

9th US - INDIA CONFERENCE

US-India: Shaping the Next Global Turn

Thursday, 8th October 2026: 2:30 pm onwards

Venue: UC Santa Cruz, Silicon Valley Campus, 3175 Bowers Ave, Santa Clara, CA
Co - hosted by AIMA and UC Santa Cruz

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Featuring thought leaders and decision-makers from across policy, industry, and academia.



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About the Conference

The 9th edition of the US–India Conference is being organised jointly with UC Santa Cruz and is supported by the Consulate General of India in San Francisco, California. The conference is scheduled on Thursday, 8th October from 2:30 pm onwards at UC Santa Cruz Silicon Valley Campus, Santa Clara.



About the Theme

US–India: Shaping the Next Global Turn

With the theme 'US–India: Shaping the Next Global Turn', the Conference aims to serve as a premier platform for substantive dialogue on the evolving business, technological and geopolitical relationship between India and the United States. The event will feature eminent speakers and thought leaders from both countries, addressing strategic opportunities and challenges in bilateral collaboration across innovation, trade and global leadership.

Agenda

02:30 pm – Registration

Arrival and welcome at the UC Santa Cruz Silicon Valley Campus.

3:00 – 3:55 pm – Inaugural Session

A Partnership Back in Motion: Converting Momentum into Outcomes

The US–India relationship is entering a defining phase, with stronger strategic trust, expanding technology partnerships and growing business opportunities. This session will explore how governments, academia and industry can convert this momentum into measurable outcomes through resilient supply chains, innovation partnerships, investment and long-term value creation.

4:00 – 4:50 pm – Panel Discussion

Scaling Innovation: Capabilities, Collaboration and Competitive Edge

As AI, semiconductors, automation and advanced manufacturing reshape industries, innovation now depends on the ability to scale ideas quickly. This session will discuss how talent, research ecosystems, trusted partnerships and execution at scale can drive sustained economic leadership.

04:55 pm – 05:45 pm | Panel Discussion

A Rewired World: Security, Power and Possibility

Geopolitical competition, technological rivalry, shifting alliances and economic fragmentation are reshaping business strategy. This session will explore how leaders can navigate these global shifts while identifying new opportunities in a rapidly changing world.

05:50 pm – 06:45 pm | Panel Discussion

Trade That Works: Balancing Domestic Priorities and Global Integration

Trade is entering a new era where competitiveness, resilience and national priorities must work together. This session will examine how countries can strengthen domestic capabilities, remain connected to global commerce and advance a resilient US–India economic partnership.

Who Should Attend

The conference will bring together policy makers, business leaders, entrepreneurs, academics, investors, and senior professionals to explore new strategies for US–India cooperation in a fast-changing global landscape.

Registration Details

- Pre-registration is mandatory
- Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis

To register

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