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USISPF Welcomes India's Joining the U.S.-Led Pax Silica Initiative

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The U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) congratulates the Governments of the United States and India on India joining the U.S.-led Pax Silica initiative, a landmark step that further strengthens the strategic partnership between our two democracies. The initiative advances cooperation on AI, semiconductors, and supply chain security, while reinforcing a shared economic security framework among trusted allies and partners.

The initiative was formalized today on the sidelines of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in the presence of **Ambassador Sergio Gor**, U.S. Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South and Central Asia; **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Union Minister for Railways, Information & Broadcasting, and Electronics & Information Technology; **Jacob Helberg**, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; and **S. Krishnan**, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, underscoring the high-level commitment on both sides.

India's participation reflects its growing strategic role in critical and emerging technologies, supported by its **third-largest reserves of rare earth elements** and other critical minerals. At the same time, the United States continues to play a central role in advanced semiconductor design, frontier AI innovation, and the development of secure technology ecosystems. Together, both countries are uniquely positioned to build resilient, trusted, and diversified supply chains from energy and critical minerals to high-end manufacturing and infrastructure.

In an evolving geopolitical environment, India's entry into Pax Silica will help strengthen secure and diversified supply chains for semiconductors, critical minerals, AI infrastructure, and emerging energy technologies. The initiative also reflects the growing convergence between Washington and New Delhi on economic security, trusted technology standards, and the protection of critical infrastructure.

USISPF looks forward to working closely with both administrations, industry leaders, and policymakers on both sides to translate this strategic convergence into concrete investments and collaborative projects. Such efforts will enhance resilience, leverage India's resource base and talent pool, deepen U.S. technology leadership, and advance mutual prosperity, technological progress, and economic security among allies and trusted partners.