

# India Economic Summit

New Delhi, India 16-18 November

## Programme

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Sunday 16 November

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08.00 - 20.00	<b>Registration at the Taj Palace Hotel</b>
09.30 - 10.45	<p>Community Events</p> <p><b>Ideas for Securing India's Promise</b></p> <p>Nandan M. Nilekani discusses his interpretation of the central ideas that have shaped modern India, and offers his perspective on India's past, present and future from his forthcoming book, <i>Imagining India: Ideas for the New Century</i>.</p>
11.00 - 12.15	<p>Community Events</p> <p><b>The Future of India's Cyberculture</b></p> <p>Increasing cyber threats together with piracy and privacy issues have led to debates on India's cyber-behaviour and cyber-regulation.</p> <p>How will industry, regulators and cyber-users evolve in the coming years?</p>
11.00 - 12.15	<p>Community Events</p> <p><b>The Dichotomy of Success: Chronic Disease and Malnutrition in India</b></p> <p>With increasing quality of life and changing diets, India has witnessed a sharp rise in chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer and obesity, while nearly half of the Indian population still suffer from malnutrition.</p> <p>How can business and government simultaneously improve nutrition and wellness across social classes?</p>
12.30 - 13.30	<p><b>New Paradigms for Securing Inclusive Growth</b></p> <p>Traditional paradigms of inclusive growth are giving way to new models. Entrepreneurship, technology and innovation are emerging as the drivers of sustainable and equitable economic growth, as seen in the state of Gujarat.</p>
14.15 - 15.30	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <p><b>Catalysing a Turnaround for the Global Economy</b></p>

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Global growth is expected to be 3% in 2009 according to IMF estimates, which have been revised downward in the wake of financial market turbulence worldwide. What are the prospects for global recovery from the financial crisis? And how will the challenging global outlook influence India's future growth and economic policy-making?

15.30 - 15.45

**Networking Break**

15.45 - 17.15

Plenary Session

**After the Vote: The Emerging Political Landscapes in India and the United States**

Recent elections in India have witnessed the rise and fall of regional and national parties, leading to questions about new coalitions and a next generation of politicians.

What impact will the recent US presidential election and upcoming parliamentary elections in India have on key policy issues such as regional security, energy and trade?

17.45 - 19.00

Plenary Session

**After the Fallout: A New Global Corporate Landscape?**

The unfolding global financial crisis has forced corporations to reassess their global investments and growth strategies.

With Indian companies valued 25% less on average than one year ago, how will decisions on foreign investments and cross-border acquisitions by Indian companies be affected? How will this affect India's ability to shape the global corporate landscape?

19.00 - 20.00

**Opening Reception**

hosted by the Indian Members of the World Economic Forum

20.00 - 22.00

**Opening Dinner**

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08.00 - 09.00

**Networking Breakfast**

Plenary Session

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- 09.00 - 10.15      **Fuelling India's Future: Will It Be Green and Nuclear?**  
 India has ambitious plans to double the number of its 17 nuclear reactors by 2030.  
  
 With increased net imports of oil already biting into GDP growth and increasing inflationary pressures, what options exist for India that balance its energy appetite and climate change?
- 10.30 - 11.45      Plenary Session  
**Securing Opportunities for Inclusive Growth in India**  
 Almost 65% of India's total population is engaged in the agriculture sector.  
  
 As new technologies make agricultural production more efficient, how is the workforce being prepared for the talent needs of the non-agricultural sector?
- 11.45 - 12.15      **Networking Break**
- 12.15 - 13.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**Paving the Road: Meeting India's Infrastructure Needs**  
 It is projected that India's annual growth rate could be 2% higher if its infrastructure were improved, but overall infrastructure quality is still in the lower third of the 118 countries ranked in the World Economic Forum's 2008 Enabling Trade Index.  
  
 Where will the necessary sources of financing for major infrastructure projects come from?
- 12.15 - 13.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**Mobilizing the Mobile Internet**  
 India is home to 272 million mobile phone subscribers and the world's largest youth market, which speaks to India's tremendous potential for mobile commerce.  
  
 With 1 million new mobile consumers per month, how can India's mobile revolution benefit rural and urban consumers?
- 12.15 - 13.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**Challenges to National and Regional Security**  
 Deadly terrorist attacks in major Indian cities such as Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Hyderabad are signs of the expansion of ongoing unrest in the northeast and Kashmir into India's commercial centres.  
  
 With ongoing instability in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka, how can India address these security threats on the national and regional levels?

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- 13.30 - 15.00      **Networking Lunches**
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- 15.15 - 16.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**Accelerating Growth in India's Agricultural Sector**  
 India is home to 17% of the world's population, with less than 5% of the world's available water resources and 3% of global land.  
  
 How can agricultural production be modernized to meet the needs of a growing population and capitalize on returns from exports?
- 15.15 - 16.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**Securing India's Future Growth in a World@Risk**  
 While confidence is high that India will maintain strong growth rates in the near term, ensuring future growth will require significant reforms to help the country move up the value chain as highlighted in the India@Risk 2008 report.  
  
 With the long-term consequences of the global economic crisis unclear, what should be the priorities of business and government in the face of new challenges to India's growth?
- 15.15 - 16.30      Interactive Sessions in Parallel  
**The Travails of Travel and Tourism in India**  
 Tourism in India contributes to 6.1% of national GDP, employing over 26 million people directly and indirectly, and representing 5.7% of India's total employment.  
  
 With a projected potential to become a US\$ 90.4 billion industry by 2014, how will India responsibly develop its tourism potential to enhance inclusive growth, environmental conservation and infrastructural development?
- 16.30 - 17.00      **Networking Break**
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- 17.00 - 18.15      Plenary Session  
**Redesigning India's Financial Architecture**  
 The prospect of major reforms, combined with new sources of funding and product innovation, has the potential to transform India into a major international financial centre and open its market to new actors and consumer classes.  
  
 Which areas require the greatest attention and reform to fully realize India's financial competitive advantage?

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- 18.30 - 19.45      **Plenary Session**  
**From Imitator to Innovator: Globalization of Healthcare and Life Sciences**  
 India has long been recognized as an emerging leader of innovation in the life sciences and healthcare delivery models. However, some argue that its true potential in R&D of new drugs and vaccines for global health problems has yet to be reached and progress in domestic healthcare delivery is just beginning.
- How can governments and business collaborate to lead India towards becoming a global player in innovative medicines and provide accessible and affordable healthcare delivery models to its citizens?
- 20.00 - 22.00      **Reception and Dinner**

Tuesday 18 November

- 08.00 - 09.00      **Networking Breakfast**
- 09.00 - 10.15      **Plenary Session**  
**Risks to India's Economy in a Post-Crisis World**  
 India's total exports of goods and services still account for less than 20% of the economy, but the global financial crisis has triggered concerns on the impact of large foreign exchange outflows, a depreciating rupee and lowering equity values.
- How resilient will India's economy be in the face of a global recession?
- 10.30 - 11.45      **Plenary Session**  
**Big Bets on Technology and Manufacturing**  
 India's software and electronics exports are expected to exceed US\$ 40 billion in 2008, accounting for more than 16% of total exports; but further expectations are linked to its manufacturing potential.
- Where will India see its competitive advantage evolve in delivering new technologies and expanded manufacturing output?
- 11.45 - 12.15      **Networking Break**
- Interactive Sessions in Parallel

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12.15 - 13.30

**Building Green India**

Despite early indications of a property slump, FDI flows into the housing and real estate sector this year have surpassed those in the telecommunications and automobile sectors.

Given the environmental impact of rapid development, what green technologies are industries applying to ensure sustainable construction and manufacturing in India?

12.15 - 13.30

Interactive Sessions in Parallel

**A Skills Shortage after the Brain Drain?**

India's demographic profile makes it potentially the biggest exporter of human resources in the years to come.

As the level of remittances continues to rise and the global workforce is more mobile, what will be the impact on India's own availability and development of skilled labour?

12.15 - 13.30

Interactive Sessions in Parallel

**Unlocking the Economic Synergies in South Asia**

The Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) estimates an untapped trade and investment potential of US\$ 11.6 billion between India and Pakistan alone.

Despite political uncertainty in the region, how can business leaders capitalize on the vast potential of a South Asia market of 1.5 billion consumers?

13.30 - 15.00

**Networking Lunches**

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Interactive Sessions in Parallel

**Innovations towards Sustainable Consumer Markets**

India's new consumers are aspiring to lifestyles that are 10 times more resource intensive than the current average.

How can companies leapfrog 20th century growth models and build sustainable social and economic growth in the Indian consumer markets?

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Interactive Sessions in Parallel

**Reforming India's Healthcare System**

While the Indian government has committed to injecting new public funds into healthcare, it still only accounts for 5.2% of GDP spending.

Given India's demographic profile, how will it address the challenges of affordable healthcare, neglected diseases and retention of healthcare workers?

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- Interactive Sessions in Parallel**
- 15.15 - 16.30      **2020 Vision for India: A Discussion with Young Parliamentarians**  
 It is estimated that, by 2015, more than half of India's population will be under the age of 25.  
  
 What is the vision of India's young politicians for securing the country's future growth?
- 16.30 - 17.00      **Networking Break**
- 17.00 - 18.15      **Closing Plenary**  
**Securing India's Future Growth and Award Ceremony for the India Social Entrepreneur of the Year**  
 To meet India's expectations of sustaining 8% growth, how can all stakeholders work together towards this goal in light of new challenges? This closing session will outline important next steps for business and government to consider for India to secure its future growth amid new realities.
- 18.15 - 19.00      **Closing Reception**