



Public Affairs Forum of India

PAFI DIALOGUES



PAFI: Advancing the practice of public affairs, public policy, and advocacy.



PAFI does not simply create opportunities for engagement;
It helps organisations build understanding.

Because while relationships may open doors, understanding builds lasting partnerships.

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About Us

Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI) is India's leading professional platform dedicated to advancing the practice of public affairs, public policy and advocacy through ethics, transparency and collaborative engagement. Founded in 2008, when public affairs was still an emerging discipline in India, PAFI was created not as another trade body but to build a profession—one grounded in knowledge, dialogue and responsible engagement—and to create institutional spaces where business, government and society can meet constructively.

At its best, public affairs helps business understand government, government understand business, and strengthens the trust that enables both to work together in the larger public interest. Over eighteen years, PAFI has fostered that trust by aligning diverse stakeholders around shared national priorities and promoting a culture of integrity, respectful interaction and long-term thinking.

Today, as India plays an increasingly influential global role across technology, trade, sustainability, healthcare, and other domains, PAFI's vision is more relevant than ever: public affairs is a strategic capability essential to resilient, responsible and successful organisations operating and investing in India.

PAFI is independent, non-partisan and focused on institution building. Unlike sectoral trade associations or lobbying bodies, it does not represent commercial interests. Instead, PAFI provides a trusted forum for thought leadership, capacity building and cross-sector collaboration—redefining public affairs not merely as influence but as a platform for nation-building and sustainable change. Its Advisory Council of former senior government officials, industry and media leaders provides strategic guidance, ensuring PAFI remains a prominent advocate for aligning business, society and government.

Membership spans leading Indian and multinational companies, approximately 150 organisations. Members gain year-round access to policy dialogues, sectoral councils, roundtables and the Annual Forum, enabling exchange of insights, professional development and contribution to initiatives that uphold PAFI's standards of transparency and responsible engagement.

PAFI believes that better public policy emerges through collaboration. Its mission is to create opportunities for constructive engagement between policymakers, industry, academia and civil society while promoting the highest standards of professionalism, transparency and integrity in public affairs.

What we do at PAFI

PAFI's objective was never simply to create another business association. It is to help build a profession—one grounded in ethics, transparency, knowledge, dialogue and responsible engagement. Over the years, that mission has expanded beyond professional development to institution building: creating spaces where business, government and society come together to exchange ideas, deepen understanding and contribute to better public policy.



PAFI Dialogues

An interactive platform with leading voices from government, industry, academia, and civil society.



Annual Forum

Flagship event that fosters in-depth discussions on vital policy and economic issues with Ministers, Secretaries, and Thought Leaders.



Councils

Sector-specific working groups for knowledge exchange, collaborative problem solving and policy engagement in areas such as Agri & FMCG, DigiTech, Economy, Education, EoDB, Platform Economy, Healthcare, SAFE, and Young PAFI.



Capacity Building & Training

Specialised training programs and skill-building workshops to help members stay updated with the latest in stakeholder engagement, strategies and global best practices.



Research

Studies and reports on emerging and relevant topics to inform policy and corporate decision-making.



Collaboration

With civil society and other agencies, to better understand the changing aspirations of India's citizens.



Networking

Exclusive forums like PAFI Leadership conversations for Public Affairs professionals around topics relevant to the industry.



Access to Knowledge

Exchange of best practices, learnings, curated insights and active knowledge exchange through dedicated WhatsApp groups and other channels.

What are PAFI Dialogues ?

PAFI Dialogues is an integral platform of PAFI that promotes sustained engagement among members and government officials, journalists, economists, diplomats, and industry leaders who contribute to policymaking and agenda-setting.

PAFI Dialogues convene as focused roundtables, fireside chats, panels, and lectures built around policy questions emerging from national and global developments. In the past, sessions have explored India's free-trade agreement strategy, the Union Budget's economic implications, India-US trade and technology ties, and the regulatory landscape amidst growing geopolitical disruptions.

What makes PAFI Dialogues distinct

- Senior, credible interlocutors: Sessions feature sitting secretaries and office bearers, senior editors, former ambassadors, and other eminent thought leaders.

Member value

- Timely access: Members join the conversation before, during, and after policy decisions, helping shape debate while issues remain open and interpret impacts in real time.
- Strategic advantage: Continuous engagement sharpens advocacy planning, regulatory preparedness, and organisational response to policy shifts.
- Community and continuity: A recurring core of practitioners builds a standing network that tests and calibrates positions across the policy cycle.

Why it matters

PAFI Dialogues translate direct access and informed exchange into practical influence. They offer government focused, candid inputs without performative lobbying, while enabling members to co-create implementable pathways and reduce policy uncertainty. In doing so, the Dialogues advance PAFI's founding purpose: aligning business, government, and society on the long-term choices that determine how India regulates, trades, and grows.

PAFI Dialogues are where India's public affairs community meets the people shaping the rules of the game – live, candid, and unfiltered.

PAFI Dialogue Rules: In meeting/s held under PAFI Dialogue Rule, participants are not to disclose and/or attribute content and details of the discussions, either in person or on any media, including social media. Participants may only report topic (title) of meeting and names of speaker/s or panel.

Recent PAFI Dialogues

The New Geography of Growth: India's Economic Statecraft in an Era of Geopolitical Realignment

Chief Guest: Shri Sudhakar Dalela, Secretary (ER), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Thursday, July 02, 2026



India's Economy at an Inflection Point: The State of the Economy Today and the Road to Sustained Growth

Chief Guest - Dr Shamika Ravi, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India.

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Ease of Doing Business, Investment Facilitation, and India's Industrial Growth

Chief Guest - Dr Shamika Ravi, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India.

Tuesday, June 02, 2026



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Digital Future: Innovation, Trust and Global Leadership

Chief Guest: Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Tuesday, June 02, 2026



Geopolitics, Policy, and Business: India 3.0 in a Fragmenting World

Panel -

Suhasini Haidar, Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu,

Anil Padmanabhan, Senior Journalist,

Navdeep Suri, Former Ambassador of India to UAE & Egypt; High Commissioner to Australia,

Raj Chengappa, Group Editorial Director (Publishing), India Today Group.

Ajay Bisaria, Former High Commissioner of India to Canada & Pakistan, and Corporate Strategic Advisor.

Friday, May 08, 2026





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