

## THE INDIA-US FORUM

19 – 20 June 2026 | The Taj Mahal Hotel, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

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Day 1, Friday, 19 June 2026	
8:00 hrs	<b>Badge Pick-Up</b>  <i>Attendance is by invitation only. Access to sessions is limited to badge holders</i>
9:00 hrs	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>  <b>Indrani Bagchi</b> , CEO, Ananta Centre
9:02 - 9:05 hrs	<b>Opening Remarks</b>  <b>Jamshyd N. Godrej</b> , Forum Co-Chair, Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre and Chairman & MD, Godrej & Boyce
9:05 - 9:40 hrs	<b>Session 1   Conversation</b>  <b>Admiral Krishna Swaminathan</b> , PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy
09:45 - 11:00 hrs	<b>Session 2   Code and Combat: Navigating Tech, Trust and Innovation</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>RK Singh</b>, Defence Secretary, Government of India</li> <li>2. <b>ACM NAK Browne (Retd)</b>, Director, Tata Advanced Systems</li> <li>3. <b>Vivek Lall</b>, Chief Executive Officer, General Atomics Global Corporation</li> <li>4. <b>Frank Morley</b> (V. Admiral Retd.), Vice President - International, Northrop Grumman</li> <li>5. <b>Abraham Denmark</b>, Partner, Co-Chair of Defense &amp; National Security Practice, The Asia Group</li> <li>6. <b>Pankaj Chadha</b>, Executive Vice President and Head Marine systems, L&amp;T</li> <li>7. <b>Michael Fernandez</b>, Country Head, India, Lockheed Martin</li> </ol> Moderator: <b>Sameer Lalwani</b> , Senior Advisor, Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP)
11:05 - 11:50 hrs	<b>Session 4   Shipping the Future: IMEC and the new geography of trade</b>

<p><b>12:00 - 13:00 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Session 5   Promises and Partnerships: Stress-testing the India-US trade relationship</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Darpan Jain</b>, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India</li> <li><b>Chandrajit Banerjee</b>, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</li> <li><b>Mukesh Aghi</b>, President and CEO, USISPF</li> <li><b>Arun Kumar</b>, Partner, Celesta Capital</li> <li><b>Ananth Narayan</b>, Member, Mutual Fund Advisory Committee, SEBI; Member, Risk Management Committee, NSE</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Rajan Navani</b>, Chairman &amp; MD, Jetline Group India</p>
<p><b>13:00 - 14:00 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 - 15:00 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Session 6   Aligning Algorithms: Ctrl + Alt + Secure</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ylli Bajraktari</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Special Competitive Studies Project</li> <li><b>Sharad Sanghi</b>, Founder &amp; CEO, Neysa AI</li> <li><b>Srikanth Velamakanni</b>, Co-Founder and Group Executive, Fractal AI</li> <li><b>Fariba Wells</b>, SVP, Global Affairs, Kyndryl</li> <li><b>Sunil Gupta</b>, CEO, QNu Labs (tentative)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Aman Khanna</b>, MD and Partner, The Asia Group</p>
<p><b>15:00 - 15:45 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Session 7   Power Play: Securing Our Energy Future</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Neeraj Mittal</b>, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum &amp; Natural Gas, India</li> <li><b>Peter Lavoy</b>, Senior Director, International Government Relations, Exxonmobil</li> <li><b>Gurdeep Singh</b>, CMD, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Pramit Pal Chaudhuri</b>, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group</p>
<p><b>16:00 - 16:30 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8   Conversation</b></p>
<p><b>16:45- 17:40 hrs</b> <b>(Mansingh III&amp;IV)</b></p>	<p><b>Session 9   Capitol Calculus: Roundtable</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Stephen Leighton</b> - Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL)</li> <li><b>Ethan Pido</b> - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)</li> <li><b>Alec Daman</b> - Legislative Director, Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI)</li> <li><b>Anna McDonald</b> - Policy Adviser, Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37)</li> <li><b>Joshua Buckingham</b> - Legislative Director, Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI-13)</li> <li><b>Preeti Turpuseema</b> - Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA)</li> <li><b>Julie Singleton</b> - Senior Adviser, Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH)</li> <li><b>Sara Katsnelson</b> - Deputy Staff Director HFAC, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA)</li> </ol>

	<p>9. <b>Abigail Jung</b> - National Security Advisor, Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA)</p> <p>10. <b>Constantino Xavier</b> Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP)</p> <p>11. <b>Happymon Jacob</b> Founder and Honorary Director, Council for Strategic and Defence Research (CSDR)</p> <p>12. <b>Pramit Pal Chaudhuri</b>, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group</p> <p>13. <b>Rudra Chaudhuri</b>, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation</p> <p><b>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar</b>, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America)</p>
<b>17:45 - 18:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 10   India to U.S. in 22 yards</b></p> <p><b>Ishan Chatterjee</b>, CEO-Sports, JioStar</p> <p><b>Sambit Bal</b>, Editor-in-chief, Cricinfo; Board Member, JioStar</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ashok Malik</b>, Partner and Chair of the India Practice, The Asia Group</p>
<b>18:30 - 19:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 11   The Closest of Strangers: Re-imagining the India-US Relationship</b></p> <p><b>S Jaishankar</b>, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India <i>and</i> <b>Indrani Bagchi</b>, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
<b>19:30 - 21:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Inaugural Reception and Dinner</b></p> <p><i>By invitation only. All badge holders i.e. Forum attendees are cordially invited.</i></p>
<b>Day 2, Saturday, 20 June 2026</b>	
<b>9:00 - 9:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 12   US-India: The Indispensable Partnership, Reconsidered</b></p> <p><b>Vikram Misri</b>, Foreign Secretary of India and Forum Co-Chair <i>and</i> <b>Pramit Pal Chaudhuri</b>, Practice Head- South Asia, Eurasia Group</p>
<b>9:35 - 10:35 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 13   Neutrons are forever: Civil Nuclear Cooperation</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mike Goff</b>, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, US Department of Energy</li> <li>2. <b>Jamshyd Godrej</b>, Forum Co-Chair; Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre and Chairman &amp; MD, Godrej &amp; Boyce</li> <li>3. <b>Annat Jain</b>, CEO, Holtec Asia</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <b>Caroline Anderson</b>, Director of External Affairs, Fusion Industry Association</li> <li>5. <b>Amit Sharma</b>, MD, Tata Consulting Engineers</li> <li>6. <b>John Hopkins</b>, President &amp; CEO, NuScale (tentative)</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: C Raja Mohan</b>, Contributing Editor, Indian Express; Visiting Professor, Institute of South Asian Studies, NUS</p>
<b>10:40 - 11:40 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 14   Beyond the Capitals: Investment Pipelines</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>John Lenhart</b>, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Walmart</li> <li>2. <b>Rick Rossow</b>, Chair, India and Emerging Asia Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)</li> <li>3. <b>Atman Trivedi</b>, Partner, DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group</li> <li>4. <b>Aaron Demerson</b>, President &amp; CEO, Texas Economic Development Corporation</li> <li>5. <b>Prerna Sharma</b>, ACEO, Invest UP</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Anuj Poddar</b>, MD and Asia Co-Head of Global Portfolio Solutions, The Carlyle Group</p>
<b>11:45 - 12:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 15   Regulatory-Governance Reforms in India</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>V. Anantha Nageswaran</b>, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India</li> <li>2. <b>Rahul Matthan</b>, Partner, Trilegal</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Arghya Sengupta</b>, Founder and Research Director at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy</p>
<b>12:30 - 13:15 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 16   Fabs to Data Centres: Building Tech Infra</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Arvind Chandrasekar</b>, Senior Director - Government Affairs, AMD - India</li> <li>2. <b>Mihir Bhaskar</b>, SVP R&amp;D, IonQ</li> <li>3. <b>Vrinda Kapoor</b>, Co-founder and CEO, 3rditech</li> <li>4. <b>Dhruv Varma</b>, APAC Regional Leader, Data Center Liquid Cooling, The Chemours Company</li> <li>5. <b>Sunil Gupta</b>, MD &amp; CEO, Yotta</li> <li>6. <b>Sandeep Aurora</b>, Group Director &amp; Head of Public, Policy &amp; Government Affairs Microsoft India &amp; South Asia.</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Pranay Kotasthane</b>, Chair, High Tech Geopolitics Programme and Deputy Director, Takshashila Institution</p>
<b>13:15 - 14:00 hrs</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00 - 14:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 17   Conversation</b></p> <p><b>S Krishnan</b>, Secretary, MEITY, Government of India</p>

	<p><i>and</i>  <b>Virat Bhatia</b>, Managing Director, Apple India</p>
<b>14:30 - 15:15 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 18   Beyond China+1: The Next Phase of India's Manufacturing Journey</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>V. Anantha Nageswaran</b>, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India</li> <li>2. <b>Alexander Gray</b>, CEO, American Global Strategies</li> <li>3. <b>Rohit Kumar Singh</b>, Chair, Global Value Chains, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)</li> <li>4. <b>Josh Foulger</b>, President of IT Hardware and New Projects, Dixon</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Virat Bhatia</b>, Managing Director, Apple India</p>
<b>15:15 - 16:15 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 19   Gestrategy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Aparna Ray</b>, Joint Secretary, Policy Planning &amp; Research Division, Ministry of External Affairs</li> <li>2. <b>Asha Jadeja</b>, Founder, Motwani Jadeja Foundation</li> <li>3. <b>Zack Cooper</b>, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute</li> <li>4. <b>Jason Isaacson</b>, Chief Policy Officer, American Jewish Congress</li> <li>5. <b>Joe Wang</b>, Vice President for Global Affairs, SCSP</li> </ol> <p><b>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar</b>, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America</p>
<b>16:15 - 16:45 hrs</b>	<p><b>Session 20   Conversation</b></p> <p><b>Nagaraj Naidu</b>, Additional Secretary, Americas Division, Ministry of External Affairs</p> <p><i>and</i>  <b>Paul Kapur</b>, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia</p> <p><b>Moderator: Indrani Bagchi</b>, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
<b>16:45 hrs</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Indrani Bagchi</b>, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
<b>18:30 hrs</b>	<p><b>Reception and Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (By invitation only)</i></p>