

PM Advisor Tarun Kapoor Outlines Strategic Levers for 'India 3.0' at 13th PAFI Annual Forum

Session Highlights Viksit Bharat Vision, Expanding Domestic Markets Beyond Tier-1 Cities, and Clean Energy Transition

New Delhi, September 24, 2026 — Outlining the Prime Minister's vision for Viksit Bharat and the importance of building domestic capability in an interconnected global economy, **Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to the Prime Minister of India**, addressed a session titled "**India at an Inflection Point: Building Strength for the Next Decade**," organized by the Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI), India's premier organization focused on public policy, public affairs and advocacy, as part of its 13th Annual Forum in New Delhi.

Speaking as the Chief Guest, Mr. Kapoor stated, *"Atmanirbharta should not be interpreted as complete self-sufficiency, as even developed economies depend on imports and international trade. Rather, it should involve building greater domestic capabilities and resilience while remaining integrated with global markets. Recent geopolitical developments and crises have further highlighted the importance of reducing excessive dependence on external sources and strengthening economic resilience."*

The dialogue was welcomed by Shivnath Thukral, President, PAFI, and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, PhonePe Limited, and moderated by Arijit Sen, President, Vivo Mobile India Private Limited.

Backed by strong economic momentum, with real GDP estimated to grow at 7.4% in FY26 and private consumption projected to reach 61.5% of GDP, the session outlined the Prime Minister's vision for Viksit Bharat and the strategic policy levers guiding India 3.0. The conversation focused on expanding domestic markets, reducing barriers to consumption, formalising enterprises, and unlocking purchasing power beyond major metropolitan centres. The dialogue also addressed how government and industry can align industrial policy and infrastructure investments to accelerate domestic manufacturing in electric mobility, reduce reliance on imported fuels, and build resilience against global market disruptions.

Highlighting the significance of public-private collaboration for India's macroeconomic trajectory, **Mr. Shivnath Thukral, President, PAFI, and Vice President of Public Policy and Government Affairs, PhonePe Limited**, said, *"India stands at a pivotal inflection point where domestic market expansion and long-term structural resilience must advance together. At PAFI, our effort is to build collaborative channels between state and industry to support sustainable industrial policies, clean energy transitions, and economic formalization across Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities."*

This session highlighted PAFI's role in providing a premier platform for evaluating macroeconomic policy priorities critical to anchoring India's position as a reliable global growth partner.

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