

Yi held its second Annual Summit at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bangalore on the 25-26 February 2005. The theme of the year's Summit was "Transforming India – Making it Happen". The 2005 Yi Summit brought together youth and leaders from many institutions including business, government, local communities, NGO'S, Schools, Colleges etc, to discuss and debate issues and their resolutions that concern the youth of our nation and how they can participate in "Building Developed India". The Summit began with the **Inaugural Session** having Mr B J Panda and Mr Sachin Pilot, two of India's prominent young parliamentarians address the delegates via video conference from Delhi. Others present were Mr G V Sanjay Reddy, National Chairman, Young Indians, Mr Sunil Kant Munjal, President, Confederation of Indian Industry, Mr Narayan Sethuraman, Vice Chairman, Young Indians and Chairman of the summit, Mr Pallab Talukdar, Director, Enterprise Marketing Alliance, HP India, Mr Tarun Das, Chief Mentor, CII and Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, Senior Director, CII.

Mr B J Panda said that India was on an economic and political transition mode and that there was a need for more Young Indians to engage themselves actively in the political mainstream. Education, Infrastructure & Structural reforms will be the key to a successful transformation, he said and continued that India was slated to be the third largest economy in the world and as a result, the country's growth rate needs to touch double digits. Mr Sachin Pilot spoke on the collective dream of 'new India' and urged Young Indians to promote India, shed their colonial mindset and transform the country through their commitment and initiatives. Mr Sunil Kant Munjal said that India must evolve an original economic and development policy to stand tall in the global scenario. "India must strive to achieve the highest standard of education and health for its people. Its core competence can be enhanced through technical strength and human endeavor", he said and urged the youth to come forward and make a difference through their time, understand and attitude.

Speaking on behalf of Mr Balu Doraisamy, President, HP India, Mr Pallab Talukdar, Director, Enterprise Marketing, Alliance, HP India said, "India can be transformed through technology and innovation." Citing various examples that have changed the face of modern India, he said that India was a fountainhead of ideas, but discipline will carry these dreams to implementation. He concluded by saying "If you are the best in India – you are the best in the world."

Delivering his inspirational keynote address at the Yi Summit, Mr Tarun Das, Chief Mentor, CII said, "Energy, Enthusiasm and Excitement – the 3 Es, must characterize every Young Indian. To be able to make India the 'skilled capital' of the world, we need to act, achieve and arise. He concluded by emphasizing on "Think Target, Think Organization and Think Plan" – a three point Success formula for Young Indians.

The Yi Learning Excellence Awards for the year were presented at this session by Ms Shobana Kamineni, Chairperson, CII(Southern Region) and Director, Apollo Enterprises Limited. The awards were given to the Yi Hyderabad Chapter and the Yi Chennai Chapter for “excellent participation in Learning Events and for the uniqueness of the events organized by the chapters”. There was a special address by **Mr N Srinivasan**, Director General, CII during this session. The post-lunch session started with a Presentation Cum Panel discussion on “**Educating our Future**”. The Session was chaired by Ms Gayathri Sriram, Chairperson, National Education Committee, Yi & Director, UCAL Auto Pvt Ltd. The role of education in crafting a brighter future for India was the focal point of discussion during this session. Issues such as literacy, primary and vocational education, expanding the reach and enhancing the content for quality education in our society, were some of the other issues discussed. Speakers at the session included Dr. Prakash G Apte, Director, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, dr.Sandeep Pandey, Founder of ‘ASHA’, Magsaysay Award winner, Vardhan Kabra, Director, Fountainhead Education and Sudha Raju, Vice President, NIIT Limited. D N Mukherjea, Deputy Editor, Business World moderated the session. Dr Dipankar Gpta, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University made the Theme presentation.

The Session “**Tackling Unemployment**” chaired by Mr Arjun Wallia, Chairman, External Relations & public Policy Committee, Yi & Managing Director, Walsons Services Pvt Limited. The speakers included Mr Pramod Khera, CEO & MD, Aptech Limited, Mr Sanjeev Bikchandani, CEO, Naukri.com, Mr S Mahalingam, Chief Financial Officer, Tata Consultancy Services and Mr Sachidananda Satpathy, Institute for Social & Economic Change, Bangalore along with moderator Dr Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Director, India Development Foundation (IDF). They brought forth pressing issues facing India’s employment scenario, given its burgeoning young workforce, and the skills shortage projected in key sectors. The session also recommended a national agenda for a more inclusive employment growth, through entrepreneurship, education and training.”

The Session “**Technology with innovation**” chaired by Mr Sandeep Kumar Maini, Chair, Yi (Bangalore Chapter) depicted the role of technology and innovation in facilitating sustainable development, and improving basic quality of life, for India’s masses. Speakers at the Session were Dr W Selvamurthy, Chief Controller – R & D (LS & HR), DRDO, Dr Anil Gupta, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (Ahmedabad), Dr S Sadagopan, Founder Director, Indian Institute of Technology (Bangalore), Mr S Sivakumar, Chief Executive, Intl Business Division, ITC and Mr Anil Valluri, Chief Technology Officer, Sun Microsystems Limited. They shared some pioneering initiatives and experiences and also focused on grass-roots innovations.

The session “**Towards Better Infrastructure: Taking Ownership**” chaired by Mr Rajan Navani, Chair, Yi (Pune Chapter) and Managing Director, Jetline Group of companies focused on key infrastructure related bottlenecks that our economy faces today and made

recommendations for using a PPP(Public Private Partnership) approach. The theme presentation was made by Mr R Venkatraman, Executive Director, KPMG, Mr Nasser Munjee, Senior Advisor, KPMG, Ms Kalpana Kar, Bangalore Agenda Task Force Initiative, Mr Sathish Magar, Magarpatta Township Development Company, Mr Ashok Kheny, Managing Director, Nandi Infrastructure and Mr G V Sanjay Reddy, Executive Director, GVK Industries Ltd.

The second day started with a dynamic session “ **Leadership: Taking Charge**” Chaired by Mr Kartik Sriram, Chairman, National Membership Committee, Yi & President & CEO, Rapsri Engineering Industries and moderated by Mr Pradip Kanakia, Executive Director, KPMG. This session discussed various facets of Leadership required for effective nation building. The speakers included Col. Lalit Rai (Vir Chakra), Mr Rahul Bose, Film Actor, Mr Piruz Khambatta, CMD, Rasna India, Mr Amit Chandra, Joint Managing Director, DSP Merrill Lynch and Ms Sangita Singh, Vice-President, Wipro Technologies.

Speaking at the **Valedictory session**, Mr Narayan Sethuraman mentioned “Yi is a vibrant force and an effective tool for social change. The spirit of Yi looks beyond the present and seeks to collectively influence the country”. This was followed by a presentation of the Yi action plan by Pradip Kanakia, Executive Director, KPMG, who felt the sessions during this 2 day summit were enthralling, educating and entertaining. He mentioned that the “Action Plan focused on education, economy, environment, health care and Youth affairs (EEE & Y). Critical steps need to be taken to achieve success with a focus on internal and external issues”.