

# Social Annual Report 2025 - 2026



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## **1. Preamble / Executive summary**

This NICCT Annual Social Report outlines the Chamber's activities and developments between the previous General Council Meeting (GCM), held on 3 July 2025 and 16th of June 2026.

The purpose of this report is to inform NICCT members about the progress and performance over the past year. It highlights key achievements, the cultivation of sustainable partnerships, and the various initiatives and activities undertaken during this period.

## 2. The Executive Board

Between 3 July 2025 and 16 June 2026, the NICCT Board convened meetings regularly to ensure consistent oversight, strategic alignment, and effective governance.

Board meetings were held on the following dates:

2025: 5 August, 2 September, 6 October, 10 November, 18 November (prep call for 24th of Nov), 24 November (NICCT India), 2 December

2026: 6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 7 April, 14 April (NICCT India), 13 May (physical meeting), 2 June.

The board's agenda throughout the year included key topics such as legal and financial matters, membership developments, program planning, strategic collaborations, marketing and communication efforts, and NICCT's broader engagement with India.

Beyond formal meetings, NICCT board members remained actively engaged through ongoing discussions with both existing and prospective members, as well as with external stakeholders. These interactions aimed to foster participation in NICCT initiatives, strengthen partnerships, and enhance the Chamber's presence in commercial and governmental platforms.

The board members during September 2025 and June 2026 are:

MEMBER'S NAME	DESIGNATION	COMPANY NAME
Edith Nordmann	Chairman	ACG International
Sudip Lahiri	Vice Chairman	HCLTech
Rajiv Mehra	Executive VP, Program/Events/NICCT India	Mehra Holding
Vidhya Sampath	VP Programs and Liaison to Advisory Board	Tata Consultancy Services
Anand Bhugra	Vice President Finance	IQEQ
Stan de Vree	Vice President Networking	KPMG Holding
Jelke Schippers	Board Member	Smartshore
Erwin Sieders	Board Member	Ernst & Young NL
Martijn Tasma	Board Member	Broekman Logistics
(followed up by Frank Roderkerk)		

### 3. Programs

From July 2025 through June 2026, NICCT delivered a diverse portfolio of programs—both independently and in partnership—designed to strengthen and expand business relationships within the Indo-Dutch corridor.

The success of these initiatives was made possible through the continued commitment and support of partners across the Indo-Dutch business community.

NICCT extends its sincere appreciation to all partners with whom it collaborated during the July 2025 – June 2026 reporting period:

- Broekman Logistics
- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Consulate General in Bangalore (together with Government of Karnataka)
- Culinary Lounge (in cooperation with WE Hub, Telangana Tourism Development Corporation, Telangana Innovation Cell, Government of Telangana, Network of Indian Cultural Enterprises)
- Embassy of India in The Netherlands
- Embassy of The Netherlands in India
- Ernst & Young Netherlands & Ernst & Young UK
- Indigo
- Invest India
- KPMG & KPMG Meijburg
- KPMG India
- Londen & Van Holland
- MKB Trade Office Deventer
- SAC Art Amsterdam
- Tata Consultancy Services

Over the reporting period, NICCT played a key role in advancing and supporting the initiatives of partner organizations, including Confederation of Indian Industry, the Embassy of India, The Hague, and Invest India.

In addition, NICCT actively contributed to several of these initiatives by delivering presentations and sharing insights with participating stakeholders.

A summary of NICCT's activities from July 2025 through June 2026 is presented on the following pages.

## Netherlands India Business Meet

**When:** 3 July 2025  
**Where:** Broekman Logistics HQ - Rotterdam  
**Initiated by:** NICCT, hosted and sponsored by Broekman Logistics

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“Navigating Strategic Maritime & Shipping Opportunities in the Indo-Dutch Business Corridor”  
HQ Broekman Logistics, Rotterdam | 3 July 2025

The 2025 edition of the Netherlands India Business Meet (NIBM) brought together a dynamic group of business leaders, policymakers, and innovators to explore the strategic role of maritime and shipping in strengthening trade relations between the Netherlands and India. Hosted at Broekman Logistics in Rotterdam, the event highlighted emerging opportunities, operational challenges, and sustainable solutions within this vital sector.

Key highlights included:

- Engaging keynote speeches from industry experts on global maritime trends and Indo-Dutch cooperation.
- Interactive panel discussions exploring logistics innovation, port infrastructure, and digitalization in shipping.
- The presentation of the NICCT Business Excellence Award 2025 recognizing outstanding entrepreneurship and innovation in the NL-India corridor.

The Meet created a platform for meaningful dialogue and fostered valuable connections among Indo-Dutch stakeholders, reaffirming NICCT’s commitment to nurturing bilateral trade and investment.

This year’s event was made possible thanks to the

generous sponsorship of Broekman Logistics and the active engagement of NICCT’s vibrant community.

A pictorial overview of NIBM 2025 is available here:  
<https://nicct.nl/nibm-2025-broekman-logistics-hq-3-july-2025/>

A short movie of the NIBM 2025 is visible here:  
<https://youtu.be/fFWd8UJpOME?si=pv3GqqX7Syc0XLAL>

# Globalization of India: Impact on Cross-Border Talent Mobility

**When:** 17 September 2025

**Where:** Webinar

**Initiated by:** NICCT, together with Consulate General in Bangalore and Government of Karnataka

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Spotlight on Karnataka as a Global Capability Center (GCC) Destination

Spotlight on GCC Opportunities in Karnataka

In September 2025, the Consulate General of the Netherlands in Bangalore, in collaboration with the Government of Karnataka and the Netherlands India Chamber of Commerce and Trade (NICCT), hosted an exclusive webinar focused on the Global Capability Center (GCC) model. The session aimed to highlight why Karnataka — widely recognized as India's technology powerhouse — offers a world-class environment for Dutch companies seeking to innovate, scale, and globalize.

The event brought together senior representatives from government, business, and industry. Mr. Ewout de Wit, Consul General of the Netherlands in Bangalore, delivered the opening remarks, while Ms. Edith Nordmann, Chairman of NICCT, concluded the session with closing insights.

Participants benefited from practical perspectives shared by leaders of established and emerging Dutch GCCs in India:

- Arvind Vaishnav, Head of Philips Innovation Campus, showcased the role of large-scale GCCs in driving innovation.
- Shreyas Vasudevan, General Manager of GPI India, presented the experience of a mid-sized GCC and its growth journey.

The webinar underlined several strategic advantages that make Karnataka an ideal GCC destination:

- Access to a vast, highly skilled talent pool in software, R&D, AI, and data analytics
- A thriving innovation ecosystem, enriched by successful Dutch company experiences
- Strong policy support from the Government of Karnataka, including incentives and streamlined approvals
- Cost-competitive operations aligned with global standards

With more Dutch companies looking at India as a hub for operational excellence and innovation, this initiative showcased how the GCC model can help businesses future-proof their operations while tapping into the dynamic opportunities Karnataka offers.

Did you miss this program, kindly click here: <https://youtu.be/4gvKRcc2a1s?si=gDEKygTaWHC6rzJX>

## Telangana Food and Community

**When:** 24 november 2025

**Where:** Hyderabad

**Initiated by:** The Culinary Lounge, WE Hub – A government of Telangana Initiative space, Telangana, Telangana Tourism Development Corporation, Telangana Innovation Cell, Government of Telangana, Network of Indian Cultural Enterprises

### Telangana’s Culinary Identity Steps Onto the Global Stage

This year marked a defining moment for Telangana’s culinary journey. At WE Hub—A Government of Telangana initiative—the room filled quickly with people arriving straight from their day’s work, eager to celebrate the state’s food and community. The aroma of Sarvapindi and Bobbatlu set the tone as Gopi Byluppala and Edith Nordmann spoke about the power and potential of this moment, laying the foundation for a bold Indo–Dutch partnership where culinary identity meets agritech, innovation, and sustainability.

Global examples show what is possible. Peru transformed its standing in two decades through chef-led entrepreneurship, creating over 80,000 food businesses, empowering farmers, and redefining its global image. Japan placed a strategic bet on gastronomy that now sees travelers spending nearly a quarter of all tourism expenditure on food, with culinary tourism contributing 7.5% to GDP. These stories signal a clear truth: nations that invest in culinary innovation create lasting economic and cultural value.

Telangana is ready to follow this path. At the teaser launch, Principal Secretary Mr. Jayesh Ranjan shared how Telangana’s food heritage can spark pride, opportunity, and global visibility. Strengthening this vision, he signed an MoU with Edith Nordmann, Chairman of NICCT, establishing a Dutch–Telangana partnership that brings deep expertise in agritech, food innovation, and logistics.

This partnership anchors the launch of India’s first Culinary Experiential Tourism Accelerator (TCETA)—a pioneering platform where chefs, startups, farmer groups, global partners, and research institutions such as NICCT, Wageningen University & Research, and Foodvalley will co-build solutions that create global brands, strengthen rural economies, and position Telangana as a force in world gastronomy.

TCETA is designed as an inclusive launchpad—especially for women and rural entrepreneurs—to address challenges of market access, quality, innovation, and scale. Applications will open in December 2025, with the first cohort beginning April 2026. The process is being intentionally simplified, reducing dependence on English or technology, ensuring that rural and tribal entrepreneurs can participate fully in this new opportunity.





## 30th CII Partnership Summit 2025

**When:** 14-15 November 2025  
**Where:** Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh  
**Initiated by:** CII, joined by NICCT

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, organized the 30th edition of The Partnership Summit from 14–15 November 2025 in Visakhapatnam. The Summit was chaired by Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry, and co-chaired by Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

This year's Summit comes at a pivotal moment, as India continues to demonstrate robust economic resilience amid global uncertainty. With projected GDP growth of 6.2% in 2025 and 6.3% in 2026—significantly outpacing global averages—India is positioned to become the world's third-largest economy by 2028. Structural reforms, strategic investments, and an enabling policy environment have made India an increasingly attractive destination for global investors seeking diversified supply chains and deeper access to the Asian market. The Union Budget 2025–26 further emphasizes Agriculture, MSMEs, and Investment as core pillars for advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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## NICCT Synergy Series, Partner Powered by Londen & Van Holland

**When:** 20 November 2025

**Where:** Amsterdam

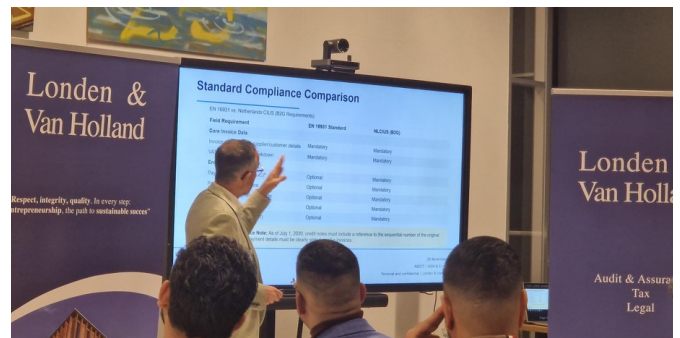
**Initiated by:** NICCT, hosted and co-organized with Londen & Van Holland

On 20 November 2025, NICCT hosted the second edition of the NICCT Synergy Event in collaboration with Londen & Van Holland Accounting & Tax at their Amsterdam office. The event brought together professionals and stakeholders from the Indo-Dutch business corridor for an afternoon dedicated to strategic networking and substantive dialogue. The program opened with remarks from Mr. Eric F. Ch. Nieve, former Ambassador of the Netherlands to India and honorary member of NICCT. His perspective set the tone for a session focused on strengthening bilateral business relations and enhancing cross-border understanding. Expert contributions by Rakesh Ghirah, Simran Singh, and Ismail Agarmis provided participants with in-depth insights into key developments such as Fiscal Representation, ViDA, and the future of e-invoicing. Their presentations offered practical guidance on compliance challenges, digital VAT reforms, and the evolving regulatory landscape affecting internationally operating businesses. Attendees gained concrete, applicable knowledge relevant to both current operations and future strategies.

The event concluded with a focused networking session, set in a welcoming atmosphere enhanced by decor from Kiran Merhai (Desi Decoration). This gathering facilitated meaningful exchanges, new connections, and potential collaborations, underscoring the value of NICCT as a platform for engagement within the Indo-Dutch business community.

NICCT extends its appreciation to all speakers, participants, and partners for their contributions.

The strong turnout and high level of engagement reflect the continued commitment to deepening Indo-Dutch economic cooperation and fostering impactful professional networks.



## NICCT Synergy Series, Partner Powered by SAC Art Amsterdam

**When:** 20 November 2025

**Where:** Amsterdam

**Initiated by:** NICCT, hosted and co-organized with SAC Art Amsterdam

As part of NICCT's ongoing commitment to fostering cross-cultural understanding within the India–Netherlands business corridor, the Chamber hosted a special edition of the NICCT Synergy Series in Amsterdam. The event, organized in collaboration with South Asian Contemporary Art Amsterdam, explored the role of contemporary art as a catalyst for connection, creativity, and economic exchange.

The evening featured opening remarks by Edith Nordmann and Tasneem Hatimbhai, followed by an address from Dhruv Janssen Sanghavi, who highlighted the growing relevance of art as a strategic corporate asset and a driver of the global creative economy. Artist Shivangi Kalra presented her exhibition *It's Getting Out of Hand*, offering guests an immersive perspective into her exploration of memory and nostalgia. Her work examines the double-edged nature of recollection—tender yet unsettled—through imagery shaped by architectural traces, atmospheric afterimages, and moments that resist closure. The exhibition reflects a poetic interplay of remembering and misremembering, where beauty intertwines with melancholy and the unseen emerges into view.

NICCT Chairwoman Edith Nordmann underscored how India's rapidly expanding creative economy is integral to understanding contemporary India—its innovation, confidence, and cultural power. She emphasized that art serves as both a source of inspiration and a form of soft power, creating environments where authentic dialogue





## NICCT Round Table Doing Business in India

**When:** 11 December 2025

**Where:** Deventer

**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered by MKB Trade Office Deventer, hosted by Hortilife

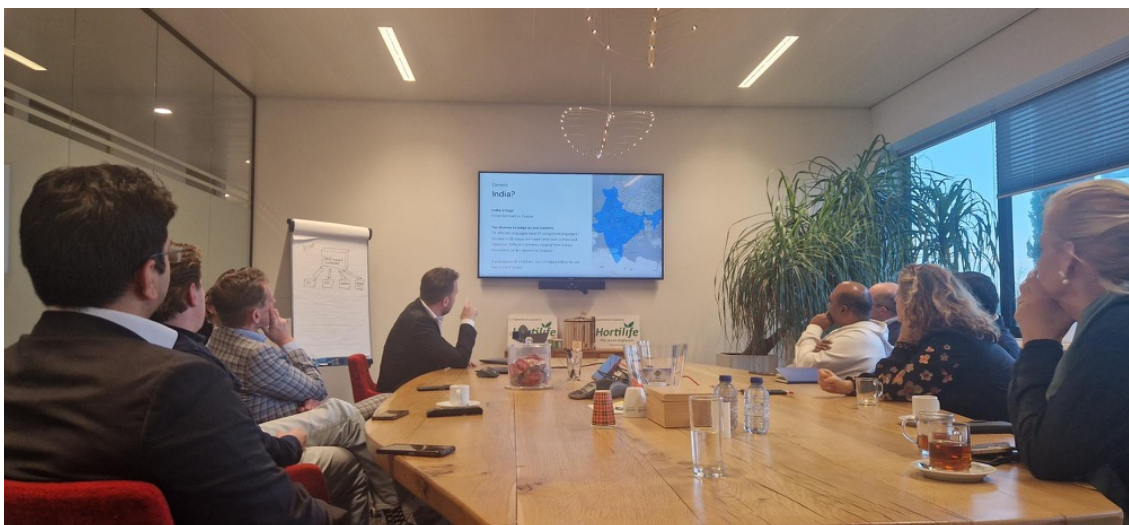
On December 11th 2025, NICCT had the pleasure of hosting an inspiring Round Table Doing Business in India in Deventer, bringing together 20 entrepreneurs around one table for meaningful, in-depth exchange. In collaboration with MKB Trade Office, the afternoon proved to be both insightful and energizing.

The round table format created an open and trusted setting in which participants shared their experiences, challenges and ambitions related to doing business in India. Guided by an experienced moderator and supported by a field expert, the discussions went beyond theory and focused on practical insights, real-life cases and concrete next steps.

A special highlight of the day was an unexpected and much-appreciated guided tour of Hortilife, offering participants a behind-the-scenes look at the company and sparking additional conversations on innovation, entrepreneurship and international collaboration.

The program concluded with informal networking, allowing ample space for one-on-one discussions and the strengthening of valuable connections. The strong engagement and openness around





## Webinar “Navigating India’s New Labour Codes”

**When:** 9 January 2026  
**Where:** Online  
**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered by KPMG India

On Friday 9th of January 2026, NICCT successfully hosted its first event in the new year - an insightful and highly engaging webinar on India’s new labour codes—a landmark reform that marks one of the most ambitious regulatory transformations in recent decades.

With the consolidation of 29 central labour laws into four unified labour codes, India is undertaking a compliance reform on a scale comparable to implementing new labour legislation across Europe and North Africa combined. The session highlighted not only the magnitude of this transition, but also the very real implications it holds for both employers and employees operating within the Indo-Dutch business corridor.

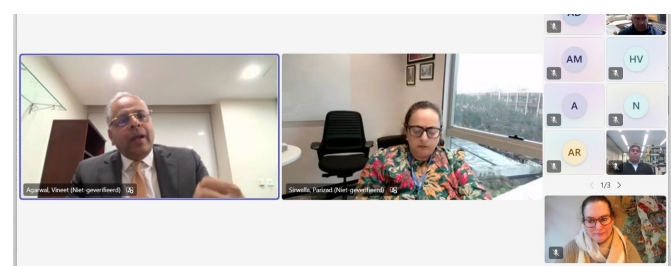
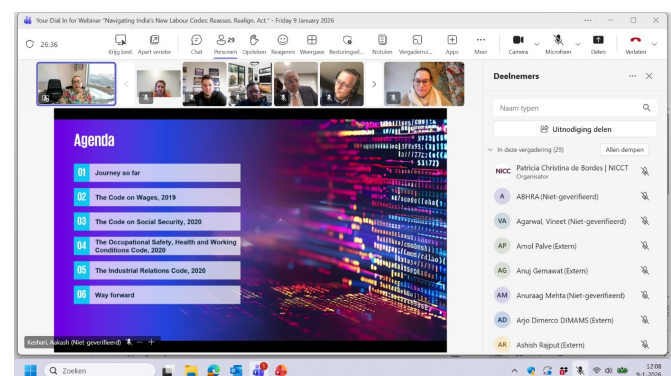
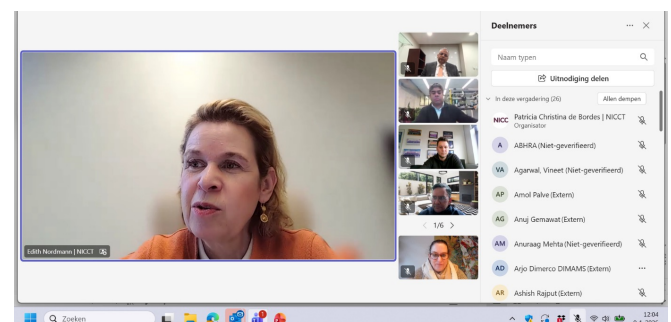
Our expert speakers from KPMG in India, Parizad Sirwalla (Partner and National Head – Global Mobility Services Tax, KPMG India) and Vineet Agarwal (Chartered Accountant), provided valuable clarity on:

- The intent and structure of the new labor codes
- Their impact on salary structures, HR and payroll policies, workforce arrangements, and employment contracts
- Areas that require careful interpretation as the framework continues to evolve
- Practical, actionable steps organizations should begin taking now

What stood out most was the shared understanding that while these reforms aim to simplify compliance and strengthen worker welfare, successful implementation will require thoughtful preparation, alignment across functions, and continuous dialogue between stakeholders.

The interactive discussion reinforced how relevant and timely this topic is for organizations navigating cross-border operations between India and the Netherlands.

NICCT thanks our speakers, partners, and participants for contributing to a rich exchange of insights. We look forward to continuing to support our community with timely knowledge-sharing initiatives that enable informed decision-making in a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape.



## CEO Round Table ‘Navigating Dutch, EU and Global Developments and Regulations for Indian Companies and their Dutch Affiliates’

**When:** 20 January 2026  
**Where:** Amstelveen  
**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered and hosted by KPMG

On Tuesday, 20 January 2026, NICCT successfully hosted an exclusive CEO Round Table at the KPMG Office in Amstelveen, bringing together NICCT Patron Members and NICCT Corporate Members - senior executives, policymakers, and thought leaders active in the Netherlands–India business corridor. The high-level and intimate gathering provided a valuable platform for open dialogue on the evolving Dutch, EU, and aglobal regulatory landscape and its impact on Indian companies and their Dutch affiliates.

The event opened with a warm welcome by Marc Broskij, COO of KPMG The Netherlands, followed by remarks from Edith Nordmann, Chairman of NICCT, underlining the importance of collaboration, knowledge sharing, and strategic foresight in a complex geopolitical and regulatory environment. The Round Table was further enriched by the presence Gince Kuruvilla Matam (DCM) of the Indian Embassy in The Hague.

The substantive program featured expert-led discussions, including an insightful session on India versus EU and global policy developments by Conrad Turley, Head of Geopolitical & Global Tax Policy at KPMG. This was followed by a highly engaging address on ESG regulations and sustainability reporting, led by Marco Frikee, Partner Sustainability Reporting at KPMG, together with Mark Denys, Director Sustainability at Tata Steel. The session provided practical perspectives on regulatory readiness, sustainability strategy, and compliance challenges faced by multinational organizations.

The Round Table concluded with closing remarks and a strong sense of shared purpose, before transitioning seamlessly into NICCT’s New Year Reception, allowing participants to further connect and strengthen professional relationships in a broader networking setting.

NICCT extends its sincere thanks to KPMG for hosting this important event and for their continued partnership and expertise. We are also deeply grateful to all speakers and participants for their valuable contributions, open exchange of ideas, and commitment to advancing the Netherlands–India business ecosystem.

The CEO Round Table once again demonstrated NICCT’s role as a trusted platform for strategic dialogue, collaboration, and thought leadership across borders.





## NICCT New Year's Reception

**When:** 20 January 2026  
**Where:** Amstelveen  
**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered and hosted by KPMG

### NICCT New Year's Reception 2026: Setting the Tone for an Inspiring Year Ahead

On Tuesday, 20 January 2026, NICCT proudly hosted its New Year's Reception 2026 at the KPMG office in Amstelveen, bringing together members, partners, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders from across the Indo-Dutch ecosystem. As one of NICCT's most valued and well-attended events, the reception once again provided a vibrant platform to reconnect, exchange ideas, and collectively set the tone for the year ahead.

The evening opened with a warm welcome by Marc Broskij, COO of KPMG Netherlands, followed by opening remarks from Edith Nordmann, Chairman of NICCT, who reflected on the opportunities and ambitions shaping the Indo-Dutch corridor in 2026. Mr. T. Poppens, Mayor of Amstelveen, shared his perspective on the city's strong international character and the importance of economic cooperation and cultural exchange, including its close ties with the Indian community. As well Gince Kuruvilla Matam, DCM of Embassy of The Hague addressed the participants.

A central highlight of the evening was the thematic focus on Culinary Tourism and Impact Entrepreneurship, showcasing how food, agriculture, tourism, and entrepreneurship can come together as a powerful driver for inclusive and sustainable growth. Gopi Byluppala, Owner of The Culinary Lounge, delivered an inspiring keynote titled "From Field to the World: How Telugu Agriculture and Entrepreneurship Create Value from Farmers to Global Consumers." His contribution illustrated how regions such as Telangana are transforming local agricultural heritage into global culinary experiences—empowering farmers, strengthening rural economies, and creating oppor-



tunities for entrepreneurs, investors, and partners within the Indo-Dutch ecosystem.

During the reception, NICCT also shared an overview of new initiatives launching in 2026, alongside updates on NICCT India and the concrete opportunities these platforms offer to members and partners.

NICCT extends its special thanks to KPMG for graciously hosting the New Year's Reception and for their continued support and partnership. We are also deeply grateful to all speakers and contributors for their inspiring insights and to our members and guests for their active participation and engagement.

The New Year's Reception 2026 was a fitting start to what promises to be a year of collaboration, innovation, and impact—reinforcing NICCT's role as a bridge between India and the Netherlands and a catalyst for meaningful connections across business, policy, and society.



## NICCT India – Webinar – Union Budget 2026

**When:** 20 February 2026  
**Where:** Online  
**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered by KPMG India

On Friday, 20 February 2026, the Netherlands India Chamber of Commerce & Trade (NICCT) successfully hosted the webinar “Union Budget 2026 – Analysis and Business Impact”, bringing together members and stakeholders from both the Netherlands and India for an insightful and timely discussion.

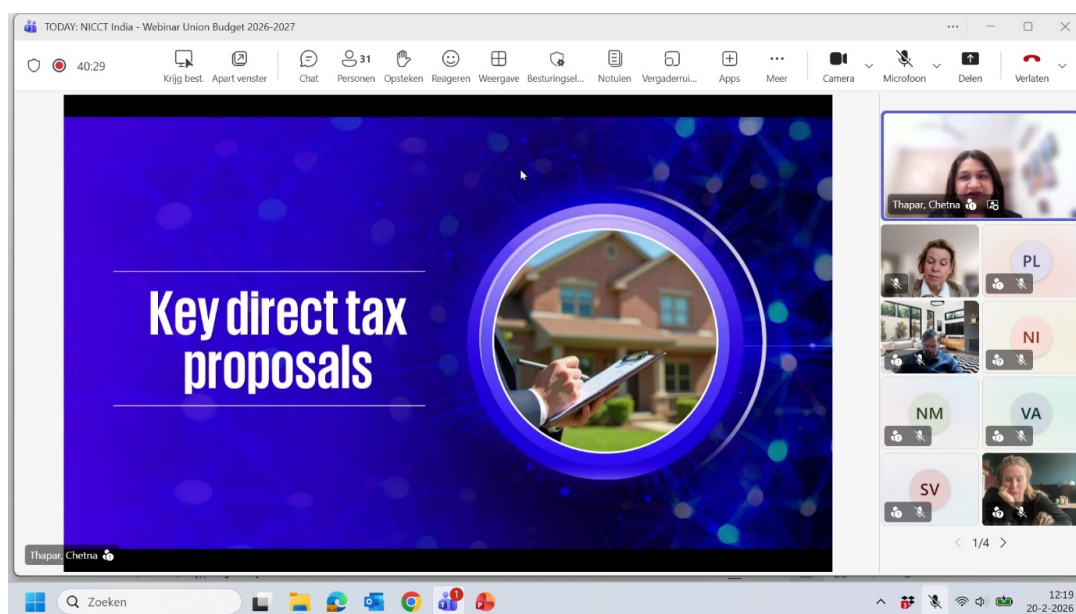
The virtual session featured expert speakers from KPMG in India, who delivered a comprehensive analysis of the India Union Budget 2026–27. The discussion highlighted key policy announcements, tax proposals, and their potential impact on non-residents — including Dutch investors and businesses with interests in India — as well as Indian companies operating internationally. A key focus of the session was the broader economic outlook and important insights relating to the EU–India Free Trade Agreement, offering participants valuable context for strategic planning and cross-border operations.

### Expert Speakers:

- Nidhi Maheshwari, Chartered Accountant
- Chetna Thapar, Chartered Accountant
- Vineet Agarwal, Chartered Accountant
- Pratiksha Dhawan, Director – KPMG in India
- Pranav Sachdeva, Director – KPMG in India

The program included a welcome and opening by NICCT, an in-depth budget overview, an engaging Q&A session, and closing remarks by NICCT.


We thank our speakers and all participants for contributing to a highly informative and interactive session. NICCT remains committed to providing its members with relevant insights and platforms that strengthen business ties between the Netherlands and India.



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### Call to Action



- Embrace scenario based planning
- Leverage tariff advantage strategically
- Strengthen compliance and origin management
- Invest in supply chain resilience
- Monitor evolving trade negotiations

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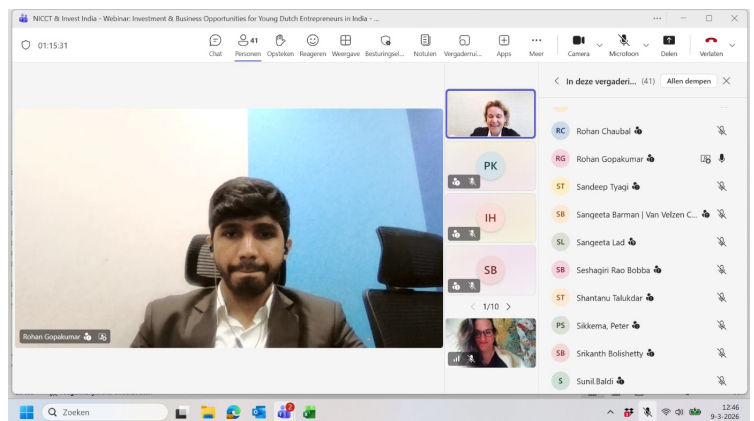
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# Webinar – Investment and Business Opportunities for Young Entrepreneurs in India

**When:** 9 March 2026  
**Where:** Online  
**Initiated by:** NICCT partnered by Invest India

In March 2026, NICCT, in collaboration with Invest India, organized a focused webinar on “Investment & Business Opportunities for Young Dutch Entrepreneurs in India.” The session highlighted India’s position as one of the world’s most dynamic markets for innovation, manufacturing, and digitalization, alongside the strong and growing economic ties between the Netherlands and India.

With over 300 Dutch companies already active in India and bilateral trade exceeding USD 27.7 billion, the webinar provided practical insights for entrepreneurs looking to scale internationally. Participants gained a clear overview of market opportunities, regulatory frameworks, and entry strategies, as well as direct access to expert guidance from Invest India to support their expansion ambitions.



## Business Seminar “Connecting Markets, Creating Value: India – Netherlands Economic Synergies”

**When:** 16 March 2026

**Where:** Amsterdam

**Initiated by:** Indian Embassy in NL, board members of NICCT as panelist

The Embassy of India organized an India–Netherlands Business Seminar on 16 March 2026 in Amsterdam, bringing together government representatives, industry leaders, and policymakers to explore opportunities for strengthening bilateral economic cooperation.

Under the theme “Connecting Markets, Creating Value,” the seminar highlighted India’s growing role as a key trade and investment partner, with a focus on high-potential sectors, recent economic initiatives, and fostering dialogue and networking

to support future collaboration. Speakers as H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin (Embassy of India), Mr. Michiel Sweers (DG Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee (DG, CII) and panel lists Mrs. Edith Nordmann (Chairman NICCT), Mr. Prashant Savla (Vice President, Sunpharma), Mr. Sudip Lahiri (Executive Vice President, HCLTech), Mr. Ahmet Tunali (Area Manager, Rijk Zwaan) and Mrs. Sandra Singh (Director International Tax, HVK Stevens) contributed to the meaningful dialogue.



## India State Union Budget 2026 Event

**When:** 18 March 2026

**Where:** Amsterdam

**Initiated by:** NICCT, hosted by EY Netherlands and supported by the Indian Embassy in the Netherlands

As part of this year's program, we organized the yearly returning high-level seminar in Amsterdam focusing on the India Union Budget 2026 and the strengthening economic relationship between India and The Netherlands.

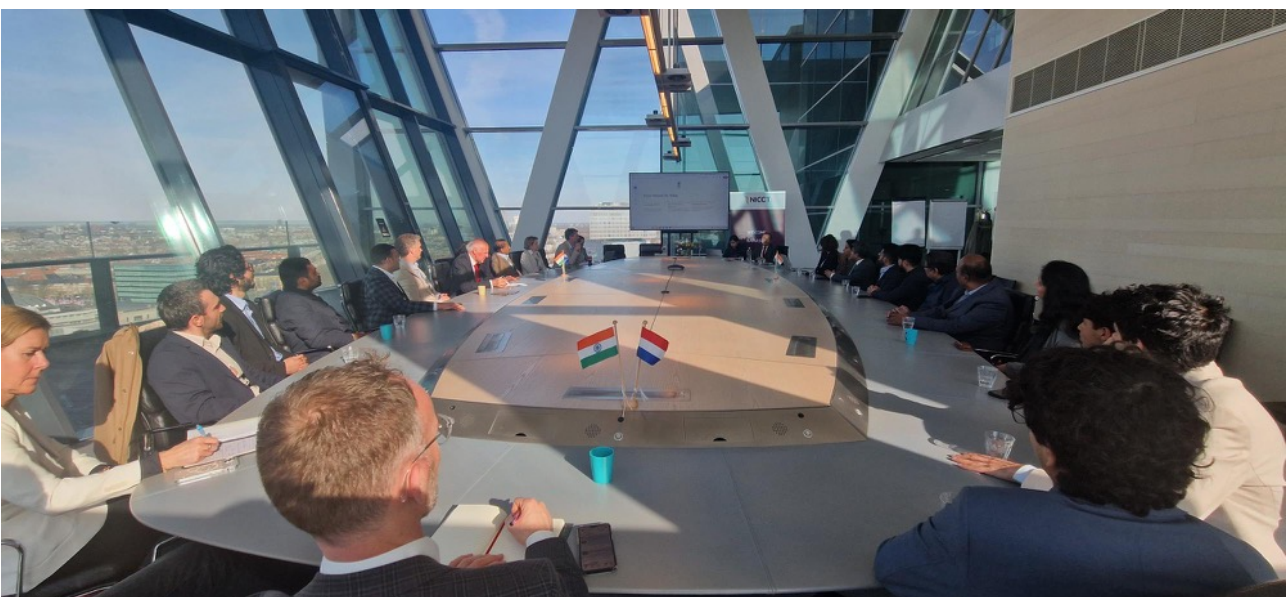
The session highlighted India's continued economic momentum, underpinned by increased public expenditure and a strategic focus on infrastructure, manufacturing, and investment. In parallel, the ongoing development of the EU-India Free Trade Agreement was discussed as a key milestone in fostering closer economic ties and creating new opportunities for businesses and investors.

The seminar brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including corporate representatives, policymakers, and industry experts. Discussions centered on translating policy developments into practical insights, with particular attention to regulatory changes, tax implications, and sec-

tor-specific opportunities.

NICCT was honored by the participation of H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, and Mrs. Priya Goel (trade officer of the Embassy of India to the Netherlands) whose contribution provided valuable context on the broader strategic outlook of India-EU relations. NICCT also extends its appreciation to Amit Jain for his expert insights into the budget and trade developments, and to Erwin Sieders and EY Netherlands for their support in hosting and moderating the session.

The strong engagement from participants and the quality of discussions reflect the growing interest in India as a key economic partner. Events such as these continue to play an important role in facilitating dialogue, sharing knowledge, and strengthening connections between the Netherlands and India.





## NICCT & IndiGo: Logistical Innovations between NL and IN (Exclusive Invitation for Patron Members and Corporate Members)

**When:** 26 March 2026  
**Where:** Schiphol Airport  
**Initiated by:** NICCT and IndiGo

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On the 26th of March we had the pleasure of organizing an exclusive behind-the-scenes event in collaboration with IndiGo and Schiphol Airport for NICCT' Patron and Corporate Members. Guests were welcomed aboard an IndiGo aircraft for a unique program, including a hosted lunch, offering a rare opportunity to experience the aircraft up close.

Beyond this special access, the event created a meaningful platform to connect, exchange stories, and share the enthusiasm that unites our community. It truly reflected the spirit of collaboration and engagement that defines our

network.

This memorable day also underscored our strong partnership with Schiphol Airport and IndiGo. We extend our sincere thanks to Liesbeth Oudkerk, Brian de Lange and Wilco Sweijen for their invaluable support in making this event possible. Above all, it was the presence, interest, and energy of our members that made this day truly memorable. For that, we are sincerely grateful.





## NICCT Synergy Series: Partner Powered by Beround

**When:** 28 May 2026  
**Where:** Deil  
**Initiated by:** NICCT and Beround

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NICCT, in collaboration with Beround, successfully hosted the NICCT Synergy Series: Partner-Powered Networking Event at Beround in Deil.

The gathering brought together a diverse group of professionals, entrepreneurs, and business leaders for an inspiring afternoon dedicated to exploring the opportunities and implications of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The event commenced with a welcome address on behalf of Beround, introducing the organization's vision, values, and philosophy centered around happiness, human connection, and positive impact. Attendees were also introduced to the meaning behind "Vita Nori," the Beround headquarters, symbolizing the belief that life should be approached with passion, curiosity, enthusiasm, and joy.

The program featured an interactive AI inspiration session led by Simone de Rie RA PCC, Bas Nab, and Bansal Shah. The event was characterized by highly engaged discussions, thoughtful questions, and the active exchange of experiences and perspectives.

NICCT values initiatives such as the Synergy Series for creating meaningful connections between businesses, knowledge partners, and professionals. By bringing together diverse expertise and perspectives, these events contribute to strengthening innovation ecosystems and fostering international cooperation.



## Free publicity:

13 November 2025: Dr. Edith Nordmann: Dutch Leader Who Fell in Love with India's Culture and Spirit - Word of India.

<https://wordofindia.com/dr-edith-nordmann-dutch-visionary-heart-in-india/> "Dr. Edith Nordmann: Dutch Leader Who Fell in Love with India's Culture and Spirit - Word of India

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\* 16 May 2026, DD News India:

<https://x.com/DDNewslive/status/2055606695817355626?s=20>

\* 16 May 2026, All India Radio:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DYZb9fQq-LJ/?igsh=b2doZmptenFwOWlw>

\* 18 May 2026: DD India,

<https://youtu.be/vBEj2-umiGo?si=VNw272YIlbTFrUT1>

## 4. Members

In 2025, NICCT had 6 patron members, 10 corporate members, 62 regular members, 8 youth members.

The Patron Members at NICCT in 2025 are:

1. Broekman Logistics
2. EY Netherlands
3. Gateway Group
4. HCLTechnologies
5. KPMG Meijburg & Co
6. Tata Consultancy Services Netherlands

NICCT has three honorary members: Mr. Ram L. Lakhina (founder and chairman emeritus NICCT), Mr. Eric Niehe (former ambassador of The Netherlands to India) and Mr. Elbert Waller.

## 5. Financial Statement NICCT

NICCT was able to save expenses and contribute to increasing its cash position as at end of 2025. Overall for 2025 the surplus (revenue less expenses) was EUR 12,689.

Our membership remained strong in 2025 but we also took out 10 non-paying regular members from our membership and we had Elbert Waller included as an honorary member from 2025.

## 6. Partners

NICCT remains strongly committed to fostering collaboration with organizations in both the Netherlands and India, recognizing that such partnerships enhance bilateral cooperation, stimulate trade, and create meaningful connections between business counterparts. This collaborative approach also enables NICCT to continuously strengthen and refine its services for members.

NICCT expresses its sincere appreciation for the continued support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in India and the Embassy of India, The Hague.

Their engagement and commitment have been instrumental in advancing trade and economic cooperation between the Netherlands and India.

Special recognition is extended to NICCT's Patron Members, whose longstanding support has played a vital role in the organization's development over the past two decades. Their continued commitment remains deeply valued.

NICCT also gratefully acknowledges its members, whose engagement forms the foundation of the organization. The team looks forward to re-connecting with its network through upcoming in-person, and, online programs.

## 7. Thanks

NICCT extends its sincere appreciation to all members, Patron Members, and partners for their continued support and confidence in the organization. The Board also expresses its gratitude for their valuable contributions throughout the reporting period.

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