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Shayamal Ghosh, Former Telecom Secretary, conferred SKOCH Challenger Award on Gulshan Rai in presence of Sameer Kochhai

Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog conferred SKOCH Challenger Award on N C Saxena in presence of Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, SKOCH Group



Ajay Shah receives first SKOCH Literature Award for book "In Service of the Republic -Art and Science of Economic Policy" co-authored with Vijay Kelkar L to R: Gursharan Dhanjal (SKOCH); Rajat Kathuria (ICRIER); Dr Bibek Debroy (PMEAC); Ajay Shah; Amitabh Kant (NITI Aayog); Sameer Kochhar (SKOCH) and C Raj Kumar (JGU)



650 delegates sang Jan Gan Man in unison, led by Amitabh Kant, Author and CEO, NITI Aayog Top L to R: R Chandrashekhar; N C Saxena; Amitabh Kant; Sameer Kochhar; Rohan Kochhar U K Sinha and Manisha Kochhar



SKOCH Literature Award for Prolific Writing credited wife Suparna for his work



Debroy shares the story of his life at tv.skoch.in



Amitabh Kant was mobbed by 100+ fans for signing his book

SAMEER KOCHHAR EXPLAINS



Sameer Kochhar, U K Sinha; Rakesh Kumar, Chief Advisor, UNDP India; R Chandrashekhar, Former Telecom Secretary and M Ramachandran, Distinguished Fellow, SKOCH





L to R: Udbhav Tiwari, Advisor-Public Policy, Mozilla; Mudit Kapoor, Associate Professor, Economics, Indian Statistical Institute; Rahul Sharma, The Perspective; Gulshan Rai, Former National Cyber Security Coordinator & Distinguished Fellow, SKOCH Foundation; Rajat Kathuria, Director & Chief Executive, ICRIER; Shyamal Ghosh, Chairman, Telecom Export Promotion Council; Anita Gurumurthy, ED, IT for Change and Saranya Gopinath, Co-Founder, DICE & Research Fellow, Bharat Inclusion

EPISODE 1: CHAT WITH ROHAN



t was a chat with a difference. One-to-one and heart-to-heart. ▲One where experience met with the aspiration! Experience being the one coming with lifetime practicing on policymaking and being at the helm of government's top-most think tank, NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant as its CEO and the aspiration being Rohan Kochhar, young and versatile, Economics graduate, Master's in Public Administration from UCL, UK and Director, Public Policy, SKOCH Group. The youthful exuberance that was exuded by Rohan was self-evident, moment the chat was kicked off, that kept Kant at his sharpest best and the ones who watched, spellbound. The response from the side of experience was seamless and crystal clear that was a stimulating delight for the audience. Aspiration remained focused on eliciting more that could create a common meeting ground as a takeaway for everyone.

Debates on policymaking aren't of much interest to the common man. These do not generate TRPs nor attract investors or advertising. And for the informed, there is no such platform, either for inputs or learning - there is vacuum. SKOCH-TV fills this much needed gap and brings to you its maiden episode 'Chat with Rohan' that features Amitabh Kant in his full glory. In an another first, nearly 700 live audience watched the chat with a titan live and gave it a thumbs-up. The value of a live presentation was also captured by a few, who had their lifetime opportunity to interact with a stalwart like Kant.

Responding to the question of acquiring and retaining talent to build India 2.0, Kant said that the very fact that government has allowed lateral entry is an indication of its commitment. The corridors of NITI are abuzz with more than a hundred young professionals who left Harvard, Yale and Princeton etc. Their approach is essentially disruptionist.

Startup ecosystem is another disruption. The mindset of people needs to change. Without manufacturing, India can't grow. Wealth creation is to be done by private sector, government can be a catalyst.

Kant added that we must make states compete—only way to grow. The next stage of transition can come only through improvement in performance, challenge being one of the routes. For Aspirational Districts we have 49 indicators - Panchayats, BDO, Collectors, MPs and MLAs, all are competing.

On the question of convergence between schemes, Kant said that impact of schemes like Swachh Bharat will be felt for over five to six decades and its best outcome will be preventive healthcare. Reforms are inevitable and in months to come, there will be huge transformation.

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Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Managing Trustee & Research Director, IDF; Sameer Kochhar, Chairman, SKOCH Group; Vinod K Paul, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog; Subhomoy Bhattacharjee, Consultant, RIS and Ravinder Singh, Chief Information & Innovation Officer, Air Vistara



L to R: Nagesh Kumar, Director and Head-SSWA, Office of the UN; Pradeep S Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS; Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS; Sameer Kochhar; Mohan Kumar, Professor and Vice Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs and Chairman, RIS; Bornali Bhandari, Senior Fellow, NCAER and Abhijit Das, Head & Professor, IIFT



L to R: Sanjay Jaju, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence; Gursharan Dhanjal and Amit

Cowshish, Former FA, Ministry of Defence and Consultant, IDSA



L to R: Arvind Kumar, India Water Foundation; Sanjay Bajpai, Dept of Science & Technology; Sunil Kumar, Director, Central Water Commission; G Asok Kumar, MD, National Water Mission and M Ramachandran, Former Secretary, Gol and Distinguished Fellow, SKOCH Foundation











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120 delegates participated in Aspirations India. Front L to R:

Gursharan Dhanjal; Ajay Shah, Author; Rohan Kochhar;