

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 Ante-Lobby, Mansingh I	Badge Pick-Up <i>Attendance is by invitation only. Access to sessions is limited to badge holders</i>
9:00 hrs Mansingh I	Welcome Remarks Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre
9:02 - 9:05 hrs Mansingh I	Opening Remarks Jamshyd N. Godrej, Forum Co-Chair, Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre and Chairman & MD, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co
9:05 - 9:40 hrs Mansingh I	Session 1 Keynote Conversation Admiral Krishna Swaminathan , PVSM, AVSM, VSM, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy <i>and</i> Vice Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh , SYSM, PVSM, AVSM, NM, Director General, USI
9:45 - 10:55 hrs Mansingh I	Session 2 Code and Combat: Navigating Tech, Trust and Innovation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RK Singh, Defence Secretary, Government of India NAK Browne (ACM Retd.), Director, Tata Advanced Systems Vivek Lall, Chief Executive Officer, General Atomics Global Corporation Frank Morley (V. Admiral Retd.), Vice President - International, Northrop Grumman Abraham Denmark, Partner, Co-Chair of Defense & National Security Practice, The Asia Group Pankaj Chadha, Executive Vice President and Head Marine systems, L&T Moderator: Sameer Lalwani , Senior Advisor, Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP)
11:00 - 11:30 hrs Mansingh I	Session 3 Conversation

	<p>Sergio Gor, US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South & Central Asia <i>and</i> Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
<p>11:45 - 12:30 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 4 Promises and Partnerships: Stress-testing the India-US trade relationship</p> <p><i>Mapping what the trade deal must deliver for business confidence, investment and long-term strategic trust</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Darpan Jain, Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India 2. Janmejaya Sinha, Chairman, Boston Consulting Group India 3. Arun Kumar, Partner, Celesta Capital 4. Rick Rossow, Chair, India and Emerging Asia Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) 5. Amy Schedlbauer, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy India 6. Chandrajit Banerjee, DG, Confederation of Indian Industry <p>Moderator: Rajan Navani, Chairman & MD, Jetline Group India</p>
<p>12:30 - 13:30 hrs Mansingh II</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:30 - 14:40 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 5 Ctrl + Alt + Secure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ylli Bajraktari, Founder & CEO, Special Competitive Studies Project 2. Srikanth Velamakanni, Co-Founder and Group Executive, Fractal AI 3. Debjani Ghosh, Distinguished Fellow and Chief Architect- Frontier Tech Hub, NITI Aayog 4. Sunil Gupta, MD & CEO, Yotta <p>Moderator: Aman Khanna, MD and Partner, The Asia Group</p>
<p>14:45 - 15:30 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 6 Power Play: Securing Our Energy Future</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, India 2. Peter Lavoy, Senior Director, International Government Relations, Exxonmobil 3. Gurdeep Singh, CMD, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) <p>Moderator: Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group</p>
<p>15:45 - 17:00 hrs Mansingh III & IV</p>	<p>Session 7 Capitol Calculus: Roundtable</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen Leighton - Chief of Staff, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) 2. Sara Katsnelson - Deputy Staff Director HFAC, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) 3. Julie Singleton - Senior Adviser, Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Alec Daman - Legislative Director, Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI) 5. Joshua Buckingham - Legislative Director, Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI-13) 6. Preeti Turpuseema - Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) 7. James Gomez - Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jonathan Jackson (D) 8. Ethan Pido - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ) 9. Constantino Xavier Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) 10. Happymon Jacob Founder and Honorary Director, Council for Strategic and Defence Research (CSDR) 11. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group 12. Rudra Chaudhuri, Vice President, ORF <p>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America)</p>
17:15 - 17:45 hrs Mansingh I	<p>Session 8 Shipping the Future: IMEC and the new geography of trade</p> <p>Mukesh Aghi, President, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum <i>and</i> Peter Cook, Director, PCA Maritime</p>
17:45 - 18:30 hrs Mansingh I	<p>Session 9 India to U.S. in 22 yards</p> <p>Ishan Chatterjee, CEO-Sports, JioStar <i>and</i> Ashok Malik, Partner and Chair of the India Practice, The Asia Group</p>
18:30 - 19:30 hrs Mansingh I	<p>Session 10 Beyond Alignment: The India-US Relationship Today</p> <p>S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India <i>and</i> Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
19:30 hrs Mansingh I	<p>Inaugural Reception and Dinner</p> <p><i>By invitation only. Open for all badge holders</i></p>
Day 2, Saturday, 20 June 2026	
9:00 - 9:40 hrs Mansingh I	<p>Scene-setter by Mukesh Aghi, President & CEO, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum</p>
	<p>Session 11 US-India: The Indispensable Partnership, Reconsidered</p>

	<p>Vikram Misri, Foreign Secretary of India and Forum Co-Chair <i>and</i> Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group</p>
<p>9:40 - 10:40 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 12 Neutrons are forever: Civil Nuclear Cooperation</p> <p><i>With nuclear cooperation at an inflection point, accelerating civil nuclear partnerships, technology transfer, and the promise of next-generation reactors</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mike Goff, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, US Department of Energy 2. Jamshyd Godrej, Forum Co-Chair, Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre and Chairman & MD, Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co 3. Annat Jain, CEO, Holtec Asia 4. Caroline Anderson, Director of External Affairs, Fusion Industry Association 5. Amit Sharma, MD, Tata Consulting Engineers <p>Moderator: C Raja Mohan, Contributing Editor, Indian Express; Former Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS)</p>
<p>10:40 - 11:40 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 13 Beyond the Capitals: Investment Pipelines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Lenhart, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Walmart 2. Rick Rossow, Chair, India and Emerging Asia Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) 3. Atman Trivedi, Partner, DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group 4. Aaron Demerson, President & CEO, Texas Economic Development Corporation 5. Prerna Sharma, ACEO, Invest UP 6. Manoj Jaiswal, Partner, Premji Invest <p>Moderator: Anuj Poddar, MD and Asia Co-Head of Global Portfolio Solutions, The Carlyle Group</p>
<p>11:45 - 12:30 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 14 Regulatory-Governance Reforms in India</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India 2. Rahul Matthan, Partner, Trilegal <p>Moderator: Arghya Sengupta, Founder and Research Director at Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy</p>
<p>12:30 - 13:15 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 15 Fabs to Data Centres: Building Tech Infra</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arvind Chandrasekar, Senior Director - Government Affairs, AMD - India 2. Vrinda Kapoor, Co-Founder and CEO, Bharat Semi

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Dhruv Varma, APAC Regional Leader, Data Center Liquid Cooling, The Chemours Company 4. Sandeep Aurora, Group Director & Head of Public, Policy & Government Affairs Microsoft India & South Asia 5. Sarjan Shah, MD, Shield AI (tentative) <p>Moderator: Pranay Kotasthane, Chair, High Tech Geopolitics Programme and Deputy Director, Takshashila Institution</p>
<p>13:15 - 14:00 hrs Mansingh II</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00 - 14:30 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 16 Conversation</p> <p>S Krishnan, Secretary, MEITY, Government of India <i>and</i> Virat Bhatia, Managing Director, Apple India</p>
<p>14:30 - 15:15 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 17 The Scale Bet: India's Race to Anchor the World's Next Supply Chain</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Government of India 2. Alexander Gray, CEO, American Global Strategies 3. Rohit Kumar Singh, Chair, Global Value Chains, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) 4. Josh Foulger, President of IT Hardware and New Projects, Dixon <p>Moderator: Virat Bhatia, Managing Director, Apple India</p>
<p>15:15 - 16:15 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 18 Fractured Order: Great-Power Flux and the Contest for a Multipolar world</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aparna Ray, Joint Secretary, Policy Planning & Research Division, Ministry of External Affairs 2. Asha Jadeja, Founder, Motwani Jadeja Foundation 3. Zack Cooper, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute 4. Jason Isaacson, Chief Policy Officer, American Jewish Committee 5. Joe Wang, Vice President for Global Affairs, SCSP 6. Sunjay Sudhir, Distinguished Fellow, JSW School of Public Policy <p>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America)</p>

<p>16:15 - 16:45 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Session 19 Conversation</p> <p>Nagaraj Naidu, Additional Secretary, Americas Division, Ministry of External Affairs <i>and</i> Paul Kapur, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
<p>16:45 hrs Mansingh I</p>	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>