

## First Subir Raha Memorial lecture by Nandan Nilakeni

Mr. Nandan Nilekani, Chairman, UIDAI delivered the first Subir Raha Memorial Lecture organised by Global Compact Network at New Delhi. ONGC CMD and President Global Compact Network Mr. R.S. Sharma, ONGC Director (HR) Dr. A.K. Balyan, ONGC Director (Exploration) Mr D.K.Pande and several eminent and senior corporate executives, media persons and students were present.

Recalling Mr Subir Raha's contribution to ONGC and the Indian oil industry, Mr Sharma said that Global Compact Initiative in India was started by Mr. Raha in 2003. Under his leadership ONGC was the first company to sign the integrity pact with Transparency International. Mr. Nilekani chose to speak on transparency in the Unique Identification Project, a subject very dear to Mr. Raha.

Recounting his experiences and lessons learnt in Unique Identification project, Mr Nilekani said that if we want inclusive growth and want people to participate in economic development we must come out with a solution to provide identity to the residents of this country. Establishing identity would automatically open doors for other services for reaching to the needy. This identity document would be a foundation for other services to build upon. 'Aadhar', the name given to the project means just that- the foundation.



*Photo caption: Mr RS Sharma, CMD, ONGC & President Global Compact Network and Mr Nandan Nilakeni, Chairman, UIDAI release a report on 'Global Compact Asia Pacific Regional Conclave.'*