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AI Impact Summit 2026, New Delhi





The India AI Impact Summit 2026, held from February 16–21 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, established a new global benchmark for technology governance centered on the "MANAV" (Human) vision, a five-point ethical framework unveiled by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in his inaugural address. As the first major AI summit hosted in the Global South, it brought together delegations from over 100 countries and 500 global tech leaders to move beyond theoretical ethics toward large-scale, inclusive deployment. Key outcomes included a significant expansion of India's sovereign compute capacity with an additional 20,000 GPUs, supplementing the 38,000+ already provisioned under the IndiaAI Mission, and over $250 billion in pledged investments across AI infrastructure, data centres, and deep technology ventures. The summit also witnessed landmark industrial partnerships, including a data centre capacity deal between Tata Group and OpenAI under the Stargate initiative, and India's formal accession to the Pax Silica coalition, a U.S.-led alliance launched in December 2025 and aimed at securing global semiconductor supply chains among strategic allies.

The defining diplomatic achievement of the summit was the adoption of the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact on 19 February 2026. The declaration is rooted in the Indian principle of Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya (Welfare for All, Happiness for All) and prioritises the "Democratic Diffusion" of AI, ensuring that foundational models and computing resources are accessible to the Global South rather than concentrated in a few regions. Organised around the summit's three foundational Sutras — People, Planet, and Progress — and seven thematic working groups or Chakras, the agreement commits signatories to building a Trusted AI Commons, promoting AI for social empowerment in healthcare and agriculture, and ensuring environmental sustainability through energy-efficient systems. By aligning technological progress with democratic values, the summit has solidified India's role as a primary architect of a responsible and equitable global digital future.
The Summit declaration was endorsed by 92 countries (including Spain) and International Organizations.

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Visit of H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain to India





On February 18, 2026, Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President of the Government of Spain H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez held bilateral talks in New Delhi to review the entire spectrum of India-Spain relations, including trade, technology, defense, and renewable energy. The leaders welcomed the progress of the Tata-Airbus C-295 transport aircraft collaboration and emphasized defense industrial cooperation through co-development and co-production. They celebrated the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations through the "India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism, and Artificial Intelligence," highlighting AI as a transformative force for inclusive development. Discussions also covered educational synergy, including the Conference of Indian Vice-Chancellors and Spanish Rectors, with Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi inviting Spanish institutions to establish STEM campuses in India. The leaders hailed the conclusion of India-EU FTA negotiations as a major milestone for unlocking trade potential and welcomed Spain’s decision to join the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

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Economic & Tech Leadership: Boosting Investments and AI Innovation





During his visit to New Delhi, President H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez met with Indian investors from strategic sectors including biotechnology, renewable energy, and logistics to strengthen economic ties. He conveyed the strong outlook of the Spanish economy and emphasized that Spain is a country in which to invest and a strategic partner offering growth, stability, talent, innovation, and a strategic location. He presented Spain as the main engine of economic growth in Europe and a bridge to the European Union and southern markets. Tourism was highlighted as a priority sector, with Indian visitor numbers having quadrupled over the past fifteen years. He also noted that the conclusion of negotiations for the India–EU Free Trade Agreement opens new opportunities for Spanish businesses, farmers, and producers. Additionally, the President, accompanied by the Minister for Digital Transformation, engaged with a delegation of Spanish AI CEOs to promote Spain as Europe's fifth-largest market for AI investment. These discussions underscored a shared commitment to "human-centric" innovation and technological leadership, positioning Spain as a reliable bridge for Indian enterprises seeking to scale across the European Union and southern global markets.

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Cultural Milestones: Lodhi Art District Mural and 'Mudras' Film Presentation









In a vibrant display of the India-Spain Dual Year 2026, President H.E. Mr. Pedro Sánchez and Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat celebrated two landmark creative projects in New Delhi. At the Lodhi Art District, they dedicated a collaborative mural, a joint work by Spanish artist Suso33 and Indian artists Tarini Sethi and Ishan Bharat, that fuses Spanish modernist mark-making with Indian visual storytelling. Following this, the leaders presented the documentary Mudras: Weaving Invisible Threads (Mudras. Tejiendo hilos invisibles), directed by María Salgado and Bobby Bedi. As the first official film co-production between the two nations, the film chronicles the cross-continental journey of a Spanish dancer and her daughter, symbolizing the "invisible threads" that connect the two cultures. H.E. President Sánchez noted that these projects represent the enormous potential of the audiovisual industry and the deep civilizational warmth that defines the India-Spain friendship.

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Academic Alliance: India–Spain Conference on Higher Education





The India–Spain Conference on Higher Education, held in New Delhi from February 19–20, 2026, brought together over 30 rectors from the Conference of Rectors of Spanish Universities (CRUE) and leaders from 70 Indian institutions. Coinciding with the India AI Impact Summit, the forum established a strategic roadmap for joint research, faculty mobility, and student exchange, with a particular focus on harnessing Artificial Intelligence to enhance teaching and research. Hon'ble Union Minister for Education Shri Dharmendra Pradhan emphasized that India's National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is designed for global collaboration, formally inviting Spanish universities to establish campuses in India; a priority echoed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. Prof. Eva Alcón, President of CRUE, and H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio March Pujol, Ambassador of Spain to India, highlighted the event as a transition from dialogue to delivery, setting the stage for formal MoUs and a follow-up summit in Spain later this year to solidify this long-term knowledge partnership.

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Strategic Dialogue: Inaugural India-EU Forum 2026









The Ministry of External Affairs, in collaboration with the Ananta Centre, organized the inaugural India-EU Forum in New Delhi from February 6–7, 2026. The landmark event featured a keynote address by Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, while Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal led discussions on enhancing trade and economic engagement. Spanning 16 thematic sessions, the forum brought together approximately 200 participants and 95 speakers, including a special fireside chat with Greek Defense Minister H.E Nikos Dendias, to explore deeper cooperation in technology, energy, connectivity, and defense. This inaugural edition served as a vital platform for government, industry, and academia to synchronize strategies for strengthening India's partnership with the EU and its member states.

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Talent Mobility: Launch of the First-Ever European Legal Gateway Office in New Delhi.





On February 18, 2026, the European Union inaugurated the European Legal Gateway Office in New Delhi, the first of its kind in a partner country. Launched in the presence of Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and Ms. Henna Virkkunen, EU Executive Vice-President for Tech Sovereignty, Security and Democracy, the office serves as a central hub to facilitate safe and legal mobility for Indian ICT professionals, researchers, and students. Operating through three pillars; a physical Gateway Office in India, a Support Office in the EU, and a comprehensive digital one-stop hub, this pilot project streamlines information on work and study pathways across all 27 EU Member States. By connecting Indian tech talent with European employers and academic institutions, the initiative aims to strengthen digital competitiveness and deepen the strategic partnership established during the 16th EU-India Summit.

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Ambassador's Presentation of Copies of the Letter of Credential to the Foreign Minister, H.E. Ms. Imma Tor Faus and Bilateral Meetings in Andorra.









The Ambassador paid an official visit to the Principality of Andorra, presenting the copies of the letter of credential to the Foreign Minister, H.E. Ms. Imma Tor Faus. The Ambassador held productive discussions with the Foreign Minister on strengthening India-Andorra bilateral relations and exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. During the visit, the Ambassador also called on the Minister of Tourism and Trade, H.E. Mr. Jordi Torres Falco, and met with Ms. Gemma Cano, Introductor of Ambassadors, marking a significant step in deepening diplomatic engagement between the two countries.

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The Ambassador met with BEC Officials on India's Participation at BIEMH 2026.



The Ambassador met with Mr. Mario Goffard, Director of the Bilbao Exhibition Centre (BEC), and Mr. Juan Aguado Urkiola, Institutional Manager of the Basque Country Delegation in Madrid, to discuss India's participation as the Featured Country at BIEMH 2026, the Machine Tool Biennial Exhibition to be held in Bilbao. The meeting explored ways to strengthen India-Spain industrial collaboration, with BIEMH 2026 presenting a significant platform to showcase India's growing capabilities in manufacturing, engineering, and industrial technology. India's designation as the Featured Country at one of Europe's premier machine tool exhibitions underscores the deepening bilateral ties between the two nations in the industrial and trade sectors.

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Visit of Election Commission of India Delegation from the state of Nagaland to Spain for Electoral Cooperation.









A five-member delegation from the Election Commission of India, led by the Chief Electoral Officer of Nagaland, Ms. Bhagyashree Banayat, visited Spain to strengthen institutional ties between the Election Commission of India and the Central Electoral Board of Spain. The delegation called on the Ambassador of India and held productive discussions with the President and distinguished members of the Central Electoral Board of Spain, exchanging insights on electoral processes, best practices, and democratic governance. The visit also included an engaging interaction with students and professors at two of Madrid's prestigious institutions; Complutense University of Madrid and Pontificias Comillas University, fostering academic dialogue on electoral systems. Additionally, the delegation met with representatives from Club de Madrid and GAD3, further broadening the scope of engagement on democratic practices and electoral management between the two countries.

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Ambassador's Consultation with Indian Business Community on India-EU FTA and Bilateral Opportunities.





The Ambassador met with members of the Indian business community in Spain to discuss the landmark India-EU Free Trade Agreement and its implications for enhancing India-Spain bilateral trade and investment. Business leaders shared the latest developments and provided valuable feedback on sectoral opportunities and challenges. The meeting also served as a platform to highlight ongoing initiatives under the India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism & AI, reinforcing the broad and dynamic framework within which India-Spain relations are being advanced. The consultation underscored the Embassy's continued commitment to engaging with the business community and ensuring their perspectives are reflected in bilateral economic diplomacy.

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India-EU FTA Conference in Madrid: Stakeholders Converge on a Historic Trade Milestone.









The Embassy of India, in collaboration with the Spain Chamber of Commerce, organized a Conference on the India-EU Free Trade Agreement in Madrid, bringing together key stakeholders from government, industry, and trade bodies to explore the opportunities presented by this landmark agreement. The event featured perspectives from the European Commission, the Government of India, and the Spanish Ministry of Economy, providing a comprehensive overview of the FTA's significance from both sides. A panel discussion featuring senior leaders from Spain-India Council Foundation, Acciona, EY Spain, Zoho Europe, and CONXEMAR delved into sector-specific opportunities and the strategic implications of the agreement for businesses. The Conference was attended by around 40 companies and representatives from several regional chambers of commerce, reflecting strong interest from the Spanish business community. Speakers across the board hailed the FTA as a historic development, marking a new chapter in India-EU economic relations with significant potential for deepening India-Spain trade and investment ties.

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