

The Essence of India

Values of India

20. - 22.1.2008

Kick-off Seminar - Values of India

Time	21.1.2008
Venue	Small Hall, University of Helsinki
Address	Fabianinkatu 33, 4th floor, 00170 Helsinki
Indian speakers	Mr. Sam Pitroda , Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission Mr. Arun Shourie , Member of Indian Parliament Mr. Soli Sorabjee , Former Attorney General of India
Finnish speakers	Mr. Pekka Hallberg , President, The Supreme Administrative Court Mr. Risto Siilasmaa , CEO, F-Secure Mr. Lauri Kivinen , Head of Corporate Affairs, Nokia-Siemens Networks
Objectives	<p>The kick-off seminar "The Essence of India - Values of India" is an essential part of the five-event series, all of which will be organised during spring 2008. The kick-off seminar presents a broad framework to Indian society and economy within which each forthcoming event will focus on a specific topic concerning Finland-India cooperation in cleantech, health care and pre-seed.</p> <p>The key objective of the seminars is to deepen the existing relations between Finland and India. The aim is also to explore future opportunities for economic cooperation and core competence areas in Finland and India, and to promote globalisation that is based on best practises and reciprocity. The final and concluding seminar on Finland-India partnerships will be held in April 2008.</p> <p>Since 2004, Sitra's India Programme has successfully informed Finland about India's most recent developments in economy, business, society and culture. Owing to Sitra's India Programme and the multi-level activities of Finnish companies operating in India, Finland already has an increasing understanding of India but yet, there is a lot to learn and experience before being fully able to discover the essence of India.</p> <p>With its rapid economic growth and social change, India is outstripping most other countries. Although India is still facing substantial problems and poverty, it is by many indicators a significant international economic power. Although the increasing global significance of India is mainly understood, its economy, business, society and culture are still not sufficiently known in Finland or the image of them is often too one-dimensional.</p> <p>The seminar series provides a great opportunity for the Finnish audience to learn more about India and to engage and network with distinguished Indian experts on society, law, history, journalism, environment, health care, finance and knowledge economy.</p>
Forthcoming events	Responsible India 25. - 26.2.2008 Empathic India 13. - 14.3.2008 Capable India 10. - 11.4.2008 Inclusive India 15. - 16.4.2008

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- 14.30 *Registration and coffee*
- 15.00 *Opening remarks*
Mr. Esko Aho, *President of Sitra*
- 15.05 *Law and lawmakers as a part of India's growth story*
Mr. Soli Sorabjee, *Former Attorney General of India*
- 15.20 *Discussion*
- 15.30 *ICT and knowledge revolution in India*
Mr. Sam Pitroda, *Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission*
- 15.45 *Discussion*
- 15.55 *Role of the media in shaping emerging democracy*
Mr. Arun Shourie, *Member of Indian Parliament*
- 16.10 *Discussion*
- 16.20 *Coffee break*
- 16.40 *Panel discussion*
- Chairman*
- Mr. Mikko Kosonen**, *Executive Vice President, Sitra*
- Panelists*
- Mr. Sam Pitroda**, *Chairman of the National Knowledge Commission*
Mr. Arun Shourie, *Member of Indian Parliament*
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Mr. Lauri Kivinen, *Head of Corporate Affairs, Nokia-Siemens Networks*
Mr. Risto Siilasmaa, *CEO, F-Secure*
- 17.40 *Concluding remarks*
Mr. Mikko Kosonen, *Executive Vice President, Sitra*
- 17.45 *Seminar ends*