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Committed to creating the most powerful partnership
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ABOUT US

USISPF is a non-profit, non-governmental, and non-partisan organization with offices in Washington, D.C. and New Delhi.

USISPF's members include global companies with a combined market valuation of over \$10 trillion and more than 6 million employees.

USISPF bridges the gap between business and government by fostering closer public-private partnerships across the two countries. Our three pillars are: Economic and Commercial Ties; Geopolitical and Security Convergence; and People to People Ties.

MISSION

USISPF's mission is to combine economic and geostrategic issues impacting global members companies by convening curated discussions between key stakeholders across the public and private sectors. The Forum brings together thought leaders, executives and policy makers to discuss, deliberate and deliver both impactful dialogues and meaningful change on the most prescient topics impacting the United States, India and other markets.

THREE PILLARS



Economic and Commercial Ties

USISPF's economic and commercial work includes guiding cross-border business growth, advocating for business-friendly policy, and connecting foreign investors with opportunities.



Geopolitical and Security Convergence

We work with our network of global members and government leaders to encourage emerging and critical technologies, reduce supply chain dependencies, and address other geopolitical challenges.



People to People Ties

The foundation of the U.S.-India relationship is the personal ties between the two countries. We work with partners and NGOs on initiatives for healthcare access, education, women's empowerment, and cultural enhancement.

USISPF Founding Board Members



Now more than ever, it is critical to bring the best of government and the private sector together to address today's challenges and move forward with tomorrow's solutions. USISPF creates a peer-to-peer environment that fosters the dialogue, collaboration and commitment to move our great countries forward by emphasizing the greater good.

Ajay Banga
President,
World Bank Group



USISPF is creating a new model for collaboration between not just the United States and India, but the rest of the world. From mentoring startups, to advocating for ease of doing business and forming consortiums on some of the most pressing challenges that governments and citizens face today, USISPF has been able to achieve what we set out to do.

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Since its founding in 2017, USISPF has significantly enhanced our bilateral commercial and strategic ties and leveraged the power of business and government collaboration for the betterment of our peoples.

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USISPF is uniquely positioned to help the United States and India continue to forge a strong and lasting strategic cooperation which will benefit the businesses and economies of both countries for years to come.

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When USISPF was founded, our goal was to go beyond traditional policy issues and into new areas that would form the foundation of a long-term, mutually beneficial partnership between the United States and India, including cybersecurity, data, agriculture, and healthcare. Going forward, we have the unique focus and expertise to advance these critical areas and, ultimately, strengthen the bonds of friendship and commerce between two of the world's leading democracies.

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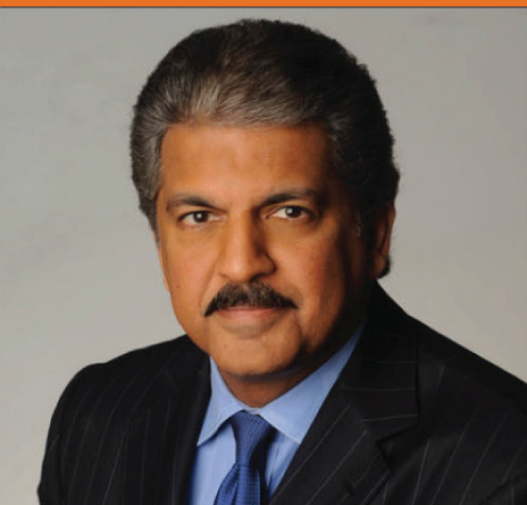
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The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum considers both the commercial and strategic components of the bilateral relationship, and constructively works to identify opportunities and address challenges in a manner that supports a strong and enduring relationship between both countries

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The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum provides a trusted channel to connect governments, businesses, and most importantly people interested in moving both countries forward in the 21st century

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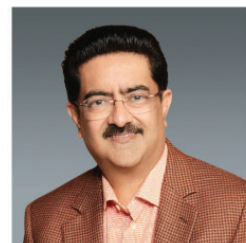
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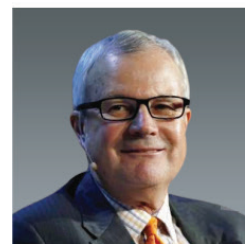
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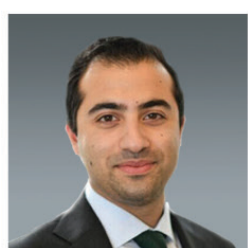
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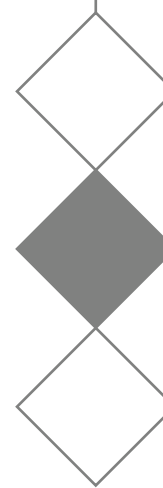
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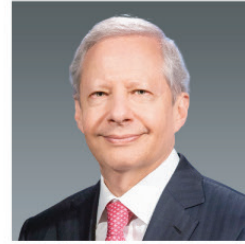
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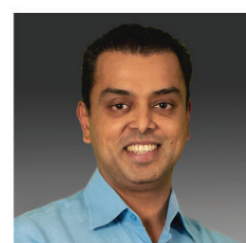
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US-India Tax Forum

The US-India Tax Forum is the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum's (USISPF's) dedicated platform for focused dialogue on India's tax policies. Launched on February 25, 2020, it enables member companies to engage directly with key Government stakeholders on taxation issues affecting business operations in the U.S.-India corridor. Over the years, it has become a trusted space for policymakers and tax experts to collaborate on shaping a predictable and modern tax environment.

The Forum's work spans major areas of taxation, including Corporate and International Tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST), Customs, Export/Special Economic Zone (SEZ) policy, and Quality Control Orders (QCOs). It supports reforms in the Income Tax Act, digital taxation, transfer pricing, and global cooperation frameworks such as those led by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations (UN). Through continuous engagement with the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the GST Council, State Governments, and other agencies, the Forum helps address issues ranging from GST compliance and rate rationalisation to customs duty clarity, trade facilitation, Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) processes, and Free Trade Agreement (FTA)-linked tariff concerns.

Each year, the Forum contributes to the Union Budget process through pre- and post-Budget consultations, shaping proposals that support investment and innovation across key sectors such as healthcare, finance, oil and gas, manufacturing, semiconductors, telecommunications, e-commerce, and pharmaceuticals etc.



Trade Task Force

USISPF's Trade Taskforce aims to proactively identify strategies to strengthen India's trade and investment relationships with its major global partners, including the United States, Japan, European Union, Australia.

The Taskforce focuses on cross-cutting policy issues impacting industries investing in or exporting to India and examines India's trade policies in the region and at the WTO as they relate to global industry concerns.

The Trade Taskforce is composed of Forum members with extensive expertise in international trade policy. Participants include trade attorneys, former officials from USTR and the U.S. International Trade Administration, and corporate representatives leading global trade policy portfolios in Washington, D.C. Our Taskforce is multisectoral, with representation from 11 different industry sectors. Policy positions and recommendations are derived through member input and reflect the consensus views of the membership.



Energy and Critical Minerals

USISPF Energy and Infrastructure

USISPF drives US-India collaboration across the entire energy landscape, from natural gas and renewable energy to nuclear, energy storage and synthetic aviation fuel. We facilitate high-level policy dialogues between governments, industry leaders, and financial institutions to advance energy security, infrastructure development, and the modernization of energy systems. Our work includes leading specialized task forces on natural gas, flexible resources, infrastructure finance, and energy access, while fostering commercial partnerships and technology deployment. Through strategic advocacy and multi-stakeholder engagement, we help unlock investment opportunities and policy solutions that support both nations' energy independence and economic growth.



Critical Minerals

USISPF facilitates strategic collaboration between the United States and India on the critical minerals supply chain. We convene high-level working groups that bring together government officials, industry leaders, and multilateral organizations to develop policy solutions and investment opportunities. Our work focuses on diversifying mineral sources, advancing recycling technologies, and supporting joint ventures in mining and processing projects. Through initiatives such as the TRUST framework and bilateral advocacy, we help both nations build resilient, sustainable, and globally competitive supply chains.

US-India Friendship Alliance

The US-India Friendship Alliance (USIFA) serves as the strategic philanthropic arm of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, leveraging USISPF's extensive network of Fortune 500 companies to advance collaboration and impact.

USIFA's mission is to strengthen the bridge between the United States and India by deepening people-to-people ties and building resilience that fosters shared growth and prosperity.



Through cultural exchange, economic partnership, skills development, and joint crisis response, USIFA ensures people, communities, and countries thrive — even in times of urgent need. Building on this model of partnership, USIFA continues to advance high-impact initiatives, including training women artisans in traditional crafts and connecting them to U.S. markets, providing livelihood assistance to 5,000 widows, and strengthening health systems that reach underserved communities.



USISPF Geopolitical institute

Convene | Converse | Collaborate

The world remains in a constant geopolitical flux.

In the past half-decade alone, conflict zones continue to emerge across the Middle East, Ukraine, tempestuous tides in the South China Sea, further exacerbated by a pandemic that ravaged global economies, exposed our healthcare fragilities, and upended supply chains.

Furthermore, the groundswell in many countries has been to look inward, with a sense of economic nationalism that eschews globalization, defying the post-War Bretton Woods economic system, which saw a system of neoliberal globalization now replaced with a new wave of geoeconomic diatribe taking center stage.

The United States-India partnership has continued to emerge as one of the most pivotal strategic partnerships of the 21st century, with many Presidents and Prime Ministers codifying it as the most consequential partnership of the 21st century.

Washington and New Delhi have made rapid progress across defense, energy, technology, healthcare, education partnerships, fostering a robust bipartisan relationship and people-to-people ties.

At the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF), we live, breathe and continue to accelerate the partnership across these facets. But we acknowledge this relationship is far bigger than two leading democracies, as Washington and New Delhi can't achieve a rules-based Indo-Pacific, one centered on shared democratic values without fellow Indo-Pacific Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad) partners in Australia and Japan, to help secure this shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific. Similarly, to achieve a peaceful Middle East and counter Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), both Washington and New Delhi rely on regional partners in Israel and UAE under the 1202 framework, along with other Gulf, Levant and Mediterranean countries in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). Both countries have also strengthened their bilateral setting through multilateral platforms such as the G20.

In times defined by this geopolitical flux, macroeconomic turbulence and fragile supply chains, these conversations have never been more critical and pertinent.

Through the Geopolitical Institute, our vision remains to convene an eclectic mix of policymakers, corporate diplomats, academics, think tank experts and media for focused conversations and identify action-oriented solutions.

US-India Higher Education Leadership Council

The US-India Higher Education Leadership Council is a strategic platform launched by USISPF to deepen collaboration between universities, research institutions, and industry across both nations. The Council is co-chaired by Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan, former Director of the U.S. National Science Foundation, and Professor K. VijayRaghavan, former Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, bringing together senior academic leadership and policy expertise from both sides.

The Council supports the expansion of joint and dual degree programs, student and faculty mobility, and multidisciplinary research partnerships that strengthen innovation and workforce development. The Council also works to enhance industry-academia collaboration in areas such as emerging technologies - AI, Quantum, Semiconductors, healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and other areas, while supporting U.S. universities exploring satellite campuses and Centers of Excellence in India. USISPF serves as the Secretariat, convening high-level dialogues, facilitating institutional partnerships, and coordinating policy engagement with stakeholders in Washington, D.C. and New Delhi. Through this platform, USISPF aims to unlock the next chapter of U.S.-India higher education excellence and innovation leadership.

Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends,

As the most important strategic partnership of the 21st century, the relationship between India and the United States is built on the foundation of a commitment to democratic ideals. The two countries share strategic interests in trade and defense and deep collaboration in the areas of energy, financial services, advanced technology, space, education and healthcare. At USISPF, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the collective mission of many to strengthen the bond between the two countries.

The strength of the diaspora and the affinity that our people share makes clear the vast potential between the two countries when combined with corporate and government engagement. USISPF is the platform specifically designed to turn this potential into reality.

Together with advocates in both countries, USISPF is committed to creating the most powerful partnership between the United States and India. We look forward to having you join us on this journey.

Best Regards,

Mukesh Aghi
President and CEO
US-India Strategic
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