

**Mr Jay Galla**, National Vice Chairman, Young Indians & Chairman, the Young Indians Fourth National Summit in his welcome address said the Summit theme Wake up India was literally a wake up call for all stakeholders in India's growth story.

He said that the deliberations of the Summit would develop a sustainable plan of action in evolving a roadmap for constructive Plan of Action. He also mentioned that inclusive growth is necessary for sustainable development and equitable distribution of wealth and prosperity. The role of youth in creating this equitable and inclusive growth is inevitable, he added.

The Inaugural session on 16 February was addressed by **Mr K V Kamath**, Vice President, CII and CEO and Managing Director of ICICI Bank and **Dr R K Pachauri**, Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Director General of TERI. Mr Kamath remarked that it was the best time to be an Indian and to live in India. He said that he was optimistic of India's growth and that, it was for each one of us to make use of the opportunity and excel individually. He lamented that the institutions did not take enough on "right skills" which were important for employability. "The financial services industry would employ around 10 lakh people in the next five years and each of this job would create four jobs around them" he said. He assured that financial institutions in India had invested only in industrial ventures that adhered to the environmental guidelines. He however added that a level playing field was necessary for the world to come to a universal consensus to address the global warming issue.

Speaking through a video link **Dr R K Pachauri** said that the government would soon come out with a new Climate change policy to address issues on global warming. He said that India was losing 10 percent of its GDP because of air pollution and degradation of natural resources. He observed that over 2.5 million people in India were losing their lives due to air pollution. He urged industry to promote water conservation, energy management and healthcare awareness for the masses through CSR initiatives. He also said that the global economy was moving towards low carbon content products and Indian manufacturers should adhere to these global trends to sustain their products in the international markets.

**Mr Rajan Navani**, National Chairman, Young Indians and Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies in his address mentioned that the CII Yi initiative started in the year 2002 is a platform for Young Indian across the country to integrate, network and share insights on various developmental issues. He urged the Young Indians to wake-up to the realities and channelise the youth power for development of the country.

**Mr Deepak Subramanian**, Co-Chair, Yi National Summit '08 and Vice President, Multivista Global Ltd delivered the concluding remarks.

**Ms Sylvia Lee**, Global Leadership Fellow of the World Economic Forum briefed participants on the India @ Risk report. She elaborated on the trends, potential consequences and mitigation relevant to six key issues facing India ie Economic Impact of Demographics, Loss of Freshwater (quantity and quality), Economic Shocks and Oil Peaks, Geopolitical Risks: Globalization vs Protectionism, Climate Change: The Environment and Challenges to India's Growth, Societal Risks: Infectious Diseases. She also briefed members on the emerging two risks namely Organized Terrorism and Societal Risk (Chronic Diseases). Ms Sylvia set the tone for the sessions that followed and said that she was happy that India has woken up to realize the intensity of the risks identified in the report.

The following session was titled: Understanding Rural Risks which had speakers from organizations that were working for the enhancement of the people in the rural India. **Ms Kavitha Subramanian**, Associate Vice President, SKS Microfinance shared her experiences of working with the rural poor by providing them with micro finance, which, in her opinion was a big bottleneck in their progress. Representing the fastest growing Microfinance organization in the world today, she said that rural India was neglected for a long time because of the perceptions by people in India. **Mr Rakesh Khanna**, Senior Advisor, Development Alternatives Group spoke about the experiences of dealing with the rural people in India for more than two decades. He shared his experiences of developing alternative technologies to bring it in the grasp of the rural people. **Ms Aparna Krishnan**, Team Leader – Micro Finance, IFMR Trust addressed the issues of vulnerability in Rural India. Her presentation touched upon the four important risks, which were, health risks, weather risks, price risks and infrastructure risks. She shared these risks in depth and the specific interventions of IFMR to help the rural people overcome the same. There was an interesting discussion with the audience after this session.

Post lunch, the summit dealt with urban risks. **Mr Chris Hyland**, Managing Director, Parsons Brinckerhoff India Pvt Ltd was the first speaker in this session. He highlighted the lack of planning for better cities that was a huge problem to India and its growth. "It is time to build futuristic cities, keeping India's project growth in mind. If this does not happen, India will be lost to the other competing neighbours" he said. **Mr Raj Cherubal**, Co – ordinator, Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, Chennai insisted that it was the right time to build inclusive cities in India. "For this to happen, people have to work with the government and ensure that all of us contribute. Growth does not happen in isolation, if it happens, it doesn't sustain longer enough to meet the demands of the city or the society". **Mr K Malmarugan**, Vice President – Infrastructure Business Unit, MARG Ltd highlighted the fact that it was the best time for construction companies to think beyond the box and come out with solutions that are cost effective and would meet the exact purpose. He also shared some thoughts on the recent trends in this sector.

The highlight of the fourth Young Indians National Summit was the panel discussion on "Inclusiveness of Youth in Nation Building". The objective of this session was to address the problem of inclusiveness in our

country and to find out solutions from young achievers from various fields on their thoughts to make this happen. The panelists were people from various fields and included **Mr Piyush Pandey**, Executive Chairman & National Creative Director, Ogilvy & Mather India, **Mr Shiraz Gidwani**, President, Young Leaders Organisation & Director of Projects, Afras Ltd, **Mr Narain Karthikeyan**, Racer, **Dr J Radhakrishnan IAS**, Special Secretary [Finance Department], Government of Tamil Nadu, **Dr Kezevino Aram**, Director, Shanti Ashram, **Ms Meher Pudumjee**, Chairperson, Thermax Ltd and was moderated by Mr Vivian Mathew, Special Correspondent, CNBC TV 18. Each panelist was requested to give his / her opening remarks on what inclusiveness meant to him / her. After their opening remarks, there was a discussion session within the panelists and later opened to the participants.

The summit ended with the Valedictory session that was addressed by **Sir Mark Tully**, Author and Journalist, who spoke on his interpretation of "Wake up India". He said that he was living in India and UK for the past 7 decades and felt that India, if it all it needed to wake up, is right now, today. He said that India was always a pleasant country for visitors who come here for a week and go back, but it is not the same for people who live here always. "To me, wake up India means the beginning of individual excellence in all of us. We don't need leaders today to let us know of this" he said and congratulated the Young Indians for having chosen the theme of "Wake up India" for this summit. **Mr C R Kesavan**, Vice President, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development and a politician spoke on the need for equitable growth in India and the need for the one billion plus people to participate in India's growth and reap the benefits of the same. He said that he felt honoured to be serving the nation and called upon the Young Indians to believe in themselves to lead the country from the front.

There was an entertainment evening on the eve of the summit and on the day of the event in the evening. The entertainment included games, music, traditional Tamil Arts, fun and loads of Young Indians. 250 participants listened to the thoughts of 25 thought leaders who gave food for thought and perhaps thought for action!!!