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TECHNOLOGY, TRUST AND TRADE:
NAVIGATING THE NEW GEOECONOMIC ORDER

14 - 15 November 2025 | Andhra University Grounds, Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Programme Outline

Day I: Friday, 14 November 2025

Delegates to be seated by 0800 hrs

OPENING PLENARY

[Track: **Trade**]

Despite persistent global headwinds, geopolitical disruptions, and economic slowdowns in advanced economies, India continues to stand out as a beacon of resilience and opportunity. With GDP growth of 6.5% in 2024-25, driven by strong domestic demand and sustained capital investment, India is outperforming major global economies and solidifying its position as a trusted global partner. Thanks to a series of bold and transformational reforms, India is on track to surpass US\$5 trillion GDP by 2028 and is poised to become the world's third-largest economy by 2030. As the world navigates complex challenges, the need for global dialogue, cooperation, and shared action has never been more urgent.

This session will set the tone of the Summit and will explore the critical role of Government-Industry collaboration in sustaining India's growth momentum and shaping its global leadership. It will also delve into how industry can proactively contribute to this journey.

FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 1

"Navigating the New Normal: Uncertainty is Certain"

[Track: **Growth**]

The Global Economic Policy Uncertainty Index are at new highs today, even eclipsing the levels seen during the Covid-19 pandemic. "Change is the only constant" has now become a hard reality that economies and businesses alike are grappling with. Amidst this hyper-dynamism, the long established "wait and see" approach has become rather archaic. Instead, it is an opportunity to reorient strategies to leverage emerging areas of growth. For example, high tariffs by some countries have opened bandwidth to forge new partnerships.

This session will deliberate on what are some of these key opportunities India could proactively tap to prepare for the next wave of growth.

Plenary Session 2

"Transforming Ideas into Global Impact: Accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Innovation"

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

In an increasingly interconnected world, research and development (R&D) is a foundational pillar of national competitiveness and technological leadership. When paired with strong and strategic intellectual property (IP) frameworks, R&D can be transformed into real-world innovations that drive economic growth, societal benefit, and global progress.

This session will spotlight how countries, industries, and research institutions are fostering international R&D collaborations, sharing best practices in IP management, and co-developing solutions to complex global challenges—from climate change and healthcare to digital transformation and deep tech.

Country Session 1

Russia

[Track: **Trade**]

Country Session 2

Japan

[Track: **Trade**]

STANDALONE SESSION WITH UNION MINISTER

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Plenary Session 3

“AI for Viksit Bharat: A Roadmap to 8% Sustained Growth”

[Tracks: Technology and Innovation, Growth]

Artificial Intelligence has the potential to become a defining force in India's journey toward becoming a developed economy. By accelerating innovation, boosting productivity, and unlocking new value across manufacturing, services, and emerging sectors, AI can add significant momentum to India's growth trajectory.

This session will explore how AI-driven transformation supported by scalable data infrastructure, industry adoption, and a future-ready workforce can help India sustain 8% annual growth over the next decade.

The discussion will highlight actionable pathways for government, industry, and academia to harness AI as a strategic lever for economic and societal progress.

TWO SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 4

“Gateway to Growth: The Trade and Investment Imperative”

[Track: Trade]

India stands at a pivotal moment in its economic journey, leveraging transformative reforms, strategic FTAs, and digital innovation to become a global trade and investment hub. As the world grapples with supply chain realignments, climate challenges, and inclusive growth imperatives, India's initiatives like Make in India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, ONDC, and UPI are driving resilience and competitiveness. This session will explore how strategic trade and investment partnerships can unlock new avenues for sustainable economic growth.

The dialogue will highlight actionable strategies to strengthen global value chains, attract investments, and foster long-term partnerships.

Plenary Session 5

“Innovation Amidst Global Shifts – with focus on Semiconductor, AI and Critical Minerals”

[Track: Technology and Innovation]

As the world navigates transformative geopolitical and economic shifts, innovation stands at the forefront of resilience and progress. This session explores the strategic intersections of semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and critical minerals, pillars of future-ready industries. Thought leaders and policymakers will delve into emerging opportunities, supply chain dynamics, and collaborative frameworks essential for sustainable growth.

This session will uncover how India and global partners can harness innovation to lead in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDP ON INDIA-JAPAN POLICY DIALOGUE ON RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES

[Track: Trade]

This high-level platform will bring together government representatives, industry bodies, and private sector to examine policy and regulatory drivers in support of companies navigating both Indian and Japanese markets, and promote dialogue on pathways for responsible trade, investment, and supply chains.

The Dialogue will serve as a practical step toward operationalizing Summit commitments while reinforcing India-Japan cooperation in advancing the 2030 Agenda and global responsible business standards.



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Plenary Session 6

"In-Conversation Session with Dr Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General, World Trade Organization"

[Track: **Trade**]

This would be an insightful conversation with the Director-General of the World Trade Organization, as she shares her perspectives on navigating global trade in a rapidly evolving geoeconomic landscape.

This session will explore the future of multilateralism, the role of emerging economies, and the WTO's efforts to foster inclusive, resilient, and sustainable trade systems. With India poised as a strategic bridge in global value chains, Dr Okonjo-Iweala's vision will illuminate pathways for collaboration, reform, and innovation in Trade 4.0.

Plenary Session 7

"Unlocking India's Eastward Gateway: Reducing Logistics Costs and Powering Manufacturing through Coastal Advantage"

[Tracks: **Trade**, **Growth**]

The theme "Unlocking India's Eastward Gateway: Reducing Logistics Costs and Powering Manufacturing through Coastal Advantage" explores how strategic investments in port infrastructure, multimodal connectivity, and port-led industrialization can transform the eastern coast—particularly Andhra Pradesh—into a vital hub for global supply chains.

The moderated panel will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, and academicians to deliberate on actionable strategies to lower logistics costs, enhance hinterland linkages, and strengthen manufacturing competitiveness.

Hall 3

Country Session 3

UAE

[Track: **Trade**]

THREE SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 8

"Next-Gen Industrial Corridors 2.0: Building Smart, Connected Ecosystem for Industry 5.0"

[Track: **Future of Industrialisation**]

This session will delve into the transformative potential of digital infrastructure, sustainable design, and advanced technologies in reshaping industrial zones into dynamic hubs of innovation and resilience. Industry leaders and experts will share insights on how smart logistics systems, renewable energy integration, and intelligent data-driven governance can collectively enhance operational efficiency, environmental sustainability, and economic competitiveness.

The discussion will highlight practical strategies for implementing green technologies, optimizing supply chains through automation and AI, and fostering inclusive growth by bridging digital divides. Participants will explore case studies and emerging trends that demonstrate how modern industrial ecosystems can adapt to global challenges while remaining agile and future-ready.

Country Session 4

Saudi Arabia

[Track: **Trade**]



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Plenary Session 9

“Andhra as a Strategic Hub for Defence Manufacturing, Aerospace, Space & Drones ecosystem & Private sector participation to pilot the journey”

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

Andhra Pradesh is poised to emerge as India's premier strategic hub for aerospace, defence, space, and drone sectors by aggressively leveraging its vast coastline, skilled workforce, and forward-thinking policies. By establishing hubs across aerospace, defence, electronics, space and drones, Andhra Pradesh endeavours to become a global R&D and manufacturing hub – propelling India as a world leader with strategic autonomy and self-reliance.

Increased collaboration between government, academia and industry will catapult the state into a self-reliant powerhouse, thereby securing India's technological edge.

FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 10

“India as a Global Advanced Manufacturing Hub”

[Track: **Future of Industrialisation**]

India is strategically poised to evolve into a leading global hub for advanced manufacturing, leveraging its strong industrial base, expanding infrastructure, and rapidly advancing digital ecosystem. Building on the achievements of the Make in India initiative, this next phase focuses on transitioning from cost-driven manufacturing to technology-intensive, innovation-led production systems aligned with Industry 4.0 and emerging global standards.

The focus is to establish India as a trusted and competitive node in global value chains across high-technology sectors such as electronics, semiconductors, precision engineering, electric mobility, aerospace, and renewable energy components.

Plenary Session 12

“Andhra Pradesh - Green Hydrogen Valley of the Country”

[Track: **Sustainability and Climate Action**]

Andhra Pradesh is positioning itself as India's Green Hydrogen hub with ambitious targets by FY 2029. Strategic pillars include India's first integrated skilling ecosystem to train 2,000 specialists annually by 2030. Key commitments focus on indigenous supply chain acceleration, promotion of green hydrogen technologies, start-up innovation, and international R&D partnerships.

These initiatives aim to drive sustainable growth, energy security, and industrial transformation in Andhra Pradesh.

Plenary Session 11

“From Disruption to Advantage: How MSMEs Can Leverage Technology & Innovation for Cost-Efficient Growth”

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

In an interconnected global economy, where efficiency, innovation, and sustainability define competitiveness, MSMEs must evolve from being local enterprises to becoming strategic contributors to global value chains.

The imperative now is for MSMEs to move from a reactive to a strategic posture, adopting appropriate technologies, redesigning processes, and building resilient and adaptive ecosystems capable of turning volatility into value creation.

Plenary Session 13

“Biodesign: Designing for People and Nature”

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

To explore how bio-design principles can create innovations that serve humans while respecting the environment, across sectors such as healthcare, product design, materials, architecture, medical devices, and industrial innovation.

Biodesign integrates human-centered thinking, system-level insights, and nature-inspired solutions, enabling the creation of products, services, and systems that are not only functional but also sustainable and responsible.



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Plenary Session 14

"Securing Economic Interests in a Multi-Polar World"

[Tracks: **Geopolitical Framework**, **Growth**]

The global economy is transitioning to a multipolar order, with several nations rising in economic influence. This shift calls for a reassessment of trade norms and alliances. As the world's fourth-largest economy, India is well-positioned to shape this emerging landscape. Its potential role in championing the interests of the Global South is gaining attention. This session will explore how nations and businesses can navigate the complexities of a multi-polar world, balancing competition, collaboration, and geopolitical risks.

Plenary Session 15

"GCCs in Tier-2 India: Breaking Barriers or Building Illusions?"

[Tracks: **Technology and Innovation**, **Growth**]

As Global Capability Centres (GCCs) expand beyond metros into Tier-2 cities, are they truly unlocking new potential or merely replicating old challenges in new geographies? This session explores the evolving landscape of GCCs in Tier-2 India, examining talent availability, infrastructure readiness, policy support, and long-term viability. Industry leaders and policymakers will debate whether this shift is a strategic breakthrough or a mirage of decentralization. Join us to uncover insights, challenge assumptions, and shape the future of India's global delivery ecosystem.

Plenary Session 16

"India's Precision Medicine Leap: Harnessing AI and Genomics for Viksit Bharat"

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

India stands at the cusp of a healthcare revolution, driven by the convergence of artificial intelligence and genomics. This session explores how cutting-edge technologies are enabling personalized, predictive, and preventive healthcare solutions tailored to India's diverse population. Experts will discuss scalable innovations, public-private partnerships, and policy frameworks accelerating precision medicine for a healthier, more resilient Viksit Bharat. Join us to uncover how India's scientific and digital prowess is transforming healthcare delivery and empowering citizens with next-generation medical care.

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Plenary Session 17

“Climate Risks for Indian Businesses”

[Track: **Sustainability and Climate Action**]

The global economy is transitioning to a multipolar Climate change which poses significant risks to Indian businesses, impacting operations, supply chains, assets, and markets. Extreme weather events like floods, heatwaves, droughts, and cyclones can disrupt production, damage infrastructure, and affect workforce health. This session will deliberate on how by proactively managing climate risks, Indian businesses can safeguard continuity, drive innovation, and achieve long-term value creation.

Country Session 5

Singapore

[Track: **Trade**]

Plenary Session 18

“RTIH and One Family One Entrepreneur – State’s Innovative Way of Integrating Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Mentoring and Product Perfection”

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

Andhra Pradesh is redefining the future of entrepreneurship with its bold vision! At the heart of this transformation is the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH), a powerhouse for nurturing ideas, empowering student innovators, and accelerating startups toward global excellence. Complementing this is the One Family One Entrepreneur mission, igniting entrepreneurial spirit in every household and creating a culture of innovation that touches every life. Together, these initiatives promise inclusive growth, sustainable development, and a thriving ecosystem where creativity meets opportunity.

Plenary Session 19

“Financing the Blue Frontier: Science, Sustainability, and Investment Readiness”

[Track: **Sustainability and Climate Action, Growth**]

India, with its 11,098 km coastline, 12 major ports, and vast Exclusive Economic Zone, holds immense potential to harness the Blue Economy as a driver of sustainable and inclusive growth. The session will explore financing avenues including incubators, accelerators, and impact funds and feature Andhra Pradesh’s coastal innovation initiatives.

FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 20

“AI and the Future of Jobs: Turning Disruption into Opportunity”

[Track: **Inclusion, Technology and Innovation**]

AI is reshaping work, automating tasks while creating new roles. This session will define strategies for businesses to harness AI for productivity and new value creation. This session will explore models for large-scale reskilling and frameworks for a human-machine balance that turns workforce disruption into inclusive, opportunity-rich growth.

Plenary Session 21

“Crisis to Competitiveness: Reinforcing Economic Security”

[Track: **Trade**]

As global geopolitics grow increasingly complex, economic security has become a cornerstone of national resilience and competitiveness. For India, navigating disruptions, from supply chain shocks and energy vulnerabilities to strategic dependencies, demands a robust and adaptive economic strategy. This session will explore how India can turn external crises into opportunities by strengthening domestic capabilities, diversifying trade partnerships, securing critical technologies, and enhancing strategic autonomy.



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Plenary Session 22

Sustainable Cities: Driving Green Growth and Regenerative Urban Development

[Track: **Sustainability and Climate Action**]

As urbanization accelerates, cities must evolve into engines of sustainable growth. This session explores innovative strategies for building regenerative urban ecosystems that balance economic vitality with environmental stewardship. Thought leaders, policymakers, and industry experts will discuss scalable solutions, from green infrastructure and circular economy models to smart mobility and climate-resilient planning. This session will uncover how cities can become hubs of inclusive prosperity, low-carbon innovation, and ecological regeneration, shaping a future where urban development enhances both human and planetary well-being.

Plenary Session 23

India's Scale Advantage: Building Global Champions

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

As India's innovation ecosystem matures, startups are rapidly transforming into enterprises with global reach. This session explores how India's unique strengths, from a vast domestic market and digital public infrastructure to an expanding manufacturing base can help homegrown ventures scale sustainably and compete worldwide. The discussion will highlight what it takes to turn India's scale advantage into a strategic global edge.

THREE SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 24

"ESG Evolution: Driving Transparent and Inclusive Climate Action"

[Track: **Sustainability and Climate Action**]

As the climate crisis intensifies, ESG frameworks are becoming central to corporate transparency and sustainability. Globally, businesses face mounting pressure from investors, consumers, and regulators to embed environmental, social, and governance performance into mainstream financial reporting. This session will explore the evolving ESG landscape in India and worldwide, addressing reporting challenges, framework gaps, and inclusive strategies for ESG integration with emphasis on ensuring emerging economies are part of the global sustainability agenda.

Plenary Session 25

"India's Space Leap: From National Capability to Global Competitiveness"

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

India's space sector is undergoing a transformative shift, from a nationally driven capability to a globally competitive ecosystem. This session will explore the strategic vision, policy reforms, and private sector participation propelling India into the forefront of space innovation. Leaders from government, industry, and academia will discuss opportunities in satellite manufacturing, launch services, and space-tech startups, highlighting India's potential as a global space hub.

Plenary Session 26

"From Coastal Charm to Global Conferences – Unlocking AP's Tourism Potential"

[Track: **Growth**]

The focus is to create Andhra Pradesh into multi-dimensional tourism hub while celebrating the spirit of Swadeshi through local arts, crafts, culture, and cuisine. It will discuss the advantages of granting industry status to tourism, the state's progressive tourism policy, and its impact on job creation, MSME growth, and regional development. The discussion will emphasise on positioning the state as a premier destination for Destination Management Companies (DMC), Luxury Weddings and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions). This panel will focus on identifying investment opportunities within the hospitality industry and infrastructure while also exploring the potential for public-private partnerships to create integrated tourism ecosystems. It will showcase Andhra Pradesh's world-class infrastructure, heritage venues, pristine beaches, and eco-resorts, positioning the state as a dual-purpose destination for leisure and business.

LUNCH



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Plenary Session 27

Global Financial Architecture: Time for a Reset?

[Track: **Growth**]

The global economy is navigating unprecedented disruption – from the pandemic and rising geopolitical tensions to geoeconomic fragmentation and climate-related costs, with developing nations hit hardest. Debt sustainability has become a major concern, and risks to financial markets have intensified. Amid this turbulence, calls to reform the global financial architecture are growing stronger. As multilateralism is increasingly questioned, the need for renewed global cooperation has become urgent. This session will discuss on how to reshape international collaboration to deliver effective, equitable solutions for a rapidly changing world.

FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL

Plenary Session 28

“Vision 2047: Youth Shaping India’s Future”

[Track: **Growth**]

Inspired by the spirit of India@100, this session will witness young visionaries sharing their dreams for the nation’s centenary and roadmap for inclusive growth and innovation.

Plenary Session 29

“Session with Non-Resident Telugus”

[Track: **Inclusion**]

This session will spotlight the global Telugu diaspora’s role in shaping India’s economic and cultural narrative. This engaging dialogue will explore opportunities for collaboration in investment, innovation, and knowledge exchange between Non-Resident Telugus and Indian stakeholders. The session aims to strengthen ties, celebrate shared heritage, and foster impactful partnerships across sectors such as technology, education, and entrepreneurship. Join us to hear inspiring stories, explore strategic initiatives, and build bridges that connect global aspirations with local growth.

Plenary Session 30

“Feeding the Future: Leveraging Technology and Innovation for a Smart and Inclusive Global Food System”

[Track: **Technology and Innovation**]

As the world grapples with the intertwined challenges of climate change, rapid population growth, and depleting natural resources, the need to reimagine global food systems has never been more urgent. This session will explore how digital public infrastructure, fintech innovations, and frontier technologies such as artificial intelligence, automation, biotechnology, and data analytics can enable a more inclusive, sustainable, and resilient agricultural future.

Plenary Session 31

“Scaling Beyond Borders: The Founder’s Playbook”

[Track: **Growth, Technology and Innovation**]

What does it take for an Indian startup to truly go global? In this conversation, a leading founder shares the inside story of building across geographies; from navigating product localisation and regulatory hurdles to raising international capital and forging cross-border partnerships. This session would be a candid, actionable dialogue on the mindset and playbook required to expand beyond India’s borders.



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Plenary Session 32

“International Collaboration on AI for Social Good: Building a Global Partnership for Inclusive Innovation”

[Tracks: **Technology and Innovation**, **Growth**]

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping societies worldwide offering powerful tools to address humanity's most pressing challenges, from healthcare and education to climate resilience and disaster management. Yet, realising AI's full potential for social good requires collaboration that transcends borders, sectors, and disciplines. This session will explore how international cooperation can accelerate the development and deployment of AI solutions for public benefit, guided by shared principles of ethics, inclusivity, and sustainability.

Plenary Session 34

Success Story of Andhra Pradesh's Panchayati Raj and Rural Development System

[Track: **Inclusion**, **Growth**]

Andhra Pradesh has transformed rural governance through its pioneering Panchayati Raj and Rural Development initiatives. This session highlights the state's innovative strategies in decentralization, digital empowerment, and inclusive development that have significantly improved service delivery and community participation. Learn from real-world successes in infrastructure, livelihoods, and social welfare that position Andhra Pradesh as a model for sustainable rural progress. Join policymakers, experts, and stakeholders to explore replicable frameworks and collaborative opportunities that can drive rural transformation across India and beyond.

Plenary Session 33

“Empowering Women Through Inclusive Innovation”

[Track: **Inclusion**]

As India advances from women development to women-led development, the Government of India is actively fostering gender-responsive innovation to build a more equitable society. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) stands at the forefront of this transformation. MWCD is actively shaping a future where women are not just beneficiaries but leaders and innovators. Through a comprehensive suite of schemes and initiatives, the Ministry is embedding gender equity across social, economic, digital, and legal domains, ensuring that women and girls have the tools and opportunities to thrive.

Plenary Session 35

Talent, Skilling and Knowledge Ecosystem

[Track: **Inclusion**, **Growth**]

In a rapidly evolving global landscape, building a resilient talent pipeline is key to sustainable growth. This session explores the transformative role of skilling, reskilling, and lifelong learning in shaping future-ready workforces. Experts will delve into innovative models for industry-academia collaboration, digital learning platforms, and inclusive skilling strategies. The discussion will highlight how a robust knowledge ecosystem can empower individuals, drive productivity, and foster innovation. Join us to uncover actionable insights and partnerships that can redefine India's human capital advantage in the global economy.

VALEDICTORY SESSION

CLOSE OF SUMMIT
