

CII releases coffee table book on Tamil Nadu CEOs

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The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has come out with a Tamil Nadu CEOs coffee table book.

The book will have insights from top executives and industry leaders from the State, including Binod Kumar, CEO and Managing Director, Indian Bank; AR Unnikrishnan, Managing Director, Glass Group, Saint Gobain India; AD Padmasingh Issac, Founder and Chairman, Aachi Group of Companies; and LV Navaneeth, Chief Executive Officer, The Hindu Group.

The book was released as part of 'CEO CONFLUENCE 3.0', organised by the CII in the run up to its Tamil Nadu State Annual Meeting for 2025-26. It has been com-



(From left) LV Navaneeth, CEO, The Hindu Group; SKM Shree Shivkumar, MD, SKM Egg Products Export India Ltd; VG Sakthikumar, CMD, Schwing Stetter India Pvt Ltd; C Devarajan, MD, URC Construction Pvt Ltd; Santhanam, former Chairman, CII Southern Region; M Ponnuswami, CMD, Pon Pure Chemicals Group; NK Ranganath, past Chairman, CII TN State Council; Narayan Lakshman, Chairman, CII Tamil Nadu CEO Forum; Anand Roy, MD and CEO, Star Health and Allied Insurance Company Ltd; and AR Unnikrishnan, MD, Glass Group, Saint Gobain India Pvt Ltd

pleted in collaboration with management consultancy company Kearney.

The conference also saw the presence of N Ram, Dir-

ector, The Hindu Publishing Group, who shared his thoughts on the unfolding geopolitical crisis and how India should navigate itself

in such a situation.

He said the Indian government had erred by weakening its relationship with Russia under pressure from the

US, especially with respect to the purchase of crude at discounted prices.

'WRONG SIDE'

"The Indian establishment finds itself on the wrong side strategically, in my opinion. Had you maintained a more robust relationship with Russia and continued to insist on importing crude because you are getting it at a good price and refine it and export it to Europe... that was a good deal for India," he said.

He added that India should have, like China, held firm and not made concessions that did not work to its strategic advantage. "A disturbing aspect of this is the failure to disclose facts that people are entitled to know. People are very confused about this... they face difficulties on the ground."