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NEW DELHI (INDIA): India's Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has said that CII had done commendable job in adopting the vision of Late Prof CK Prahalad and creating a platform like India@75; however, there is need for extending the same to look at long term perspective for India@100, especially with respect to innovation in the field of water and land usage – like multiple usage of the same land and conservation and optimum utilization of water. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) together with its initiative India@75, created a focused agenda of nation building and organized a day long conclave. The Conclave was designed to brainstorm the 'Role of Innovation in Achieving India@75 Vision of a Developed India by 2022'.

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII & Trustee, India@75 Foundation in his welcome address said, "The innovative initiatives of CII/ India@75 in the field of Skill Development, Urbanization and Volunteerism have found convergence with the objectives of the Union Government and hence there is a renewed impetus on these three critical aspects that impact livelihood"

Rajan Navani, Chairman, CII Council on India@75 whilst delivering the vote of thanks stated that, "Mr Prabhu has had long association with India@75 and has guided us towards the achievement of the vision. As suggested by the Hon'ble Minister we will be looking at creating a vision for India@100"

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The first session dwelled on "Skill India – Challenges & Need for Innovation" with distinguished panelists Jyotsna Sitling, Joint Secretary Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship and Director General NSDA, Nish Acharya, Ex. Director US President's National Advisory Council on Innovation & Entrepreneurship and Atul Bhatnagar, COO, NSDC.

The second session focused on Digital India – The New Frontier moderated by Ms. Deepti Dutt, Leader – Government & Smarter Cities, IBM along with prominent panelists Gaurav Dwivedi, Joint Secretary & CEO MyGov; Manoj Davane, VP & Head – Technology, Government & Industry Relations, Sustainability & Corp Responsibility – Ericsson India and Dr. Rishi Mohan Bhatnagar, Global Head – Digital Enterprise Services, Tech Mahindra.

The last session focussed on Innovation in Urbanization II was addressed by Prof. Amitabh Kundu, Chairperson – Technical Advisory Committee on Housing Start up index at RBI Committee to Estimate Shortage of Affordable Housing; Abhijit Pawar , MD Sakal Media & Founder Chairman Delivering Change Foundation and Premjit Lal, Director, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

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