut" A humorous play by Evam.**

**2000 hrs Cocktails and Dinner**

## Day II: 15 July 2006

### 0930 – 1100 hrs India on the rise..... Sustaining growth in an era of global competition

*The world has finally come knocking on India's doors. The rapid emergence of the manufacturing industry, a steady flow of FDI and global alliances in different sectors are indicators of its rising importance in the global economy. India is now the preferred destination for investment and the current requirement is to raise the growth bar to over 8%. The need of the hour is to ensure consistent, sustainable growth in the Indian economy. The demographics of India can only become an advantage if 9-10 million jobs per annum are created over the next ten years.*

- **Mr R K Krishna Kumar**, Vice Chairman, Tata Tea Limited\*
- **Mr Kris Gopalakrishnan**, Co-Founder, COO & DMD, Infosys Technologies Ltd\*
- **Mr B V R Subbu**, Former President, Hyundai Motors India Limited

### **1100 – 1130 hrs Contact Break**

### 11 30 – 1300 hrs India on the rise: Socio-Economic Challenges

*It has taken India 14 years to evolve from a poor and perhaps forgotten country to a thriving and increasingly noticed emerging economy. It will take even less a time for India to join the league of developed nations. India's integration with the world economy has given India the much-needed image as a country that is open to facing competition. This is just one face of India. Many issues still remain an impediment for growth and it is time to identify and find solutions for each hurdle that obstructs our progress. There are innumerable lessons to be learnt from activists and social organizations that can be emulated on a larger scale.*

- **Mrs Vanitha Mohan**, Managing Trustee, Siruthuli
- **Dr Nalini Gangadharan**, Chairperson, CAP Foundation
- **Dr Neeraj Mittal IAS**, District Collector, Coimbatore
- **Ms Regina Thomas**, Regional Director [South], Child Relief and You\*
- **Mr M P Vasimalai**, Executive Director, DHAN Foundation

### **1300 – 1400 hrs Break for lunch**

### 1400 – 1530 hrs India on the rise: Enhancing the intellectual talent of Indian Youth

*The opening up of markets has placed tremendous challenges to the youth of the country today. One of the reasons why companies abroad are seeking India is due to the availability of skilled and talented work force. Among the 102 countries listed in the World Economic Forum's Global Competitiveness Report, India ranks third on the availability of manpower. Today's youth are thriving in global workplace environments and are facing challenges like never before and this session strives to address some such issues*

- **Dr Krishnaraj Vanavarayar**, Chairman, Bharathiya Vidhya Bhavan
- **Dr Devi Prasad Shetty**, Chairman, Narayana Hridulayalaya
- **Dr S Aravind**, Member, Aravind Eye Hospitals
- **Dr R Natarajan**, Former Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education

### 1530 – 1600 hrs Break for Refreshments

## **1600 – 1700 hrs A session with Achievers from various fields on “My Vision for India”**

*For India to truly become a developed nation, there has to be overall development of people in every walk of life. In that sense, unity in diversity becomes truly representative. This means that while different people from different walks of life will have a different vision and roadmap, all of them have a unifying goal to enrich the country. In this session, Young leaders from different walks of life from fashion to sports to politics to media unravel their vision for this great country. Where do they see it heading? What are their dreams? How have they traveled along the road to realise some of it? What can you learn from them? How can you enrich your own life from their own experiences?*

- **Ms Roopa Purusothaman**, Chief Economist and Strategist, Future Group
- **Mr Ashok T Aram**, Managing Director – Corporate & Investment Banking, Deutsche Bank AG, London
- **Mr Aravind Seshagiri**, Tamil Nadu State President, Lok Paritran
- **Mr Peruz Khambatta**, Chairman & Managing Director, Rasna Ltd\*
- **Mr Girish Agarwal**, Director, Dainik Bhaskar\*

## **1700 hrs – 1830 hrs Valedictory Session on India on the rise: the role of Young Indians in sustaining the momentum**

*Young Indians have a great role to play in sustaining the growth of our country on different fronts and ones that would realize its potential. With 72% of India's population being below the age of 40 and Young People being present in large numbers in every sphere of society, there is a need to harness their boundless energy, zeal and potential and align them with the vision of “Developed India 2020”. Seen as a major strength, Young Indians have the potential to take India ahead of its closest competitors in the future. Appropriate leadership and inspiration have to be provided to capitalize on the Indian Youth's innate potential.*

- **Mr P Chidambaram**, Finance Minister, Government of India\*
- **Mr Pradipta K Mohapatra**, Deputy Chairman, CII [SR] & President & CEO [Technology Business], RPG Enterprises
- **Mr G V Sanjay Reddy**, Executive Director, GVK Industries Ltd\*
- **Mr Milind Deora**, Member of Parliament\*
- **Mr Jagdish Kattar**, Chairman, Maruti Udyog Ltd\*

**\*Awaiting confirmation**

**Delegate Fee: Rs 1000 per participant**