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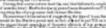
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- TOI, a recent entrant in many other new cities
- City-level causes to become a 'voice of the city'
  - Kolkata maidan
  - Followed by city level causes in Bangalore, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Pune...

- From city-level celebration...
- To an India Poised for the big leap



#### India v/s India

There are two Indias in this country.

One India is straining at the leash, eager to spring forth and live up to all the adjectives that the world has been showering recently upon us.

The other India is the leash.

One India says, give me a chance and I'll prove myself. The other India says, prove yourself first and maybe then you'll have a chance.

One India lives in the optimism of our hearts. The other India lurks in the skepticism of our minds.

One India wants. The other India hopes.

One India leads. The other India follows.

But conversions are on the rise. With each passing day more and more people from the other India have been coming over to this side. And quietly, while the world is not looking, a pulsating, dynamic, new India is emerging.

An India whose faith in success is far greater than its fear of failure. An India that no longer boycotts foreign-made goods but buys out the companies that make them instead.

History, they say, is a bad motorist. It rarely ever signals its intentions when it is taking a turn.

This is that rarely-ever moment. History is turning a page.

For more than half a century, our nation has sprung, stumbled, run, fallen, rolled over, got up, dusted herself and cantered, sometimes lurched on. But today, as we begin our 60th year as a free nation, the ride has brought us to the edge of time's great precipice.

And one India - a tiny little voice at the back of the head - is looking down at the bottom of the ravine and hesitating.

The other India is looking up at the sky and saying, it's time to fly.









Two simple letters.

Place them side by side however, and they form a word potent enough to turn a mass of people into a nation.

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The last time we decided to Do or Die it changed the map of the world. Today, the eyes of the world are on us again.

So what are we going to do?

How are we going to turn from a land of philosophers into a nation of do-ers?

Are we going to keep thinking about what we should be doing or do something about what we're thinking?

Are we going to simply shrug our shoulders, blame our infrastructure, our bureaucracy and our political system?

Or are we going to roll up our sleeves, get up and actually do something about it.

The truth is this.

Thinking can happen from an armchair. But doing must happen on your feet.

Thinking may be a great way of getting things started. But doing is the only way to get things done.

And let's face it. You are never really caught in a traffic jam.

You are the traffic jam.

Today we are in our 60th year of independence. That works out to more than half a century.

And we're still happy being called a potential superpower, an emerging economy or a sleeping tiger?

THIS MUST CHANGE.

AND IT'S ONLY POSSIBLE IF SOME OF US SEIZE THE DAY AND DARE TO BE THE CHANGE.

So let's stop basking in our glorious past or daydreaming about our great future. Let's start by dominating today.

And domination starts with DO.





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## India in Search of Leadership

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And yet, the country faces a crisis of leadership, Governance has all bat collapsed. In critical areas such a public administration and state-funded education and healthcare, there's little or no confidence in government's ability to deliver a modicum of service. Corruption is eating into the innnards of our system, the bureau-cracy's a shadow of what it once was, and the political class, for the most part, doesn't appear terribly interested in stemming the rot.

In the series of in-depth reports and analyses we published in the first phase of our India Poised initiative,

the collapse of governance consistently came through as the most serious deterrent to a better quality of life. The malaise pervades both city and village, Roads built at great cost resemble moon's surface within months, yet the same contrac tors are hired to re pair them, for a price. Our municipal schools are struggling to im part even basic ed ucation. spaces meant for the citizenry are be ing quietly hawked to builders in complete disregard of land use laws. Large swathes of India

live in darkness, literally, Drinking water, sanitation and basic hygiene remain a privilege— It's hardly surprising that diarrhoea kills 45,0000 every year, more than in any other country Three-fourths of the population grind by on Rs 20 a day. A large chunk of the money marked for floods and other calamities sinks without a ripple. News of Farmer suicides is now met with a helpless shrug. The justice system creaks. And for all the tax we pay, little or nothing comes back in the form of social security Sadly even our

armed forces — once a source of great national pride — have been breached by charges of corruption and indiscipline.

India fares abysmally on the globorruption meter. According to Transparency International, 20% believe government does not fight corruption at all; 39% think its fight against corruption is ineffective; and 15% say that far from fighting corruption, government actually encouraces it.

This is a difficult place for businessmen to function. A global survey ranks India among the worst countries for doing business. Whether it starting or closing a business, enforcing contracts, paying taxes, or registering property — every procedure takes an inordinately long time. Believe it or not, it takes an average of 10 years to close a business! Red tape is a big reason, but an equally vexing reason is that palms have to be greased for anything to move.

And yet, the economy is growing at a scorching pace, people are making money hand over fist, confidence

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is brimming over. Surely, there must be something our leaders are doing right? The invariable response to that is, India's booming in spite of its netas and babus, not because of them. And that it is India Inc that's driving much of the change. Indian businessmen are competing aggressively in global markets, snapping up large multina tionals. hiring thousands young people every month at hitherto-unheardof salaries, and turning investors

into millionaires overnight. Our entrepreneurs are gaining respect in boardrooms and markets across the world for their ability to combine vision and ambition with execution. Some started from scratch, others inherited businesses and expanded them dramatically. It may be a sign of our times that they're becoming role models for a new seneration.

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If India Inc can produce so many
strong, transformational leaders, why
can't politics? Is it because the best and
the brightest are just not interested in
getting into politics — either because



it's considered 'too dirty' or because it's difficult for a person from a middle-class, professional background to financially support himself and his family without compromising his integrity? Or, is it because few believe they can make a difference to an entrenched system. If that's the reason, it's a chicken-

and-egg bind. Imagine a situation where our political establishment is able to attract honest, dedicated people. What a powerful combination it would make: Leaders who inspire confidence and trust at the helm of a nation bursting with energy and creativity - where the political leadership works through enlightened policy-making and an efficient, clean administration to unleash the power of millions of skilled, industrious citizens. Indians abroad have been acknowledged for their intelligence and hard work. It's the same gene pool here. What we need are conditions conducive for extraordinary achieve-

It would be naïve to believe that anyone, however unimpeachable, can survive in the political jungle without a few compromises, without some amount of give-and-take - politics. after all, is about the art of the possible. But don't forget that's partially true of business as well. If big firms, which for decades thrived by bending the system, could have substantially cleaned up their act - and lived to tell a profitable tale - why can't we, as the voting public, demand better governance from our elected representa tives? In the past 15 years, business has increasingly discovered the virtues of good governance, not necessarily because of a sudden stab of conscience, but because of the premium foreign investors place on transparency. The resultant rise in valuations has far outstripped the money that could have been made through any financial sleight.

It's not as if the political establishment has no leaders who can inspire trust and confidence — just that there aren't enough to go around. The bu-

reaucracy too has exceptionally fine officers, but the conditions in which they work breed frustration and disillusionment. We need to attract new people into the political arena, people who can act as change agents. They don't necessarily have to be the type that can lead a charge into the valley of

death. But they should be willing to dig in for the long fight, dely decades of conventional wisdom, ignore the cynic and take the septic along—and most importantly, have the conviction and passion to do the right thing. The India Poised series profiled a number of unsung heroes who have radically changed the world around them, often against seemingly insurmountable odds. None of it happened overnight.

The Times of India has, since the beginning of the year, celebrated achievements of which we, as a nation, can be proud. There is a great deal to celebrate, most notably that we have kept the democratic faith, unlike many nations which sild into anarchy and dictatorship after they won Independence. India's priorities, such as its emphasis on education, have also been largely in the right direction.

This is a nation poised for greater glory, provided we can realise our full potential. TOI believes the multiplier effect of good governance will be explosive. It's the traditionally disenranchised sections who stand to benefit the most—people who waste sawy on the margins of society without access to housing, healthcare, education or justice. The effect are insulate them-

The elite can insulate themselves from poor governance — they can send their children to expensive schools and colleges and get the best medical treatment. They are not as battered by the deep injustices of the system as the child on the street, or the woman in the slum. As a nation, meaningful progress will

elude us until we can construct a matrix where the margin is integrated with the mainstream. It requires strong leadership. There's a Welsh proverb that says, "He that would be leader must be a bridge."

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This is a nation crying out for leadership in public life, at every level.
TO's Lead India initiative is a small 
step in that direction. Some may greet 
it with skepticism, even cynicism. But 
a beginning needs to be made somewhere, in some fashion. We hope a few 
potential leaders will emerge out of it. 
Even if our initiative helps focus the 
attention of our 10 million readers on 
the issue of leadership, we'll have done 
our job. We're here to start the fire, be 
the catalyst.

There must be at least a few out there who are ready to stand up and

Jaideen Bose



## REWRITE INDIAN POLITICS.

#### USE A PEN.

#### NOMINATION FORM (SELF)

#### What is Lead India?

Lead India is an initiative by The Times of India to seek out the next generation of leaders for the nation. Today, the political system is full of people who are either career politicans or born into politics. The best and the brightest stay away from politics because they are put off by the tortuous path up the political ladder.

The Lead India programme will endeavour to bring a new breed of political leaders into the limelight. It will create a platform where candidates who are not career politicians but are otherwise qualified to lead the country can come forward.

#### What are the various stages of the Lead India programme?

The Lead India programme will run for about six months to finally select three People's Leaders-one final Lead India winner, and two runners-up. It will be divided into three phases:

#### Phase 1: REGISTRATION PHASE: 14th August 2007 to 7 September 2007

This phase shall comprise of a call for entries. Eligible Indian citizens can register through a registration form and submitting it to The Times of India. In case you know of any deserving person fulfilling the eligibility conditions, you can nominate them by sending LE ADN by sms to 8888 or nominate online at www.lead timesofindia.com. The Times of India will contact the nominated individual and invite them to fill the Registration form. All entries will be evaluated by an eminent jury to shortlist the 64 most deserving candidates for personal interviews, resulting in 8 candidates per city.

#### Phase 2: CITY ELIMINATIONS: October 2007

In each of the 8 centers, the 8 candidates shortlisted in Phase 1 shall be evaluated basis their performances in debates, opinion papers, projects, personal interviews and other evaluation techniques as decided by the expert panel to eliminate all but 1 candidate in each city. This phase will result in 1 city finalist from each of the 8 cities.

#### Phase 3: NATIONAL FINALS: November/December 2007

This phase will decide the Lead India final winner, and two runners-up. To get there, the 8 Phase 2 finalists (1 finalist from each of the 8 cities) will have to undertake tasks that test them on the ability to conceive national goals; resilience; sense of social responsibility, capability to translate vision into pragmatic action points; ability to rally people around a cause; and the ability to execute. Audience votes and the jury's decision on their performance will both determine the winners.

#### In which eight centres will the Lead India programme take place?

Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Pune and Hyderabad.

Applicants can register for the programme in any city of his/her choice by sending the sending the Registration form to the address specified for that city or register online.

#### Who can register?

Indian Citizens between the ages of 25 and 45 years as on 1.8.2007 and holding a valid voter ID card are eligible. For the details of eligibility and rules pertaining to non-participation, log on to www.lead timesofindia.com

#### How to register?

Advertisements containing the Registration form will be released regularly in The Times of India w.e.f. today. Registrations Forms should reach The Times of India at the addresses mentioned in the form latest by 7th Sept 2007. Registration Forms can also be filled online on www.lead.timesofin.dia.com by 6pm on 7th Sept 2007.

#### What qualities are we looking for in the applicants of the Lead India programme?

Applicants shall be evaluated on attributes relevant to the political system - viz Ability to - Conceive of a goal for the nation, Sense of social responsibility, Capability to translate his vision for the nation into specific action, Rally people around his ideas, and Resilience.

#### What will be the judging process?

Applicants will be judged by a jury of eminent people prominent in varied spheres such as Politics, Education etc. who will evaluate the candidates at every stage. The decision of BCCL shall be final and binding on all participants.

#### What will happen to the Lead India Final Winner?

The Lead India programme is designed to enable the best and brightest potential leaders of India to cut short the normally long-winded path up the political ladder. Using the combined weight of all media channels of the Times Group - India's leading media house - the programme will showcase the winners' leadership skills to millions of our countrymen... thereby placing them right at the doorstep of the opportunity to participate in the Parliamentary Elections 2008-09. With the kind of media build-up the winners will receive and the extent of public support the candidates would already have gamered, we believe national as well regional parties would vio to offer them a party ticket for the forthcoming elections. All finalists will be groomed on various aspects of political leadership by eminent mentors spanning the fields of economics, political science and foreign and domestic national policy.

In addition, the Lead India Final Winner will be awarded acorpus of Rs. 501akh for funding a public welfare project of his choice. He will also receive an entry into the Leadership Development Program at the John F Kennedy School of Political Leadership.

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#### I AM THE I IN INDIA

The day I was born in this country, this country was also born in me.

I can feel it running through my guts when I'm angry and throbbing through my veins when I'm glad. I am India and India is me.

Starting today, I have decided that I will not point fingers at anyone any more. Instead, those fingers will be pointed at me.

I am the system that does not work. I am the pothole on the road that doesn't get filled. I am the FIR that doesn't get filled. I am the bridge that doesn't get built.

Everything that's wrong with this country starts with me. And will soon end with me.

I am India and India is me.

The final and decisive stage of Lead India begins today. Watch the 8 national finalists battle it out at 8 pm on Star One.



# I am the idea that India awaits.

















Lead India is now in its final and decisive stage. Watch the 8 national finalists battle it out every Saturday at 8 pm on Star One.



THE SEARCH IS ON



## IT'S THE FINAL ROUND TONIGHT. AND INDIA IS LEADING.

What do you call a contest in which the winners outnumber the participants?

In fact, do you call it a contest at all?

Last year, the Lead India initiative dusted off 6 decades of indifference to take its first determined steps.

Steps that would travel a road lined with cynical litter and well-meaning discouragement.

Today, many overwhelming months later, we find ourselves confronted with one blunt question.

If this is what we as citizens could do in just 6 months, what have we as a nation been doing for 60 long years?

It is not a question that needs answering. For there are more important posers that confront us.

What, for instance, do the next sixty years hold for us?

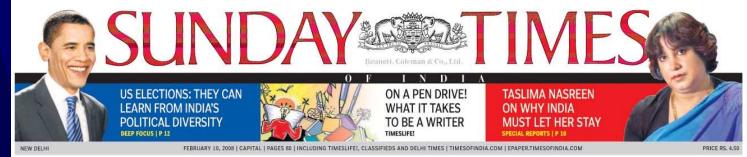
Or for that matter, even the next six years?

To be honest, it may well boil down to whether you put aside 60 minutes this evening to watch the world's largest democracy rewrite its destiny.

Because, whoever you decide to root for, India will still be in the lead.



FINALS TONIGHT AT 8PM, ONLY ON STAR ONE.



#### **SNAPSHOTS**

#### Raj Thackeray warns of more 'reactions'



Barring Hindi and English television channels from attending his meetings, Raj Thackeray on Saturday said more "reactions" against

north Indians in Mumbai would follow if the Maharashtra Navnirman Sena was provoked. He said his opposition to Chhath puja was due to its being used as a 'show of strength'. P9

15 held in Nagpur lynching: Fifteen neonle have been detained for the lynching of Congress leader Gyaneshwar Sathawane at an election meeting in Mouda, 40 km from Nagpur. P 17

Mumbai chill continues: Northerly winds continued to chill Mumbai on Saturday as the temperature stayed at 8.6 degrees celsius, from the previous day's 8.5 degrees. P 13

All parties to blame for Nandigram: National Human Rights Commission has pulled up the Bengal government. CPM and the land agitators for the violence in Nandigram last year lead ing to loss of lives and property, P9

Now or never on N-deal': Pressing for speedy completion of the Indo-US nuclear agreement during the current Bush administration, the US has hinted that it is a now-or-never opportunity for India to clinch the deal. P 17

HIV diagnosis botched up: A woman in Orissa has claimed a compensation of Rs 10 lakh from the state for being erroneously diagnosed as HIV-positive when she was pregnant, P 15

EU warning to Musharraf: European Union's election observation mission to Pakistan has warned "there would be implications for President Musharraf" if the agency reports any irregularity in the February 18 polls. P 25

US to bring own food for Olympics: Unsure of food standards in China, the US olympic committee will ensure its athletes get food shipped from the US when they land for the Olympics, P 22



### Misra journeys from village Kidney Kumar back, to Lead India via IIT & US



Lead India winner R K Misra and finalist Devang Nanavati (L) with PM Manmohan Singh at the PM's residence on Saturday

#### Return To Roots Through Dream Project Clinches Victory

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

t was a journey that began 42 years ago in Sonari, a small, impoverished village in UP's Sitapur district. The stage shifted to HT Kanpur. then Tokyo University A series of start-ups followed, with a stint in the US thrown in. But on Saturday night, life came full circle for R K Misra. As he outlined a plan to set up a cooperative dairy farm to transform life in the village where he was born, the jury and audience was visibly moved.

After 10 rounds of challenging tasks and the scrutiny of hawk-eyed judges, it proved to be the decisive moof the Lead India contest. The man who never hesitates to speak his mind has often said that he believes he could be prime minister of India within 18 vears. He has now taken a huge stride

forward towards his ambitious goal, preneur. Asked how he would utilize the prize money of Rs 50 lakh if he small by focusing on just a dairy farm, al Goolam E Vahanvati. "I don't think

Lead India is an important initiative taken by The Times of India. It's in the right direction. Oceans are made drop by drop, and this is how mighty movements grow.

youth is the most powerful resource on, above and below the earth. Manmohan Singh | PM APJ Abdul Kalam | EX-PRESIDENT Bedi. "I believe in leading by example.

This farm will not only provide sustainable employment but also serve ment, helping Misra emerge winner as a role model for other villages. The biggest problem in India is ineffective implementation. There is a lot of talk. but little action. That is why my mot-

FULL COVERAGE ON FACING PAGE

On Saturday, Misra showed just to is 'work more, talk less'," said Miswhy he has been a successful entre- ra to a round of thunderous applause.

Questions from the other judges followed. As a person born in UP who won, he rattled off a well thought-out is now settled in Bangalore, what did plan with time-bound targets and ac- he feel about protests against mitionable goals. Wasn't he thinking grants, asked India's solicitor-gener-fan of his' asked permanent jury member Kiran most citizens support such protests. PM lauds Lead India Initiative, P 19

They are carried out by a handful of people with vested interests. Treat them as a law and order problem, crack down on them, and the problem will vanish," responded Misra.

Lead India is the best

movement I have come

The ignited mind of the

across in the recent past.

When former Madhya Pradesh CM Digvijay Singh asked him how he would ensure an efficient service de livery mechanism to rural areas. Misra mentioned his efforts to improve Bangalore's roads through public-private partnership. He suggested making panchayats aware of the Right to Information Act, He also paid tribute to another special judge, RTI activist Arvind Kejriwal, saying, "I am a huge

## whisked to CBI HO

#### Taken Out Of Airport From Special Exit

Vishwa Mohan & Dipak Kumar Dash | TNN

New Delhi: Kidney racket kingpin Amit Kumar was brought here by a CRI team from Kathmandu on Saturday evening after Nepal - despite initial noises to the contrary - quickly gave its nod to his deportation. Within hours, he was handed over to the team which brought him back to the capital by evening and whisked him away to its CGO complex office, avoiding reporters and photographers waiting for the doctor.

Amit was reportedly tak en out of IGI airport through a special exit which is nor mally used by customs offi cials. He was driven to the CBI headquarters in a taxi from which he stepped down a few metres away from the agency's office and walked fast to enter the building.

Forty-year-old Kumar, flown in on an Air-India IC-814 flight, will go for the mandatory check-up after which the preliminary round of interrogation will begin. Wearing a black jacket, Kumar smiled at the sight of the huge media presence at the heavily-guarded CBI headquarters but, unlike in Kathmandu, he didn't respond to any questions

Soon after formally taking ver the probe from the Haryana Police, the CBI on Friday registered a case against Kumar and others under various sections of the IPC, including 120B (criminal conspiracy), 326 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt by dangerous weapon), 342 (punishment for wrongful confinement) and 420 (cheating), and under sections 18 and 19 of the Transplantation of Human rgans Act of 1994.

If convicted under all these charges, Kumar could face life imprisonment.

► FULL COVERAGE, P 4



DOC IN DOCK: Amit Kumar, accompanied by sleuths, at the CBI headquarters in Delhi after his arrival from Kathmandu

#### I was doing society a service: Dr Amit

Kathmandu: Not only is he unrepentant but kidney scam kingpin Amit Kumar thinks he is doing society a service. "I am a doctor by profession." the 40-year-old accused told Nepal police after his arrest from a holiday resort in south

Nepal on Thursday. In a statement to the police, he didn't deny transplanting kidneys for money and insisted he had done nothing wrong during his surgeries at the Star Max Life Care Hospital in Gurgaon. He even boasted that the number of transplants was about six times more than the figure suspected by UP and Harvana police.

"I have been running the hospital for 15 years," Kumar told police. "Doing kidney transplants is my main busithe US, Canada and European crime either."

countries came to his hospi tal where he had conducted over 3,000 transplants, the

statement said. "In India, there are legal complications," he said. "Different states have different organ transplant laws. In Haryana, the law is slightly relaxed, which is why I opened

my hospital in Gurgaon." For each transplant, Kumar said, he charged Rs 3 lakh to 4 lakh. He said donors were not coerced, "I paid them Rs 25,000 to Rs 1 lakh... I did not force anyone to donate their kidney, the transplants were done with the donors' consent. Therefore, it was not a crime.

And then he suggested he was doing social service. "The donors were poor Indians, the recipients, rich foreigners, was their go-between, I served them. I took some money for ness." he said. Patients from the service but that's not a

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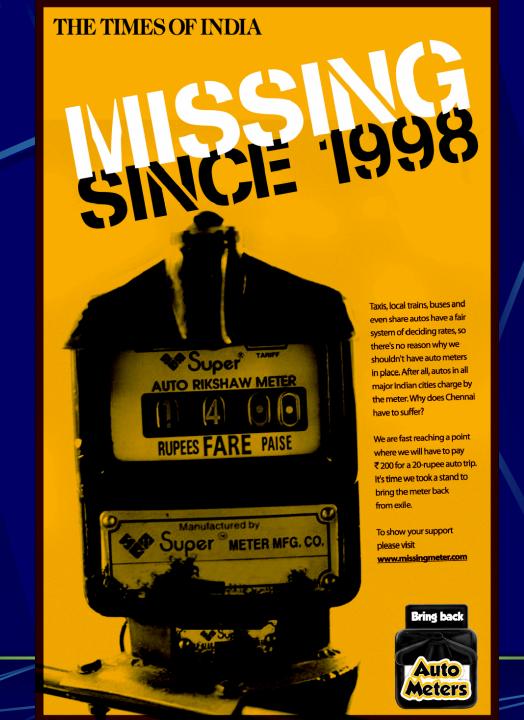
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