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'India can achieve manufacturing growth of 12-14%'

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MUMBAI: India has the capability to achieve 12-14 per cent average manufacturing growth over the next 10 years backed by the talent it has to drive innovation and critical decision it can take at the micro and enterprise level, said Ajay Shankar, Member Secretary, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council, here on Thursday.

Mr. Shankar was speaking at the Visionary Leadership for Manufacturing Programme (VLMF), an initiative organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to transform the manufacturing industry.

"In the past few years, public discourse in the country has shifted towards manufacturing and with the talent generated from VLFM that is expected to be further scaled up, Indian manufacturing will hopefully be the supply base," Mr. Shankar said.

Speaking about the special initiative called Village Buddha model, Mr. Shankar said: "Unless we transform the way where economic activities are undertaken, we cannot transform the quality of life."

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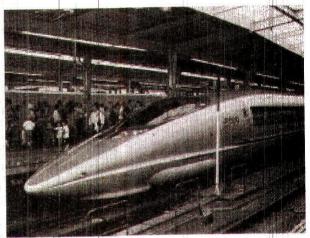
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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has expressed its willingness to help India build its planned high-speed rail corridor between Mumbai and Ahmedabad.

The agency, which is doing the feasibility study for the proposed project is even willing to extend the necessary technical and financial assistance for the

"We are currently working with the ministry of railways for undertaking the feasibility study. If there is an official request from the government of India, we are even willing to offer whatever help we could including financial and technical assistance to the proposed high speed rail corridor," said Shinya Ejima, chief representative, JICA.

While speaking on the sidelines of the 6th VLFM Learning Convention organised jointly by CII, JICA and National Manufacturing Competitiveness



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Council (NMCC), Mr Ejima also said that JICA is willing to provide assistance to the proposed Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) also known as Sewri-Nhava Sheva Trans Harbour Link, if the state government modifies its present policy of implementing the project through the public private partnership (PPP) mode.

This is because, JICA does not assist the private sector and provides financial assistance to only those projects, which are undertaken by the government.

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