India is now the centre of attraction for the world economy and very much on the path to become driver of global economy. It has demonstrated its ability to reconstruct new forms of partnership with the world. The Prime Minister’s visits to a number of countries across different continents indicate a renewed focus of the present government to redefine foreign policy. In addition, the “Act East” policy; “Connect Central Asia” policy; FTAs with ASEAN; negotiation for RCEP membership; a renewed focus on the neighbourhood policy; etc. further signify the foresightedness and ability to comprehend specific economic priorities in India’s foreign economic policy.

Some small but important steps of the current governments show that Indian is heading towards achieving a comprehensive global integration strategy in long term. However, more needs to be done.

To enunciate India’s growing importance in enhancing the ‘Global Economic Landscape’ as well as its relative position in the new world economic order as the Global Growth Engine, the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India in partnership with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Government of Andhra Pradesh is organizing its major international summit - The Partnership Summit 2018.

The 24th edition of the Summit aims to provide opportunities to look at how both advanced and emerging economies can collaborate and build new bridges to foster balanced and equitable growth.

The summit is a global platform for dialogue, deliberation and engagement among global leaders from all walks of life, towards a greater understanding of the forces that are shaping our world, the challenges that need global policy attention, and the responses that are required to manage changes effectively.
**KEY OBJECTIVES**

- To chart out the roadmap outlining priority areas
- To facilitate and attract investment
- To foster innovations and exploring new ways of creating value and novel business models
- To bring together various stakeholders to facilitate policy dialogue

**KEY SPEAKERS**

- Heads of State, Ministers, Chief Ministers and other policymakers
- International Political leaders
- Global Investors
- Entrepreneurs
- Academia and Think-tank
- Media Leaders
- Social Icons and Young Leaders
- Industry Leaders
- Investment Promotion Organizations
- Multilateral Organization
- Transformational Leaders
KEY OUTCOMES

- Recognize and felicitate SMEs, private and public sector industry champions for developing cutting edge technology, innovation, scale and adeptness
- Increased resonance of “Brand India” in the global mindscape
- Increased awareness among potential investors about investment opportunities in India
- Showcase “Andhra Pradesh” as the emerging investment destination
- Sharing of the policy landscape and the best practices among the participants
- Facilitate meetings through structured B2B Meetings between investors

KEY SESSIONS

- Sunrise Andhra Pradesh
- The Reform Calculus: Continuous Change for India
- Is World Trade on the comeback Trail? Buenos Aires and Beyond
- Future Sectors: Can India Lead Industry 4.0
- The Matrix of Skills: Leveraging India’s Workforce
- Redefining the Global Value Chain: Dynamic Workforce, New Consumers
- The New Geostrategic Dimension: India as Nodal Point
- Connectivity and Communication: Fast-tracking Infrastructure Development and Financing
- Starship Enterprise: The Universe of Startups
The mantra of the government is Reform, Perform and Transform. The entire effort is to transform India and bring about inclusive growth. Ministry is taking measure to bring down the time taken to obtain construction permits from over a year to 60 days. The Smart Cities Mission has led to an urban renaissance in the country and there is a new-found enthusiasm to improve urban conditions.

Venkaiah Naidu
Hon’ble Vice President of India

India’s growth are powered by 3 key directional shifts. These include the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhar, Mobile), GST and Demonetisation. The JAM trinity will help promote financial inclusion in the country. The GST, will make India into one large market and would go a long way in making doing business in India much easier. The formal economy was expanding at a rapid pace now and this would lead to much more revenue for the government.

Arun Jaitley
Hon’ble Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

GST will bring a revolution in the way businesses are done and investments are made in India. And in order to successfully implement the central government vision, it is important that all state governments co-operate with the private sector, neighboring states, technology providers and also the rest of the world.

Suresh Prabhu
Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry
I invite business from India and abroad to invest in the state and make it their second home. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth in the state was consistently outperforming the national average. It was 10.99% last year while overall GDP growth in India was 7.5%. The target was to touch 15% growth next year. The target of the state was to make Andhra Pradesh one the easiest states in India to do business. Referring to the 328 MoUs that were signed at the last Partnership Summit that was also held in Visakhapatnam in 2016, 50% of the MoUs have translated into projects. Rs 2,82,715 crore investments have come into the state in the last one year.

N Chandrababu Naidu
Hon’ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

The group had already invested Rs 10,000 crore in the state and was expecting to invest Rs 7,000 crore more over the next two years by way of expansion of their existing facilities.

Kumar Mangalam Birla
Chairman and Managing Director, Aditya Birla Group

The port of Visakhapatnam remains an arterial port connecting many manufacturing hubs and industrial clusters and so the Government has invested over Rs 6,000 crore in further developing the Visakhapatnam port. To reduce the logistics costs within the country the Government has taken up development of coastal economic zones through the Sagar Mala Project. This Sagar Mala project is expected to bring in investments of over Rs 8 lakh crore and generate over 1 crore employment.

Nitin Gadkari
Hon’ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

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