



QUARTERLY REPORT

FRANCE INDIA FOUNDATION

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 **18th October, 2023**

 Dubai, UAE

Young Leader **Masoom Minawala** spoke at the CCI France UAE and IFCCI Luxury Conference addressing the topic 'India - the New Eldorado of Luxury.' The discussion was moderated by Board of Management Member, **Ms. Payal Kanwar**.



 **29th November, 2023**

 New Delhi

Young Leader **Masoom Minawala** was invited as a panellist in a fireside conversation on the topic "Beyond the Hype: Decoding Today's Content Trends" at IFCCI Luxury Symposium.



 **24th November, 2023**

 **Bengaluru**

Young Leader Nirupa Shankar recognised as the 'Woman Leader in Commercial Real Estate' at the Commercial Design Awards 2023

Young Leader **Nirupa Shankar**, Joint Managing Director, Brigade Group was recognised as the 'Woman Leader in Commercial Real Estate' at the Commercial Design Awards 2023. The accolade is a testament to her influential role as a leader, setting an inspiring example for others.



 **17th December, 2023**

 **New Delhi**

Young Leader **Shrayana Bhattacharya** was invited for a conversation with **Twinkle Khanna** by **A Suitable Agency**

Shrayana Bhattacharya, Indian Young Leader was invited by 'A Suitable Agency' for their flagship event 'Suitable Conversations' with Twinkle Khanna at Sunder Nursery, New Delhi. The conversation featured elements on books, humour, writing and life.



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in conversation with
Shrayana Bhattacharya

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 **22nd December, 2023**

Young Leader **Abhinav Bindra** participates in the **#MakeItIconic Campaign**

Young Leader and Olympic gold medallist, **Abhinav Bindra**, shared insights on the forthcoming Paris Olympic Games 2024 in an engaging **#MakeItIconic Campaign** video presented by **the Embassy of France in India**.

The Make It Iconic Campaign is an international campaign which was launched in October 2023 by the French government launched to enhance the attractiveness of France.



 **8th January, 2024**

 Mumbai

The France India Foundation members meet Ms. Valérie Péresse, Président of the Région Ile de France

The France India Foundation members and sponsors were invited to attend an exclusive cocktail reception at the Residence of the Consul General of France in Mumbai, **Mr. Jean-Marc Séré-Charlet** to welcome **Ms. Valérie Péresse**, Président of the Région Ile de France on her 10 day official India Tour in January 2024.

Ms. Péresse interacted with Indian Young Leader, **Vishal Agrawal**, Vice President Axis Mutual Fund. She also interacted with **CEOs of CMA CGM (Atit Mahajan), Servier (Pierre Perez), Crédit Agricole CIB (Franck Passillier)** who are supporting the France India Foundation along with **Sumeet Anand and Payal S. Kanwar** from the Board of Management.



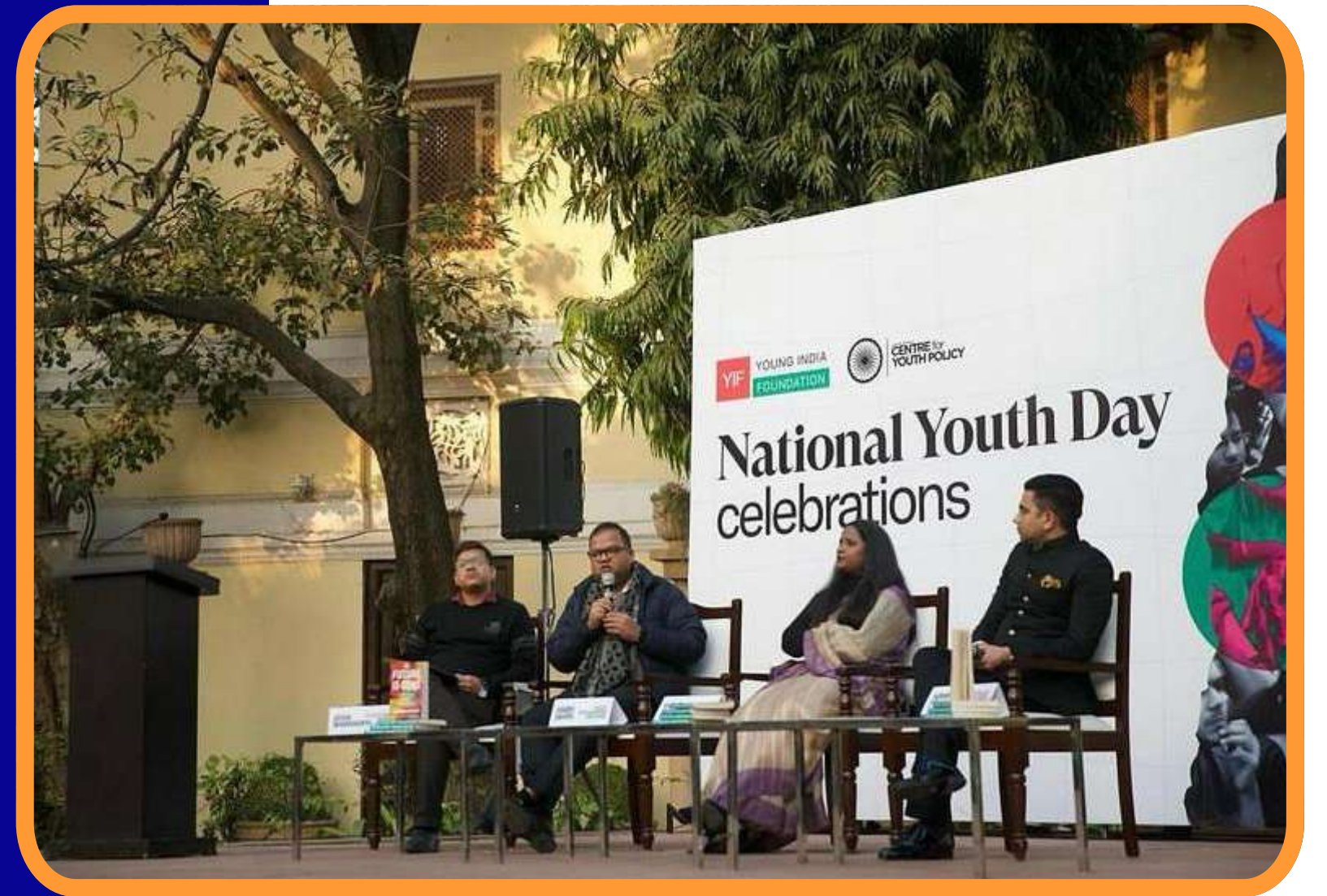
 **15th January, 2024**

 **New Delhi**

Young Leader **Abhinav Prakash engaged in dialogue organised by the Young India Foundation on National Youth Day**

Young Leader **Abhinav Prakash**, National Vice President at Bhartiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM), engaged in a vibrant dialogue organised by the Young India Foundation on National Youth Day.

The discussion centred around the crucial role of young voters in shaping Indian democracy, efforts by BJYM to involve more youth in political process.



 **18th January, 2024**

 **New Delhi**

Board of Management Members, Chiki Sarkar and Payal S. Kanwar along with Young Leader Abhinav Prakash meet Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale, In-charge, Department of Foreign Affairs, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Board of Management Members, **Chiki Sarkar and Payal S. Kanwar** along with Young Leader **Abhinav Prakash** met **Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale**, In-charge, Department of Foreign Affairs, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the BJP Headquarters in New Delhi. The purpose of the meeting was to provide Dr. Chauthaiwale with an overview of the objectives and values of the France India Foundation.



 26th January, 2024

The France India Foundation was featured in a Special Report on France, published by The Economic Times

The France India Foundation was featured in a Special Report on France, published by The Economic Times, commemorating the welcoming of the French President as the chief guest for India's 75th Republic Day celebrations. The article highlighted the Foundation's impactful work, facilitating exchanges between French and Indian Civil societies, the creation of new partnerships in Political, Economic, Cultural and Scientific realms, with a focus on the flagship initiative, the Young Leaders Program.



CELEBRATING INDO-FRENCH PARTNERSHIP

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Role of India-France Partnership in Global Cooperation

The Young Leaders Program between France and India is an initiative that fosters understanding and collaboration among the two nations by engaging with visionary leaders

Mayra Shankar
The France India Foundation (FI) has been founded under the umbrella of the France Asia Foundation in a strategic move to strengthen France's existing strong connections with India. FI, which is supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of France, intends to serve as a catalyst for meaningful interchange and collaboration among tomorrow's leaders. Set up in 2023, the France India Foundation (FI) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening Franco-Indian partnerships across sectors by facilitating human exchange and meaningful conversation. The FI has the support of prominent cultural figures, business leaders and diplomats. The Foundation's central focus is to organise the Young Leaders Program, where 10-15 promising leaders under 40 years of age from both countries will interact over a 4-day period to discuss and debate current issues and pressing questions. The Young Leaders are chosen based on their exemplary contributions to the fields of business, politics, sports and culture across backgrounds. Last year, the inaugural Young Leaders program was held in Delhi and Bangalore from 18th to 18th April 2023. The first cohort included 25 promising young leaders from India and France who were chosen based on their exemplary contributions to the fields of business, politics, sports and culture. Some of the names include Olympic Gold Medalist Abhinav Bindra, CEO of Nuhus Adhitha Nayyar, Director Oncology at Apollo Hospitals, Harshad Mehta on the Indian side and leaders like former football player and Entrepreneur, Matthieu Flamini, Multi-Award Winning Opera Singer - French El Ghomri, Co-Chairman of retail brand Futaba, Sophie Lainehe, among others.

India is on track to become the world's third largest economy by 2030 – and the aviation industry is a pivotal contributor to that amazing growth story. Airbus is honoured to be contributing to this rapid expansion of civil aviation in India. Airbus is also steadily increasing the share of Indian component manufacturing and engineering services in our global supply chain. We are developing local manufacturing, assembly, maintenance and training capabilities as part of our effort to stimulate the entire aerospace ecosystem in keeping with the vision growth goals of Airbus. France and India share a unique relationship of mutual trust and respect. Airbus is honoured to contribute to this special relationship by supporting the growth of India's aerospace and defence industry.

REMI MAILLARD
President & Managing Director, Airbus India & South Asia

DEEPENING DEFENCE TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE

Defence cooperation serves as the keystone of this strategic alliance. The armed forces of both nations engage in joint exercises to enhance interoperability and coordination. France has been a valuable ally in India's defence modernization efforts, highlighted by the acquisition of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft in 2016 and the P-75 Scorpene project, with the construction of six submarines. Max Le Penne Minister's presence as Guest of Honour at the Bastille Day celebrations further reinforced these bilateral ties, potentially leading to a significant defence deal involving the acquisition of Dassault's Rafale-M fighter jets for the Indian Navy's newly commissioned indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant. The defence partnership also reached new heights with declarations made to continue and reinforce the 15-year submarine building cooperation. Moreover, the approval granted by the French Government for Safran to collaborate on the design, development, and manufacture of advanced multi-role combat aircraft engines symbolises the mutual trust and commitment between the two nations. India and France have nurtured a remarkable partnership in the field of aerospace research and space exploration, fostering innovation, technological advancements and mutual growth. Two notable collaborations include the creation of the Indo-French Centre for Aerospace Research and Innovation (IFCAR), aimed at promoting R&D in aerospace technologies, and the several joint research programs and satellite launches by the French Space Agency (CNES) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). France has also provided technical assistance in the construction of the Satish Dhawan launchpad, cementing a longstanding bond in the pursuit of space exploration and technological advancement.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF YLP 2023:
The Young Leaders Program 2023 was an immersive experience that seamlessly blended engaging discussions, insightful site visits, and cultural exploration. Noteworthy highlights included:
• A privileged evening with the Vice-Presidents of India, the
• Exclusive sessions with French research and development experts

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 **26th January, 2024**

 **New Delhi**

Young Leader **Shrayana Bhattacharya met with President Macron during his state visit to India**

Our Young Leader **Shrayana Bhattacharya**, Economist at the World Bank and author met with French **President Macron** during his state visit to India for the Republic Day Celebrations. During their meeting, she was able to present her work and talk about the economy and gender issues in India and the world.



 **26th January, 2024**

 New Delhi

Sumeet Anand joins the Official Reception Dinner hosted by the President of India in honour of French President Macron's State Visit on Republic Day

Sumeet Anand, the President and Founding Member of the France India Foundation, was invited for the Official Reception Dinner hosted by the President of India on the 26th of January, Republic Day, in New Delhi to honour the state visit of the **French President, Emmanuel Macron**, who served as the chief guest during the Republic Day celebrations. During this prestigious gathering, Mr. Anand engaged in meaningful interactions with President Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, President Emmanuel Macron, and several senior ministers, diplomats, and bureaucrats.




*In honour of His Excellency Mr. Emmanuel Macron,
President of the French Republic
The President of Bharat
requests the pleasure of the company of
Shri Sumeet Anand
at a Banquet
on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 1930 hrs
at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi.*



1st February, 2024

Young Leader **Abhinav Bindra, India's first individual gold medallist at the Olympic Games, has been selected as a torchbearer for the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympic Games.**

He will be part of the Olympic torch relay to be held from April 16 to July 26.



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