# INDIA GLOBAL FORUM

**HIGHLIGHTS** 2022



# **About India Global Forum**

IGF is the agenda-setting forum for international business and global leaders. It offers a selection of platforms that international corporates and policymakers can leverage to interact with stakeholders in their sectors and geographies of strategic importance. Our platforms range from large global events to invite-only, intimate conversations and analysis, interviews and thought leadership through our media assets.

IGF has an unparalleled track record and unmatched network around the world to convene leaders from across large corporates, multilateral institutions, national governments, fast-growing start-ups, innovators, defence and intelligence, media, entertainment, and culture.



# Reimagining relationships as Partners for Global Impact

Looking back at the year 2022 through an India Global Forum (IGF) prism, I am heartened by a sense of optimism amid the turbulent political and economic times in the aftermath of a crippling pandemic and war in Europe. The general consensus is that India is a bright spot, as the fastest growing large economy in the world keeps up its pace at a time when major global economies combat recessionary pressures.



IGF's role as the agenda-setting platform that brings India to the world and the world to India has never been more

Chairman & CEO - India Inc. General Section of Ch

important, relevant or indeed impactful, as reflected in a series of power-packed deliberations over the past year. Through our Founders and Funders Forum, over 450 leaders from global tech and innovation ecosystems interacted with our IGF platforms, including our summit in Bengaluru which brought together over 60 Indian Unicorn founders in an engaging "Townhall Style" discussion with India's Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman.

It was during IGF's Reimagine@75 themed UK-India Week 2022 that Rishi Sunak, then UK Chancellor, made a rather prescient address that would be followed by a flurry of events ending in his elevation as Britain's first Prime Minister of Indian heritage. His impassioned words as a member of the UK-India living bridge will no doubt continue to define this particular corridor over the course of this year and beyond.

At the annual 'Partners for Global Impact' themed UAE summit, there was much to celebrate given the signing of the historic Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the UAE. India's External Affairs Minister, Dr S. Jaishankar, set the tone for the very "intuitive" bond between the two sides, something IGF will remain steadfast in focussing on and fostering.

Taking a wider-angle view on 2022, what stands out is IGF's championing of key global priorities – from sustainability and climate action to diversity and inclusion. The learnings from our expert interactions over the year have led to some long-lasting outcomes, including a Women in Leadership Network (WIN), UK India Future Forum, World Climate Institute and many more such agenda-setting initiatives that have into fruition on the back of a very eventful past year.

As we look ahead, India's presidency of the G20 and its proven track record as a bridge between East and West, North and South, rich and poor will be thrust into the limelight. I am excited and confident that IGF will intensify its efforts at continuing to facilitate stimulating exchanges between policymakers, business leaders and innovators to capitalise on the opportunities and deliver impactful change.



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Gala events which recognise the contribution of global changemakers across India, the UAE and the UK across sectors including business transformation, culture and leadership.

**72** Media Coverage

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#### **FEBRUARY**

#### **UK-India Parliamentary Lunch**

23 February 2022 | London, UK

#### **MARCH**

#### Annual Summit: The New India Inc.

7 - 8 March 2022 | Bengaluru, India

#### **IGF Forum Programme**

Annual Summit 2022 - Networking Reception

#### **Founders & Funders Forum Programme**

- Unicorns Breakfast
- · IGF Members Lunch
- Founders & Leaders Dinner

#### **Boardroom Initiatives**

- · Education and Skills Initiative
- · Global Supply Chains Initiative
- · Women in Leadership Initiative

#### MAY

# A Curtain Raiser for India Global Forum's UK-India Week

26 May 2022 | London, UK

#### JUNE - JULY

#### UK-India Week 2022: Reimagine@75

27 June - 01 July 2022 | London, UK

**Creative Industries and Cultural Economy Seminar** 

**Climate Finance and Technology Summit** 

Women in Leadership Lunch and Networking Reception

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#### **Founders & Funders Forum Programme**

- Founders and Leaders Summer BBQ
- Founders and Funders Reception and Dinner
- Disruptors on the Thames

#### 4th UK-India Awards

**Boardroom Initiatives and Roundtable** 

#### **Boardroom**

- Electric Mobility
- Making Digital Healthcare Accessible
- Impacting Society Through Business
- · Strengthening Global Supply Chains
- Furthering Education & Skills

#### Roundtable

Climate Finance Breakfast Roundtable

#### **OCTOBER**

#### **IGF Annual Diwali Reception**

18 October 2022 | London, UK

#### **DECEMBER**

#### **IGF UAE 2022: Partners for Global Impact**

12 - 15 December 2022 | Abu Dhabi & Dubai, UAE

Partners for Global Impact - Official Opening Proceedings

Climate Finance and Technology Summit

**IGF - UAE Week Opening Dinner** 

#### **Founders & Funders Forum Programme**

- Ministerial Breakfast
- Disrupters in the Desert

Partners for Global Impact - The Forum

**Partners for Global Impact - The Studio** 

IGF - UAE Leaders Reception and Dinner

Women in Leadership Forum

1st UAE - India Awards

#### **Boardroom Initiatives and Roundtables**

#### **Boardroom**

• Empowering Women in Leadership

#### Roundtables

- Climate Finance for Impact
- LiFE 'Communities Can' Dialogue
- Enabling Energy Transition and Technology Transfer
- Making Digital Healthcare Accessible for All
- · Mapping the Future of Work



# **6**Global Events



Unique in-person
attendees across IGF
events in 2022 from
12+ countries with 68%
from the C-suite, director,
executive level or other
decision-making
positions

## 100+ Sessions



Institutions across the public and private sectors represented across the year

# **20+**Boardrooms and Roundtables



High-profile speakers
(21% women) across
businesses and
governments from over
8 different geographies

450+

**Senior leaders** from start-up ecosystems across India, the UK, the UAE, Israel and other relevant geographies attended were part of IGF's **Founders and Funders Forum Programmes** 



These include **50+ leaders** from Unicorns & Soonicorns as well as **50+ leaders** representing some of the largest funds like **Sequoia Capital, Accel Partners, B Capital amongst others** 



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# Narratives on Geopolitics and Trade

A changing landscape! With the ongoing tensions between superpower and the economic response to Russia's Ukraine invasion, trade has taken a 'geopolitical turn.' Globalisation is facing huge challenges amidst geopolitical conflict, a weak post pandemic economy, inflation and food and energy shortages.

The IGF global platform constantly aims to bring together stellar presenters with big names from business and government to talk about how we create security, prosperity and sustainability at this time of upheaval.





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## **UAE-India Partners for Global Impact**

- Deliberations at the India Global Forum UAE 2022 opening session revolved around the globally emerging trends of the bilateral relationships and the positionality of the India-UAE ties in a dynamic geopolitical scenario, and how this relationship can together navigate through global instabilities
- Within the context of climate change and recently concluded COP 27, the
  discussion delved into the developed world's responsibility to fund initiatives
  globally, the rise of climate-friendly technology in both countries, collective
  climate action, and the way forward for a comfortable and cooperative bilateral
  relationship
- Technology was identified as a key sector wherein both nations have a major role
  to play in terms of leveraging new-age tech for economic progress and taking
  responsibility in its governance such as global digital platforms, data and privacy
  concerns and security issues
- The two nations are aiming to have bilateral trade worth 100 billion USD, and trade between the two countries has already increased by 30 per cent since February 2022

#### Hon Dr S Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs, Government of India

#### H.E. Dr Anwar bin Mohammed Gargash

Diplomatic Advisor to the UAE President; Cabinet Member & Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Government of UAE



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As globalisation gets deeper, there will be more rebalancing and greater multipolarity.

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H.E. Dr S Jaishankar

Minister of External Affairs
Government of India







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### Globalisation 2.0 — Cracking the VUCA Code

- Globally, we have witnessed a move towards the adoption of regional trade channels; as romanticisation of globalisation stopped, multiple trade channels have emerged with more integrated and practical approaches
- These newly emerging globalisation trends have impacted investing patterns.
   There are certain key themes which are emerging rapidly:
  - The trade and supply chains there is a transition being witnessed where the corporates are now focussing on making sure supply chains 'just in case' rather than 'just in time'. Additionally, with the Russia-Ukraine war in the backdrop, besides ensuring security of regional supply chains, nationalization of commodities such as metals or rare earths is also taking place
  - Transition is occurring in the defense and the energy sectors, with frequent realignment in regional spaces
  - Large capital tends to run away from the VUCA (volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity) code
- The Russia-Ukraine war scenario has been impacting the global supply chains; we
  are moving into a world of regional supply chains where there is a cost involved,
  i.e., a cost to build resilience. Historically, we have only witnessed security of
  supply chains largely in the energy sector, but now the nationalisation of other
  commodities, such as metals or rare earths, are emerging
- Embracing Globalisation 2.0, UAE is more focused on reinstating multilateralism

   and finds that building connectivity, alliances with the other countries is very important, especially when we look at globalisation now and its impacts

#### Ambassador Dr Ron Malka

Former Director General, Ministry of Economy and Industry, Government of Israel

#### H.E. Juma Al Kait

Chief Trade Negotiator for the UAE and Assistant Undersecretary for International Trade Affairs at the Ministry of Economy, Government of UAE

#### **Dr Vijay Chauthaiwale**

In-charge, Foreign Affairs Department, Bharatiya Janata Party, India

#### **Eric Robertsen**

Global Head of Research & Chief Strategist, Standard Chartered, UAE

#### Shiv Sehgal

Deputy CEO, Capital Markets, Nuvama, India





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# The World Uncut with Mark Barton: Opportunities in a Conflicted World – I2U2: New Alignment for New Opportunities:

- Key priorities for the four nations the UAE, USA, India and Israel were highlighted in the deliberations, along with focused insights on the significance of aligned goals to explore new opportunities at an international level
- Six priority areas were identified: water, energy, transport, space health and food security. The goal is to channel private sector expertise to tackle these transnational challenges – i.e., the strengths of each of these individual countries and how they could be directed to achieving collective goals
- The Israeli diplomat highlighted the need for collaborative efforts to create a
  food corridor in India to accelerate food tech and AgriTech. She also mentioned
  that this forum aims to tackle some of our biggest issues, regarding water, food
  security, energy and so on, emphasising how crucial it is to have shared goals to
  ensure the success of strategic alliances

#### **Dr Aman Puri**

Consul General of India, Consulate General of India in Dubai, Government of India

#### Dana Fiber

Deputy Consul General, Consulate General of Israel in Dubai, Government of Israel





Curtain-Raiser

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# A curtain-raiser for India Global Forum's UK-India Week 2022

- Total trade between India and UK stood at USD 16 billion FY 2021-2022 (Apr-Feb), the UK was India's 17th largest trading partner during FY 2021-2022 (Apr-Feb)
- The defense sector in India was identified as a 'natural potential investment', given Britain's large spendings in India coupled with general interest amongst international companies within this space in India. Additionally, the consensus is not just that India is a huge marketplace, but also a safe place to work
- In discussion across different sectors of the Indian economy, it was noted that that
  despite 'black swan events' like the Covid-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine
  conflict, Indians, especially the young working population, is looking at the future
  with optimism

#### Hon Piyush Goyal

Minister of Commerce & Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution; Minister of Textiles and Leader of the Rajya Sabha, Government of India



You are writing out the destiny of your trading relations between two nations for the next 30 or 50 years. Particularly in this current world where there is so much dichotomy between countries, so much distrust... the world has realised that they would rather work with a trusted partner like India.





# Strengthening Global Supply Chain Disruptions Boardroom Initiative

Mission: Work on strategies that enhance India's manufacturing capabilities, exports, and standing as a world-class global manufacturing hub.

- India's consumption of semiconductors is estimated to reach USD 50 billion by 2026-27, making semiconductors one of the top 3 exports from India for global consumption
- About 70 per cent of SMEs in India have digitalised in the last year to become
  highly efficient, which is the highest digital adoption rate worldwide. These SMEs
  will play a pivotal role in strengthening the global supply chain
- India needs to look at coupling electronics and semiconductors with design, and adopt manufacturing facilities around R&D centres rather than inserting R&D capabilities in already existing manufacturing units
- The Indian government has also announced a Design-Linked Incentive Scheme which provides pre-series A funding as 'founder's capital' to start-ups, while encouraging big players in the semiconductor space to jointly develop IPs, with Indian start-ups as co-owners
- Big companies in supply chain are adopting EVs for logistic purposes ahead of the regulatory curve, in alignment with the Prime Minister's goal to focus on the automotive, mobility and compute segments as prime targets for the electronics and semiconductor sectors







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# Reimagine Series: Geopolitics in a New Competitive Era

- India is the country with the greatest potential of all. It's a huge country, as big as
  China, with one big difference that it is governed by the rule of law. The growth of
  China is a big development and the great disturbing question is its alienation of
  its Asian neighbours
- The UK-INDIA FTA, which is in negotiation stage, will help both countries to
  address present global crises. UK has the expertise and India has the scale —
  there's a lot that can be achieved through this collaboration
- We are at the cusp of great change in the global system. The UK is looking to balance its European identity with a more global approach, including in Asia. India is trying to do just the opposite

#### Ashok Malik

Former Policy Advisor, MEA – Government of India Partner & Chair of the India Practice, The Asia Group

#### Sir Malcolm Rifkind

Former Foreign Secretary, UK Government





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# Reimagine@75 Debate: What is the Idea of Great Britain

- Britain has always been global leader and post Brexit, besides donning other
  hats, it has a real role to play in connecting democracies. Leadership within
  the Commonwealth can be an important part of this role; however, India's
  participation is necessary
- Britain is a creative island with rich culture. Whether it's music, drama, literature, film, museums Britain has great reach and strength. On the prosperity agenda, the nation's expertise can be leveraged by other countries across the globe
- "Singapore on Thames" is a rather nice idea, better than the Empire 2.0 idea that was thrown up during the Brexit debate

#### Hon Dr Shashi Tharoor MP

Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram; Lok Sabha

#### Rt Hon Baroness Usha Prashar

Cross Bench Peer, House of Lords

#### Lord Jonathan Marland

Chairman, Commonwealth Enterprise & Investment Council

#### **Dr Tristram Hunt**

Director, Victoria & Albert Museum









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### **Closer India-UAE Engagement:** What Patterns and What Future?

- The Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements (CEPA) agreement shines a spotlight on all sectors that the two countries traditionally didn't cooperate on, therefore, is is bound to take the bilateral partnership to even greater heights. Since it was signed, bilateral trade has picked up by over 30 per cent in just eight or nine months
- India needs FDI and for the UAE there is probably no better destination than India to put money to work in renewables, and climate finance infrastructure
- On India-UAE relations there is much more that can be done, especially on the infrastructure side, as most know that the infrastructure in the UAE is extremely robust. On the Indian side there is a lot of work to be done

#### H.E. Sunjay Sudhir

Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

#### H.E. Reem bint Ebrahim Al Hashimy

Minister of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of the UAE

#### Sanjay Nayar

Senior Advisor, KKR, India

#### H.E. Omran Sharaf

Assistant Minister for Advanced Science and Technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, Government of the UAE

#### **Faizal Kotikollon**

Founder and Chairman, KEF Holdings, UAE

#### Rola Abu Manneh

CEO, Standard Chartered, UAE

#### Saed Arar

Executive Director and Head of Traditional Infrastructure investments, Mubadala, UAE

#### Dr Sanjeev Sanyal

Member of Economic Advisory Council to The Prime Minister, Government of India



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The deep relationship
between the two
countries will help
unlock further potential.
People-to-people
relationship makes
UAE-India ties special.

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# H.E. Reem bint Ibrahim Al Hashimy

Minister of State for International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of the UAE





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### Reimagine Series: Resetting Globalisation

- Globalisation has lifted billions out of poverty and remains the best way of continuing to do this, however, there's going to be recalibration of supply chains with security in mind and India stands to be a crucial partner here. SC have incubated several women-owned or controlled businesses offering them mentoring and finances, and eventually converting them into clients. By creating a space for women to learn, live and grow in new economy, a real difference can be made
- Two saving graces in the current economic picture:
  - ◆ Economic momentum going into this crisis is good, the financial system is strong and relatively resilient
  - When the financial system is strong, the economic cycles tend to be slightly buffered

#### **Bill Winters**

Group Chief Executive, Standard Chartered Bank



We have incubated several hundred women-owned or controlled businesses. We give them mentoring and finances, and eventually they become our clients. By creating a space for women to learn, live and grow in new economy, we think we can make a real difference.





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# Reimagine@75: A New Era for UK-India Trade Relations?

- The beauty of Brexit for the UK lies in being in control of the trade policy, the country can determine for itself vis-à-vis where energies need to be directed and unlock age-old trade barriers
- For UK businesses, access to an economy projected to be third largest by 2050, a population of 1.4 billion people could be transformative
- Business growth depends on people and businesses know where the talent is,
   i.e. India already dominates the global talent network

#### Rt Hon Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

Former Secretary of State for International Trade, Department for International Trade. Minister of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), Government of the UK



The beauty of Brexit for the UK is that we are in control of trade policy. We can determine where we want to be focussing our energies, and unlocking trade barriers. That's why India is such an important partner.





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### The Changing Face of Global Diplomacy

- Gender has its own plus points; being a women's helps in the world of diplomacy
   the bias is that only women can stand for woman's rights. The other genders also play a supporting role and that's what fighting the bias is all about
- With the ever-growing digital infrastructure that underpins the digital age, how
  it works and what is its potential, diplomats must become conversational and
  leverage digital tools to materialise deliberations at a faster pace
- Diplomacy has not remained confined to the diplomats alone but has become
  a multifaceted business including engaging with political parties, media and the
  people. New age diplomacy involves being good at social media and conducting
  business in public with the people instead of behind closed doors to ensure the
  larger audience understands the varied perspectives

#### Hon Meenakshi Lekhi

Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Government of India

#### **Anna Shotbolt**

Deputy Trade Commissioner Investment for South Asia and the British Deputy High Commissioner for Bengaluru, Government of the UK

#### Jonas Brunschwig

Consulate General of Switzerland, Bangalore, CEO, Swissnex India

#### Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale

In Charge, Foreign Affairs Department, BJP, Government of India

#### **Munish Sharma**

Trade & Investment Commissioner, Austrade





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# The New India Inc. – Accelerating the Next Financial Building Blocks

- The pool of capital that is focused on different silos in the investing spectrum on India has deepened considerably. The business models in India have started looking outside India and entrepreneurs are building business for the rest of the world as well
- India is the technology and digital powerhouse of the world. Digital rails have accelerated the ecosystem in India. There's more capital invested, and we have benefited a lot from it
- Entrepreneurs must understand how to build durable economics and shift from just scaling to scaling profitably to endure the \$250bn market cap that has been created by start-ups. B2B in India is still fertile and an important sector. Digitization has accelerated efficiency in B2B that has given rise to India specific opportunities

#### **Navroz Udwadia**

Co-Founder, Alpha Wave Global

#### **Richard Pattle**

Co-Founder, True Beacon

#### **Prashanth Prakash**

Founding Partner Accel Partners India





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### Pulling the Future Forward – The New India Inc.

- India has all the ingredients for growth global tech majors have shown interests
  and investments to indulge with India. The biggest challenge is to ensure that
  digital and technology opportunities doesn't get concentrated in just a few cities
  in India. The next two to three years will see a deeper and wider expansion of
  the innovation ecosystem in India. Within this context, the government is heavily
  investing in digital skilling initiatives while focusing on women and pushing for
  women-owned start-ups
- The government's vision for the Indian business ecosystem is not to stay limited to fuelling growth for global tech companies but lead the global tech movement. Most young Indians want to be entrepreneurs. They want to define their future themselves. That's a big tectonic cultural change witnessed over the last seven years. Inclusion of people onto this clearly emerging, expanding, and growing phenomenon of innovation and entrepreneurship is a priority for the Indian government
- Seven years back, the concentration of capital and concentration of opportunities
  were only available to a low percentage of Indians. Now the government's focus
  is to create an ecosystem that encourages entrepreneurship; it's not enough
  to say I want to be an entrepreneur, there is real effort and hard work required.
  Inclusion of people on to this clearly growing phenomenon of entrepreneurship
  and innovation is a priority for the Indian government

#### Hon Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Electronics and IT. Government of India



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We aim to ensure that the opportunities of entrepreneurship and start-ups are available in all the parts of India.

Over the last 7 years, the financial and technological changes have helped entrepreneurs build businesses without the fear of big companies muscling them out.

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## Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Minister of State for Skill
Development, Entrepreneurship,
Electronics and IT,
Government of India





### **12U2** Lunch Roundtable

Mission: To explore how international cooperation and diplomacy can drive business growth and international competitiveness.

- There is a strong need to mobilise private sector capital and the role of technology to solve shared challenges.
- The speakers representing business identified 3 areas of priority for the UAE:
  - ◆ Collaberation on tech
  - ◆ Human capital
  - ◆ Climate agenda
- The I2U2 framework should create a fund to provide a financial framework to businesses innovating in mutual areas of priorities





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## 4th Annual UK India Parliamentary Lunch 2022

The 4th Annual UK-India Parliamentary Lunch bought together leading lights from the world of politics, business, academia, media, arts and entertainment over a lively and informative sit-down lunch. The Chief Guest and speaker was Rt Hon Alok Sharma KCMG MP, President for COP 26, the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference. Sir Alok in his remarks set out the opportunities for deeper collaboration on climate action and the pivotal role that the UK India partnership can and indeed must play.

The event was Co-hosted by the High Commission of India and Lord Jitesh Gadhia in London on the 23rd February 2022.







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### **Diwali Reception 2022**

IGF hosted our Annual Diwali Reception in association with Standard Chartered at the Taj Hotel, Buckingham Gate on 18 October 2022. We used this special occasion to thank friends of IGF and those who have helped strengthen the UK-India partnership across the year.

The wonderful evening dedicated to the 'Festival of Lights' was marked by the presence of leading figures from business, public service, arts, and media from the UK-India corridor. We were delighted to have senior representatives from the UK Government, Shadow Cabinet, and Indian High Commission grace the event and share their views on the exciting future of bilateral ties between the two nations.

#### Rt Hon Suella Braverman

Home Secretary, Home Office

#### Rt Hon David Lammy

Shadow Foreign Secretary, Labour Party

#### H.E. Sujit Ghosh

Acting High Commissioner of India to the UK

#### **Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**

Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations, FCDO

#### Rt Hon Nick Thomas-Symonds

Shadow Secretary of State for International Trade, Labour Party

#### Rt Hon Greg Hands

Minister for Trade Policy,

#### **Catherine West**

Shadow Minister for Asia and the Pacific, Labour Party





# Narratives on **Sustainability**

The global temperature has already risen 1.1°C above the pre-industrial level, with glaciers melting and the sea level rising. Impacts of climate change also includes flooding and drought, displacing millions of people, sinking them into poverty and hunger, denying them access to basic services, such as health and education, expanding inequalities, stifling economic growth and even causing conflict.

By 2030, an estimated 700 million people will be at risk of displacement by drought alone. Taking urgent action to combat climate change and its devastating impact by adopting sustainable business and governance practices is, therefore, an imperative to save lives and livelihoods.





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# Investing in a Green Future post COP26 – What Now, What Next?

- We know where we were starting with COP26 and we know where the end point was, in the case of the UK, NetZero 2050, but the path in between the two remained a bit indistinct. This has now given a huge fillip to alternatives such as green hydrogen, nuclear and offshore wind
- Governments can enable and set the framework but it's up to the private sector to work together to take advantage of the opportunities available
- There is an immense potential for collaboration on innovation and R&D, and the UK and India need to encourage universities on exchange of research students to help build greater collaboration

#### **Lord Gerry Grimstone**

Former Minister of Investment, Government of the UK



The first industrial revolution that shaped progress was all about coal and its uses. This next industrial revolution, the green revolution as it's called, is all about making progress by the removal of coal and its uses to find greener alternatives.





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# What Does the Promise of a Green Recovery Look Like for India?

- Climate action is not limited to mitigation alone but also enablement and support in adaptation, finance, technology, and capacity building
- The operationalisation of global goals on adaptations needs to be sped up by securing adequate finance and technology transfer
- While the proposal that developed countries should mobilise \$100 billion of climate finance per year for climate action in developing countries is being reviewed; it is crucial that this review should address scope, scale and speed of climate action

#### Hon Bhupender Yadav

Minister of Labour and Employment, and Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India



We must focus on mindful consumption rather than mindless utilisation.







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## Sustainability First – How Businesses Can Shape Energy Transition

- Corporates who want to survive, and who want to be part of the solution rather than the problem, must really look at NetZero commitments in a serious way.
   Intent, implementation and innovation are important steps in mapping the corporate journey to sustainability
- On one side of the spectrum, governments are beginning to become acquainted with process of natural capital accounting, and on the other, 'sustainability' is increasingly finding its deserved space in boardrooms across the financial sector
- The learning curve in different parts of world is not identical but it differs from country to country. It's not just a learning curve of technology, but rather a learning curve of capital

#### **Barry Gardiner**

UK Parliamentarian; Director, Climate Parliament

#### Kanika Chawla

Programme Manager, UN Energy, Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL)

#### **Anita George**

CEO, Edhina Capital Advisors

#### Kishore Jayaraman

President - India & South Asia, Rolls Royce

#### Saif Malik

Global Head of Global Subsidiaries & Head of Client Coverage, Standard Chartered Bank





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## Reimagining the Road to COP27

- No developed country can tell a developing country to curb its growth; what we can
  do is support them with finance and other means, which is what the UK is doing
- COP26 managed to get almost 200 countries to agree to a historic climate pact because every country saw it was in their own interest to act

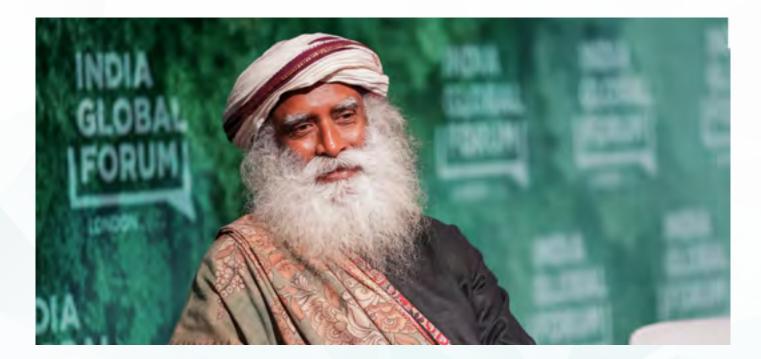
#### **Rt Hon Alok Sharma**

President, COP26



Climate and environment security are totally interlinked with energy and national security, something that the Ukraine crisis has underlined. Countries are now realising that we cannot remain dependent on fossil fuels but accelerate on renewables.





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# Rethinking Planet Consciousness – Why It Starts with Soil

- Not a single country on the entire planet has the minimum organic content which
  the UN prescribes. The term soil can only be used if there is minimum 3 per cent
  organic content in the ground. But not a single nation has this average of 3 per
  cent. The highest is in Northern Europe which is 1.48 per cent
- Soil must be separated from other ecological concerns. Other ecological concerns will run into headwinds of opposing some business or the other. Enhancing the organic content in the soil is not against anybody

#### Sadhguru

Founder, Isha Foundation



We are in a cusp of time, which allows us to make a significant turnaround to save the earth's biodiversity if we act now. As a generation, we face a challenge, but we have the privilege and opportunity to turn things around. The need to save soil is most urgently needed.





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# India to Play Key Role in Climate Change Initiatives

- With Prime Minister Narendra Modi taking over the G20 presidency next year, the world will be looking at India's public and private sector leaders for bold leadership
- Bloomberg lauded the work being done by UK-headquartered India Global Forum in bringing together global leaders to address pressing issues
- Bloomberg LP is continuing to use the power of data to help investors identify climate related risks and opportunities

#### **Michael Bloomberg**

Founder, Bloomberg



Together, we can really accelerate the global progress on climate change, and we can show how cutting emissions and strengthening the economies really do go hand in hand.





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#### The Road to COP28

- As part of the free trade agreement, CEPA, both countries aim to boost their bilateral trade from the current 60 billion US dollars to 100 billion US dollars over the next five years
- A prime example of enhancing food security is the India-UAE food corridor that will incorporate state-of-the-art climate smart technology to sustainably increase yields. It has the potential to triple the food trade between India and the UAE in five years and benefit as many as 2 million farmers across various Indian states
- Roles of both India and the UAE, in its capacity as host for COP28, will play a vital role in moving the focus from climate mitigation to adaptation and recovery

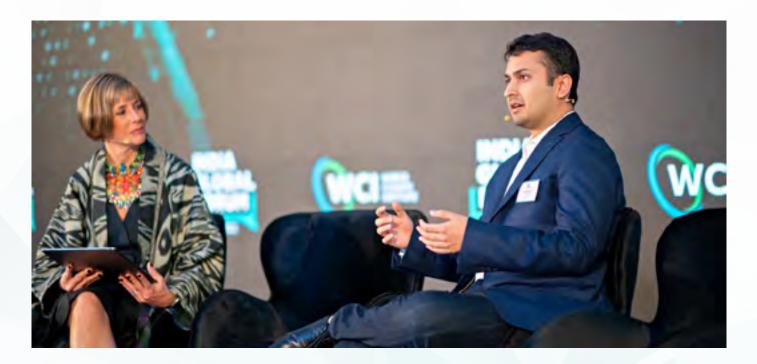
#### H.E. Mariam bint Mohammed Saeed Hareb Almheiri

Minister of Climate Change and Environment; Minister of State for Food and Water Security, Government of UAE



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## **Mobilising Climate Solutions for Impact**

- The transport sector is expected to reach a share of more than 30 per cent of total GHG emissions in the future, generating an alarming need to green the transport sector
- Ola is all set to develop the world's biggest EV hub in India with a two-wheeler factory, a four-wheeler factory and a cell production unit in the same space, and position India as a global leader in the international EV ecosystem
- It is cheaper to own with fuel hikes. Consumers can access insights regarding usage, lesser service concerns make EVs a much better option compared to fuel driven vehicles

#### **Ankush Aggarwal**

Head, Ola Financial, India



The reason why people buy an electric vehicle is simple, it's a better product. It's more comfortable to use and it gives insight into the usage of your vehicle.





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### **Electric Mobility Boardroom Initiative**

Mission: Identify opportunities to accelerate the transition to electric vehicles and find solutions to existing challenges.

- India has begun establishing regulatory national and state policies, incubation and financing models for the indigenous production and sale of EVs and is working towards adopting an electric mobility ecosystem
- To make electric mobility a reality, India recognises the need to invest in good quality EVs and battery swapping infrastructure under its national mission on EV transformation, and 'Make in India'
- Contrary to international scepticism regarding India's EV market, India has
  witnessed a dramatic uptake of EVs since the pandemic, with conducive
  policies and concessions in place for both manufacturers and service delivery
  organisations in the EV space
- India expects to see a sufficient network that would address service requirements to EVs as infrastructure develops steadily
- Both government and industry stakeholders realise the need to address the challenges to EV adoption, such as controlling the requirement of charging downtime for commercial vehicles, high CapEx, and generating financial investments in the EV space





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## Impacting Society through Business Boardroom Initiative

Mission: Identify how businesses can support local and grassroots social innovators in India.

- Investing in the youth and in diversity to tackle inequality, support the growth
  of markets and small businesses, collaborate creatively with partners, and give
  insights to corporates for the same are issues equities can address
- Organisations have been committing to their CSR frameworks, making space for innovation, working with legal systems and corporate partners that can challenge an otherwise complacent regulatory ecosystem
- The corporate sector in India has observed the rise of three positive trends, which is the presence of a strong line of purpose, greater engagement with stakeholders and employees, and care management having an impact
- Indian government launched the "National Education Policy" along with National Education Policy to ensure that governments and corporates can focus on a collective agenda in solving issues such as gender inequality
- Following the pandemic, the need to integrate CSR and technology has slowly been realised, especially in the deployment of good education and skill development programmes



# Narratives on Tech and Innovation

With economic, market, and worldwide transformations continuing to reshape organisational and government agendas, technological advancement is driving, and being driven, by the market, evolving existing processes and businesses.

The IGF Global Platform brings together stellar presenters, big names and tech gurus to talk about everything tech – including around how it's shaping and solving some of the major challenges in key sectors such as healthcare, food security, climate and finance.





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### Innovating the Future

- The session covered a wide range of themes and delved into the basics
  of climate tech, success stories vis-à-vis initiatives taken by private sector
  companies to mitigate climate change, strategies for sustainability, conscious and
  technological development for the general good and recyclability of tech goods
- The discussion reflected on tackling climate change with the help of technology and how we are witnessing increased investments in high-risk, disruptive innovations in the sectors of climate and health, which do not attract a lot of private sector funding otherwise
- Challenges associated with power, such as losses and storage, were discussed
  and how technology can act as a solution to these. In the spirit of aligning itself
  with strategies to mitigate global warming, TCS aims to become net zero by the
  year 2030 and Dell has planned that by 2030, for every product a customer buys,
  they will recycle another product

#### **Dror Bin**

CEO, Israel Innovation Authority

#### Hani Khalaf

CTO, IoT and Digital Cities, Dell Technologies, UAE

#### Sumanta Roy

Vice President and Regional head, Middle East, Africa, and Mediterranean, Tata Consultancy Services, UAE





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### Tech Winter 2022 - End of Good Times?

- Start-ups need both responsible funders that prompt shared learning and collaboration; and responsible founders who are innovative but with sustainable business models
- Tech winter is a massive roadblock for the start-up ecosystem, an animal tech spirit will be required to build on the capital and solutions for the challenges that lie ahead, focus on understanding the target market, and continue to innovate
- It was emphasised that India is the place to invest; apart from building products, capital allocation is important for founders and rationality is important for businesses to thrive

#### Sanjay Nayar

Senior Advisor, KKR

#### Saurabh Garg

Co-Founder and CBO, NoBroker

#### Abhimanyu Munjal

Jt. Managing Director & CEO, HeroFinCorp

#### **Gaurav Biswas**

Founder & CEO, TruKKer





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## Borderless Ambitions — Globalising the India Stack

- India is on its way to become data rich before becoming economically rich
- Examples of Justpay and Phonepay were quoted to represent start-ups which earn through the additional services provided along with UPI on the existing platform – the session also discussed the revenue models for an application that is free
- With increasing usage of digital products and services India's data privacy mechanism was discussed

#### **Prashanth Prakash**

Founding Partner Accel Partners India

#### Sanjay Jain

Partner at Bharat Innovation Fund & Chief Innovation Officer at CIIE





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## Trendspotting: Metaverse and Web 3.0 — A New World of Opportunities or a Fool's Errand?

- Metaverse is easier to understand, Web 3.0 is more complicated to understand, and adoption strategies for it might be a challenge in the future
- Simplifying the constituents of Web 3.0, it was noted that in Web 1.0 we could just see and read information. In Web 2.0 we could write and take part, for instance with Facebook or Instagram. In Web 3.0 we can own assets and it has less accountability
- UAE has been the fastest growing region for implementing Web 3.0 blockchain, AI, and digital assets. We will see what the UAE does, and other countries will follow suit. Web 3.0 is a world of decentralisation and creative immersiveness

#### Nikhil Kamath

Co-Founder, Zerodha, True Beacon and Gruhas

#### Jaynti Kanani

Co-Founder, Polygon Technology

#### Prateek Dwivedi

Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer, 5ire

#### Nikita Sachdev

Founder & CEO, Luna Media





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## 2023 Investment Outlook - Light at the End of the Tunnel?

- The session covered a wide array of thematic areas of discussion, including the
  volatility of the market in the post-pandemic era, establishing new businesses
  in the current investment ecosystem, and delved deep into the fundamentals to
  consider while entering the market with a new start-up
- Start-ups are focusing on quality and investors are taking more time to invest
  and conduct due diligence to make sure the businesses they are investing in
  are of high quality as 'slow is good, fast is bad, most of the time'. The time is
  ripe to build a company due to less competition, and available talent, and where
  entrepreneurs can take their time to build quality products
- Whereas 2022 has also been considered the best year of growth in India looking at the consumption story which is extremely strong right now; keeping aside the discussion on funding, rounds, evaluations, and focusing on the business fundamentals, which is what all entrepreneurs should be doing all the time, then it has never been a better time to be an entrepreneur in India
- Asked about the investment landscape, it was stated that the right kind of businesses start in these kinds of markets, but also highlighted the importance of realistic and measured approach

#### Karan Mohla

Partner, B Capital, India

#### **Gautam Shroff**

MD & Head-ICG, Nuvama

#### Rajan Anandan

MD, Sequoia India & Southeast Asia and Surge

#### Lakshmi Saroja Yeramilli

Founder and CEO, Melorra







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### **Navigating Turbulent Times**

- The deliberation mentioned keeping up with the start-up culture, long-term business growth, company culture and morale, industry specifics, righteous strategic planning and highlighted factors which start-ups can lean upon during absence of capital
- It was expressed that a quarter of the top 100 companies in India over the next decade will be tech companies
- Stating on ethical business practices, it was expressed that for every ecosystem, whether it is start-ups or last-stage companies, to build enduring companies, which will last decades, there must be very good governance mechanisms in place

#### **Shailendra Singh**

Managing Director, Sequoia Capital. Singapore & Southeast Asia

#### Sreeram Reddy Vanga

Co-Founder, Kofluence

#### **Ashish Jhina**

Co-Founder and COO, Jumbotail Technologies

#### Dr Naveen Singh

Founder & CEO, INERY Pte. Ltd.

#### **Mohit Kumar**

Founder & CEO, Ultrahuman

#### Nick Horowitz

Co-Founder, Founders Makers





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## Partners in Disruption and Innovation

- This spotlight session witnessed a lively conversation around the opportunities for collaboration and co-creation between the two countries and how the India Stack has a lot to offer the Global South
- The India Stack today represents an opportunity for the Global South; countries
  that have in a sense been left behind or have not been able to afford the
  digitisation that other advanced nations have been able to invest in, gain an
  opportunity to rapidly climb up the ladder of digitalisation
- The 'incredible' innovative edge of the India Stack was lauded and the UAE's
  vision of working with India in this sector, alongside other areas of partnership,
  were spoken off. It was also mentioned that India's fingerprints are globally
  present. If you look at any company, any tech company, any solution that people
  use today, and if you dig deep to find an Indian at its core

#### H.E. Omar Sultan Al Olama

Minister of State for AI, Digital Economy and Remote Work Applications, Government of the UAE

#### Hon Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India



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What India Stack provides is a no-excuse mandate for countries that say it can't be done, whether small or big. A country the size of India was able to implement is something that cutting-edge within less than a decade. I cannot state how incredible that is. And, it was not an imported solution, it was built from scratch.

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Minister of State for AI, Digital
Economy and Remote Work
Applications, Government of the UAE





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## Straight talk on tech trends and investment: Tech-Scape – What's in store for 2023?

- In this macro-economic world that we are living in, there has been a lot of disruption in capital markets, public markets, and private markets; and at the heart of all this disruption lies a massive opportunity
- During the pandemic, inflation peaked, consumer spending peaked, and the time spent on media and tech peaked at unprecedented levels
- And in these unprecedented, peaked levels the companies & sectors that will really lead & capitalise are the ones which can perform efficiently, not by burning capital but by building solid capital businesses

#### **Umang Bedi**

Co-Founder, VerSe Innovation (Dailyhunt and Josh)



There will be a proliferation in my mind of three or four technological elements – 5G, AI, Metaverse - transforming consumption experience and lastly commerce pivoting into video-based and social-based experiences.

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### **Global Disruptors Series**

- India is no longer a destination for cheap outsourcing, but a place where tech talent can drive companies domestically and globally
- Businesses are looking to supply customers with products that are innovative and tech enriched. There is a huge demand globally for unlocking of the potential of software
- Covid has been an enabler for lots of innovation, wherein pilots for new financial
  payments are ongoing in India, with UK and UAE markets lined up next. UPI is one
  of the innovations that India created, because of which we can scale up faster

#### Sachin Dev Duggal

Chief Wizard and Co-Founder, Builder.ai

#### Ravi Gupta

Founder, Safexpay





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## Bridging the Opportunity Gap: Using Digital for Economic and Social Impact

- Four areas to consider in closing the digital divide: access, skills, motivation and confidence
- The tech world believes in longer jumps digital and Al help our businesses run faster, change better, and grow stronger. There is a huge breadth of opportunities which Al is offering, and people are leveraging it more and more deeply
- UK- INDIA FTA will be in effect by Diwali. Talent flows should happen in a much more seamless fashion including data protection and collaboration between universities

**Amit Kapur** 

Country Head (UK & Ireland), TCS

Jinender Jain

Sr. VP and Head of Sales (UKI), Tech Mahindra





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## Two Titans of the Digital Global Economy

- BT's biggest hub outside the UK is in India. We have got to make it easier for both countries to work together
- There's no problem, Indians think we cannot solve. The bigger the problem, the more energized we are. As a country, there's a grit built into you
- At the core of our BT strategy is digitizing the whole company. One of the biggest advantages that we want to play on is our presence in India because that's one of the largest digital skill hubs in the world

#### Harmeen Mehta

Chief Digital & Innovation Officer, BT



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## Reimagine Series: Shaping the Future of Digital in the UK-India Relationship

- Both India and the UK want to dramatically expand the innovation economy and the future of tech will be determined by collaborative efforts. India wants to reach 25 per cent of the total economy as digitally based
- In the growth of the internet and big tech influence, we are at an inflection point.
   Safety and trust will be paramount, and India can't do that alone, we need to work with partner countries in shaping the future of a secure internet
- We as policymakers must look at data from the prism of user safety of the internet, which is designed to be a force of good, but also represents a force of user harm and online safety challenges

#### Hon Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India





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### **India: Start-Up Nation**

- Start-up owners need support from the government in what they believe in.
   Therefore, we find in India a government which has been investing the maximum across the world in terms of both machinery and finance in its domestic start-up ecosystem
- There is a lot of dependency on China for components, especially EV cells. With the adoption of electric vehicles in India, we really need to up our game and make supply chains indigenous and source for alternate materials
- Today we have around 5 million eCommerce sellers across India, we understand how businesses operate on the ground that's the scale the Indian eCommerce sector is operating on

#### **Mohandas Pai**

Chairman, Manipal Global Education

#### Varun Agni

CTO & Co-Founder, Bounce

#### Sathvik Vishwanath

Founder & CEO, Unocoin

#### **Suumit Shah**

Founder & CEO, Dukaan





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### Financing India's Global Future

- With the lockdown India managed 45 unicorns within 2 years. That's the power of youth. The power of idea with 14 champion sectors chosen, we will have that additional strength and leverage on the technology skills that India possess
- In the 75th year of our independence, the next 25 years are very critical to India's
  development; therefore, the 2022 budget is there to encourage the power of
  youth, the power of entrepreneurs. The budget has a unique announcement of
  the setting up of 75 Digital Banking Units throughout the country. The government
  wants the citizens to benefit from digital banks and push for larger transactions
  between countries via digital currency
- The budget takes the formulation that capital expenditure through public building of infrastructure is the only route through which our recovery can be expedited. The budget facilitates the basic framework of infrastructure whether its optical fibre, framework for industrial revolution 4.0 or deep dive in deep tech

#### **Hon Nirmala Sitharaman**

Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India



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2 years after Covid, we have given free food grains to the poor. This directly makes a difference to the daily livelihood of a person. The way in which India addresses its demand-sized issue is to look at the bottom layer of our population.

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## Nirmala Sitharaman

Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Government of India





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### Made in Karnataka – Global Unicorn Breeding Ground

- The state of Karnataka is a place where technology and innovation is encouraged and has received worldwide recognition. Innovation, technology, entrepreneurship has become a culture & has been the state's strength which has become the most happening place for entrepreneurship
- The first Indian state to come up with an IT policy, start-up policy, etc. and in the
  future Karnataka will be an established digital economy. The state has already
  received a recognition level where Bengaluru is now known as Silicon Valley of
  India and when it comes to skilled manpower numbers, Bengaluru stats are far
  higher than the USA's Silicon Valley
- The state of Karnataka has been very fertile for entrepreneurship, start-ups and innovation. Even historically it has been a scientific state, which has been its strength. The talent pool of the state and entrepreneurship spirit can facilitate and encourage much more to happen. The state government has come up with many incentives and policies to encourage diverse talent so that we remain second to none

#### Hon Dr. Ashwath Narayan C N

Minister of Science and Technology, Higher Education and Information Technology, Biotechnology, Government of Karnataka





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## Making Digital Healthcare Accessible for All Boardroom Initiative

Mission: To bring together leading private sector and government figures to address the challenges of creating healthcare systems and collaborative opportunities fit for the future.

- The COVID-19 pandemic challenged healthcare systems across the world and exposed the gaps that need to be addressed in each of them to increase their adaptability, resourcefulness, and resilience
- Given India's large population and diversity in culture and geography, the
  healthcare system in the country aims to digitise itself equitably and shift its focus
  towards providing preventive, promotive and palliative care
- Being a country with a major rural-urban divide, where healthcare is concentrated in the top 5 metropolitan cities, India's public and private healthcare can benefit from digitalisation to ensure seamless access to healthcare that can surpass geographical difficulties
- Innovation-based ecosystems that include artificial intelligence, for instance, emerge as key to speeding up the establishment of a regulated and standardised digital infrastructure for healthcare in both India and the UK
- There needs to be a fair identification and evaluation of perceived and real barriers towards the digitalisation of healthcare





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## Founders and Funders Downing Street Reception

As part of our Reimagine@75 UK-India Week 2022, a delegation of 30 of India's leading startups and investors were granted access to No 10 Downing Street for a special reception in the presence of Prime Minister Boris Johnson. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar represented the Indian government whilst Paul Scully MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy also represented the UK government.

The event featured a roundtable breakfast discussion covering:

- Future collaborations and partnerships between India and Britain in the innovation and technology sectors. Chandrasekhar said both India and the UK want to dramatically expand the innovation economy
- Collaboration to ensure safety and trust for users in cyberspace. Participants
  agreed that safety and trust would be paramount with Chandrasekhar emphasizing
  that India is keen to work with partner countries like the UK in shaping the future of
  a secure internet.



# Narratives on Leadership

Every successful and strategic venture begins with a mission and a vision, inclusive of the influence, guidance, and expertise of individuals who embody the resilience, resources, and the ability to direct and lead. According to a survey by BCG, around 93 per cent of employees insist on the need for generative leadership in the future of work. India Global Forum recognises the agency and talent imbibed by business leaders, ministers, thought leaders, entrepreneurs, and investors, and provides them with a platform to enhance their network and jurisdiction, inspire positive social impact, and channel innovation.

We have hosted numerous inspiring voices and kinetic journeys on our forum from across sectors and geographies last year to promote their achievements and their vision for the future.





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## Fireside Chat: A Seat at the Table – Women on the Global Stage

- The UAE have the most female representation in the public sector in the Middle East region, where two thirds of all employees are female, and 30 per cent of them are in senior leadership positions. However, there needs to be more improvement in gender equity in the business sector in the UAE
- Gender equality in organisations need to be driven through policies, especially
  by taking measures to challenge unconscious bias against women's performance
  at the workplace, encourage underrepresented communities to climb the ladder,
  and hire people based on their 'qualifications'
- Organisations should start challenging conventional leadership styles and become more open to collaborative and team-oriented leadership in order to create better and inclusive workplaces for the future

#### H.E. Meghan Gregonis

Consul General of the United States of America in Dubai, Government of the USA



We need to really be speaking truth to power, that's important, because that unconscious bias does still exist and we need to keep working together to improve the situation not just for women, but others coming from non-traditional backgrounds.

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## Spearheading Female Leadership and Securing the Talent Pipeline

- COVID-19 has disproportionately affected women and girls, especially on the socioeconomic front, with remote work burdening most women to deliver on their role as both professionals and caregivers
- Modern workplaces are striving towards becoming gender sensitive, but evidence-based and data-based long-term strategies are integral in driving gender equality and gender transformation at the core of any organisation
- Within organisations and the private space, women need good mentors who
  can guide them to understand and develop their potential into becoming future
  leaders while simultaneously challenging cultural assumptions, stereotypes, and
  representation of women in the media

#### Dr Supriya Kummamuru

Chief Technology Officer Middle East and Africa, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

#### Jiten Vyas

Chief Commercial Officer and Member of the Executive Board, VFS Global

#### Noha Hefny

Founder and CEO, People of Impact,

#### Harshvendra Soin

Global Chief People Officer and Head of Marketing, Tech Mahindra





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## Surviving to Thriving with Arianna Huffington

- The possibility of integrating the ancient wisdom of India, especially in the context
  of the pandemic, to build resilience into our existing systems and redefining our
  modern business metrics needs to be taken up
- Employee well-being needs to be viewed as a business strategy by companies as data and evidence show that it positively impacts productivity and profits
- Investments into the development and utilization of technologies that use AI to monitor employee well-being in modern workplaces can be made

#### **Arianna Huffington**

Founder and CEO, Thrive Global

#### Prof. Manoj Ladwa

Founder & CEO, India Global Forum

#### Srinivasa Rao

Global Vice Chair, Global Delivery Services EY



The way to change human behaviour is through micro steps, tiny incremental daily steps that lead to cumulatively healthier habits.







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### 'A Disruption' by Dr Shashi Tharoor

- The current Government of India utilised the potential of social media as a disruptive medium to challenge the mainstream narrative and build an audience in support of their leadership
- There exists a need to debate on the authority and accountability of social media platforms in controlling misinformation and hate speech, and how the regulation of the right to freedom of speech applies online in different cultural contexts
- In the context of Russia's war on Ukraine, Russia will no longer remain a reliable ally to India given that it is dependent on China, who is India's primary adversary

#### Hon Dr Shashi Tharoor

Member of Parliament for Thiruvananthapuram, Lok Sabha, India



Every society has to be aware of how it came to where it is today, and a sense of history is, I believe, important for every society. But to use history to continue to affect the present and the future, is unwise.

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### Inspiring Journeys: Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

- For women entrepreneurs in a developing country such as India, access to capital, talent and technology, and cultural biases continue to remain the greatest barriers to success
- Biocon is one among the first companies led by a woman to be approved by the US FDA for two biosimilar drugs and to get an interchangeable label for insulin by the US FDA
- At present, governments across the world are investing in women entrepreneurs, empowering women, and working towards a gender balanced economy as compared to the past

#### Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

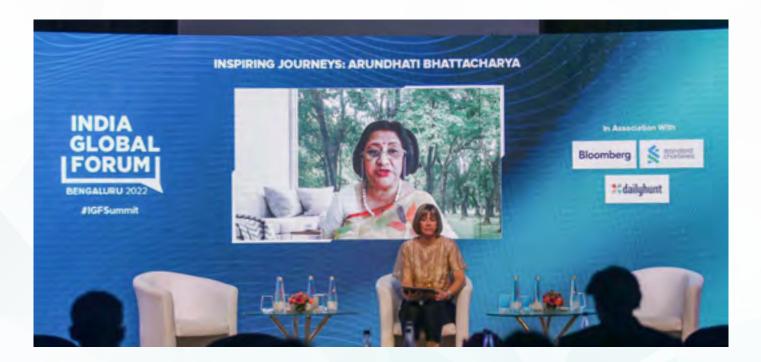
Executive Chairperson – Biocon Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited



A gender balanced economy is a smart economy, because it is smart and sustainable, and I really believe that without the inclusion of women in the economic mainstream and the economy in general, none of the SDG goals will be delivered







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### Inspiring Journeys: Arundhati Bhattacharya

- In India, while women make it to entry level positions in organizations, only few women climb the ladder to occupy senior-level executive positions as they tend to lose out on some years in their career while simultaneously fulfilling their role as primary caregivers
- Vishakha Act, which was enacted in 1997 by the Supreme Court of India, is testament that there are legal institutions in place that protect women against harassment and violation in the workplace in the present times

#### Arundhati Bhattacharya

Chairperson and CEO, Salesforce India



I think every single woman who is managing a career and family, all of them need to be indomitable some way or the other.

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## Beyond the Boom: Building a Lasting Legacy for Nykaa

- Consumer-focused business practices, technological innovation, and pacing up with impactful consumption trends have been instrumental in driving Nykaa's success story
- Indian consumers have been responsive to global trends, and in the context of beauty, they have been especially responsive to 'clean beauty'. Nykaa aims to build on that consciousness, by helping consumers make good choices and be aware of which beauty products are vegan, cruelty-free, skin-friendly etc
- The Indian expat population in the UK is a consumer market that Nykaa aims to venture into as an 'aspirational' and 'affordable' brand in the future

#### **Anchit Nayar**

CEO, Beauty E-commerce, Nykaa

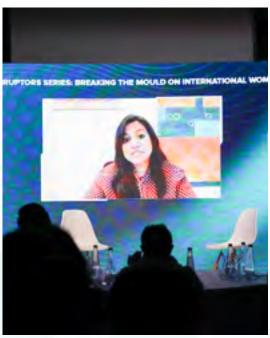


There was a trend of Korean beauty, Japanese beauty, we are strong believers that Indian beauty can be the next global trend, led by Ayurvedic brands.

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## Global Disrupters Series: Breaking the Mould on International Women's Day

- The evolution of the start-up ecosystem in India provided opportunities for businesses to create impactful products and services, and to stay relevant within their consumer segment
- Byju's has been instrumental in driving online education in India, with their Education-for-All programme providing 3 million students with free education, among which 50 per cent of the students are girls
- Product-led brands today are immensely supported by social media and online marketing, as it helps them form a compelling narrative and a loyal audience

#### **Shradha Sharma**

Founder and CEO, YourStory

#### Divya Gokulnath

Co-Founder, BYJU's

#### Vineeta Singh

Co-Founder & CEO, SUGAR Cosmetics





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### **Education and Skills Boardroom Initiative**

Mission: Enabling employability for Bharat through inclusive public-private sector collaboration.

- Given that 70 per cent of the Indian population reside in rural areas, there is a need to channel alternative avenues that can generate diverse employment opportunities
- There is a need for policy interventions in labour intensive industries, where training modules and skill deployment need to be made systematic, digital, behaviourally relevant, and attuned to the diverse aspirations of the Indian youth
- Skill academies supported by industry collaborations, apprenticeships, and a structured curriculum in new technologies are pragmatic strategies that can help the youth understand the value of gaining modern skills during their education
- The recent rise of the passion economy and internet jobs, especially among the
  urban youth, has resulted in shifting mindsets; people's career choices are driven
  by return on investment (ROI), a prioritisation of lifelong learning, and adoption of
  new business models in entrepreneurship
- Taking inspiration from the Swiss education model, skill opportunities such as internships need to be equally distributed, which can ensure that the learning environment is suitable for everyone, including people of disabilities



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Ultimately, however strong our shared history, those of us who care about the relationship between the country of our origin and the nation we call home, must avoid falling into the trap of nostalgia. India is not looking to the past, and nor can we. We need to move forward.

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Hon. Rishi Sunak

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Government of the UK







#### **UK-India Awards**

The culmination of India Global Forum's UK-India Week is the glittering 'black-tie' evening Gala Dinner and Awards for 400 guests hosted by Britain's celebrated impressionist and comedian Rory Bremner at the iconic Fairmont Windsor Park.

The 4th UK-India Awards, celebrated and toasted all those companies, organisations and individuals working tirelessly to make the UK-India partnership a winning proposition across all sectors. The Former UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak delivered a keynote speech on the UK-India partnership before presenting Awards to the worthy winner.

### **Winners**

Investment of the Year

**RELIANCE INDUSTRIES** 

New Market Entrant of the Year

TIDE PLATFORM LTD.

Technology Company of the Year

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Legal Practice of the Year

**CYRIL AMARCHAND MANGALDAS** 

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

Lifetime Achievement Award

ADAR POONAWALLA

Financial Services Organisation of the Year

**ICICI BANK UK PLC** 

Consultancy of the Year

**GRANT THORNTON UK LLP** 

Business Promotion Organisation of the Year

**WEST MIDLANDS GROWTH COMPANY** 

Social Impact Project of the Year

THE AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION UK

Significant Contribution to UK-India Relations

RT HON BARONESS USHA PRASHAR CBE

Special Award for Contribution to Arts & Culture

**KANIKA KAPOOR** 







#### **UAE-India Awards**

India Global Forum held the first ever UAE-India Awards at the Taj Exotica Resort & Spa, The Palm, Dubai on 15 December 2022. The UAE-India Awards is a premier 'black-tie' evening celebrating the dynamic partnership between the UAE and India with a star studded cast of VIP guests, celebrities and influential figures from the world of business, politics, and the arts.

### Winners

Investment of the Year

**EMAAR** 

New Market Entrant of the Year

**LENSKART** 

Technology Company of the Year

TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Legal Practice of the Year

**CYRIL AMARCHAND MANGALDAS** 

Banking Organisation of the Year

**EMIRATES NBD** 

CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE

IGF Lifetime Contribution to UAE-India Relations

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IGF Special Award for Contribution to Cultural Understanding

BAPS HINDU MANDIR, ABU DHABI

Investor in Climate Action Award

**OLA ELECTRIC** 

Business Promotion Organisation of the Year

**DUBAI CHAMBERS** 

Social Impact Project of the Year

FAIZAL AND SHABANA FOUNDATION

Social Impact Project of the Year

**ASTER DM HEALTHCARE** 

IGF Significant Contribution to UAE-India Relations

H.E. AMBASSADOR DR AHMED AL BANNA

IGF UAE Young Leader of the Year Award

**ALISHA MOOPEN** 







India Global Forum - The New India Inc. to be held in Bengaluru for the first time ever on 7-8 March 2022



'The New India Inc' to be held 1st time in Bengaluru on March 7-8



India Global Forum to bring together leaders of new unicorns and Union ministers



India story is driven by its people and its businesses: Manoj Ladwa, Chairman of India Inc



75 Women Entrepreneurs in India to Be Supported by India Global Forum



Eager to secure trade deal with India, says U.K. Home Secretary Suella Braverman



UK Home Secy, MPs raise pitch for FTA at Diwali event



UK-India Week 2022: Reimagining true potential of a winning partnership



We see clear advantages in a central bank driven digital currency:

Nirmala Sitharaman



UK-India Week opens in London with creative industries focus



Singer Kanika Kapoor, Baroness Usha Prashar Among Winners of UK-India Awards 2022



UK a rewarding karma bhoomi, says Rishi Sunak on British Indian heritage







UK, India on track to dramatically expand innovation economies



Rajeev Chandrasekhar Meets British Pm To Discuss Collaborations In Innovation & Technology



Antibiotic research tie-up with India will tackle world's big health threat: UK Minister



UK announces 75 scholarships for Indian students on 75th year of Independence



Jaishankar To Inaugurate India Global Forum 2022 In Dubai



India calls for ramping up scope, scale and speed of climate finance



How can you address climate change without addressing soil, asks Sadhguru in India Global Forum's Climate Summit



Climate neutrality: Infosys set an example by becoming carbon neutral company in 2020, says its president Mohit Joshi



Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav highlights the need for climate finance to meet energy goals



Inspiring Leaders,
Organisations win Big at the
First-Ever UAE-India Awards



UAE 'Partner Of Choice' As India Becomes Tech Builder

Business Standard

India will chart its own course on future of internet: Chandrasekhar







"Must Focus On Mindful Consumption, Not Mindless Utilisation": Environment Minister At India Global Forum



India Global Forum: India Stack To Evolve As Partners Increase, Says Rajeev Chandrasekhar



UK-India Week 2022 Day 2: Scope, scale, speed key to unlock climate finance, says India



India-UK 'Full FTA' Likely By Diwali: Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal



India Global Forum: India and UAE discuss space and education but 'new agenda is also coming' up



UK very supportive of India playing a leading role globally: Chancellor Sunak



UK, India on Track to Dramatically Expand Innovation Economies



There is no tech winter in India, says Chandrasekhar



People-to-people relationship makes UAE-India ties special: Reem Al Hashimy



India can play bridging role in world divided over Ukraine, development: EAM



'India, UAE to shape changing world'



UK, India on track to dramatically expand innovation economies

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India Global Forum is a real symbol of the great contribution British Asians and Indians make at the world stage.

#### Suella Braverman

Secretary of State for the Home Department, Government of the UK

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India Global Forum plays a very important and critical role in taking the possibilities of a good relationship between India and UK and really translating that into actual conversations about where that relationship ought to go and what kind of outcomes that relationship should have.

### Dr Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Minister of State for Skill Development, Entrepreneurship, Electronics and IT, Government of India





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India Global Forum has been a great platform to interact with a variety of people and stakeholders and the variety of knowledge and skills which they all bring together. From my perspective, all this brings a lot of learning and knowledge to me as well.

#### Meenakashi Lekhi

Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Government of India

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We need to get the conversation into the 21st century. Whether it is in terms of new kinds of creative industries or in sports beyond cricket or getting new writers from both countries to meet each other, there is a whole new world that we can explore. There is an opportunity to reimagine a cultural relationship for the 21st century and a platform like IGF is a great way to get going with it.

# Sanjeev Sanyal

Principal Economic Advisor, Government of India







I am glad that IGF has put women's leadership on the agenda. It's a really important topic and my main point is that women can do it, they need to have the confidence to take on the really tough jobs and keep moving forward.

## **Meghan Gregonis**

United States Consul General in Dubai, Government of the USA

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The India-UAE relationship is branching out into several non-traditional areas and that's the beauty of this relationship. The untapped potential which is being supported by India Inc., the Indian community and Government. A platform like IGF is very important to explore these areas to exchange ideas and translate them into figures.



Ambassador of India to UAE, Government of India





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I found the Forum very enriching for me. I met many interesting people and was exposed to many thoughts, ideas that I did not think about. The sessions are very deep, constructive and insightful

#### Ron Malka

Former Director General, Ministry of Economy and Industry, Government of Israel

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I'm glad to be back here for the second time running and I see it's much bigger with much wider representation. I had multiple interactions which were very useful as a financial institution to further the India-UAE partnership.

# Neeraj Makin

Senior Executive Vice President, group Head-International & Group Strategy, Emirates NBD







IGF is a great networking forum, very professionally organised. It's a good learning experience and it's where the 'IPs' from around the world come together at one forum.

**Zubin Karkaria**Founder & CEO, VFS Global

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IGF in Dubai has been great because we have met new people. For us the Middle East is an important region and IGF has enabled us to make those connections and have meaningful conversations. That has been amazing.

# Sachin Dev Duggal

Chief Wizard and Co-Founder, Builder.ai





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The India Global Forum is unique. It's almost like the Davos of the east. It has the ability of bringing in this very eclectic mix of start-up founders, large organisations, government, politicians, bureaucrats, and a lot of equal system enablers with investors as well.

# **Umang Bedi**

Co-Founder, VerSe Innovation

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This platform is ideal to cement the relationship between India and the UAE. I am pleasantly surprised to see the kind of conversations on how do we partner and invest in the UAE and vice versa.

# **Abhimanyu Munjal**

Jt. Managing Director & CEO, Hero Fincorp







I believe that the combination of the large-scale Indian market with the economies of the UAE and Israel, the innovation, the challenges that we are all facing, together we can do amazing things and thank you for IGF for providing the platform to meet and discuss those topics.

# **Dror Bin**

CEO, Israel Innovation Authority

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I love that the IGF agenda is very current. Even if we're not from India or the UAE, we are getting a global outlook and how key leaders are addressing it from across sectors, public and private. Congratulations on an amazing forum, looking forward to being involved in the future.

# **Noha Hefny**

Founder and CEO, People of Impact





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India Global Forum helps in bridging the gap between the government and private sector – where you can get to connect face to face. This is very critical in achieving the Prime Minister's vision of a 'One trillion dollar digital economy', and these kinds of events help us get there.

#### Harsh Jain

CEO & Co-Founder, Dream11 & Dream Sports

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Heard about IGF many times. The event is just awesome because it's about sustainability it's all about financing sustainability and about companies making promises. It's about the three 'I's' — from Intent to Implement to Innovate.

# Kishore Jayaraman

President, India & South Asia, Rolls Royce







The Founders and Funders Forum is a great way to network, especially for somebody who is starting a new thing in a new geography. I would recommend that whoever can, should definitely become a part of IGF and attend every year.

## **Nikhil Kamath**

Co-Founder, Zerodha, True Beacon and Gruhas

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Great to participate at such an important forum like IGF, where we are trying to create a new India, a new UK and to explore the opportunities and the potential we can tap into between the two countries – I think that's what is exciting for me.

#### Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Executive Chairperson – Biocon, Limited and Biocon Biologics Limited





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IGF really lives up to that tagline of 'India meets the World and the World meets India'. It's a great platform because you're talking about what a billion people in India experience and how we see the world, kind of connecting those dots, it's phenomenal.

# Alisha Moopen

Deputy Managing Director, Aster DM Healthcare

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IGF is an incredible event and I think there's really nothing like it in the world that I've seen. You've got some of the brightest minds from the UK as well as from India who've come a long way to be part of this forum. Communication is obviously critical, and you know conferences like these is where we get to spend a lot of time with one another and get to know each other on a personal level.

# **Anchit Nayar**

CEO, Beauty E-Commerce, Nykaa







I've seen IGF from its genesis and followed Manoj's story right from the beginning. It fills me with pride to see how he has made IGF a platform for policy and networking and for the right companies to make the right money. It is an excellent enabler. It is where actual business happens, actual conversion happens.

# Vivek Oberoi Actor and Investor

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I am very excited about this initiative (India Global Forum) and I am amazed by the kind of people they have been able to bring together from decision makers in the government, to a lot of industry veterans and the younger companies. I think when the three come together, there are lot of innovative ideas that can come out of this.



Co-Founder & CEO, SUGAR Cosmetics





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IGF is one of the most professionally organised events I have seen in a long time. What really stuck out was the relevance of the topics, quality of the speakers, quality of the moderators and I must compliment IGF for that.

#### Harshvendra Soin

Global Chief People Officer & Head of Marketing, Tech Mahindra

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This is my first time at the IGF and I met a lot of new people, both founders as well as funders. I believe there is an amazing opportunity for companies to build something in the India-UAE corridor.

# Upasana Taku

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