



11th ANNUAL FORUM-2024

India @ 2030: Doubling the Economy to \$7 Trillion Policies, Partnerships and Priorities

18 - 19 SEPTEMBER

Forum Agenda

(As on 19 September 2024-Final)

Day 1 **Wednesday, 18th September 2024**

0830 – 0930| Registration and Networking Tea/Coffee

0940 – 0945 | **Opening**

Ajay Khanna

Co-Founder, PAFI & Chairman Emeritus Annual Forum
Group Strategic Advisor
Jubilant Bhartia Group

0945 – 1030 | **Session 1—Plenary Session**

India@2030: Shaping India's Economic Future

The aim of doubling the economy by 2030 is the first step in India's ambitious plans to make the 21st century its own. The NITI Aayog believes that the next step in this ambition should involve targeting a \$30 trillion economy by 2047, with a per capita income of \$18,000. To realise this vision, India must enact transformative reforms across key areas including tariff policy, trade profiles, credit markets, and workforce development, to foster sustainable economic growth, strengthen global competitiveness, and achieve the government's vision of 'Viksit Bharat'.

- What are the key areas of reforms that can help India reach double its economy by 2030?
- How can various stakeholders including the private sector play in helping India achieve its ambition?
- What role will credit market expansion, credit de-bottlenecking and access to capital play in achieving inclusive economic growth?

Welcome

Deepshikha Dharmaraj

President, PAFI
Chief Executive Officer
Burson Group

Moderator

Harish Krishnan

Past President & Co-Founder, PAFI
Managing Director and Chief Policy Officer, Cisco India and SAARC

Chief Guest

BVR Subrahmanyam

CEO, Niti Aayog
Government of India

Discussant

Chetan Krishnaswamy

Vice President, PAFI
Vice President, Public Policy
Amazon India

Vote of Thanks

T. S. Vishwanath

Director General, Past President & Founding Member, PAFI
Co-Founder & Partner, VeKommunicate



1040 - 1140 | **Session 2—Panel Discussion**
An Inclusive and Sustainable Roadmap to 2030

India’s journey to becoming a developed economy by 2047 requires a comprehensive roadmap, where sustainable growth, inclusive development, and economic diversification are central pillars. The private sector must lead this charge, supported by policies and regulations that enable innovation and investment in key sectors like green energy, technology, and manufacturing. Achieving this vision demands a balance between economic growth and environmental sustainability while fostering public-private partnerships and contributions from the centre and the states. **Karnataka, Partner State for PAFI Annual Forum 2024**, as a leader in innovation and ease of doing business, showcases how states can drive sustainable and inclusive growth.

- What milestones must India achieve by 2030 to pave the way for a developed economy by 2047?
- How can India make the most of its global partnerships toward sustained economic growth?
- How can businesses, government, and society collaborate for an inclusive and sustainable future?
- What role can states play in setting the example for sustainable, inclusive growth at a regional level?

Welcome

Vaishali Chopra

Head – Public Affairs & Communications
Yara India

Moderator

Ishteyaque Amjad

Past President PAFI and Co-Chairman Annual Forum
Managing Director, Policy & Government Affairs
Abbott Healthcare Pvt Ltd

Panel

B.K. Shivakumar

Director (Exports) and Managing Director
Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre
Government of Karnataka

Ajay Tyagi

Former Chairman
Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Luis Miranda

Chairperson of the Board & Co-Founder
Indian School of Public Policy

Pranab Dhal Samanta

Executive Editor, Politics
The Economic Times

Discussant

Raman Sidhu

Past President & Founding Member, PAFI
Chairman, EBG Federation, India

Vote of Thanks

Rishi Chawla

Vice President – Corporate Affairs
Carlsberg India Private Limited



1145 – 1300 | **Session 3—Panel Discussion**

India and the United States: Making the Most of the Next Four Years

The next four years provide a golden opportunity for India and the United States to strengthen the relationship unencumbered by the uncertainty of changes in leadership. With support from all sides of the political spectrum, collaboration has extended from the resolution of trade disputes to partnerships in defence, cybersecurity, outer space, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, and next-generation telecommunications. This is bolstered by people-to-people relations, higher education partnerships, and skill development mechanisms. Beyond their borders, the two are working to improve international financial systems, develop global public health and resilient infrastructure, research ways to sustainable futures, and bolster multilateral platforms to strengthen the systems that undergird the global order.

- How can India and the United States make the most of the next four years in taking India closer to its goal of a \$7 trillion economy by 2030?
- How can the two countries ensure strengthen and support each other’s economies at a time of global upheaval?
- How can the private sector in both countries work together to make the most of the partnership?

Welcome

Rahul Sharma

Past President & Founding Member, PAFI
Managing Director
US India Business Council (USIBC)

Moderator

Suhasini Haidar

Diplomatic Affairs Editor
The Hindu

Panel

Amb. Shyam Saran

Former Foreign Secretary
Government of India

Arun Singh

Former Ambassador of India to the United States, France and Israel

Manjeev Puri

Former Ambassador of India to the European Union and Nepal

Vote of Thanks

Medha Girotra

Secretary, PAFI
Vice President - Communications, Asia Pacific
Mastercard

1300 – 1345 | **Networking Lunch (Mumtaz)**



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1345 – 1515 | **Session 4—Panel Discussion**

Strategies for Inclusive Economic Growth

To ensure inclusive growth and poverty reduction, the Government is determined to realise the vision of making India a \$30 trillion economy with a per capita income of \$18,000 by 2047. This will require sustained long-term annual growth and focus on both domestic and international factors. At home, India will need improved industrial competitiveness, enhanced manufacturing and logistics capabilities, health for all, bridged rural-urban divide, water and food security, and adequate employment through skill development and entrepreneurship support. Abroad, India will need to ramp up economic diplomacy efforts to emerge as a key player in the supply chain ecosystem at a time of global churn.

- How can India avoid the middle-income trap and realise its objective of poverty reduction and inclusive economic growth?
- How can India make the most of its global partnerships toward sustained economic growth?
- How can the private sector work with the government to increase business process efficiency and confidence?

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Abbott Healthcare Pvt Ltd

Moderator

Chetan Krishnaswamy

Vice President, PAFI
Vice President, Public Policy
Amazon India

Panel

Vini Mahajan

Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Ministry of Jal Shakti
Government of India

Apurva Chandra

Secretary
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India

Dammu Ravi

Secretary (Economic Relations)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India

Dr. Arunish Chawla

Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Government of India

Sanjay Jaju

Secretary
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Government of India

Vote of Thanks

Rakesh Dubey

Managing Committee Member, PAFI
Director-Global Government Affairs
Carlyle Group



1520 – 1555 | **Session 5—Plenary Session**

Telecom for Tomorrow – Connecting India by 2030

Doubling India's economy by 2030 necessitates a focused approach towards inclusive growth powered by technology. The advancement of connectivity technologies, such as 5G and fibre optics, will underpin this growth, making the enhancement of infrastructure, accessibility, research and development, and manufacturing essential for the nation. In underserved areas with latent potential, such as the seven states of Northeast India, dependable and affordable development, from infrastructure to telecommunications, can be a game changer. By fostering connected growth, India can strive towards its \$7 trillion aspiration, ensuring that every citizen contributes to this collective progress.

- How can a connected India assist in the goal of doubling the economy by 2030?
- How can the public and private sectors work together to accelerate the deployment of advanced telecommunication technologies in India?
- How can India's postal infrastructure innovate and transform to align with India's digital and financial inclusion goals?
- What role can new initiatives like the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan play in increasing the operational efficiency of India Post?
- How can the North-East region be made a bigger part of India's growth story?
- What role can digital and technological advancements play in the integration of the North Eastern economy with the rest of India?

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Managing Director and Chief Policy Officer, Cisco India and SAARC

Moderator

Sukumar Ranganathan

Editor-In-Chief
Hindustan Times

Chief Guest

Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Minister of Communications
Minister of Development of North Eastern Region
Government of India

Vote of Thanks

Ajay Khanna

Co-Founder, PAFI & Chairman Emeritus Annual Forum
Group Strategic Advisor
Jubilant Bhartia Group

1600 – 1625 | Networking Coffee Break (Mumtaz)



1630 – 1730 | **Session 6—Panel Discussion**

Reimagining India’s Workforce through the Gig Economy

The Gig Economy in India is projected to expand to 23.5 million workers by FY29, forming almost 7 per cent of the non-agricultural workforce. It is bolstered by increasing demand in sectors including technology, manufacturing, and green industries. While the Central Labour Ministry is set to lead labour reforms, multiple states are set to introduce legislation on the work area. Developing clear regulatory frameworks, investing in skill development, devising policies focused on fairness, equity, and well-being for gig workers and focusing on a supportive environment for all stakeholders is necessary for the gig economy to thrive.

- How can platforms, gig workers, and other stakeholders work together with the government to contribute to India’s economic goals?
- What role must each of the stakeholders play for an overall supportive environment for the work area to thrive?

Welcome

Sanjay Chadha

Chairperson, PAFI Gig Economy Council
Director, Public Policy India & South Asia, Uber

Moderator

Anil Padmanabhan

Senior Journalist

Chief Guest

Sumita Dawra

Secretary
Ministry of Labour and Employment
Government of India

Panel

Mike Orgill

Head of Public Policy – APAC
Uber

Raghav Chandra

Co-founder and Chief Product and Technology Officer
Urban Company

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Sudhir Zutshi

Director-Policy & Strategy, Asia Pacific
UL Solutions



1735 - 1825 | **Session 7—Panel Discussion**

Legislating for Growth

In India’s journey to prosperity, elected representatives have a profound role in shaping the economic trajectory. Legislators hold the power to draft, debate, and pass crucial laws that foster economic growth and innovation, ensure that funds are allocated to key sectors, and advocate for policies that enhance business environments. They initiate important local development projects, and their engagement with constituents ensures inclusive and effective economic policies.

- How can elected representatives drive sustainable economic progress and address the diverse needs of India?
- How can they work toward increasing the productivity of the economy in a decentralised manner by encouraging citizens to innovate?
- How can the legislature design policies that promote a thriving business environment?
- How can the private sector work with Members of Parliament to balance the interests of various stakeholders and ensure inclusive growth?

Welcome

Anandita Singh Mankotia

Director, Public Policy
Mastercard

Moderator

Javed Sayed

Chief Content and Strategic Officer
Money Control

Panel

Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
Telugu Desam Party

Manish Tewari

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
Indian National Congress

Shashank Mani

Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)
Bharatiya Janata Party

Vote of Thanks

Shagufta Kamran

Director and Head of Government Affairs in India
Koch Business Solutions India



1830 – 1930 | **Session 8—Plenary Session**

India @2030: Doubling the Economy to \$7 Trillion – Policies, Partnerships and Priorities

From becoming a trillion-dollar economy in 60 years post-Independence to adding the next trillion dollars in just seven years by 2014, and the third trillion by 2019, India has shown tremendous economic growth. The government now aims to make India a seven trillion-dollar economy by 2030, driven by increased capital expenditure and robust domestic consumption. However, achieving this ambitious target requires a meticulously crafted plan and unwavering business and consumer confidence. Key considerations include managing geopolitical realignments, climate and energy transitions, and the impact of new technologies like Artificial Intelligence.

- What are the most critical policy interventions needed to improve the Ease of Doing Business in India and attract Foreign Direct Investment?
- How can India effectively leverage its strategic alliances and trade partnerships to mitigate geopolitical and economic risks while promoting sustainable growth?
- How can states develop an investor-friendly charter in advancing the goal of doubling the economy?
- How can emerging technologies be used ethically and responsibly in accelerating inclusive growth?

Welcome

Subho Ray

Past President & Managing Committee Member, PAFI
President, Internet and Mobile Association of India

Moderator

Virat Bhatia

Past President PAFI and Co-Chairman Annual Forum

Chief Guest

Ashwini Vaishnav

Minister of Railways
Minister of Information and Broadcasting
Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
Government of India

Vote of Thanks

Shivnath Thukral

Treasurer, PAFI
Vice President, Public Policy, India
Meta



1945 – 2030 | **Session 9—Plenary Session**

Topic: India@2030: The Smart Route to a Global Export Powerhouse

As India works towards doubling its economy to \$7 trillion, integrating the country into the global value chain is critical. The government has spearheaded this vision through initiatives such as PLI, PM Gati Shakti, and the Export Promotion Capital Goods schemes. The industrial smart cities envisaged under the National Industrial Corridor Development programme promise to be key pillars supporting this ambition. To realise this vision, coordinated efforts between government and industry are crucial. This must include addressing key policy issues, streamlining compliance structures, decriminalising business laws, and effectively leveraging multilateral trade agreements.

- How can industrial smart cities accelerate India's integration into global value chains?
- What role should the private sector play in making India a manufacturing hub and, eventually, a global export hub?
- What are the key priorities for expanding India's trade portfolio as it seeks to double its economy to \$7 trillion?

Welcome

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Past President PAFI and Co-Chairman Annual Forum

Chief Guest

Piyush Goyal

Minister of Commerce and Industry
Government of India

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Maj. Ranjeet Goswami (Retd.)

Managing Committee Member, PAFI
Global Head, Corporate Affairs, Tata Consultancy Services



2030 onwards | **Gala Dinner**

A musical performance by 'Oh Womaniya', a unique band that brings together a rich blend of sounds to create a euphoric experience. The band is led by all-female singers—Anurupa Roy, Tulja Sharma, Suhavi Kalsi and Anvitha D, and is known for their renditions and mashups of Retro, Sufi, Bollywood and English Pop songs.

Introduction

Lakshmi Kanchaan

Executive Director
PAFI



Day 2
Thursday, 19 September 2024

0900 Hrs – 1500 Hrs

0900 - 0955 | **Registration & Networking over Tea / Coffee**

1000 – 1100 | **Session 10-Panel Discussion**

New Tech on the Block: Using Technology to Lead India’s Growth

India's growth and global aspirations hinge on leveraging new technologies. With over 100 unicorns and a vibrant tech ecosystem, technology-driven sectors contribute about 10 per cent to India's GDP. The government is investing significantly in emerging technologies like AI, ML, IoT, and Blockchain. Initiatives such as the National Quantum Mission, India AI Mission and India Semiconductor Mission are poised to help India technologically leapfrog and accelerate development. However, fostering a culture of innovation through R&D support and promoting technological advancements is vital for sustained economic growth. Establishing incubation centres, providing seed funding for startups, and increasing public and private investments in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and nanotechnology must be prioritised. Unlocking the private sector's potential will require simplifying regulations and expediting commercialisation.

- What initiatives can be taken to bridge the skill gap in emerging technologies like AI, ML, IoT, and Blockchain?
- How can industry and academia collaborate to meet the evolving needs of the tech ecosystem?
- How can the government and private sector work together to create a conducive environment that promotes innovation while protecting public interest?

Welcome

Deep Pal
 Director
 PAFI

Moderator

Nitendra Rajput
 Senior Vice President AI Garage
 Mastercard

Chief Guest

Abhishek Singh
 Additional Secretary
 Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 Government of India

Special Guest

Rohit Kumar Singh
 Member
 National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

Panel

Harvey Jang
 Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Privacy Officer
 Cisco Systems, Inc.

Venkatesh Krishnan
 Executive Director
 Microsoft India and South Asia

Vote of Thanks

Vedika Kapoor
 Director-Government Affairs & Communications
 Haleon



1100 – 1130 | **Networking Coffee Break (Mumtaz)**

1130– 1245 | **Session 11—Panel Discussion**

India’s Geopolitical Approach in a World Facing Uncertainties, Wars and Trade Disputes

India’s ambition of doubling the economy by 2030 requires sustained efforts on the domestic front while ensuring that international developments do not endanger its efforts to grow. While connectivity and trade facilitation in the region are key, regime change and institutional collapse in multiple countries along India’s periphery in recent years have made this difficult. India needs a strategy that allows it to benefit from global companies seeking to diversify and emerge as a key player in the supply chain ecosystem. While the government has significantly bolstered the country's export potential and bolstered manufacturing, securing a leading role in global trade will take more work.

- How can India ensure continued domestic stability and development amidst unrest in the neighbouring countries?
- How can India utilise multilateral and plurilateral platforms better to integrate more deeply into global supply chains?
- How can India manage the likelihood of increasing Chinese influence in a troubled neighbourhood?

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Moderator

Ajay Bisaria

Corporate Advisor and Former Diplomat

Panel

C. Raja Mohan

Non-Resident Distinguished Fellow
Asia Society Policy Institute

Indrani Bagchi

Chief Executive Officer
Ananta Centre, India

Rahul Roy-Chaudhury

Senior Fellow for South and Central Asian Defence
Strategy and Diplomacy
The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Sujan R. Chinoy

Director General
Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses

Vote of Thanks

Vinita Sethi

Immediate Past President, PAFI
SVP & Chief Public Affairs
Apollo Hospitals Group



1250 - 1350 | **Session 12— Panel Discussion**
Jobs and Governance Strategies for 2030

The vision of a \$7 trillion economy needs the regular enhancement of administration, service delivery, fiscal management, and asset management processes through the integration of technology, robust feedback mechanisms, stakeholder consultations, and private partnerships. At the same time, long-term economic growth and sustainability require creating enough quality jobs that can boost societal stability, ensure urban development, alleviate poverty, and increase demand. While existing policies, including the PLI, MITRA, and MUDRA schemes, have facilitated this approach, they must be supplemented at both the centres and in the states, along with robust public-private partnerships to meet the demands of an evolving market.

- What roles do private-public partnerships play in driving the \$7 trillion economic vision?
- How can India balance rapid job creation with the adoption of technology in various sectors?
- What role can states play in collaborating with the industry to ensure sustained job creation?

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Srinivas Katikithala
Secretary
Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
Government of India

Atul Kumar Tiwari
Secretary
Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Government of India

Vote of Thanks

Chetan Krishnaswamy
Vice President, PAFI
Vice President, Public Policy
Amazon India

1400 | **Networking Lunch (Mumtaz)**
