

President Abdul Kalam's vision 2020 to be discussed threadbare at the meet

Top world CEOs to meet at Amma's birthday fete

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Kochi, July 25: The nation's vision to join the league of developed nations by 2020 will get a spiritual endorsement here in September when President A P J Abdul Kalam deliberates his dream concept with top CEOs at a summit organised as part of the 50th birthday celebrations of Mata Amritanandamayi.

A road map to Vision 2020 will be adopted at the meeting, to be presided over by the Mata. Top business captains of Indian origin including Deshpande, chairman of Sycamore Systems, Sah-eer Bhatia, the Hotmail brain,

Kanwal Reiki, venture capitalist, Ajit Singh of Siemens Medicals, B V Jagadish of Exodus Communications and Rajeev Dutta, chief financial officer, eBay will attend the meeting.

Also joining them at the meet to be held on September 26 will be Prem Jain of Cisco, Yomesh Joshi of HP, Somsekhar of Microsoft, Sreeram Viswanathan of Intel, Mukesh Ambani of Reliance, Sunil Mittal of Bharti, Krishnakumar of Tata and Shibulal of Infosys. The Amritanandamayi Mutt has confirmed the participation of 25 CEOs from the US, Europe, Japan and Singapore and about 15 from India.



"The CEO meet will deliberate on what we can jointly contribute to nation building and India's development by 2020. The

focus would be to train and retain the brains within the country," pointed out Swami Amritaswarupananda, vice-chairman of the Mutt, at press conference held here today.

Hinting that the CEO meet would be more than a brainstorming session, Dr Venkitrangan, Vice-Chancellor of the Amrita Viswavidyapeetom Deemed University, said the resolution would have a definite bearing on India's future planning. Though a rough draft of the nature of the deliberation and the resolution has been prepared, it will be finalised only after adding inputs from the Mata on her ret-

urn from a foreign tour later this month.

Similarly, another resolution to be adopted at the International Conference of Important Women will also be finalised after the Mata's arrival. At the women's summit, to be held on the same day, important women from all across the world will address roles and responsibilities of women in modern society, Swami Amritaswarupananda said.

Another important event at Amritavarsham 50 would be the inter-faith meeting which would also mark the beginning

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