States' Policy Conclave 2026

Reimagining Economic Reforms in India – The Next Wave

30 October 2026, Sovereign Hall-I, Hotel Le Méridien, New Delhi

PROGRAMME AGENDA

Time	Programme Details
09:00 am-10:00 am	**Registration & Networking High Tea**
10:00 am-11:30 am	**INAUGURAL SESSION** ***Reimagining Economic Reforms in India – The Next Wave*** *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*
10:00 am-10:05 am	**Opening Remarks by Programme Anchor** **National Anthem; Felicitations**
10:05 am-10:10 am	Theme Address by **Dr Ranjeet Mehta**, CEO & Secretary General, PHDCCI
10:10 am-10:15 am	Welcome Address by **Mr Sanjay Singhania**, Senior Vice President & Chair, State Development Council, PHDCCI
10:15 am-10:25 am	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Mr Dilip Chenoy**, Chairperson, BharatWeb3 Association
10:25 am-10:35 am	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Dr Dhananjay Singh**, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
10:35 am-10:45 am	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Mr Rakesh Kumar Prajapati**, Director, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
10:45 am-10:55 am	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Mr Sanjay Kumar**, Former Secretary, Government of India
10:55 am-11:05 am	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Mr Rohit Singh,** Former Secretary, Government of India & Chair - USISPF Global Value Chains Committee and Advisor, USISPF Board of Directors
11:05 am-11:25 am	Address by **"Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker"**: **Dr Jitendra Singh*,** Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge: Earth Sciences; Science & Technology) & Hon'ble Minister of State (Prime Minister's Office; Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievance), Government of India
11:25 am-11:30 am	Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks: **Dr Jatinder Singh**, Deputy Secretary General, PHDCCI
11:30 am-01:15 pm	**STATE OUTREACH SESSION** ***Make States' Compete for Global Investment*** *Key Focus Areas: 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*
	Session Moderator: **Mr Dushyant Thakor**, Deputy Executive Director, World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA)
	Welcome Address: **Mr Kamlesh Jain**, Co-Chair, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI and ED & COO (International), Varun Beverages Ltd
	Knowledge Report Release (PHDCCI-Koan Advisory Group) & Presentation (by **Mr Vivan Sharan**, Partner, Koan Advisory Group)
	Presentation (Invest India) by **Mr K Karthikeyen**, Vice President, Invest India

	Address by **Ms Rishita Sachdeva**, Associate Fellow (Economic Growth & Development Vertical), Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP)
	Presentation: PARTNER STATE
	Address by **"Distinguished Guest & Speaker"**: **Mr Mohit Bhasin**, Global Head – Economic Growth, KPMG
	Address by **"Chief Guest & Keynote Speaker"**: **Dr Arun Kumar Jha,** Chancellor, National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology – NIAMT, Government of India (Formerly: Director General, National Productivity Council, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India)
	Felicitations; Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks: **Mr Atul K Thakur,** Senior Secretary (State Development Council, India-Nepal Centre & State Chapters: Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh), PHDCCI
01:15 pm-02:15 pm	**Networking Lunch**
02:15 pm-03:15 pm	**PANEL DISCUSSION-I** ***India's Path for Sustainable and Inclusive Development: Enabling Innovation, Emerging Technology Adoption, Growth and Sustainability for MSMEs***
	Session Chair: **Amb Mr Manjeev Singh Puri**, Chair, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI (Formerly: Ambassador of India to the European Union (EU), Belgium, Luxembourg, Nepal and Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations; India's Lead Climate Change Negotiator)
	Panelist: **Mr Yugal Joshi**, Programme Director, Drinking Water & Sanitation; IT & Telecom; Tourism & Culture; Water & Land Resources and Lead – Communication & NER, NITI Aayog, Government of India
	Panelist: **Mr Anukool Bhatnagar**, Adviser, India-Nepal Centre, PHDCCI; Co-Founder & Partner, Sustain Edge ESG LLP & Managing Partner, Comprehensive Financial Assets & Advisory Services LLP (Formerly: CGM, State Bank of India; MD & CEO, Nepal SBI Bank Ltd)
	Panelist**: Dr Seema Sharma** – Professor (Economics), IIT Delhi
	Panelist: **Dr Kazem Samandari**, Veteran Economist (Executive Chairman, L'Opéra; President, KCSH & Associates and Terra Firma International)
03:15 pm-04:30 pm	**PANEL DISCUSSION-II** ***Minimum Necessary, Maximum Feasible: Process Reforms in States' and the Way forward for India's Fast-Tracked Inclusive Economic Growth***
	Session Moderator: **Mr Atul K Thakur,** Senior Secretary (State Development Council, India-Nepal Centre & State Chapters: Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh), PHDCCI
	Panelist: **Mr Mehul Gupta**, Head – Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, Visa India
	Panelist: **Mr Shishir Sinha**, Associate Editor, The Hindu Business Line
	Panelist: **Dr Deepak Tandon**, Economic Policy Commentator
	Panelist: **Mr Shashvat Singh** – Senior Fellow (Climate, Development and Energy Cooperation), India Foundation
	Panelist: **Ms Minal Agarwal**, Director, Tax and Regulatory Services, Indirect Tax, KPMG (India)
04:30 pm-05:00 pm	**Networking High Tea**

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