



Young Indians



Confederation of  
Indian Industry

1<sup>st</sup> Annual

# Young Indians Summit

*We can We will*



*a retrospect...*

**Yi held its first ever Annual Summit at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the 10- 11 March, 2004. The theme of the inaugural year was “Unleashing the India Opportunity”.**

**DAY 1**

The Summit began with a session showcasing Young Indians and a brief introduction of Yi for the benefit of non-Yi members. The National Chairman, G. V. Sanjay Reddy, Executive Director, GVK Industries and other National Activity Chairs gave an insight into the current activities as well as those planned for the coming year.

The Summit was inaugurated by the Chief Guest N K Singh, Member, Planning Commission. Others present were G V Sanjay Reddy; Anand G Mahindra, President, CII; Narayan Sethuramon, Chairman, Yi Summit & Joint Managing Director, WS Industries; Tarun Das, Director General, CII.

Introducing Yi, G V Sanjay Reddy said, “it is group of young, successful Indians from different walks of professional life working towards a common objective of contributing towards a developed India. The philosophy of this movement is captured in the simplest of phrases – **‘We can We Will.’**”

Addressing the summit, N K Singh said, “...Yi faces the critical challenge of how to combine conflict with convergence... to allow competition with concurrence and how to have change with consistency.”

Concluding the inaugural session **Mr. Narayan Sethuramon said “A mass movement of Young Indian, which is what Yi is all about, can achieve the twin objectives of unleashing the India opportunity and building a developed India”.**

**“India—Opportunities Unlimited”** was chaired by Banmali Agrawala, Chairman, Mumbai Chapter, Yi & Managing Director, Wartsila India. A presentation in this context was made by Pramath Sinha, Principal, McKinsey & Co. in which he reiterated that India is one of the fastest growing economies of the world besides China, with an expected growth rate of more than 8 per cent.



(L-R) Narayan Sethuramon, G V Sanjay Reddy, N K Singh, Tarun Das, Anand Mahindra in the Inaugural Session



**“The stuff of conquering & changing the world demands the courage to take unprecedented risks, have infinite energy, exude extraordinary passion & demonstrate unwavering commitment—all the qualities that symbolises the Youth”**  
– G V Sanjay Reddy



**CII, through Yi, has begun an important chapter in the beginning of a movement that would allow synergy of Young Indians to fill global gaps”** — N K Singh



**“...there is a long haul, there will be ups & downs, challenges, difficulties... I think no one better than Yi to run this marathon.”** – Tarun Das





“...we need to begin something called a dialogue in democracy...the point is to create a mechanism by which we can talk & resolve consensus... — Anand Mahindra



Panel of speakers in the “India Opportunity” session



Sanjiv Goenka discussing the “India Opportunity”



We can bring a revolution...the responsibility of making India a better place lies on us...if we believe in bringing about a change, we have to participate in it.” — Naveen Jindal on “Inspiring Young Indians”.

Key issues addressed were:

- how to capture & leverage the host of opportunities available in various sectors
- what are the requirements for such leverage
- the risks associated with it

“The India Opportunity” presentations were made by successful Young Indians who act as youth icons and motivate Young Indians to feel positive about the infinite opportunities available in India today. The session was chaired by Amitabh Chaturvedi, Chairman, National Finance Committee, Yi & CEO, Reliance Capital Asset Management.

Among those who made presentations in this session were Sanjiv Goenka, Vice Chairman, RPG Enterprises; Sulajja Firodia Motwani, Joint Managing Director, Kinetic Engineering and Naina Lal Kidwai, Managing Director & Vice-Chairperson, HSBC Securities. They expressed their views on India Opportunities and how they are leveraging them. The session ended with concluding remarks by Arjun Wallia, Chairman, Delhi Chapter, Yi & Managing Director, Walsons Services.

“Inspiring Young Indians to give back to India” showcased what Young Indians can do to make India a better place to live in. The session was chaired by Sharda Agarwal, Member, Mumbai Chapter, Yi & Director (Marketing), Coca-Cola India. Sharing their views on the topic were Naveen Jindal, Vice-Chairman & Managing Director, Jindal Steel & Power; G V Sanjay Reddy; Mahzbeen Siganporia, Student, Poddar College, Mumbai.

In the session, **G V Sanjay Reddy highlighted how Yi as a movement aims to encourage the Young Indians to make their own small contribution that would go a long way into making an ocean of difference required today to uphold “India Shining”.**

Mahzbeen Siganporia, a young student from Poddar College, Mumbai set the concluding remarks for the day by urging all Young Indians to take a proactive action to bring about any kind of change that may be required to set things in order. She said, “...every revolution started with a dream... and that dream was backed by action.”



Day One closed with a dinner hosted by Shiv Vikram Khemka, Director, Sun Group.

## DAY 2

The second day started on a spiritual note with Swami Parthasarthy giving his views on **'Vedanta: Its relevance to Young Indians today'**. Sandeep Maini, Chairman, Bangalore Chapter, Yi & Managing Director, Maini Materials Movements chaired the session.

The subsequent session titled **"How should young Indians view and react to geo-political trends"** highlighted the significant impact that global geo-political, economic, social and cultural trends are having on the lives of young people in India today.

The session was chaired by Shaffi Mather, Member, Governing Council, Yi & Vice-President, Reliance Webstores. Presentations were made by Tarun Khanna, Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; Sanjaya Baru, Chief Editor, The Financial Express and Jayaprakash Narayan, National Coordinator, Lok Satta.

While speaking on the topic, Tarun Khanna cautioned about various issues which "like the Albatrosses weigh around our necks and have the potential to pull 'Brand India' down. They therefore needed to be taken care of".

**Sanjaya Baru's presentation mainly drew comparisons between India and China, stressing the fact that "military might alone is not sufficient... what is needed is a strong economic, entrepreneurial, cultural face to survive in today's competitive globalised environment."**

The session concluded with remarks by Harish Lakshman, Chairman, Chennai Chapter, Yi & Vice-President, Rane TRW Steering Systems.

The pre-lunch session witnessed a talk by Young Stars from different walks of Indian Society under the title— **"My Vision for India"**.

Umang Patodia, Chairman, Cochin Chapter, Yi & Managing Director, Patspin India was the Session Chairman. Presentations were made by young leaders from different



**"In a better world, people are full of stress & strain... the world has improved but the individual has not been taken care of anywhere in the world."**— Swami Parthasarthy



(L-R) Tarun Khanna, Jayaprakash Narayan and Sanjaya Baru



**"...we have the potential to become world's 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> largest technical manpower pool...but we are grossly underperforming.... economic reform is necessary but to be sufficient, it must be accompanied by significant political reform."** – Jayaprakash Narayan



**Sharing their "Vision for India"**

(L-R) Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Sania Mirza and Sachin Pilot





Vigyan Bhawan



Panel at the "Role of Young Indians in building developed India"



"...The world is becoming a global village...If India is to achieve her rightful place in the world, we must participate in the global economy more aggressively & fully."  
- Shiv Khemka

walks of life from fashion to sports and politics to media, unravelling their vision for India.

**Taking the lead was Sachin Pilot, Member of Parliament, who wanted to "...see a young, dynamic, vibrant, growing India...and all Indians feeling proud in being Indians."**

Following him was Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Fashion Designer, according to whom it is important for all of us to acknowledge our roots.

The last speaker for the session was Sania Mirza, Tennis Player, who spoke of India of her dreams having education affordable by all, no place for hunger, corruption free with water-tight accountability as well as affordable medical aid for all.

The session then broke for lunch after the concluding remarks by N. Sri Vishnu Raju, Chairman, Hyderabad Chapter, Yi & Chairman and CEO, Exciga Corp.

Sudha Iyer, Chairperson, Yi Bridge Programme & Director, Globarena Group chaired the post-lunch session. There was a panel discussion titled "**Role of Young Indians in building developed India**" which was moderated by Vikram Chandra, Senior Editor, NDTV 24X7. Among those who participated were B J Panda, Member of Parliament and Leader, Young Parliamentarians Forum; Sachin Pilot; Gautam Thapar, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Ballarpur Industries; Satish Reddy, Managing Director, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; Meher Pudumjee, Vice Chairperson, Thermax Group; G.V. Sanjay Reddy; Kartik Sriram and Firoz Gujral, Entrepreneur. The discussion revolved around evolving ways and means of harnessing the Youth potential in building a developed India. The panel agreed upon emphasising on primary education, vocational training, continuous innovation, research-led education as also the contribution that the corporate sector can make in realising all of the above.

The discussion concluded with remarks by Rajan R Navani, Chairman, Pune Chapter, Yi & Director, Jetline Group of Companies.





“...We have just got a glimpse of the great possibilities that lie ahead of us, that we need to harness....‘We can and We will’ spirit will govern India & change India tomorrow.”

– Arun Shourie



(L-R) Ashish Bhasin, Narayan Sethuramon, Shiv Khemka, Arun Shourie, Rajeev Karwal, G V Sanjay Reddy and N Srinivasan at the Valedictory Session



G V Sanjay Reddy with Narayan Sethuramon and delegates

The Valedictory Session was chaired by Rajeev Karwal, Member, Governing Council, Yi & CEO, Electrolux Kelvinator. A special address was given by Shiv Vikram Khemka, Director, SUN Group. The Chief Guest for the session was Arun Shourie, Minister for Disinvestment, Communications & Information Technology.

In his Keynote Address, Arun Shourie urged the Young Indians to strive for excellence in everything they do, emphasising on the importance of reputation in today’s competitive scenario.

This was followed by concluding remarks by Narayan Sethuramon who urged all Young Indians “to have a passion and commitment to excel in our chosen profession and to actively in building a developed India.”

Ashish Bhasin, Chairman, National Marketing Committee, Yi & Director, Lintas India proposed a vote of thanks, drawing the curtains on the 1<sup>st</sup> Young Indians Summit at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

The Yi Summit’2004 brought to light the abundant opportunities India has to offer not only to Indians but also to the world at large. **It highlighted the need for Young Indians to become more active in every sphere of Indian society and the important role they will have to play in helping India achieve her vision of becoming a developed country by 2020.** It also served as a platform for Young Indians from all over the country to come together and share their dreams, aspirations, and concerns on how they can contribute to India’s development.

## *Announcing*

## **2nd ANNUAL Yi SUMMIT**

**25-26 February 2005 at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.**

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