

Securing GDP Growth through Inclusion

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Union Finance Minister, Mr Pranab Mukherjee, will inaugurate the CII National Conference and Annual Session 2011 on April 8 in New Delhi. During the two-day National Conference on the theme 'Securing the Future: Framework for Inclusive Growth', senior policymakers, bureaucrats, industry leaders and think-tanks would strive to develop concrete strategies for equitable economic growth of India in a post-recession world, beset with multifarious problems - political uncertainties, economic fragility and natural disasters being just a few.

During the last decade, every 1% increase in GDP created 1.6 million additional jobs, a CII study undertaken on the occasion of the National Conference has revealed; establishing that GDP growth and tackling unemployment & income distribution are closely aligned and must be addressed simultaneously for inclusive growth. Against this backdrop, CII National Conference would deliberate on various facets of inclusive growth viz. trade, skills, environment, security, information, ethics, governance and social responsibility, political leadership, globalization, etc.

Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr Anand Sharma, will speak on "The New Trade Paradigm: Evolving Partnerships towards Inclusive Growth" on April 8 and address the issue of achieving inclusive growth by leveraging exports.

Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Communications and Information Technology, Mr Kapil Sibal would stimulate discussions on unleashing the potential of India's best resource - its people. The Minister would speak on the need for converging education and skills infrastructure for greater national productivity, inclusion and growth.

While the country is poised to maintain the growth momentum, there is an imperative need to sync development compulsions with the responsibility of conservation and preservation. Union Minister of State for Environment and Forests, Mr Jairam Ramesh would expound on sustainability and environmental concerns during the session titled 'Environmental Security: Beyond Copenhagen and Cancun' on April 9. Mr Y C Deveshwar, Chairman, ITC Limited, would

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provide the industry perspective.

Chief Ministers of three states – Gujarat, Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir - would come together to deliberate on the development strategies for inclusive growth in the states during the session on 'Inclusive Growth and the Imperatives of Governance : Models from the States' on 8 April. Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission would steer the discussants, Mr Narendra Modi, Mrs Sheila Dikshit and Mr Omar Abdullah.

CII National Conference would also focus on the impact of entirely new dimension of information flow emanating through social media. During discussions on the session titled, 'New Uncertainties for Government and Business in the New Public Information Space'; Mr Nik Gowing, Main Presenter, BBC World News would quiz Mr Arun Maira, Member, Planning Commission and Mr Sunil Bharti Mittal, Chairman & Group CEO, Bharti Enterprises Limited on this game changer.

Building consensus is the hallmark of democratic process. The world's largest democracy needs to build policy consensus on critical issues such as poverty alleviation, education and health. Mr Nitin Gadkari, President, Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) would throw some light on 'How to Attract Young Talent into Politics and how to get Convergence on Critical Issues' during the special Plenary Session on 9 April.

Subdued growth in advanced economies and global liquidity conditions might impact growth in India. Although Indian economy has been driven by domestic demand and investment, the increased level of external engagement has the potential to render the country vulnerable to vagaries of the world. Lord Meghnad Desai, House of Lords, UK; Mr Shyam Saran, Chairman, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, Dr Kaushik Basu, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance and Mr Pronab Sen, Principal Adviser to the Planning Commission would join a Panel Discussion on 'How Stable is the Global Recovery : Is India at Risk?' on 8 April.

By 2020, India's average age will be 29, the lowest in the world. As the baton passes to young India, there are high expectations from the GenNext to drive the inclusive growth agenda. The National Conference would provide a platform to discuss "Transitions in India Inc: The Imperatives of Succession Planning' with leaders of corporate India, Mr Subodh Bhargava, Past President, CII and Chairman, Tata Communications Limited & Wartsila India Limited; Mr Rahul Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Auto Limited; Mr Adi Godrej, Chairman, Godrej Industries.