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Reimagining Economic Reforms in India – The Next Wave

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"Nothing else in the world...not all the armies...is so powerful as an idea whose time has come."

-Victor Hugo, The Future of Man



CONCLAVE'S OVERVIEW

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), India's National Apex Industry Association established in 1905, has been relentlessly working for the socio-economic development of Indian States' with an axiom, "Strong States' Make Strong Nation." Under the aegis of its State Development Council (SDC) and State Chapters, PHDCCI essentially carries forward the mission of "Empowering States," to strengthen India's federal structure of governance. To take the momentum further in public policy space, PHDCCI is organising the 20th edition of its flagship initiative, "States' Policy Conclave 2026" on 30 October 2026 at Hotel Le Méridien, New Delhi, wherein the central theme is "Reimagining Economic Reforms in India - The Next Wave" with KEY FOCUS AREAS: Ushering Structural Deregulation; Enhancing State Capacity; Reducing Cost, Time and Uncertainty of Doing Business in India; Scaling High-tech and High-value Manufacturing for Achieving Advanced-economy Status (Vikshit Bharat) by 2047; Promoting Investment Efficiency; Deregulating Factor Markets in India; Liberating Latent Entrepreneurial Energy; Leveraging Policy Predictability; Reducing the cost of Doing Business; Reducing Tax Litigation & Disputes; Making Press Note 2 Work; Attracting Global Capital to Monetise Assets; Enhancing Export Capacity with FDI; Scale First, Value Addition Follows; Reducing Inputs Cost; Vie for Global Manufacturing; Enabling Innovation, Growth and Sustainability for MSMEs.

This is an era where the performance far exceeds the expectations—and the government-industry collaboration is now reaching to the next level, for scripting a new chapter for the Indian economy. So, India is already moving on the trajectory which will lead it further to the high and sustained economic growth, and that too, superlatively supported by equity and justice emanated through the grace of its remarkable democracy, positive attributes of federalism and success stories from states. With the clear vision, mission and policies, the states' are pushing forth the idea of a government which governs, facilitates and encourages the citizens from diverse stratums to participate in economic development activities, hence the "States' Policy Conclave 2026" sets the stage for ideation on "Reimagining Economic Reforms in India - The Next Wave".

A uniquely significant public policy initiative with focus on government-industry interface in India, the "States' Policy Conclave 2026" would support a robust eco-system for businesses, by advocacy for further simplifying the official procedures and making them transparent at decision-making levels with greater interfaces of new technology and shared global best practices. Also, it essentially supports India's "Economic Reforms Mission", with bringing the highest echelons of government and industry at one prominent dialogue platform. Besides showcasing the Best Practices of different states, the Conclave will also offer a powerful platform for different stakeholders from Central & State Governments, Industry, Policy Establishments, Think Tanks, Diplomatic Corps (Embassies & High Commissions), International Agencies & Multilateral Institutions, Investors, Civil Society, Media together for constructive idea-exchanges and policy deliberations.

In this context, the "States' Policy Conclave 2026" supports the Prescient Vision and Mission-in-Progress of "India's Sustainable & Inclusive Development" through strengthening the base of government-industry interface under the robust co-operative federalism framework that ensures progressive policies for keeping India's position at the centrestage of the global order facing unprecedented churns. The Conclave aims to ensure the best desired outcomes in the crucial thrust areas of economy—spanning across Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sectors.

The Conclave's focus on states' reflects few noticeable facts. Since India is best seen not as a single economy but as an aggregation of very different state economies, thus no grand dialogue on macro economy is possible without getting in fold the states' which form the core of competitive federalism. Remarkably, many of the crucial structural reforms in the economy are being carried forward by states. Concerning significantly to the Indian economy, the states' have been witnessing major developments in these spheres ranging from social sector to industry and economic growth.

India's job market has undergone a profound transformation, mirroring the country's economic evolution from a largely agrarian economy in the pre-independence era to a globally integrated, technology-driven one today. Over the decades, employment patterns have shifted in tandem with structural changes in the economy, with the workforce gradually moving from agriculture to industry and, more recently, to services and knowledge-based sectors. Overall the progressive trend reflects on India's peaceful rise and gives hope in a volatile and uncertain world.

To transcend the principle of "Minimum Necessary, Maximum Feasible" into desired outcomes, the "States' Policy Conclave 2026" is closely tied to the Economic Survey's ongoing focus on systematic deregulation and corporate ease of doing business. For re-engineering the relationship between the state and the private sector, the Conclave unwaveringly supports "Process Reforms in States' for India's Fast-Tracked Inclusive Economic Growth".

The "States' Policy Conclave 2026" opens-up immense opportunities for the participants' and partners from the government, industry and think tanks. With its remarkable legacy and continuing tradition, the "States' Policy Conclave 2026" aspires to be India's most impactful Public Policy Conclave of the year 2026.

Conclave's Objectives

- To create a roadmap for navigating the global challenges with fast-tracked Indian economy.
- To Pave India's Green Path for Sustainable and Inclusive Development.
- To create an “Interactive & Action Platform” for key Policy-makers, Think Tanks and Industry Captains for making them share their experiences on “Best Practices in Governance and Economic Performance” and their impact as indicators on the businesses and economy.
- To rope in expertise of functional experts with a proven track record in the field.
- To consolidate a ‘way-forward’ pertinent to the “Strengthening Government-Industry Interface in States”.
- To recognise and acknowledge the states’ doing well on crucial governance and economic parameters through meticulously-researched “Knowledge Report”. The Report with specific suggestions, recommendations and developmental roadmap will be widely used for reference by the policymakers in the government and industry.
- Suggestions for new progressive policies and schemes to sustain the governance programmes and further help them for achieving greater inclusive growth through cluster-based approach.
- To showcase the Partner States’ “Aspirational Models” in certain areas as per the spirit of Niti Aayog Action Agenda – and present them for replication in other states.

Key Focus Areas

The States' Policy Conclave 2026 dedicates the deliberations to reimagine “The Next Wave of Economic Reforms in India” in appreciation of the jubilant climax of economic reforms mission, which reached to the fruition through match of unprecedented policy support and its reciprocation by the industry. An ever growing interface of government and industry, with a commitment to Achieving Advanced-economy Status (Vikshit Bharat) by 2047, offers the progressive and forward-looking prospects for collective as well individual aspirations.

The Conclave sets its agenda, while coming in terms with the positive fundamental shift, to let the macro indicators speak even more favourably for India. The current and upcoming waves of economic reforms are destined to make lasting, rather than transitory changes in the structure of the Indian economy. PHDCCI, as a reform-oriented industry institution, uniquely makes the interface of government and industry for ensuring inclusive growth for the nation, its citizens and all who believe in India’s global prominence as the world’s largest democracy with significant economic and strategic capabilities.

The “States' Policy Conclave 2026” aims to host the decision-makers’ from the government, industry and think tanks to discuss the key growth agendas for “Sustainable & Inclusive Development” and it calls for the participations and partnerships of concerned stakeholders.





Key Features

- The Conclave essentially focus on “Empowering States”, to strengthen India’s federal structure of governance and bid of economic self-reliance with a goal to achieving Sustainable and Inclusive Development in a challenged global order.
- The sessions’ are designed to host the dialogues of policy-makers, the government officials. Think Tanks and industry captains – to create a new roadmap to make states, the hubs of economic growth and prosperity.
- The Conclave offer a platform to the government officials’ to be in dialogue with the industry stakeholders’ to showcase and share their achievements for industrial development, concerns and further plans.
- The Conclave supports the collective mission (Achieving Advanced-economy Status – Vikshit Bharat) by 2047).
- Moreover, the Conclave will host focussed meaningful B2G, G2G and B2B Interactions and offer unique business networking opportunities.

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PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has been working as a catalyst for the promotion of Indian industry, trade and entrepreneurship for the past 121 years. It is a forward looking, proactive and dynamic PAN-India apex organization. As a partner in progress with industry and government, PHDCCI works at the grass roots level with strong national and international linkages for propelling progress, harmony and integrated development of the Indian economy.

PHDCCI, acting as the "Voice of Industry & Trade" with a large membership base of 1,50,000 direct and indirect members consisting of large, medium and small industries, has forged ahead leveraging its legacy with the industry knowledge across multiple sectors to take Indian Economy to the next level. At the global level, we have been working with the Embassies and High Commissions in India and overseas to bring in the International Best Practices and Business Opportunities.

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