

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	<p>Badge Pick-Up</p> <p><i>Attendance is by invitation only. Access to sessions is limited to badge holders</i></p>
9:00 hrs	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
9:02 - 9:05 hrs	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Jamshyd N. Godrej, Forum Co-Chair, Founding Trustee, Ananta Centre and Chairman & MD, Godrej & Boyce</p>
9:05 - 9:40 hrs	<p>Session 1 Keynote Conversation</p> <p>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</p>
9:45 - 10:55 hrs	<p>Session 2 Code and Combat: Navigating Tech, Trust and Innovation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RK Singh, Defence Secretary, Government of India ACM NAK Browne (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 Michael Fernandez, Country Head, India, Lockheed Martin <p>Moderator: Sameer Lalwani, Senior Advisor, Special Competitive Studies Project (SCSP)</p>
11:00 - 11:30 hrs	<p>Session 3 Conversation</p>

	<p>Sergio Gor, US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South & Central Asia (proposed) <i>and</i> Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
11:30 - 11:45 hrs	Break
11:45 - 12:30 hrs	<p>Session 4 Promises and Partnerships: Stress-testing the India-US trade relationship</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) <p>Moderator: Rajan Navani, Chairman & MD, Jetline Group India</p>
12:30 - 13:30 hrs	Lunch
13:30 - 14:30 hrs	<p>Session 5 Ctrl + Alt + Secure</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ylli Bajraktari, Founder & CEO, Special Competitive Studies Project 2. Sharad Sanghi, Founder & CEO, Neysa AI 3. Srikanth Velamakanni, Co-Founder and Group Executive, Fractal AI 4. Fariba Wells, SVP, Global Affairs at Kyndryl 5. Sunil Gupta, CEO, QNu Labs (tentative) 6. Sudeep Shrivastava, COO, India AI Mission (tentative) <p>Moderator: Aman Khanna, MD and Partner, The Asia Group</p>
14:45 - 15:30 hrs	<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: Prमित Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group</p>
15:30 - 16:15 hrs	Session 7 Shipping the Future: IMEC and the new geography of trade
16:30- 17:30 hrs	<p>Session 8 Capitol Calculus: Roundtable</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephen Leighton - Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL) 2. Ethan Pido - Legislative Assistant, Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (D-NJ)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Alec Daman - Legislative Director, Rep. Bill Huizenga (R-MI) 4. Anna McDonald - Policy Adviser, Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D-CA-37) 5. Joshua Buckingham - Legislative Director, Rep. Shri Thanedar (D-MI-13) 6. Preeti Turpuseema - Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Ro Khanna (D-CA) 7. Julie Singleton - Senior Adviser, Rep. Mike Turner (R-OH) 8. Sara Katsnelson - Deputy Staff Director HFAC, Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA) 9. Abigail Jung - National Security Advisor, Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) 10. Constantino Xavier Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) 11. Happymon Jacob Founder and Honorary Director, Council for Strategic and Defence Research (CSDR) 12. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, South Asia Practice Head, Eurasia Group 13. Rudra Chaudhuri, Vice President, ORF <p>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America)</p>
17:45 - 18:30 hrs	<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	<p>Session 10 The Closest of Strangers: Re-imagining the India-US Relationship .</p> <p>S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India <i>and</i> Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
19:30 hrs	Inaugural Reception and Dinner
Day 2, Saturday, 20 June 2026	
9:00 - 9:30 hrs	<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>9:35 - 10:35 hrs</p>	<p>Session 12 Neutrons are forever: Civil Nuclear Cooperation</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 3. Annat Jain, CEO, Holtec Asia 4. Caroline Anderson, Director of External Affairs, Fusion Industry Association 5. Amit Sharma, MD, Tata Consulting Engineers 6. John Hopkins, President & CEO, NuScale (tentative) <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</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</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</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. Mihir Bhaskar, SVP R&D, IonQ 3. Vrinda Kapoor, Co-Founder and CEO, Bharat Semi 4. Dhruv Varma, APAC Regional Leader, Data Center Liquid Cooling, The Chemours Company 5. Sunil Gupta, MD & CEO, Yotta

	<p>6. Sandeep Aurora, Group Director & Head of Public, Policy & Government Affairs Microsoft India & South Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Pranay Kotasthane, Chair, High Tech Geopolitics Programme and Deputy Director, Takshashila Institution</p>
13:15 - 14:00 hrs	Lunch
14:00 - 14:30 hrs	<p>Session 16 Conversation</p> <p>S Krishnan, Secretary, MEITY, Government of India <i>and</i> Virat Bhatia, Managing Director, Apple India</p>
14:30 - 15:15 hrs	<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>
15:15 - 16:15 hrs	<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 Congress 5. Joe Wang, Vice President for Global Affairs, SCSP <p>Moderator: Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America (ORF America)</p>
16:15 - 16:45 hrs	<p>Session 19 Conversation</p> <p><i>How India and the United States are recalibrating strategy, technology, trade, and power in an era defined by disruption, competition, and hard bargaining</i></p> <p>Nagaraj Naidu, Additional Secretary, Americas Division, Ministry of External Affairs</p>

	<p><i>and</i></p> <p>Paul Kapur, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia</p> <p>Moderator: Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>
16:45 hrs	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Indrani Bagchi, CEO, Ananta Centre</p>