



The **Seventh India-US Track II Dialogue** focused on the future of bilateral cooperation and collaboration between the two countries

INDIA-U.S. COOPERATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY: PATH AHEAD

According to Mr Jamshyd Godrej (Chairman, Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited and Co-Chair, India-U.S. Track II Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy) **“India has many challenges with regard to development. The last few decades of cooperation with the US have been**

useful and important part of India’s journey”. Mr John Podesta (Founder & Director, The Center For American Progress and Co-Chair, India-U.S. Track II Dialogue on Climate Change and Energy) appreciated the voluntary actions being taken in India towards a greener and more sustainable lifestyle. ☒

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16TH INDIA-KOREA STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

Participants at the '16th India-Korea Strategic Dialogue' discussed steps to upgrade the existing bilateral **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**. Korea offered to actively participate in India's diverse initiatives such as 'Digital India', 'Smart Cities',

'Clean Toilets and 'Electric Vehicles' and India was requested to streamline business licensing, approval processes and labour laws for foreign investors. Increase in number of flights and an exchange programme for students were also recommended. ✦

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Tarun Das, Founding Trustee, Ananta Aspen Centre and Chairman, Institute of Economic Growth; Jamshyd Godrej, Chairman of the Board, Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Company Ltd; Shai Babad, Director General, Israeli Ministry of Finance; Stanley Bergman, CEO and Chairman, Henry Schein

THE 10TH INDIA ISRAEL FORUM

The deliberations at the **10th meeting of the India-Israel Forum** held on 13th-14th November 2017 in Tel Aviv, Israel focussed on defence and security ties, water efficiency and food security, innovation and technology cooperation and the trajectory of the relationship going ahead.

The Forum recommended steps to strengthen this growing relationship and steps to harness Israeli technology for developing critical sectors in India including agriculture, water efficiency; cyberspace and data protection; space cooperation and big data analytics. ✦



THE WORLD ECONOMY: WATCH OUT FOR THE RESILIENCE TESTS

Mr Claude Smadja (President, Smadja & Smadja Strategic Advisory) opined that **global economy today provided reasons for optimism as well as caution.** He further stated that **“if Indian companies don’t invest in ‘smart manufacturing’ using high-end technologies like Artificial Intelligence, there is a risk of them being sidelined. However, he added that smart manufacturing will not solve the challenge of job creation.”** ❏

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THE CURRENT STATE OF INDIA-PAKISTAN RELATIONS

According to Mr. Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri (Former Foreign Minister of Pakistan) “India can’t be ignored as it is too important for Pakistan”. He stressed that **peace can only be through Composite Dialogue.** ❏



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KEY STAKEHOLDERS DEBATE THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY IN INDIA

Mishi Chaudhary, President, Software Freedom Law Center (SFLC.in); Baijayant Panda, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Trustee, Ananta Centre; Kiran Pasricha, CEO & Director Ananta Aspen Centre, Amit Malviya, Head BJP IT Cell; Usha Ramanathan, Independent Researcher



Several law and technology experts along with representatives from civil society, industry and other stakeholder groups discussed legal and technological issues related to **“Right to Privacy: What now?”** at a round table discussion chaired by Mr Baijayant Jay Panda, Member of Parliament and Trustee, Ananta Centre. Mr Panda had tabled a Private Member’s Bill on privacy and data protection during

the monsoon session of Parliament. Data protection, Informed Consent, the debate around Aadhar and the amalgamation of data for monetization were some of the issues discussed at length during the session. The session was convened in partnership with SLFC.in. **Participants stressed that privacy policies should be simple and concise and should refrain from over-using legal jargon.** ❏

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