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EDITORIAL

From The Director General



his month FICCI organised the third edition of our global thought leadership initiative-LEADS2022. It was also the event's first physical iteration since the onset of the pandemic. The event was a grand success with over 250 participants from around 56 countries which included leading Indian and global policy makers, corporate and thought leaders. This initiative aimed to evolve a shared vision to make the world resilient, sustainable, and future-ready.

The discussions at LEADS 2022 was spearheaded by the leading ministers of the government including finance, commerce, and civil aviation ministers. At the event, Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal stressed on the sustainability of tech-driven manufacturing value chains which is at present at the heart of the transformation that is underway in our economy.

Among other speakers, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman underscored UPI's target to cross 1 billion transactions per day in the next five years and alluded to future trends like the use of Al in fintech, in detecting fraud, crime and accessing risks. Also among these is the interplay of personal data security and national and cyber security planning, where policymakers are burning the midnight oil.

Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia while addressing the audience at the same event, highlighted supply chain's robustness, resilience, and reliability as absolute necessities. He outlined the government's policy direction covering the integration of 16line ministries under PM GatiShakti to the National Logistics Policy to the diplomatic outreach to place bilateral and trilateral rules to strengthen our manufacturing and services

Among other FICCI initiatives, Minister of Women and Child Development Smriti Irani graced FICCI Healthcare Excellence Awards 2022 and encouraged the Federation to institute a platform for excellence in healthcare at the regional, state, and village levels.

Former Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu, inaugurated the eighth edition of FICCI CASCADE'S MASCRADE 2022. He was joined by several senior functionaries from WCO. WIPO, INTERPOL, UNODC, and OECD. The former VP asserted on sharing ideas, experiences, and views to formulate effective legislation for tackling counterfeiting and smuggling.

On the macroeconomic front, the Indian economy continues to be a bright spot in the midst of the global geo-political uncertainty. However, to end on a note of optimism, on the global front there are emerging trends that inflationary trend may pause in the future. Besides, we could only hope that the armed strife in the world recedes, and better sense prevails. We are confident that under the able leadership of our Hon'ble Prime Minister and through his proactive policy initiatives, the Indian economy is well on its course to becoming the third largest economy by 2030.

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