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DRAFT PROGRAMME *(as on 07-11-2026 11:16)*

Day 0: Wednesday, 11 November 2026

2030 hrs	**WELCOME DINNER** *(Hosted by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh)*

Day I: Thursday, 12 November 2026

0930 – 1230 hrs *Plenary Hall*	**INAUGURAL SESSION**
1230 – 1400 hrs *Plenary Hall*	**OPENING PLENARY**
1400 – 1500 hrs *Conference Hall 3*	***Regional Dialogue*** **India – Africa Business Roundtable** *The India - Africa partnership presents a significant opportunity to build new economic bridges, deepen commercial ties and advance shared prosperity across two dynamic regions. With complementary strengths, expanding markets and a shared ambition for economic transformation, India and African countries are well positioned to unlock new avenues for South-South cooperation.* *The session will explore opportunities to expand bilateral trade, catalyse cross-border investments, strengthen industrial partnerships, and enhance market access. Discussions will focus on high-potential sectors, including manufacturing, infrastructure, energy, agriculture, digital technology, and connectivity, while examining the role of policy cooperation, regional integration, and private-sector engagement in translating shared priorities into tangible commercial outcomes.*
1430 – 1530 hrs	**THREE SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**
1430 – 1530 hrs *Plenary Hall*	***Plenary Session 1*** **Trusted Partnerships in a New Geopolitical Era** *In an increasingly multipolar world, policy predictability, institutional credibility, and trusted partnerships are becoming essential for strengthening economic resilience, securing supply chains, and sustaining cross-border investment. This session brings together leading voices from India and across the world to examine how these geoeconomic shifts are redefining international cooperation. Panellists will explore how governments and businesses can foster trusted economic partnerships, promote transparent and predictable policy frameworks, and strengthen economic resilience in an increasingly multipolar world. India's experience, with cumulative FDI inflows exceeding USD 1.16 trillion, offers a compelling example of how sustained reforms, policy consistency, and institutional credibility can translate into investor confidence and deeper global economic partnerships, while contributing to collective action on shared challenges such as climate change, technology governance, and economic resilience.*

1430 – 1530 hrs *Conference Hall 2*	***Regional Dialogue*** **The India Europe Partnership for Shared Prosperity**
India and Europe are at a defining moment in their economic relationship, as deeper integration, resilient supply chains, technological collaboration and long-term investment become increasingly strategic. The India-EU FTA, India-EFTA TEPA and India- UK CETA mark a significant step towards a more integrated and investment-driven economic partnership. These agreements can together expand market access, mobilise capital, strengthen industrial ecosystems, enable technology partnerships and create new opportunities for businesses across both regions. The India-EU FTA also provides a foundation for deeper economic integration, while the India-UK CETA and India-EFTA TEPA open new avenues for trade, services, investment and job creation. Given this background, the session will focus on translating these agreements into investment, stronger value chains and shared economic growth, positioning India and Europe as trusted partners in the evolving global economy.	

1430 – 1530 hrs *Conference Hall 3*	***Japan Country Session***
Japan has been a vital partner in India's growth journey, contributing to infrastructure, technology, and sustainable industrial development. Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a key hub of this collaboration, benefitting from Japanese expertise in manufacturing, logistics, clean energy, and urban planning. From industrial corridors and port modernization to renewable energy and skill partnerships, Japan's involvement has strengthened the state's drive toward inclusive and future-ready growth. Both partners share a strong commitment to innovation, efficiency, and environmental sustainability, reflecting a model of balanced development that aligns economic expansion with ecological responsibility. As India and Japan deepen their strategic and economic engagement, how can the synergy between Japan's technological excellence and Andhra Pradesh's growth vision redefine the contours of sustainable development for the future?	

1545 – 1715 hrs	**TWO SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

1545 – 1715 hrs *Plenary Hall*	***Special Plenary Session*** **Powering India's Energy Future: Coal, Renewables and Green Hydrogen**

1545 – 1645 hrs *Conference Hall 3*	***Country Session*** **Scaling the India - UAE Bilateral Investment**
	As the India-UAE economic partnership continues to evolve, the focus is increasingly shifting from trade expansion to deeper investment and industrial collaboration. Building on complementary strengths, including India's scale, skilled workforce, and innovation ecosystem, and the UAE's strategic location, world-class infrastructure, and capital resources, both countries are well-positioned to drive the next phase of growth. This session will explore opportunities to accelerate cross-border investments, foster joint ventures, strengthen supply chains, and promote technology-driven industrial cooperation. Bringing together investors, industry leaders, and policymakers, the session will examine practical pathways to unlock greater investment flows and scale strategic partnerships.

1700 – 1830 hrs	**FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

1700 – 1800 hrs *Conference Hall 1*	***Special Plenary Session*** **India's Next Aviation Frontier: Connectivity, Capacity and Competitiveness**

1700 – 1800 hrs *Conference Hall 2*	***Plenary Session 3*** **Security, Technology and Growth: Drones, Innovation and Strategic Capabilities for a New World Order**	**1700 – 1800 hrs** *Conference Hall 3*	***Country Session*** **Russia – India Economic Partnership: From Strategic Vision to Business Action**
	The technologies shaping the future of economic growth are also redefining national security. Artificial intelligence, semiconductors, cybersecurity, space, advanced manufacturing, quantum technologies, and autonomous systems are no longer solely commercial innovations; they have become strategic capabilities that influence economic resilience, industrial competitiveness, and national preparedness. As nations strengthen supply chains, invest in critical technologies, and pursue greater strategic autonomy, the convergence of security, innovation, and industry is reshaping the foundations of national power. This session will examine how governments, industry, startups, academia, investors, and the defence ecosystem can collaborate to accelerate innovation, strengthen strategic capabilities, and build resilient industrial ecosystems. Discussions will focus on advancing defence manufacturing, promoting trusted technology partnerships, fostering innovation across dual-use technologies, and enhancing cybersecurity and critical infrastructure resilience.		*Russia and India have significant potential to deepen their economic partnership through stronger industrial linkages, infrastructure development, financial connectivity and interregional cooperation. Building on complementary economic strengths, both countries can expand bilateral trade, strengthen industrial value chains, diversify commercial partnerships and create conditions for long-term investment. Realizing this potential will require practical mechanisms that connect businesses, financial institutions and regional economic priorities. The session will explore opportunities to translate the strategic India - Russia partnership into tangible economic outcomes, with discussions on industrial collaboration, including metallurgy and manufacturing, port infrastructure and maritime logistics, financial arrangements supporting cross-border transactions and investment, and resilient supply chains. The participation of a Russian region will further highlight opportunities for direct partnerships between Indian and Russian businesses and regions, including joint projects, investment and market access.*

1730 – 1830 hrs *Plenary Hall*	***Plenary Session 4*** **Rewiring Global Trade: Supply Chains, Maritime Corridors, Logistics and Economic Resilience**
	Global trade is increasingly being shaped by geopolitical uncertainty, maritime disruptions, sanctions regimes, and strategic competition, creating new vulnerabilities across supply chains, logistics systems, and financial networks. *The session will examine the role of ports, multimodal transport networks, inland connectivity, digital trade facilitation, and logistics cost reduction in keeping goods moving reliably across borders. It will also highlight the role of innovation-driven supply chains, along with emerging economic corridors, connectivity initiatives, and trusted international partnerships in ensuring the long-term stability of global trade flows.*

1815 – 1915 hrs	**THREE SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

1815 – 1915 hrs *Conference Hall 1*	***In Conversation Session*** **Young Andhra, Thriving Andhra – A new Conversation on Health, Happiness and Human Potential**	**1815 – 1915 hrs** *Conference Hall 3*	**Connecting Rivers, Securing Futures: River Interlinking to End Water Scarcity**
1815 – 1915 hrs *Conference Hall 2*	***Plenary Session 5*** **Data-Driven Industrial Networks, Robotics and Intelligent Supply Chains: The Future of Advanced Manufacturing** *As manufacturing evolves beyond standalone factory automation, competitiveness increasingly depends on the ability to participate in connected and data-driven industrial ecosystems. Initiatives such as Manufacturing-X and Smart Factory are enabling secure data exchange across value chains, enhancing traceability, sustainability, supply chain resilience, and operational efficiency. For India, the next phase of industrial transformation lies in integrating smart factories, intelligent supply chains, AI, and interoperable data standards to strengthen its position in global value chains. This session will explore how manufacturing competitiveness can accelerate through trusted data sharing, collaborative innovation, and resilient industrial networks, while examining the partnerships, standards, and digital infrastructure needed to build future-ready manufacturing ecosystems.*		

1915 hrs	**CLOSE OF DAY 1**

Day II: Friday, 13 November 2026

0930 – 1100 hrs **THREE SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

0930 – 1100 hrs
Plenary Hall

Standalone Session

Andhra Pradesh: A Living Culture, A Global Destination

1000 – 1100 hrs
Conference Hall 1

In conversation Session

India's Next Growth Frontier: Science, Technology, and Manufacturing

India's next phase of growth and global competitiveness will be driven by the powerful convergence of Science, Technology, And Manufacturing. As breakthroughs in biotechnology, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, advanced materials, robotics, space, and clean energy reshape industries, India has a unique opportunity to translate its growing scientific capabilities into technologies, products, and globally competitive manufacturing capacities. The session will focus on how India can translate its scientific strengths into globally relevant technologies, accelerate technology transfer and commercialisation, and build greater capacity in frontier and emerging areas. It will consider how stronger industry – academia - research partnerships can help bridge the gap between scientific breakthroughs and technological applications, enabling India to create new industries, address national priorities and establish itself as a global hub for science, technology and manufacturing. The discussion will also focus on how India can leverage its scientific and manufacturing strengths to shape the industries of the future, build resilient global value chains and emerge as a leading technology and manufacturing powerhouse.

1000 – 1100 hrs
Conference Hall 2

Plenary Session 6

Skills for the Next Economy: Talent, AI, Design and Digital Learning

As technology transforms industries and labour markets, the need for future-ready skills and continuous learning is becoming increasingly urgent. Digital learning platforms, AI-driven tools, industry-led skilling models, and technology-enabled education systems can bridge workforce gaps across advanced manufacturing, clean energy, mobility, defence technology, healthcare, and agriculture. Discussions will focus on strengthening employability, improving productivity, and enabling lifelong learning through industry-academia collaboration and digital innovation. The session will also explore India's growing role as a global talent and skills partner in an increasingly technology-driven world economy and assess how workforce transformation strategies can support resilient human capital ecosystems globally.

1100 – 1215 hrs **FOUR SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

1100 – 1200 hrs
Plenary Hall

Fireside Chat with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

1100 – 1200 hrs
Conference Hall 1

Plenary Session 7

Securing a Sustainable Future: Energy Resilience, Clean Technologies and Global Partnerships

Amid evolving global energy and environmental challenges, strengthening energy resilience and accelerating the transition to a sustainable, low-carbon future require international cooperation, technological innovation and cross-sector partnerships. The transition to sustainable growth will require progress across renewable energy, energy storage, hydrogen, CCUS and circular economy solutions, alongside sustainable supply chains, responsible business practices and stronger ESG frameworks. This session will explore opportunities to scale clean energy and storage solutions and drive sustainable industrial growth through global collaboration. Particular emphasis will be placed on technology partnerships, sustainable finance and investment, resilient energy systems, circular economy solutions and responsible value chains, as well as innovation-led approaches supporting long-term global sustainability objectives.

1100 – 1200 hrs
Conference Hall 2

Plenary Session 8

Feeding the Future: Building Climate-Resilient and Technology-Driven Food Systems

Climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable food systems are becoming critical to economic stability, food security and resilient supply chains. The discussion will explore how precision farming, digital public infrastructure, AI-driven analytics, resilient seed systems and automation can enhance agricultural productivity and sustainability. It will examine the role of Climate-Smart Agriculture, food processing innovation and efficient logistics in addressing climate and geopolitical risks, while highlighting how international agri-tech partnerships and resilient value chains can improve farmer incomes, strengthen food security and accelerate sustainable agricultural transformation.

1100 – 1215 hrs *Conference Hall 3*	**Redefining Destination Andhra Pradesh: Multi-Brand Scale, Heritage Preservation, and Immersive Infrastructure**

1215 – 1315 hrs	**TWO SESSIONS IN PARALLEL**

1215 – 1315 hrs
Conference Hall 1

Plenary Session 9
From Orbit to Opportunity: India's New Space Economy

The global space sector is being reshaped by rapid technological innovation, private sector participation and growing commercialisation. With new opportunities emerging across the space value chain, India has emerged as a dynamic space ecosystem, driven by progressive reforms, entrepreneurial ambition and increasing industry participation. Landmark achievements such as Chandrayaan-3, Aditya-L1, SpaDeX, NISAR, LVM3-M5, and and GSLV-F18/NVS-03, the successful orbital launch of Vikram-1 by a private player, preparations for Gaganyaan, and the rapid growth of over 400 space startups are creating immense potential for advancing space commerce, unlocking new business opportunities, positioning India as an increasingly significant player in the global space landscape.

The session brings together leading space entrepreneurs, astronaut, and academic expert to explore the next phase of space growth from building globally competitive ventures and scaling breakthrough technologies to unlocking investment, strengthening international partnerships, expanding commercial markets and advancing human spaceflight.

1215 – 1315 hrs
Conference Hall 2

Plenary Session 10
AI, Quantum and the Future of Global Competitiveness

Artificial intelligence and quantum technologies are rapidly transforming industrial competitiveness, scientific research, logistics, healthcare and national capabilities. "Quantum AI" has the potential to accelerate breakthroughs across advanced manufacturing, climate modelling, drug discovery, cybersecurity and financial systems. To this end, trusted governance frameworks, compute infrastructure, cross-border talent partnerships, financing models and common standards will be critical to enabling responsible and scalable adoption. The session will also examine how collaboration between governments, industry, startups, and academia can support inclusive access to frontier technologies while ensuring interoperability, trust, resilience, and long-term technological competitiveness across developed and developing economies for fostering international collaboration through cross-border talent development, multinational research initiatives. The session will also explore emerging technology ecosystems such as Amaravati Quantum Valley and its potential to catalyse industry applications in quantum technologies.

1330 – 1430 hrs	**LUNCH**

1430 – 1530 hrs *Plenary Hall*	***Live Podcast*** **The Power of Possibility: Building Partnerships, Creating the Future**

1545 – 1645 hrs *Plenary Hall*	**VALEDICTORY SESSION**

1645 hrs	**CLOSE OF PROGRAMME**

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