

iLEAD-KAS-IYDU Celebrating New India – Multilateralism and Youth

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EVENT REPORT

The International Youth Summit “Celebrating New India” on Multilateralism and Youth, was jointly organised by the iLEAD Global Foundation, the India Office of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the International Young Democrat Union (IYDU) on 28th October in New Delhi. The summit was held to mark the 75th anniversary of Indian independence. “Celebrating New India” aims to engage the leading political and business minds as well as prominent leaders from the civil society and academia to shape national, regional and industry agendas. Delegates from eleven countries, renowned think-tanks, academic institutions and universities participated in the summit. The IYDU Council was held as a sideline meeting to the summit.

Subsequent to the introductory remarks by the Curator of “Celebrating New India”, Mr. Sourabh Choudhary, Mr. Baijavant ‘Jay’ Panda, National Vice-President of the BJP, addressed the summit on 'Multilateralism and Youth' as a keynote speaker in the first session. He emphasised on India’s present role in the global order and stated that India has gone from “diffident to confident”. He also outlined that the youth has to play a big role in future approaches towards multilateralism.



(Mr. Sourabh Choudhary)



(Mr. Baijavant 'Jay' Panda)



(Panellists Session 1: Mr. Abhishek Pratab Singh, Lt. Gen. Arun Kr Sahni, Dr. Adrian Haack, Ms. Marwa Al Ansari)

In the first panel discussion on 'Global Challenges: The War Within and Without' moderated by Mr. Abhishek Pratab Singh, Member of the Hindi Advisory Committee under the Govt. of India, the panellists, Dr. Adrian Haack, Director of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung India, Lt. Gen. Arun Kr Sahni, Indian Army, and Ms. Marwa El Ansari, Member of the IYDU, discussed the challenges prevailing in the current geopolitical framework i.e. from climate change to various forms of terrorism.



(Panellists Session 2: Mr. Neelkanth Bakshi, Ms. Pragya Kaushika, Ms. Shreya Upadhyay, Mr. Abhishek Pratab Singh)

The second session titled "India's Answer to the Global Pandemic", moderated by Mrs. Pragya Kaushika, Associate Editor News 18 and the panel consisted of Mr. Neelkanth Bakshi, former Head of Communication of the BJP, Delhi, Ms. Shreya Upadhyay, Journalist with India's National Broadcaster DD News and Mr. Abhishek Pratab Singh, Member of the Hindi Advisory Committee, discussed about India's role, amongst others, as a global supplier of vaccines during the pandemic.



(Mrs. Pragya Kaushika, Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Dr. Adrian Haack, Mr. Sourabh Choudhary)

In Panel Discussion 3 on 'Is Green Hydrogen the answer to the World's Energy Needs', the Hon'ble Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, launched the Joint Leadership Programme in collaboration with iLEAD Global Foundation and with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung India Office titled 'Rising Leaders: For Inclusive and Progressive Change'. Mr. Puri laid emphasis on the need to address concerns related to environmental challenges and cited India's milestones in the field of sustainability such as the International Solar Alliance in 2015 or the Panchamrit strategy in 2021.

Subsequently, the panellists Mr. Vineet Mittal, Chairman of Avaada and Ms. Gaurie, Author and Columnist for the Zee Group participated in the discussions. The vote of thanks was delivered by Dr. Adrian Haack.



(Panellists Session 3: Ms. Gaurie Dwivedi, Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri, Mr. Vineet Mittal)