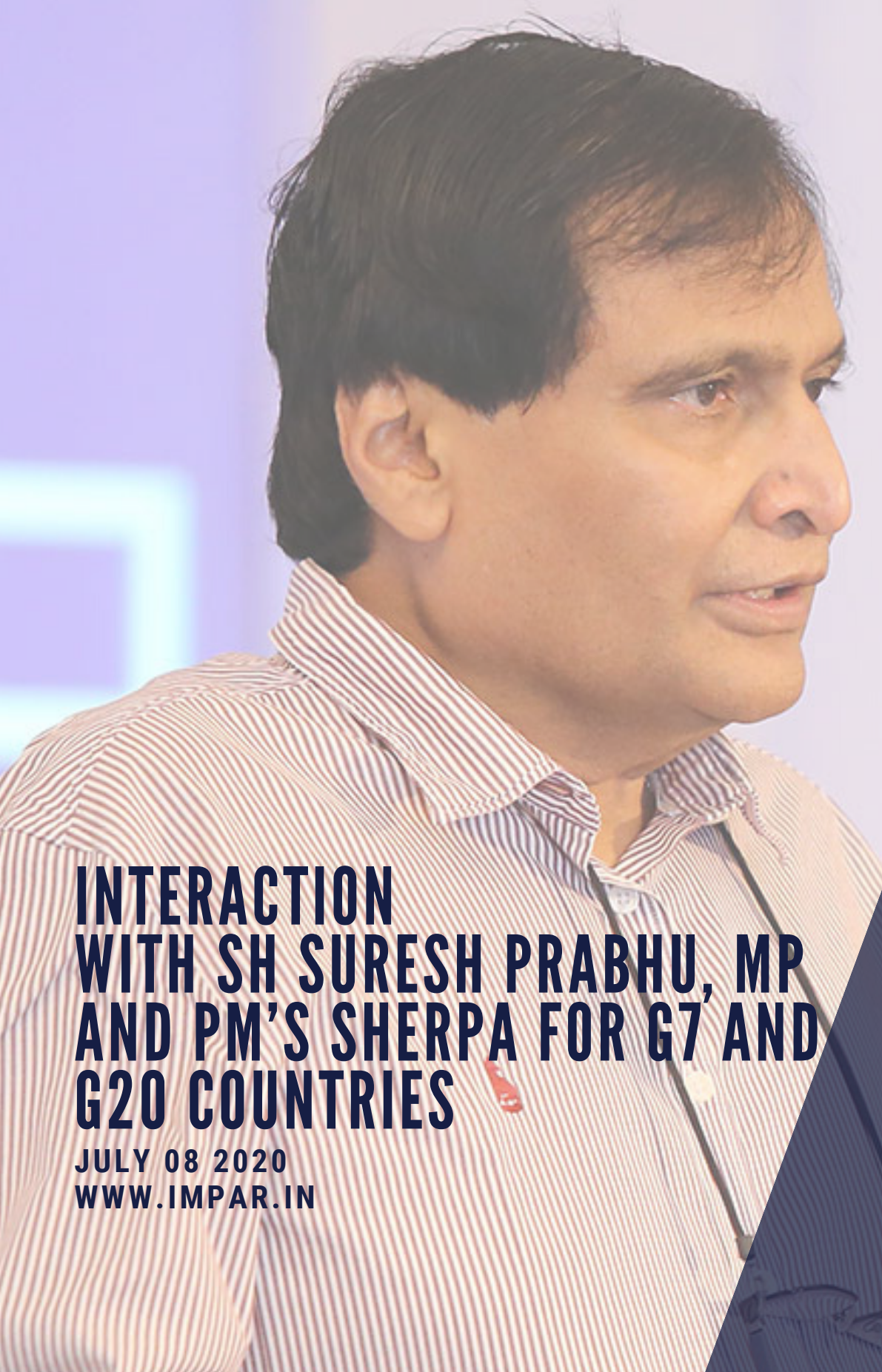


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INTERACTION WITH SH SURESH PRABHU, MP AND PM'S SHERPA FOR G7 AND G20 COUNTRIES

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Shri K Rehman Khan Sahib, Former Deputy Chairman Rajya Sabha

Mr K Rehman Sahib gave the introductory remarks and briefed Mr Prabhu about IMPAR- its aims and objectives, the need for reform and progress in the society. He also talked about how growing communalization is impacting the social fabric of the nation and how IMPAR wants to talk to all sections of the society for the betterment of the nation.



Javed Yunus Sahib: India Representative Saudi CISP and Aramco

Mr Javed lauded the contributions of Mr Prabhu in the economic landscape of the country. His contribution is globally well known and acknowledged. He emphasized on the role Muslim population can play as a potential economic force, within India and as a powerful earning diaspora outside India too. He urged that the economic development of Muslim community should be seen as priority and contiguous to national development. Ironically, the community had served vested political interests, through exclusion for focusing on majority vote-bank towards nationalistic re-imagination. Muslims and Islam are being called alien to the quintessential Indian ethos. However, Islamic practices have been localized in India as nowhere else. They are plenty of examples of unsung heroes who have worked hard for development of the nation and the community. On the other hand, there is a miniscule percentage of deviants who get significance because of the publicity they receive. He added that the perception of Muslims in India is not in consonance of their reality. Emancipation and empowerment of Muslims are as significant as it is to dispel perceived notions about the community.

He also focused on economic upliftment of Muslim youth and the need to mitigate the feeling of alienation. Mr Yunus requested the speaker to bridge the gap between the ruling dispensation and the Indian Muslim community.



Mr Khalid Ansari, Executive Director IMPAR

Mr Khalid Ansari gave an idea about the background of IMPAR and how its main aim is to try to link people to opportunities. Mr Khalid also gave a detailed description of how Muslim artisans work as MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) and the need to empower the Muslim artisans.



Mr HR Khan, Former Deputy Governor RBI Mumbai

Mr HR Khan requested the esteemed gathering to go back to the India of 1947 to understand how a diverse country like India rose through democracy, diversity and development. He said that there is an air of mistrust among the Muslim community and if 17 % of the population is not a part of the mainstream, the country could not reach its full potential.

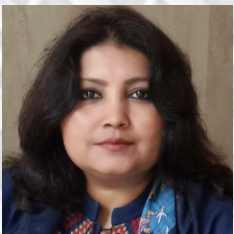
He urged for practice of mixed opportunity, interfaith mix, social value chain interdependence in school for creation of trust and integration. Giving precedence of how diversity is championed by practice but not only by law, he also made a case for empowerment and intermingling of Muslim women and creation of Muslim integration in police and armed forces.



Mr Saeed Shervani, MD Shervani Group of Hotels

Mr Saeed Shervani shared his reasons for joining IMPAR. He gave his insights about the political atmosphere of the country, particularly the political atmosphere created post the Tablighi Jamaat incident and how the vested interests communalized the pandemic. He also acknowledged that community needs to do lot of reflection and deliberation and Mr Prabhu should come forward with suggestions as to where the community lacks.

Modern education, jobs for youth, women empowerment are some of the areas IMPAR has taken. He specifically talked about the perception of Muslims created by the national media and social media. He urged that why bashing of Muslims is the central topic in the national media and guidelines should be issued to national media to avoid content that creates further divisions.



Ms Sheeba Aslam Fehmi, India Head at Indiatimes.live

Ms Sheeba raised the issue of slashing of chapters of CBSE syllabus. These topics are mainly related to federalism, caste and religion, food security, gender and society etc. As the chapters are mainly included in the curriculum of 9th -12th standards, they form an important formative understanding of many issues. As many students go towards technical education or towards livelihood earning process after class 12th, they never get a chance to go back to textbooks. She shared her concern that if students don't learn basic constitutional values at the high school, when they will learn. If we don't talk about caste, gender, federalism, we end up obliterating history of institutions. She urged for rethinking about this decision as this could lead to mental poverty of the nation.



Mr Suresh Prabhu, MP and PM's Sherpa for G7 and G20 countries

Mr Suresh Prabhu said that development, reforms and progress are the need of the hour. He also emphasized that as Indians we have a shared destiny and so share common challenges. He started his speech by invoking SabkaSaath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas, and this philosophy will bind all Indians together.

His focus was on that Indians should be able to live a life of dignity through economic activities. Specifically going to the historical role of the context of Atma Nirbhar Bharat, artisans will again play a key role. He spoke further about how district level growth is envisaged through the 5 trillion-dollar economy program, and how he tried involving people at all levels during his tenure as a Minister of Commerce and Industry.

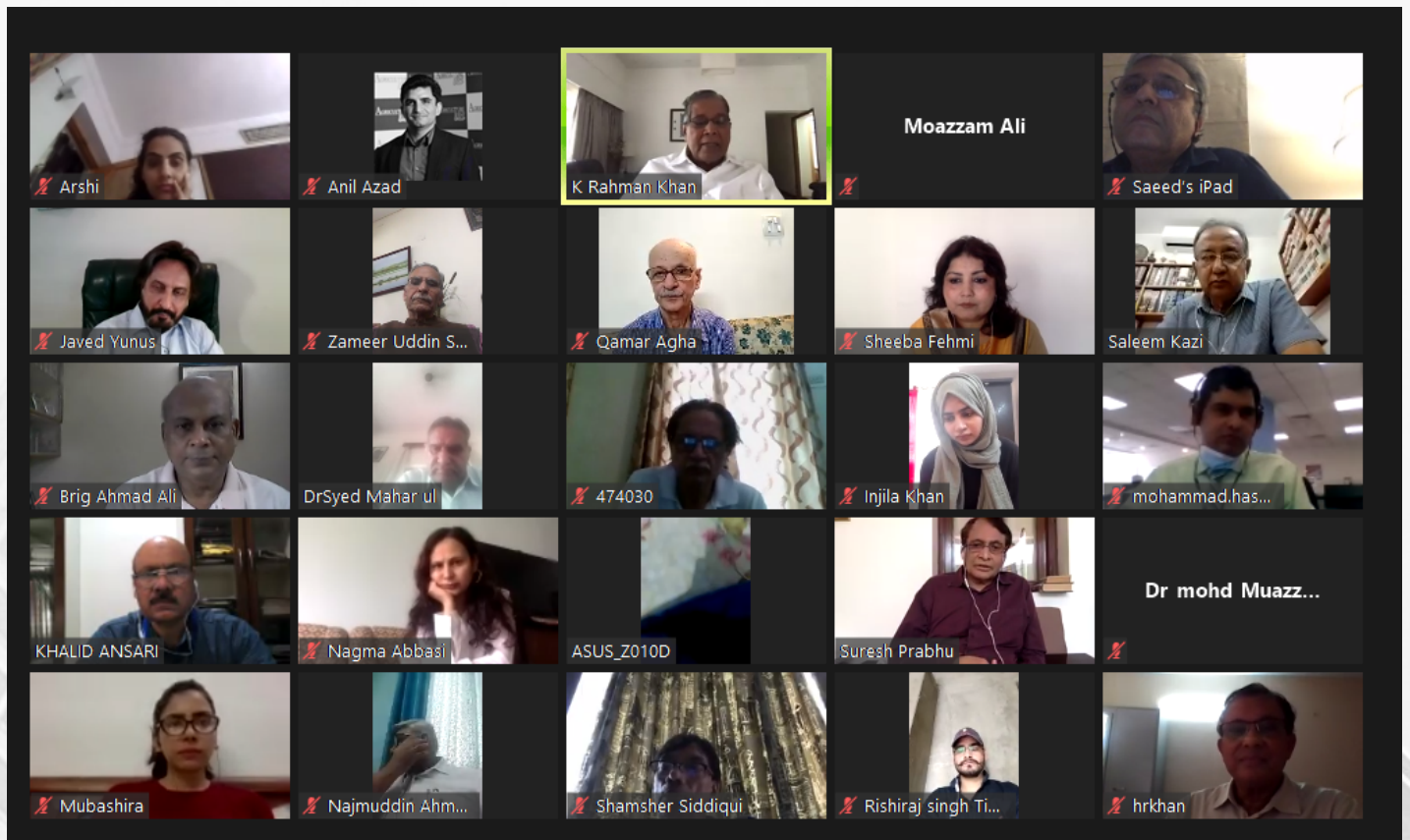
Mr Prabhu laid stress on the creation of interdependent supply chains, role of skill education for facilitating livelihood. Equally, he focused on how social harmony and peace is a pre-requisite for progress. Mr Prabhu assuredth



Col Saleem Durrani

Col Saleem Durrani gave the vote of thanks on behalf of IMPAR where he thanked Mr Prabhu for listening to genuine concerns and providing valuable suggestions.

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