

**Indian Diaspora:
Dedicated to the Progress of
India
International Conference
New Delhi, India**

Conference Themes:

'India & Indian Diaspora: A Bond Beyond Borders'

1. The Developed Nation (Viksit Bharat): Roadmap to India's Future by 2047
2. The New World Order: Democratic India's Role as Global Consensus Builder



Organized by
Foundation for Critical Choices for India (FCCI)

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India Habitat Centre,
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, India

Entrance
(Admission to the conference is subject to registration)
<http://tiny.cc/FCCI-NDelhi25>



Background

India's journey as a republic has been a saga of resilience, progress, and global significance. As we recently marked the 75th anniversary of India's Republic, this momentous diamond jubilee year offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's achievements and chart a course for its promising future. Against the backdrop of this historic milestone, FCCI is convening an International Conference to explore the potential role of the Indian Diaspora in accelerating India's transition to a Developed Nation by 2047, when India will mark 100th years of its independence.

The proposed International Conference will focus on the following themes:

India & Indian Diaspora: A Bond Beyond Borders

1. The Developed Nation (*Viksit Bharat*): Roadmap to India's Future by 2047
2. The New World Order: Democratic India's Role as Global Consensus Builder

Join us as we come together to share the vision for India as Developed Nation by 2047, where the global Indian Diaspora assist in fuelling India's growth and enhancing its global standing through its knowledge, resources, and networking. Through insightful talks and panel discussions featuring key policymakers, experts, and prominent members of the diaspora, let us reaffirm our commitment to a shared future anchored in unity, diversity, and progress.

Program (Draft)

Time	Program: Pre-conference day
15.00-16.00	Meet and greet including High Tea-Networking
16.00-17.00	Press conference – Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India
Time	Program – Day 1
Theme I.	India & Indian Diaspora: A Bond Beyond Borders The Developed Nation (<i>Viksit Bharat</i>): Roadmap to India's Future by 2047
09.00-09.50	▪ Registration, Meet and Greet
10.10-11.45	Inaugural Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome, and opening of the conference (lighting of the lamp & national anthem) ▪ Theme presentation: FCCI vision on India & Indian Diaspora - A Bond Beyond Borders. ▪ Address by the Hon. Chief Guest [tbc] ▪ Presentation: FCCI Vision on the Developed Nation (<i>Viksit Bharat</i>) - Roadmap to India's Future by 2047.
12.00-13.00	▪ Lunch / Networking
13.00-14.15	Series of expert talks -focusing sectors and high potential areas of contribution by Indian Diaspora <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical & Circular Textiles: A Growth Driver for India's Multi-Trillion-Dollar Economy. • Reclaiming the Seas: A Strategic Blueprint for India to Become a Developed Nation by 2047. • Smart Agriculture: Driving India's Rural Transformation by Managing our Water Resources. • The Digital Transformation of India: From a Digital Economy to a Digital Society.
14.15-15.30	Panel discussion I (and Q&A) The Developed Nation (<i>Viksit Bharat</i>): Roadmap to

	<p>India's Future by 2047 Address by: Hon. Minister, Govt. of India [tbc] Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from Govt of India x2 • Sector representatives/ experts x 5 <p>[Key sectors: Pharma, Tourism (Medical), Food security, Digital Transformation (ICT), Technical Textiles, Innovation, Smart Agriculture, Water management, Energy security, etc.]</p>
15.30-16.10	Tea break
16.10-17.30	<p>Panel discussion II (and Q&A) on role of Indian Diaspora in India's transition into a Developed Nation. Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from Govt of India x2 • Indian diaspora representative x 5
17.45-18.00	Wrap up - Closing of day 1
Time	Program – Day 2
Theme II	<p>India & Indian Diaspora : A Bond Beyond Borders The New World Order: Democratic India's Role as Global Consensus Builder</p>
09.00-10.00	▪ Registration, Meet and Greet
10.00-11.00	<p>▪ Inaugural session ▪ Welcome and opening of the conference Day 2 ▪ Theme presentation: FCCI vision on The New World Order: Democratic India's Role as a Global Consensus Builder. ▪ Address by the Chief Guest Hon. Minister Government of India [tbc]</p>
11.00-12.15	<p>Series of expert talks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Role of India's Diaspora in Shaping Global Consensus. • India's Soft Power: Strengthening Global Influence through Culture (Orange Economy), Technology, and Diplomacy. • India's Democracy and Pluralistic Society: A Model for Global Consensus-Building. • India's Role in Building a Safer World.
12.15-13.15	Lunch / Networking
13.15-14.30	Panel-I discussion (and Q&A) on "Diplomacy and Diaspora: A Strategic Bridge"
14.30-15.45	<p>Panel-II discussion by IDCBS* (and Q&A) on "Indo - Dutch Collaboration in a Changing World: Pathways to a Developed and Sustainable Future"</p> <p><i>*Indo-Dutch Chamber of Business & Sciences, India</i></p>
15.45-16.15	Tea break
16.15-17.00	Concluding session with learnings from Day 1 & 2
19.00-22.00	Formal Dinner with Eminent Dignitaries
	Concluding address by the Hon. Chief Guest [tbc].

Invited Dignitaries, Speakers & Panellists

Disclaimer:

The list of confirmed dignitaries, speakers, and panellists is subject to change. Updates will be made on a regular basis, and the most current information will be available on the official FCCI website at www.fcci.nl

To be confirmed (tbc)

- **Hon'ble Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan**, Vice President of India
- **Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi**, Prime Minister of India
- **Hon'ble Shri Om Birla**, Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Hon. Union Cabinet Ministers, Govt of India

- **Hon'ble Shri Nitin Gadkari**, Minister of Road Transport and Highways
- **Hon'ble Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs
- **Hon'ble Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry
- **Hon'ble Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Minister of Rural Development
- **Hon'ble Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Minister of Railways; Minister of Electronics and Information Technology; Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- **Hon'ble Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Minister of culture and Minister of Tourism

Delhi Administration:

- **Hon'ble Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena**, Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi
- **Hon'ble Smt. Rekha Gupta**, Chief Minister of the National Capital Territory of Delhi

Diplomates

- **H.E. Mohd. Riaz Hamidullah**, High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of India
- **H.E. Ambassador Deepa Wadhwa** (Former Ambassador of India to Japan, Qatar, and Sweden)
- **H.E. Ambassador Leela K. Ponappa** (Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, and Thailand).
- **H.E. Ambassador Marisa Gerards** (Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, Nepal, and Bhutan)
- **H.E. Ambassador Shyamala Cowsik** (Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, Philippines, and Cyprus)
- **H.E. Ambassador Taranjit Singh Sandhu** (Former Ambassador of India to the United States and Sri Lanka).

Others

- **The Rt. Hon'ble Baroness Dr. Sandip Verma**, Former Minister, Chair of UN Women Cell, Member house of Lords, UK.
- **Dr. Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Chairperson, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs; Former Minister of State for External Affairs; Former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations.



List of confirmed dignitaries/ Speakers

- **Hon'ble Shri Iqbal Singh Lalpura**, Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities, Govt. of India
- **Hon'ble Shri Vinod Kumar Duggal**, Former Governor of Manipur and Former Union Home Secretary, Govt of India
- **H.E. Ms. Sahar Ghanem**, The Head (Dean) of the Diplomatic Corps in the Netherlands.
- **H.E. Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee** (*Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands and Permanent Representative to UNESCO, Paris*)
- **H.E. Ambassador Reenat Sandhu** (*Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, Italy, and, San Marino*)
- **H.E. Shri Venu Rajamony**, (Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands and Former Press Secretary to the President of India)
- **H.E. Ambassador Neelam Sabharwal** (*Former Ambassador of India to The Netherlands*)
- **H.E. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa** (*Former Ambassador of India to Italy, Poland, Oman, and Thailand*)
- **Mr. Rabin Baldewsingh**, National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism, the Netherlands
- **Mr. Sharad Rao**, Fr. Attorney General of Kenya.
- **Shri Prabhu Chawla**, Editorial Director of The New Indian Express Group.
- **Shri Bhupinder Singh Mann**: Chairman, All India Kisan Coordination Committee; National President, Bhartiya Kisan Union; Former Member, Rajya Sabha.
- **Mr. Pramod Meshram**, Deputy Drug Controller of India, Government of India, India
- **Mr. Rajesh Srivastava**, Vice President, *Indo Dutch Chamber of Business & Sciences & Chairman Prowess Group*
- **Mr. Kiran Malhotra**, Founder President of Indo-German Business Forum, Germany
- **Adv. Shri Jayant Bhatt**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of India
- **Mr. Jaskaran Sandhu**, CEO, Open Pixel System, Belgium
- **Mr. Desh Ramnath**, Mission Head, HortiRoad2India, The Netherlands

Conference Themes

Economic and social progress made during the last seventy-five years is encouraging reassertion of India's civilisational values of treating humanity as one family: respecting diversity and plurality of views, resolving conflicts through peaceful means, and promoting the welfare of all. By the year 2047, India aspires to be 'A Great Nation', one that is committed to providing a safe, free, fair, and productive environment for its people. Such a nation ensures that resources are fairly distributed, weaker sections of society are protected by welfare schemes, and dignity is accorded to all its members. It also respects and protects the environment to sustain good life for its people and for the world, while remaining firmly rooted in its core values yet open to new ideas and innovations. These principles are essential for living in harmony with others in a peaceful and productive world. Here, the Indian Diaspora has a huge role to play.

India & Indian Diaspora: A Bond Beyond Borders

The Indian diaspora has long shared a deep connection with India, rooted in cultural heritage, shared values, and a strong sense of belonging. Across the world, members of the diaspora have expressed a genuine desire to contribute meaningfully to India's development journey. With their growing presence in diverse fields ranging from business and technology to education, diplomacy, and healthcare the diaspora is well-positioned to support India's progress through knowledge sharing, investments, innovation, and advocacy. As India looks ahead to 2047, there is a valuable opportunity to strengthen this bond and explore the full potential of diaspora engagement. By fostering inclusive



dialogue, structured collaboration, and mutual trust, India can tap into this vast reservoir of goodwill and expertise. The Indian diaspora, in turn, stands ready to support the nation's aspirations on the global stage.

I. The Developed Nation (*Viksit Bharat*): Roadmap to India's Future by 2047

Based on our current knowledge, in 2047 India will be a Developed Nation. Presently, India is the 4th largest economy in the world with GDP of about 4.20 trillion US dollars. It is also the fastest growing major economy in the world. At the present rate of growth, the Indian economy is likely to become the third largest economy of the world within two years. In 2047, the size of the Indian economy is expected to be 30-40 trillion US dollars with per capita GDP of 21,000-25,000 US dollars. This should ensure a good standard of living for about 1.6 billion people of India. It will also establish India as a major economic force playing significant role in the governing councils of international organizations managing the world. By 2047 India's physical and social infrastructure would be highly developed. Rapid expansion of highways, rail networks, airports and communication systems which is currently taking place give clear indication that by 2047 India will be well-connected and fully integrated country. Similarly, institutes of learning, high-quality health centres, facilities for social support and amenities for mass entertainment will expand greatly to meet the growing needs of the people.

The conference will discuss the opportunities and challenges ahead for India and how the Dutch/EU and global Indian diaspora can contribute to this journey. Several strategic areas of high potential for India-EU cooperation are Digital Transformation (ICT), Technical Textiles, Trade, Science, Technology, Innovation, Sustainable Development, Smart Agriculture, Mobility of skills, Water, Clean Energy, Climate action, Smart Urbanisation, Healthcare, Tourism etc. Some selected areas will be highlighted depending on the expertise of speakers and panellists.

II. The New World Order: Democratic India's Role as Global Consensus Builder

Due to the phenomenal size of its economy, its championship of the Global South, high-quality and robust diplomacy, the elevated global standing of its widely dispersed diaspora, and the growing popularity of its expanding soft power, India is poised to become a major player in determining global policies and programmes and in resolving significant conflicts.

India's unique experience in managing complex issues within a pluralistic and diverse society positions it as an effective global consensus builder, further enhancing its global standing. As the world's largest democracy, India's commitment to democratic values, such as inclusivity, transparency, and the peaceful resolution of differences, serves as a model for nurturing consensus in an increasingly divided world. A strong and vibrant democracy is essential for India to solidify its credibility and moral authority in leading the charge for a new world order.

The primary aim of this international conference is to present research findings, exchange views, and engage in open discussions on the much-needed reforms within the United Nations. This forum represents a significant step towards advancing UN reforms in an unbiased manner and initiating the challenging journey of building consensus among UN member states.

The programme will be highly interactive, featuring speakers and panellists from diverse backgrounds to ensure a rich and multifaceted discourse. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the conference aims to lay the foundation for a shared vision of a reformed and equitable global governance system, with India playing a leading role as a global consensus builder.



Information

- Registration to this Conference is compulsory and free.
- Please use the <http://tiny.cc/FCCI-NDelhi25> for registration
- Free Parking is available at the conference location
- Conference kit, lunch, and drinks are included in the registration
- For networking queries: Director PR (pr@fcci.nl);
- For any other queries, Secretary-General (secretarial@fcci.nl).

More information about the program and the registration is available at www.fcci.nl.
