

## Speakers and Panelists

### Inaugural Session

**Chief Guest - H.E. Mr Bharrat Jagdeo**, President, Republic of Guyana

### Plenary Session I

**Dr. Basdeo Panday**, Former Prime Minister, Trinidad & Tobago  
**Mr. Yashwant Sinha**, External Affairs Minister, India  
**H.E. Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**, Deputy Prime Minister, Mauritius  
**Dato' Seri S Samy Vellu**, Minister of Works, Malaysia  
**Mr. Satveer Chaudhary**, State Senator, USA

### Plenary Session II

**Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia**, Member of Parliament, India  
**Smt. Sangeeta Kumari Singh Deo**, Member of Parliament, India  
**Mr. Arun Shourie**, Minister of Disinvestment, Communications & Information Technology, India  
**Mr. Shrien Dewani**, Senior Associate, Reorganisation Services, Deloitte & Touche, UK  
**Ms. S. Mitra Kalita**, President, SAJA, USA  
**Mr. Parag Khanna**, World Economic Forum Global Governance Initiative, The Brookings Institution, USA  
**Mr. Karn Manhas**, MLA, Vancouver, Canada  
**Mr. Ravindren C Ponniah** Student, Malaysia  
**Mr. S. Arunachalam Senthilkumar**, Hong Kong  
**Mr. Anand Shah**, Indicorps, USA  
**Mr. Hamish Anand Singh**, Student, Fiji  
**Mr. Kirti Azad**, Member of Parliament, India  
**Mr. Tarun Vijay**, Editor, Panchjanya, India

### Plenary Session III

**Lord Meghnad Desai**, Professor of Economics; Director, Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE UK  
**Lord R K Bagri**, Chairman, Metdist Group of Companies, UK  
**Dr. Manu Chandaria**, Chairman, Mabati Rolling Mills Ltd, Kenya  
**Mr. Sunil Mittal**, Chairman & Group MG. Director, Bharati Enterprises, India  
**Mr. Rana Talwar**, Chairman, Sabre Capital Worldwide Inc, UK  
**Mr. P N Venkatachalam**, MG. Director & Group Executive-National Banking, State Bank of India  
**Mr. Yogendra Kr. Modi**, President, FICCI

### Plenary IV

**Dr. L M Singhvi**, Chairman, Organizing Committee, Second Pravasi Bharatiya Divas  
**Mr. Mukesh Ambani**, CMD, Reliance Industries Ltd. India  
**Prof. Tarun Khanna**, Novartis Fellow, Harvard Business School, USA  
**Mr. L K Advani**, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister, India  
**Mr. Onkar S. Kanwar**, Sr. Vice President, FICCI

### Plenary Session V

**Mr. Narend Singh**, Minister of Education, Kwazulu Natal, South Africa  
**Mr. B K Agnihotri**, Ambassador at Large for NRIs/PIOs, USA  
**Prof. Y. K. Alagh**, Former Union Minister and Member of Parliament, India  
**Prof. M K Gautam**, South & Central Asian Department, Leiden University, Netherlands

**Parallel Sessions / Roundtables  
NRIs in Gulf**

**Mr. Vijay Mahajan**, Dean, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India  
**Prof. Bhoendradatt Tewarie**, Pro Vice Chancellor, UWT's St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago

**Mr. Vinod Khanna**, Minister of State of External Affairs, India  
**Mr. Sahib Singh Verma**, Minister of Labour, India  
**Mr. K V Rajan**, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India  
**Dr. P Mohammad Ali**, Mg Director, Galfar Engineering & Contracting LLC, Sultanate of Oman  
**Engr. Khaja Quadeer Anwar**, Founder Director, Indian Doctors, Engineers & Architects Society (IDEAS), Saudi Arabia  
**Mr. Ram Buxani**, Executive Vice Chairman, International Traders (Middle East) Ltd. UAE  
**Mr. M C Sebastian**, Principal, Al-Yasmin Intl. School & Chairman-Middle East Region, World Malayali Council, Saudi Arabia  
**Mr. J C Sharma**, Secretary (PCD), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India  
**Mr. P D Shenoy**, Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India  
**Mr. D S Poonia**, Protector General of Emigrants and Jt. Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Government of India  
**Mr. Jiji Thomson**, Secretary to Government, Non Resident Affairs, Government of Kerala, India

**Knowledge Based Industries–  
Networking for Global  
Leadership**

**Mr. R. Ramaraj**, MD & CEO, Sify Ltd., India  
**Mr. Arun Shourie**, Minister of Disinvestment, Communications & Information Technology, India  
**Mr. Sharad Marathe**, President, Universal Technical Systems, USA  
**Dr. Zareen Karani Araoz**, President, Managing Across Cultures, USA  
**Dr. Saroj Basak**, Vice President, Product and Business Development, Celprogen Inc., USA  
**Dr. Mani L Bhaumik**, President, Heliotronics Inc., USA  
**Mr. Pradman P Kaul**, Chairman & CEO, Hughes Network Systems, USA  
**Mr. Pravin Maharaj**, President and CEO, Oval International Computer Education, South Africa  
**Mr Neville Roach**, Chairman, Fujitsu-Australia Ltd., Australia  
**Dr. Krishna M Ella**, CMD, Bharat Biotech International Ltd. India  
**Mr. Narendra Kapani**, Innovator Fibre Optics, India  
**Mr. Karan Karnik**, President, NASSCOM, India  
**Mr. J. Rajagopal**, Director-Life Sciences, Tata Consultancy Services, India  
**Mr. K. K. Jaswal**, Secretary, Department of Information Technology, Government of India  
**Dr. Manju Sharma**, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India

**Finance – India and Global  
Financial Flows**

**Dr. Vijay Kelkar**, Advisor to Finance Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of India  
**Mr. Khushal Chand Khushiram**, Minister of Industry, Financial Services and Corporate Affairs, Mauritius  
**Mr. Shivnath R Bajaj**, Chairman, Diwanchand Group, Thailand  
**Prof. Bala V Balachandran**, J K Kellogg Graduate School of Management, USA



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**Pravasi  
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**Legal Issues in the Context of  
Private International Law and  
the Diaspora**

**Mr. Sivalingam Perumal Naidoo**, Regional Director, The Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd, South Africa  
**Mr. Rana Talwar**, Chairman, Sabre Capital Worldwide Inc, UK  
**Mr. R. Asthana**, Dy Mg. Director & Group Executive (International Banking), State Bank of India, India  
**Mr. Gaurav Dalmia**, Director, First Capital India Ltd, India  
**Mr. P S Shenoy**, Chairman and Mg. Director, Bank of Baroda, India  
**Prof. Tarun Khanna**, Novartis Fellow, Harvard Business School, USA

**Justice R S Pathak**, Former Chief Justice of India  
**Prof. Ved P. Nanda**, Director, International Legal Studies, University of Denver, USA  
**Mr. D K Agrawal**, Retired Judge & Barrister-at-Law, Canada  
**Dr. Kamlesh Bahl**, Former Vice President, Law Society of England Wales, UK  
**Mr. Iqbal I. Dewji**, Barrister & Solicitor, Canada  
**Mr. Cyrus D Mehta**, Cyrus D Mehta & Associates, PLLC, USA  
**Mr. Justice Santi Thakral**, Central Tax Court, Thailand  
**Mr. Ashwin Hirjee Trikamjee**, President, Hindu Maha Sabha, Attorney and Acting Judge, South Africa  
**Prof. V C Govindaraj**, Vice President, The Indian Society of International Law, India  
**Dr. A Jayagovind**, Director, National Law School of India University, India  
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**Prof. Pam Rajput**, Professor of Political Science and Director, Centre for Women's Studies and Development, Punjab University, India  
**Mr. M L Sarin**, Senior Advocate, India  
**Mr. B Sen**, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court, India  
**Dr. K N Chaturvedi**, Member Secretary, Law Commission of India  
**Dr. S. Muralidhar**, Member, Law Commission of India

**International Trade – Diaspora  
Hubs and the Global Market**

**Mr. K K Modi**, Chairman, Modi Enterprises, India  
**Mr. Arun Jaitley**, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India  
**Mr. M Arunachalam**, Chairman, The Indian Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong  
**Mr. Karan Bilimoria**, Founder and Chief Executive, Cobra Beer, UK  
**Mr. Mohan Jashanmal**, Regional Manager, Jashanmal National Co. LLC, UAE  
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**Mr. Harindar Singh**, Vice President-Business Development, Golden Temple Credit Corporation, USA  
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**Mr. S D Kapoor**, Chairman and Mg Director, MMTC, India  
**Dr. Manu Chandaria**, Chairman, Mabati Rolling Mills Ltd, Kenya

**Tourism – Diaspora : A Natural Partner**

**Mr. Inder Sharma**, Chairman, Select Holiday Resorts Ltd. India  
**Mr. M. P. Bezbaruah**, Permanent Representative, World Tourism Organisation, India  
**Mr. Jagmohan**, Minister for Tourism and Culture, India  
**Mr. Rajiv Pratap Rudy**, Minister of State for Civil Aviation, India  
**Mr. Anil Kumarsingh Gayan**, Minister of Tourism and Leisure, Mauritius  
**Mr. George Shiu Raj**, Minister for Multi Ethnic Affairs, Fiji  
**Mr. Dhundev Bauhadoor**, Chairman, GOPIO International, Mauritius  
**Mr. Hitesh Bhakta**, Chairman, AAHOA, USA  
**Mr. Gautam Broota**, General Manager, Zubair Travels, Sultanate of Oman  
**Mr. Manubhai M Madhvani**, Senior Director, Madhvani Group of Companies, Uganda  
**Mr. Mukesh Mowji**, Treasurer, AAHOA, USA  
**Mr. Fred Schwartz**, President, AAHOA, USA  
**Mr. Saroj K Datta**, Executive Director, Jet Airways, India  
**Mr. Subhash Goyal**, Chairman, STIC Travels Private Ltd, India  
**Maharana Arvind Singh Mewar**, CMD, Historic Resorts Hotel Pvt. Ltd, India  
**Mr. Lalit Suri**, Chairman, FICCI Tourism Committee and President, Hotel Association of India

**Creating Technology Corridors with STIOs**

**Dr. R. Chidambaram**, Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India  
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**Prof. V. S. Ramamurthy**, Secretary, DST, India  
**Prof. C N R Rao**, President, INCASR, India  
**Mr. R. Seshasayee**, INCASR, India  
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**Prof. Subramanian S. Iyer**, Distinguished Engineer, IBM Microelectronics Division, USA  
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**Prof. Juzer Vasi**, Dept. of Electrical Engineering, IIT Mumbai, India

**Voluntary Sector & Development – Pravasi Bharatiyas: India's Partner in Social Development**

**Mr. Sudershan Agarwal**, Governor of Uttaranchal, India  
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**Mr. Harsh Mander**, Country Director, Action Aid India  
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**Dr. Ashok Khosla**, President, Development Alternative, India  
**Mr. Venkat Krishnan**, Director, GIVE Foundation, India  
**Ms. Priya Vishwanath**, Chief Executive Officer, Charities Aid Foundation, India

### **Ethnic Media**

**Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad**, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, India  
**Mr. M J Akbar**, Editor-in-Chief and Managing Director, The Asian Age, India  
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**Mr. Mammen Mathew**, Editor and MG. Director, Malyalam Manorma, India

### **Healthcare – Making India a Competitive Destination**

**Mrs. Sushma Swaraj**, Ministry for Parliamentary Affairs and Health and Family Welfare, India  
**Dr. Balaji Sadasivan**, Minister of State for Health and Transport, Singapore  
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**Dr. Mariyam Chisti**, Kuwait  
**Dr. Barry Kistnasamy**, Dean, Nelson Mandela School of Medicine, Univ. of Natal, South Africa  
**Dr Sharad Lakhanpal**, President, AAPI, USA  
**Dr. V H Reddy**, Chairman, Board of Trustees, AAPI, USA  
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**Dr. Naresh Trehan**, Executive Director, Escorts Heart Institute and Research Center, India  
**Mr. Shekhar Dutt**, Secretary, Department of Ayush, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India

### **Infrastructure – The Emerging Opportunities (Highways, Ports and Airports)**

**Mr. N K Singh**, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India  
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