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India Economic Summit Addresses India's Implementation Imperative

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The World Economic Forum and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will host the annual India Economic Summit in New Delhi, India, from 14 to 16 November.

Under the theme "Implementing India", this year's Summit has the objective of moving from agenda to action. It will focus on how domestic and international decision-makers from business, government and civil society can implement national policies across states in both rural and urban areas to accelerate economic development, remove barriers to growth and increase social inclusion. In this context, India's imperatives include building critical infrastructure, expanding skills development, addressing security threats and achieving income and gender equality.

The programme for the India Economic Summit is organized under four thematic pillars: India's Implementation Imperative; Security and Sustainability Imperative; Inclusive Growth Imperative; and Innovation and Competitiveness Imperative.

Key public figures from India who will take part include: Pranab Mukherjee, Minister of Finance; Palaniappan Chidambaram, Minister of Home Affairs; Sachin Pilot Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology; Agatha K. Sangma, Minister of State for Rural Development; Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and Member of Parliament; Anand Sharma, Minister of Commerce and Industry; Kapil Sibal, Minister of Human Resource Development; Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission; Naveen Jindal, Member of Parliament and Vice-Chairman of Jindal Vijayanagar Steel; Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Chief Minister of Haryana; N. K. Singh, Member of Parliament; and Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha, Parliament of India.

Prominent business leaders who will serve as co-chairs for the Summit are: Jon Fredrik Baksaas, President and Chief Executive Officer, Telenor Group, Norway; Ajit Gulabchand, Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Construction Company, India; Ellen Kullman, Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, DuPont, USA; Pawan Munjal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Hero Group, India; and Dennis Nally, Chairman, PwC International, PwC, USA.

"This year's India Economic Summit showcases the remarkable resilience of the Indian economy, the immense opportunity it offers to the rest of the world, and the implementation priorities ahead as it transitions to the next phase of the inclusive growth process," said Chandrajit Banerjee, Director-General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India.

"While India has tremendous potential to sustain a high-growth and inclusive economy, India needs to get from words to action by keeping up with crucial reforms and addressing the country's poor infrastructure," said Sushant Palakurthi Rao, Director and Head of Asia at the World Economic Forum. "In this regard, the theme of this year's Summit, 'Implementing India', reflects our objective to highlight the concrete actions which must be executed across India's rural and urban areas to sustain progress over the long term."

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