

## USISPF Statement

### **USISPF Hosts Closed-Door Luncheon Dialogue with U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor**

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The U.S.–India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) today hosted Ambassador Sergio Gor, U.S. Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South and Central Asia kicking off its first official engagement at the India AI Impact Summit 2026.

The high-level luncheon chaired by Shantanu Narayen, Vice Chair of USISPF and Chair and CEO of Adobe saw participation from senior industry leaders including, Brad Smith, Vice-Chairman, Microsoft, Hemant Taneja, CEO, General Catalyst; Maeve Culloty, President & CEO, HPE Financial Services, Sachit Ahuja, Co-President, Tillman Global Holdings; Bipul Sinha, CEO, Rubrik; Umesh Sachdev, CEO, Uniphore; Raj Koneru, CEO; Salil Parekh, CEO & MD, Infosys; Sumant Sinha, Chairman and CEO, ReNew, Balkrishna Goenka, Chairman, Welspun World; Manoj Menda, Chair, Supervisory Board of RMZ Aparna Bawa, Chief Operating Officer, Zoom. The discussion included senior executives from USISPF board member companies including the Aditya Birla Group, Essar, HCL Tech, Mastercard, Google and other leading multinational companies with substantial investments in the US-India corridor.

The discussion focused on a wide range of topics spanning U.S.–India strategic and defense ties, the recent trade success, resilient supply chain partnerships, creating trusted digital corridors, and the energy and trade partnership.

Sharing his experience on the roundtable, Ambassador Gor posted on X "Great conversation with CEO's and executives from 50+ companies, including Adobe, Microsoft, Amazon, Master Card, General Catalyst, Lockheed Martin and Boeing. We focused on U.S. leadership in AI, emerging technologies, and innovation. The Global AI summit in New Delhi is underway in full force. Thanks to USISPF for hosting."

Commenting on the discussion, Hemant Taneja, CEO of General Catalyst, said: "What's happening in India in AI has the potential to be revolutionary. The talent, infrastructure, and policy ambition are converging at exactly the right moment. We are bullish on India's growth story and see significant opportunity to invest across all of our key sectors, including tech, healthcare, defense, energy, and financial services. The India-U.S. partnership is core to unlocking the next phase of global growth, particularly as AI reshapes industries and economies."

In his opening remarks, Shantanu Narayen underscored the importance of the US-India partnership and sustained public-private collaboration to advance responsible, scalable, and trusted artificial intelligence across economies. Speaking at the session, "The U.S.–India partnership truly exemplifies the spirit of this Summit — countries with shared goals working together to turn technological progress into opportunity for people everywhere. Our strengths are highly complementary. India brings scale, world-class talent, digital public infrastructure, and a vibrant startup ecosystem. The United States brings advanced research institutions, deep capital markets, and leadership in compute and semiconductors. Together, we can harness the power of AI to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time and unlock unprecedented opportunities for economic and societal advancement."

Dr. Mukesh Aghi, President & CEO of USISPF congratulated Ambassador Sergio Gor on his leadership in advancing the U.S.–India trade agreement and looks forward to continued collaboration to drive a forward-looking economic and strategic partnership. He said "Few of Ambassadors have had the impact that Ambassador Gor has had in his first month in office. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Gor always had the reputation of being man of action, and within no time, we have witnessed the framework deal announced in under a month of him being at Roosevelt House in New Delhi. The appointment of one of President Trump's most trusted and able lieutenants to lead the relationship with India, sends a clear signal on the huge opportunity for strategic and trade partnership that lies before us. This week, we need to build on the discussion at the summit in order to accelerate our commercial partnership, to witness enhanced capital flows, more jobs, knowledge transfer, and developing the technologies that will define the next decade".

USISPF is an Official Partner of the India AI Impact Summit, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. As official partner of the Summit, USISPF is leading the largest U.S. industry delegation to India, comprising more than 120 CEOs and senior global leaders, underscoring the depth and momentum of U.S.–India cooperation on artificial intelligence, trusted technology ecosystems, and next-generation digital infrastructure.