

USISPF Statement

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USISPF celebrates #AmericaAt250 at the IX Leadership Summit on June 29, 2026, in Washington, D.C.

The U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) will convene its **IX Leadership Summit** on **Monday, June 29, 2026**, in Washington, D.C., bringing together senior government officials, industry titans, policymakers, academics, think tank experts, and members of the media to deliberate key issues and opportunities to help chart the next chapter of bilateral cooperation.

As the United States marks its 250th anniversary as a democracy this fourth of July, our Summit will be themed **America@250** to celebrate the enduring bonds between the world's oldest and largest democracies.

The relationship between the United States and India has been dubbed as the most important strategic partnership of the 21st century, and both Washington and New Delhi continue to explore new avenues for collaboration from emerging technologies to bilateral trade conversations to strengthening supply chains to critical minerals and building on the U.S.-India energy partnership.

USISPF is also honored to welcome envoys, **Ambassador Sergio Gor** and **Ambassador Vinay Kwatra**, whose leadership continues to strengthen diplomatic ties between Washington and New Delhi. USISPF is also delighted to welcome **Ambassador Mark D. Wiseman**, Ambassador of Canada to the United States.

The Summit will feature a fireside chat with **Jacob Helberg**, United States Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment and a special address by **Congressman Ro Khanna (CA-17)**. USISPF Board Members will also participate in a closed-door discussion with **Ambassador Jamieson Greer**, United States Trade Representative, as the timely discussion will be focused on Ambassador Greer's return to the United States and updates on advancing the trade discussions as both countries race towards adding the final touches of an impending interim trade agreement.

USISPF is honored to confer the **2026 Leadership Awards** to three distinguished business leaders whose vision and leadership have strengthened economic ties and fostered greater collaboration between the United States, India and Canada.

Our awardees this year, include USISPF Board Member, **Christopher Calio**, President & Global CEO, RTX Corporation, **Sunil Bharti Mittal**, Founder & Chairman, Bharti Enterprises and **Prem Watsa**, Chairman & CEO, Fairfax Financial Holdings.

USISPF will also present its **Distinguished Public Service Award** to **Senator Steve Daines** of Montana and **Senator Mark Warner** of Virginia in recognition of their longstanding contributions to advancing the U.S.-India strategic and economic partnership.

A highlight of the Summit will be the launch of USISPF's commemorative coffee table book, the second in the series, "**We the People: A Tribute to the 250 Voices that Shaped the U.S.–India Partnership.**" The publication recognizes the leaders, innovators, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and visionaries whose contributions have deepened ties between the United States and India over the decades.

USISPF Chairman and Founding Board Member **John Chambers** said: “As the United States celebrates 250 years of democracy, it’s a powerful reminder that our greatest opportunities come when democracies work together. The U.S.-India relationship is one that continues to grow stronger, delivering real results for both countries as well as the global economy. As USISPF approaches its 10th anniversary, our mission has remained consistent: turning strategic intent into measurable, mutually beneficial outcomes for the U.S. and India. We have seen firsthand that the strength of this partnership comes not only from institutions, but from the leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators who invest their time, expertise, and ambition to move it forward. Together, we are building a relationship that will be even more important for generations to come”

"As we approach July 2026, a milestone year for the world’s oldest democracy - celebrating 250 years as a Republic, it is a moment in time to reflect what truly makes America.... America. It is the ideals, sacrifices, and aspirations of the many amazing people that have built this one great nation, said **Dr. Mukesh Aghi, President and CEO of USISPF**. “The U.S.-India partnership remains one of the defining relationships of our era, underpinned by shared democratic values, growing economic integration, and a common commitment to innovation and prosperity. "As America celebrates 250 years of nationhood, our three honorees, Distinguished Public Service Awardees and officials from both governments and business leaders, truly epitomize the indefatigable spirit of working to enhance this partnership from every aspect. We are truly honored to be able to convene such a collective force in government, business, and across civil society with the same goal”.

USISPF will also welcome Board Members representing Fortune 500 companies.

The IX USISPF Leadership Summit will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET on June 29, 2026, in Washington, D.C.