

2nd CII INDIA NORDIC BALTIC BUSINESS CONCLAVE

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Tracks:

 Futuristic Technologies

 Sustainability

 Future of Business

 Global Supply Chain Resilience

DAY ONE	
0930 Onwards	REGISTRATION
1100 – 1200 hrs	<p>INAUGURAL SESSION India – Nordic Baltic: Creating Partnership for Future</p> <p><i>All visiting Ministers will be seated on the stage</i></p> <p>Inaugural Address: Dr S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India</p>
1215 – 1315 hrs	<p>Session I Food Processing & Productivity: Next Practices</p>
	<p><i>India's food processing sector has grown to be a sunrise sector and offers enormous investment opportunities with stimulating growth, encouraging economic policies and attractive fiscal incentives. India's Agenda 2030, calls for cooperation between domestic and international stakeholders.</i></p> <p><i>How can cooperation between India and the Nordic Baltic nations provide support in the multilateral system addressing global challenges and providing a holistic approach to all three dimensions of sustainability- economic, social and environment? What are the best ways to share experiences, innovations and best practices in transforming food systems to more sustainable ones?</i></p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Oluf Zeilund Jessen, Vice President, International Development, DHI, Denmark • Mr. Abhinav Khare, Managing Director, GC Rieber Compact, Norway • Mr. Amit Sawhney, CEO, Kiz Foods Private Limited, India
1315 – 1400 hrs	LUNCH

1400 – 1500 hrs	SESSION II Arctic: Blue Economy and Maritime Cooperation
	<p><i>The efficient management of the blue economy can contribute to greater global supply chain resilience by promoting sustainable marine practices, encouraging innovation, facilitating greater connectivity and greater maritime cooperation between nations. India, with its vast coastline and strategic location in the Indian Ocean, is poised to harness the potential of the blue economy by embracing technology and addressing climate change. Nordic-Baltic countries have also placed great emphasis on the blue economy, given the sectors' potential for encouraging sustainable growth.</i></p> <p><i>What strategies can the two regions adopt to enhance cooperation in the sector for promoting greater supply chain resilience? What are the potential areas of cooperation, particularly in terms of technology and innovative practices, that can promote greater sustainable development between the regions?</i></p> <p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr. Vir Advani, Chairman CII International & Trade Policy Council & Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Blue Star Limited, India</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Mads Qvist Frederiksen, Director, Arctic Economic Council, Denmark • Mr. Rúni M. Hansen, Executive Chairman, Tjaldur (Mintra), Faroe Islands • Mr. Siddharth Swaminathan, Founder & CEO, REPLY, Iceland • Ms. Siri Carson, Director NTNU Oceans, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway • Mr. Sachin Kulkarni, Head, Marine Business - Wärtsilä Marine, South Asia

1500 – 1600 hrs	SESSION III: Renewable Energy Integration: Leveraging the Opportunity for Sustainable Future
	<p><i>India is the 3rd largest energy consuming country in the world. To ensure further renewable integration, the need of the hour calls for identification of resources, regulatory, policy and institutional support, energy storage and advance technology initiatives. The Nordic and Baltic Countries are among the most innovative and sustainable economies in the world, possessing all kinds of technology especially in the RE sector.</i></p> <p><i>How can Nordic-Baltic nations, along with other global leaders, support India to identify high priority clean energy related technologies? What policies and initiatives can be taken to contribute to the decarbonization in all stakeholder nations?</i></p> <p>Guest of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Ville Tavio, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Republic of Finland • H. E. Mr. Andreas Motzfeldt Kravik, State Secretary of Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Heli Antila, CEO, Chempolis, Finland • Mr. Bjarni Richter, Head of Marketing & Business Development, Iceland GeoSurvey, Iceland • Prof. Annik Magerholm Fet, Dept. of International Business, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway • Mr. Rishabh Khanna, Co-Founder and Chief Impact Officer, Earthbanc, Sweden • Mr. Gyanesh Chaudhary, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, Vikram Solar Limited, India

1600 – 1700 hrs	SESSION IV Collaboration for New Technologies: Transitioning together to Industry 5.0
	<p><i>The manufacturing sector is an important pillar of any country's economy. It contributes to employment, GDP growth, and exports. To increase productivity and efficiency of manufacturing, many businesses worldwide have already transitioned into Industry 4.0 with smart manufacturing, integrating advanced technologies such as automation, robotics, artificial intelligence (AI) and Internet of Things (IoT).</i></p> <p><i>With India emerging as an economic powerhouse with strong democratic credentials, how can cooperation with the Nordic and Baltic nations help India in become a developed nation by 2047? How can expanding relations between India and Nordic countries help in bolstering smart manufacturing in both regions?</i></p> <p>Guest of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Egidijus Meilūnas, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Snæbjørn Jacobsen, CEO, Stýr, Faroe Islands • Mr. John Jensen, Deputy Director General, COO, Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO), Denmark • Ms. Edda Sif Pind Aradóttir, CEO, Carbflix, Iceland • Dr. P N S V Narasimham, President and Head of Corporate functions, Cyient Ltd, India • Mr. Eirik Selnæs Sivertsen, Project manager small satellites - NTNU Oceans, Norway
1700 – 1800 hrs	Session V Green Financing: Structured Climate Financing for the Future
	<p><i>Climate finance remains critical to mitigating climate risks and securing a green, sustainable and climate resilient future. However, making significant progress towards achieving climate goals also requires structural solutions to issues with respect to funding, institutions, and financing tools. Disbursing timely funds will be critical for accelerating an inclusive and sustainable green transition, which will require concerted efforts from governments, international organizations, financial institutions, and private players.</i></p> <p><i>Given that India and the Nordic-Baltic countries share common goals of climate, energy, and innovation, how can the two regions drive greater funding and investments through greater collaboration and facilitate the global green transition? What strategies and solutions can the two regions develop in advancing climate action and mobilizing climate finance?</i></p>

	<p>Guest of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Niklas Wykman, Minister for Financial Markets, Republic of Sweden <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ulla E. Joensen, CEO, Electron, Faroe Islands • Mr. Tomas Hansson, Chairman, Geotropy, Iceland • Ms. Nina Fenton, Head of Regional Representation, South Asia, European Investment Bank, European Union • Mr. Per Lillebø, Chairman, Cambi AS, Norway • Mr. Ivar Björklund, Chief Commercial Officer, Collectius, Sweden • Ms. Manasi Pandey, Director & Interim Head for the International Subsidiaries Banking Business, HSBC, India • Dr. Harish K Ahuja, Head – Product and Strategy (Power and Carbon Markets), NSE, India
<p>1800 – 1900 hrs</p>	<p>SESSION VI: SPECIAL PLENARY</p> <p>Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles</p> <p><i>All visiting Ministers will be seated on the stage</i></p>
<p>1900 hrs Onwards</p>	<p>Dinner Reception Hosted by Mr Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West), MEA</p>

Day 02

<p>1000 – 1100 hrs</p>	<p>Session VII Information Technology and AI 360: An Innovation-driven Partnership for Growth in a New World</p>
	<p><i>In recent years, the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and Information Technology (IT) has been a relentless source of fascination and amazement. Technology has transcended all conventional geographical, political and economic boundaries. Today we live in a big global digital village. Further, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become a crucial reality. In India, AI is revolutionizing sectors including education, agriculture, and healthcare. India has a conducive environment for AI to flourish given its talented workforce and strengths in IT and innovation. On the other hand, the Nordic-Baltic region is already a leader in the development of IT and AI and is focusing on expanding cooperation to further elevate the region's status.</i></p> <p><i>What are the potential areas of cooperation between India and the Nordic-Baltic countries where the two can come together and address the many complex societal challenges that the world is faced with today? How can the two regions collaborate on skill development initiatives for enabling inclusive AI and IT for all?</i></p> <p>Guest of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ms. Mariin Ratnik, Deputy Minister for Economic and Development Affairs, Republic of Estonia <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jan Goetz, CEO & Co-Founder, IQM Quantum Computer, Finland • Ms. Solvita Gulbe, Deputy Director, Foreign Trade Promotion Department, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia • Ms. Simonas Černiauskas, CEO, Infobalt, Lithuania • Mr. Egon Veermäe, CEO, Gennet Laboratories, Estonia • Mr. Kiran Deshmukh, Chief Technology Officer, Sona Comstar, India
<p>1100 – 1200 hrs</p>	<p>SESSION VIII Resilient Supply Chain and Logistics: Agility and Risk Management</p>
	<p><i>The rapidly changing global economic landscape and widespread economic disruptions in the past few years have necessitated the need for building efficient and resilient supply chains. The Logistics Policy introduced in 2022 envisions building a technologically enabled, resilient, cost-efficient logistics system and will further strengthen Indian supply chains. With their common goals of promoting efficient and resilient supply chains, India together with the Nordic-Baltic can become a powerful force in building strong global value chains.</i></p> <p><i>How can India and the Nordic Baltic countries harness individual strengths to expand collaboration in optimal logistics management for building efficient and resilient global supply chains? How can the two supplement efforts in leveraging new technological advancements in boosting supply chain resilience?</i></p>

	<p>Session Chair and Moderator: Mr. Kamal Bali, Chairman CII Southern Region and President and MD Volvo Group India Pvt Ltd., India</p> <p>Guest of Honor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. E. Mr. Jurgis Miezinis, Parliamentary Secretary at the Latvian Ministry of Economics, Republic of Latvia <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Joel Undir Leitinum, CEO, Globe Tracker, Faroe Islands • Mr. Henrik Isakson, Director-Trade Policy-Swedish Enterprise, Sweden
1200 – 1300 hrs	<p>Valedictory Session with Nordic Baltic 8 Ambassadors in India-Moderated by Mr. Sanjay Verma, Secretary West, MEA</p>
1300 – 1400 hrs	<p>LUNCH</p>
	<p><u>CLOSE</u></p>