

## **India on the Rise: Aspire to Succeed –CII - Young Indians Summit provides an opportunity for Taking India Forward**

As India transitions from a third world nation to one of the world's fastest growing and large economies, it needs to tap into the power of the Youth. With collective action, youth have the opportunity to contribute to the creation of a better workforce and a new generation of leaders. One of the first steps in this direction is to inspire, motivate and educate the next generation. With this background, **Young Indians (Yi)** set up by **Confederation of Indian Industry** organized the **Northern Region Summit** on the theme of **India on the Rise: Aspire to Succeed** on 9 December 2006. The occasion was also graced by **Delhi Chief Minister, Smt Shiela Dikshit**.

The day began with Welcome note by **Mr Nikhil Nath, Chapter Chair, Yi Delhi**. **Mr Narayan Sethuram, Yi National Chairman** shared the vision of Young Indians as the National Movement. "Productive jobs create the surplus to fund, health, education etc.

Therefore the economy is business and industry not the Finance Ministry or Planning Commission. Young Indians should focus on productive values." Inspired **Lord Megnad Desai, Chief of Honour** of the session. **Mr Arun Maira, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group India** delivering the keynote address quoted " Your role (of Young Indians) is to be one of million fireflies, each with its own light, turning a gloomy night into a bright night... set your own goals, set your aspirations high."

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome. The first session, My Story had personal accounts of **Mr Malvinder Singh, CEO & Managing Director, Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd.**; **Mr Ashish Dhawan, Senior Managing Director, Chryscapital** and **Mr Dan Sandhu, Chairman, Vertex India** where they talked about risks and rejections involved. The session was followed by a moderated session by **Mr Govind Ethiraj, Bussiness Standard**. Interacting with the audience, Mr Singh shared that he had to work his way up in the organization to achieve the position where he is today. Starting from a scratch has made him learn and understand the work and people better. Bright Indian youth have lot of opportunities in India to grow and succeed stated Mr Dhawan. For the youth of India to excel, there is a need for employment oriented education in India commented Mr Sandhu when asked about the challenges for India to Rise.

Being effective is learning the art to produce the desired result. **Mr Lavleen Raheja, CEO, Franklin Covey Institute** provided a learning session on 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. In Conversation with **Farhan** was the session where **Mr Vikram Chandra, NDTV** interviewed the filmmaker on his films and shared his views on being a youth icon, how he feels he can contribute to the nation.

The Big Fight Session hosted by NDTV had a debate on the issue of Is India overpromising? **Mr Ashish Dhawan** and **Mr Ravi Shankar Prasad** argued for the motion where as **Mr Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**, **Mr Saurabh Srivastava**, **Mr B J Panda** debated that India is certainly not overpromising. The session was recorded for telecast on NDTV.

The conference was attended by 270 people between the age group of 20-40 years.