

Leadership and Innovation Take Centre Stage at AMA-AIMA Conclave 2025 Held in Ahmedabad

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Industry leaders, policymakers, and management experts came together at the Regional Management Conclave 2025, hosted by the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) in collaboration with the All India Management Association (AIMA) on Friday – March 7, 2025. The event, themed on **‘Leadership and Management – Strategies to Sustain, Scale, Succeed’**, explored strategies for driving sustainable growth and resilience in an evolving business landscape.



Dr Savan Godiawala, President, AMA Smt Pratibhaben Jain, Ahmedabad Mayor and Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, AMA vice president

Inaugurating the conclave, Ahmedabad Mayor Smt Pratibhaben Jain spoke about the critical role of leadership and management in shaping a progressive economy. She praised AMA's contributions to fostering excellence in management education and paid tribute to Dr Vikram Sarabhai's legacy. She encouraged effective adoption of management principles to address civic challenges in urban centres like Ahmedabad.

Since the event was organised on the eve of International Women's Day, Smt Pratibha Jain took the opportunity to highlight the growing influence of women in leadership roles.

The conclave saw a special address by Honourable Minister of State Mr Jagdish Vishwakarma. The minister reinforced the synergy between leadership and management, drawing insights from ancient Indian wisdom and linking them to modern initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Self-Reliant India.'

During the opening remarks, **Dr Savan Godiawala, President, AMA** talked at length about the role of leadership in businesses. *"Effective leadership and management are crucial in navigating the complexities of the modern business world. Sustainability and Scalability are essential for driving growth and thriving success,"* he added.

AMA vice president, Rajiv Gandhi highlighted the importance of building resilient organisations in today's competitive landscape. *"Leadership is about responsibility and strong leadership and management practices are necessary for achieving long-term sustainability and scalability. By adopting the right strategies, leaders can build resilient organisations that thrive in today's competitive landscape,"* he explained.

The conclave featured power-packed discussions with industry stalwarts. Sanjay Kirloskar, Chairman and Managing Director of Kirloskar Brothers Limited, spoke on sustainability initiatives, stressing energy conservation, carbon footprint reduction, and women's leadership. Former IPS officer and Special Secretary, Internal Security, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Ms Sundari Nanda, addressed the need for diversity and inclusion, advocating for the philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.

Adding to the engaging discourse, Richard Rekhy, Vice Chair of Grant Thornton India, and Yash Shah, Founder of The Address, shared perspectives on shaping India's future through strong leadership. Nishant Behl, Founder of Expand My Business – EMB Global, Abhishek Desai, Founder of CricHeroes, and Dr Rajat Moona, Director of IIT Gandhinagar, explored how businesses must embrace change in the digital age.

The conclave concluded with a valedictory session led by AMA Executive Director Mr. Unmesh Dixit, who lauded AIMA, the speakers, and the 400 participants from across the Western region.

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