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IMC Bharat Calling Conference

Path to Viksit Bharat 2047: Pioneering Prosperity for All

IMC Bharat Calling for Global Investors

Day & Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025

Venue: Lotus Ballrooms, Jio World Convention Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai

DRAFT PROGRAM

TIMINGS (IST)	AGENDA
8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Networking Breakfast
10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	<p>INAUGURAL SESSION</p> <p>The Inaugural session will highlight how India stands at the forefront of global economic growth, offering unparalleled opportunities for investment across diverse sectors. With a robust and resilient economy, a large and dynamic consumer market, and a government committed to fostering business-friendly policies, India is poised to become one of the world's leading investment destinations. How strategic initiatives of the Government of India, including Make in India, Digital India, Startup India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat, are driving innovation, infrastructure development, and economic transformation at an unprecedented scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Address by Shri Sanjaya Mariwala, President, IMC • Address by Shri Kumar Mangalam Birla, Chairperson, Aditya Birla Group • Special Address by H. E. Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi*, Hon'ble Minister of State for Foreign Trade, United Arab Emirates (UAE) • Keynote Address by Shri S. Jaishankar*, Hon'ble Union Minister of External Affairs • Keynote Address by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce, and Industry • Inaugural Address by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi* 'Path to Bharat 2047: Pioneering Prosperity for All - IMC Bharat Calling for Global Investors' • Launch of Cyber security awareness film by IMC • Vote of Thanks by Ms. Sunita Ramnathkar, Vice President, IMC

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11:45a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Plenary Session: Global Shifts: New Opportunities for Collaboration

The Session will discuss the global push to reduce reliance on single markets and how it has led global companies to explore alternative manufacturing hubs. This conference will discuss the global shifts and why India's growing infrastructure and policy support make it an attractive choice

- **Welcome Remarks by Mr. Dinesh Joshi**
Chairman- IMC International Business Committee
- **Address by Special Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India**

Moderator: Dr Frank-Jürgen Richter, Founder and Chairman, Horasis: The Global Visions Community, Switzerland

Guest Speakers:

- **Dr. Frank Mentrup**, His Worship Mayor of City of Karlsruhe, Germany
- **H.E. Mr. Essa Al Ghurair**, Chairman, Essa AL Ghurair Investment LLC, UAE
- **H.E. Mr. Pankaj Khimji***, Advisor for Foreign Trade & International Cooperation and Minister for Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion
- **Mr. Nadir Godrej**, Chairman and Managing Director, Godrej Industries Ltd and Chairman, Godrej Agrovet Ltd., India
- **Ms Hülya Gedik**, Chairperson, DEIK- Türkiye-India Business Council, Turkey

12:45p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Panel: AI and the Future of Indian Businesses

This session will explore the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence in reshaping India's business landscape. Industry leaders, tech innovators, and policymakers will discuss how AI is driving efficiency, enhancing decision-making, and unlocking new growth opportunities across sectors such as manufacturing, retail, finance, and healthcare. The session will delve into India's unique position as a global tech hub, addressing the integration of AI in traditional industries, ethical considerations, and the need for skill development to harness AI's full potential. It will also highlight pathways for fostering innovation, boosting competitiveness, and ensuring inclusive growth in the AI-driven economy.

Moderator: Mr. Raj Nair, Chairman- Avalon Consulting and Past President- IMC

Speakers:

- **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Former Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology; Skill Development & Entrepreneurship; Jal Shakti
- **Dr. Harjinder Kaur Talwar**, Founder & Managing Director, Comvion
- **Ms. Nivruti Rai**, CEO, Invest India
- **Mr. Salil Parekh***, CEO & MD, Infosys
- **Mr. Vikram Surana**, Head - Corporate Finance & ECM, Investec Capital Services (India) Private Limited

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS

	LOTUS BALLROOM JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTER	ROOM 205 A & B – 2nd floor JIO WORLD CONVENTION CENTER
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	<p><u>Panel: Indian Pharmaceutical industry for the World</u></p> <p>The Session will reflect on India’s pivotal role as the “Pharmacy of the World,” emphasizing its contributions to global healthcare through innovation, manufacturing, and affordability. The session will feature discussions on emerging trends in drug discovery, the rise of biosimilar, and the potential of India’s pharmaceutical sector to meet global demands for vaccines and critical medicines. Industry experts and policymakers will spotlight opportunities for international collaborations, investments, and advancements in regulatory frameworks to strengthen India’s position as a hub for R&D and high-quality production and commitment to fostering global health security and sustainable growth</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Kaushika Madhavan, Senior Partner, Kearney</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Dr. Amrut Naik, President & Head-International Markets Business, Zydus Lifesciences Limited Ms. Meenakshi Nevatia, Country President & Managing Director, Pfizer India Mr. Peter Bains, Group CEO, Biocon</p>	<p><u>Infrastructure & Energy for Future</u></p> <p>The session on Infrastructure and Energy for Future will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and global stakeholders to discuss transformative opportunities in India’s evolving energy and infrastructure sectors. With a focus on sustainable growth, the session will delve into India’s ambitious plans for renewable energy adoption, the integration of green technologies, and advancements in urban infrastructure including mobility to support economic expansion. Key themes will include policy frameworks, innovative financing models, and the role of private investments in driving infrastructure modernisation. The session aims to foster dialogue on leveraging India’s dynamic market and policy shifts to attract global partnerships and investments in these critical sectors.</p> <p><u>Keynote Address:</u> Shri Nitesh Rane, Hon’ble Minister of Fisheries & Ports Development, Government of Maharashtra*</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Sharad Mahendra, Joint Managing Director & CEO, JSW Energy Ltd</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mr. Abhishek Poddar, India Country Head, Macquarie Group Mr. Kuldeep Jain, Founder and Managing Director, CleanMax Enviro Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd Mr. Luis Ignacio Escartin Martinez, Country Manager India, Acciona Energia Mr. Parvez Umrigar*, Senior Advisor, GPS Renewables</p>

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<p>3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Panel: Agriculture Partnership and Food Security</u></p> <p>The Session will focus on the transformative strategies shaping the future of Indian agriculture, emphasizing innovation, sustainability, and technology-driven growth. Key discussions will revolve around modern farming techniques, agri-tech advancements, and policies aimed at enhancing productivity and farmer welfare. The session will bring together experts, policymakers, and industry leaders to explore opportunities in supply chain modernization, global market access, food processing, cold chain infrastructure, precision farming, and agri-biotechnology. As also a robust ecosystem for agricultural value chains, enabling global stakeholders to engage in efficient and scalable operation</p> <p><u>Keynote Address:</u> Shri Chirag Paswan, Hon'ble Union Minister for Food Processing Industries</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Arun Raste, Managing Director & CEO, National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mr. Arjun Ahluwalia, CEO, Jaikisan Mr. Dirk Aleven, Founder/ CEO, FoodVentures BV Mr. Giri Krishnaswamy, Managing Director, Conscious Foods Mr. S. Sivakumar, Group Head of Agri & IT Businesses, ITC Limited India Mr. Samir Somaiya*, Chairman & Managing Director, Godavari Biorefineries Limited</p>	<p><u>Panel: Future of New Age Entrepreneurs</u></p> <p>The session will spotlight the dynamic and evolving landscape of entrepreneurship in India. As the country emerges as a global innovation hub, this session will explore how new-age entrepreneurs are leveraging technology, creativity, and sustainable practices to disrupt traditional industries and create impactful solutions. Key discussions will include opportunities in the digital economy, the role of venture capital, and government initiatives supporting startups. Industry leaders, innovators, and investors will share insights on scaling businesses, navigating challenges, and driving India's transformation into a startup powerhouse. This session aims to inspire and empower the next generation of entrepreneurs to lead India into a brighter economic future.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Ronnie Screwvala*, Indian entrepreneur, investor and film producer</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mr. Anurag Kedia, CEO & Co-founder Pilgrim Ms. Dhanashree Mandhani, Founder & CEO, Salam Kisan & PRYM Aerospace Mr. Sandeep Singhal, Senior Advisor, Avaana Capital, Nexus Venture Ms. Saloni Anand, Co-founder, Traya Ms. Tejal Bajla, Founder, Allthingsbaby.com</p>
<p>4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>High-Tea</u></p>	
<p>5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Panel: Team India Uniting for Growth</u></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Sanjaya Mariwala, President, IMC</p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Mr. Harsha Vardhan Agarwal, President, FICCI* Mr. Hemant Jain, President, PHD Chamber* Mr. Sanjay Nayar, President, ASSOCHAM* Mr. Sanjiv Puri, President, CII*</p>	

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<p>5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Panel: Manufacturing: Make in India for the World</p> <p>This session will focus on India's rapidly evolving manufacturing landscape and its ambition to become a global production hub. With the government's Make in India initiative driving policy reforms, infrastructure development, and investment-friendly measures, this session will explore opportunities in key sectors such as electronics, automobiles, pharmaceuticals, and defense manufacturing, among others. The session will also highlight how India's growing manufacturing ecosystem, backed by innovation, skilled labor, and sustainable practices, is set to redefine global trade dynamics and attract large-scale foreign investments.</p> <p>Opening Remarks by Mr. Harsh Mariwala, Founder and Chairman, Marico Limited*</p> <p>Moderator: McKinsey & Company*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Burjis Godrej, Executive Director and COO, Godrej Agrovet Ltd* • Mr. Can Dinçer, CEO, Arçelik Pazarlama A.Ş, Turkey • Mr. Indraneel Chitale, Partner, Chitale Bandhu and Co-Founder Herbea • Ms. Radhika Piramal, Executive Vice Chairperson, VIP Industries* • Mr. Tarun Mehta, CEO and Co-founder, Ather Energy* • H.E. Mr. Walid Hareb Al Falahi*, Chief Executive Officer, UAE Trade Centre
<p>6:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>VALEDICTORY SESSION</p> <p>Maharashtra: The Powerhouse Driving India's Future</p> <p>The session will highlight the state's pivotal role as an economic and industrial leader, driving India's growth trajectory. Known for its robust infrastructure, diverse industries, and innovation ecosystem, Maharashtra is a hub for manufacturing, finance, IT, and startups. This session will showcase the state's dynamic policies, investment opportunities, and initiatives to boost sustainable development, including renewable energy, smart cities, and logistics modernization. Industry leaders and policymakers will discuss Maharashtra's vision for fostering global partnerships, creating a conducive business environment, and solidifying its position as a powerhouse of India's economic growth.</p> <p>Welcome by President Mr. Sanjaya Mariwala</p> <p>Guest of Honour Address on Mumbai: The Engine of Softpower:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha*, Hon'ble Minister of Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Hon'ble Guardian Minister of Mumbai Suburban, Government of Maharashtra <p>Keynote Address by Chief Guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways* • Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra*
<p>6:45 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Vote of Thanks</p>
<p>7:00 p.m. onwards</p>	<p>Cocktail Dinner Reception</p>

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