



Confederation of Indian Industry



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Theme: Building Partnerships for Asia's Next Growth Story

Summit Agenda

29 September	
0830 - 0930 hrs	Registration & Networking
0930 – 1030 hrs (60 mins)	INAUGURAL SESSION Beyond Borders: The Natural Alliance of South India and Asia The session will set the context for NAMASTE ASIA 2026, highlighting South India's strategic position as a gateway to Asia. It will explore the region's historical, economic and cultural linkages with South, Southeast and East Asia, and the opportunities to build stronger partnerships in trade, investment, technology, manufacturing, innovation and sustainable development.
1030 – 1045 hrs	Tea Break
1045 – 1215 hrs (60 mins + 30 min)	SESSION I SOUTH INDIA & SOUTH ASIA Strengthening Regional Value Chains <i>Bangladesh • Bhutan • Maldives • Nepal • Sri Lanka</i> The session will examine the opportunities arising from South India's geographic proximity and longstanding economic, cultural and maritime linkages with South Asia. It will explore how complementary economic strengths, emerging areas of opportunity and shared development priorities can be leveraged to expand trade, investment and business partnerships.
1045 – 1145 hrs (60 mins)	Industry Leaders' Dialogue
1145 – 1215 hrs (30 mins)	Diplomatic Perspectives
1215 – 1315 hrs	SESSION II SOUTH INDIA South India's Economic Boom: Unveiling Trade & Investment Opportunities <i>Andhra Pradesh • Karnataka • Kerala • Puducherry • Tamil Nadu • Telangana</i>



	A focused dialogue on South India's investment proposition, highlighting manufacturing, electronics, automobiles, renewable energy, technology, logistics, healthcare, tourism and emerging industries. The session will showcase state-level opportunities, industrial ecosystems and infrastructure strengths, while examining avenues for international investment and partnerships across the region.
1315 – 1415 hrs	Lunch & Networking
1415 – 1545 hrs (60 mins + 30 min)	SESSION III SOUTH INDIA & EAST ASIA Advancing Technology, Innovation & Industrial Excellence <i>China • Japan • Republic of Korea • Hong Kong • Taiwan</i> The session will focus on strengthening technology, innovation and investment partnerships between South India and East Asia, leveraging the complementary strengths of the two regions. Discussions will explore opportunities across advanced manufacturing, electronics, digital technologies, mobility, research and innovation, while examining avenues for technology collaboration, investment and deeper integration into regional and global value chains.
1415 – 1515 hrs (60 mins)	Industry Leaders' Dialogue
1515 -1545 hrs (30 mins)	Diplomatic Perspectives
1545 – 1600 hrs	Tea Break
1600 – 1730 Hrs (60 mins + 30 min)	SESSION IV SOUTH INDIA & SOUTHEAST ASIA Driving Manufacturing & Supply Chain Partnerships <i>Brunei • Cambodia • Indonesia • Malaysia • Myanmar • Philippines • Singapore • Thailand • Viet Nam</i> The session will examine how South India and Southeast Asia can deepen trade, investment and production linkages through ASEAN–India economic frameworks. Key areas will include global value chains, advanced manufacturing, electronics, digital economy, logistics, food processing, renewable energy and services, with a focus on market access and new avenues for cross-border partnerships.
1600 – 1700 hrs (60 mins)	Industry Leaders' Dialogue
1700 – 1730 hrs (30 mins)	Diplomatic Perspectives