Tentative Programme

Day 1: 29 October 2026

09.30–10.00	**Registration**	Venue
10.00-13.00	**Inaugural Session**	Auditorium
10.00–10.45	***i.*** **Keynote Segment** *Opening Remarks*: **Prof Nagesh Kumar**, Director ISID *Chair:* **Prof S Mahendra Dev,** Hon'ble Chairman, EAC-PM *Keynote Address*: **Dr V Anantha Nageswaran**, Chief Economic Adviser, Govt of India *Chairperson's Address:* **Prof S Mahendra Dev,** Hon'ble Chairman, EAC-PM	
10.45-11.30	***ii.*** **Industrial Development Research Association (IDRA) Presidential Segment** *Chair:* **Prof TCA Anant,** Former Chief Statistician to the Govt of India, & Member, ISID Board **Presidential Address** on ***The Present World Economic and Political Disorder: What does it mean for Industrial Policy?*** by **Prof Deepak Nayyar**, Prof Emeritus-JNU, former VC-Delhi University, President-IDRA, and Vice-Chair-ISID	
11.30–12.00	Tea Break	
12.00–13.00	***iii.*** **Ministerial Segment** *Welcome Remarks:* **Shri Ajay Shankar**, Member, ISID Board & Former Secretary, DPIIT *Launch of ISID publications*: ***India Industrial Development Report (IIDR) 2026-27*** and ***Transforming India's Manufacturing*** *Brief Presentation of IIDR:* **Prof Nagesh Kumar**, Director ISID ***Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest:*** **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Govt of India *Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks by Session Chair:* **Shri S K Misra**, Chairman, ISID Board and Former Principal Secretary to the PM	
13.00–14.30	Lunch	

14.30–16.00 | 4. Competitive Sessions		
4.1 Technology, Innovation and Firm Performance *Venue*: Prof SK Goyal Hall, Ground Floor, Block A *Chair:* **Prof Lakhwinder Singh,** IHD, Delhi *Discussants*: **Dr Durairaj Kumaraswamy,** MRIIRS; **Dr Sanjaya Kumar Malik,** ISID 4.1.1 Artificial Intelligence And Productivity: Empirical Insights From G20 Countries Prof Pami Dua, DSE, **Niti Khandelwal Garg**, University of Delhi 4.1.2 Reimagining lean manufacturing for India's electronics industry: a fuzzy decision framework for AI-enabled productivity enhancement, **Joshy M,** University of Kerala**,** Angelo Mathew, Loyola College of Social Sciences 4.1.3 Import competition and firm Innovation: Evidence from India, **Hariom Arora**, Prof Ruchi Sharma, IIT Indore 4.1.4 The Impact of Market Orientation and Innovativeness on Firm Performance: A Study of Public Sector Steel Enterprises, **Chandra Sekhar Patro,** GVPCE, Visakhapatnam *Coordinators*: **Prateek Sharma, Rahul R N**	**4.2 Green Transition and Sustainability** *Venue*: Committee Room, Ground Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Prof Shaleen Singhal,** TERI University *Discussants*: **Dr Sapan Thapar,** TERI; **Dr Mahua Paul**, ISID 4.2.1 Macroeconomic Implications of Shift towards Sustainable Mobility in India: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis Chetana Chaudhuri, **Devender Pratap**, Sanjib Pohit, NCAER 4.2.2 Modelling Electric Vehicle Adoption: A Structural Analysis of Key Drivers Using ISM, **Anjali,** Madan Lal, DSE 4.2.3 Productivity and Sustainable Industrialization. Factory-Level Evidence on Emission Intensity in India's Textile Industry, **Manzoor Ahmad Lone**, Prof Meenakshi Rajeev, Dr Shafkat Shafi Dar, IIT Jammu 4.2.4 Environmental Classification, Production Technology, and Total Factor Productivity: Evidence from Clean and Dirty Industries in India's Organised Manufacturing, 2009–2023, **Akhilesh Kumar,** JNU 4.2.5 Industrial agglomeration and carbon emission in India's manufacturing sector, **Dr K Chandra Shekar**, Mohammad Izuddhin, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram *Coordinators*: **Vivek Anand, Vikash Kumar Chaurasia**	**4.3 Employment and Labour Markets** *Venue*: Chandra Shekhar Hall, Third Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Prof Pulin Nayak,** former Director, DSE *Discussants***: Prof R P Mamgain**, Doon University; **Dr Mrinalini Jha,** O P Jindal University 4.3.1 Exports as a Driver of Job Creation in Organised Manufacturing, **Kumar Abhishek,** JNU 4.3.2 Employment, contractualisation, and Gender in India's Organised Manufacturing Sector: Evidence from the ASI, 2010-11 to 2023-24, **Manisha Negi**, Prof Sucharita Sen, JNU 4.3.3 Technological Change, Occupational Structure, and Wage Inequality in India: The Role of Trade Unions and Labour Regulations, Rahul Suresh Sapkal, **Prachi Sanjay Tayade,** Kiran Mhaske, IIT-Bombay 4.3.4 Wage Share Decline and Investment Stagnation in India: A Demand-Side Perspective, **Sanjana,** ISID 4.3.5 Industrial modernisation and the skill-employment dilemma, S.S. Somra, **Pukar Jaju,** University of Rajasthan, Jaipur *Coordinators*: **Laxmi Pal, Pallavi Jha**	
16.00–16.30	Tea Break	
16.30–18.00	**5. ISID@40 Distinguished Person Lecture** on **Technological Innovations for *Viksit Bharat*** *Speaker***: Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan,** Vice Chancellor, Ashoka University *Chair*: **Dr Sudipto Mundle**, Chairman, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram *Discussants* **Prof Suma Athreye**, Centre for Public Policy, IIT Delhi **Prof Rana Hasan,** Director, NCAER Open Discussion	Auditorium
19.30	Dinner	

Day 2: 30 October 2026

09.30–11.00 | 6. Competitive Sessions

6.1 Manufacturing Performance and Firm Dynamics	6.2 Financing Industrial Transformation	6.3 Industrial Policy, Trade and Competitiveness	6.4 MSMEs and Sectoral Transformation
Venue: Prof SK Goyal Hall, Ground Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Dr Laveesh Bhandari,** President, CSEP *Discussants:* **Prof Nitya Nanda**, CSD; **Dr R Rijesh,** ISID	*Venue*: Committee Room, Ground Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Prof Sabyasachi Kar,** Director, IEG *Discussants:* **Dr S Krishnakumar,** University of Delhi; **Dr Swati Verma**, ISID	*Venue*: CR IV, Second Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Prof C Veeramani,** CDS *Discussants*: **Dr Pankaj Vashisht**, RIS; **Dr Reji Joseph,** ISID	*Venue*: Chandra Shekhar Hall, Third Floor, Block A *Chair*: **Prof Ananya Ghosh-Dastidar**, University of Delhi *Discussants*: **Dr Radhicka Kapoor**, ILO; **Dr Akhilesh Kumar Sharma,** ISID
6.1.1 Manufacturing Sector-Interstate Complexities, **Manak Chand Singhi,** IES retd. 6.1.2 Firm-Level Determinants of Profitability in the Indian Automobile Industry during the Post-Liberalization Era, **Tophan Patra,** GLA University, Mathura 6.1.3 When Bad Firms Don't Die: Zombie Prevalence and the Dynamics of Firm Entry and Exit, **Asha K Rai,** IIT-Indore, Dr Mustapha Douch, The University of Edinburgh, UK 6.1.4 Productivity Heterogeneity and Persistence Across India's Service Subsectors, **Meenu M A,** IIT Palakkad *Coordinators*: **Divya Seth, Vaseem Ahammad**	6.2.1 Financing Survival: Institutional Selection and Industrial Transformation in India's Airline Industry, 2004–2025, **Ashin S Anish,** CDS, Thiruvananthapuram 6.2.2 Industrial Transformation and Manufacturing Growth in India: Evidence on Fiscal Capacity, Financial Conditions, and Industrial Production, **Rajni Yadav,** University of Allahabad, Manmohan Krishna, Chair Professor, NITI Aayog 6.2.3 Corporate Tax Cuts: Stimulus to Real Investment or Mere Profit Windfall? **Shivani Badola,** Dr Santosh Kumar Das, ISID 6.2.4 Do Firm's Credit Constraints Matter for Green Measures in India? **Ajay Bhosle**, Prof Anurag Asawa, GIPE, Pune *Coordinators*: **Sanjana, Ranvijay Kumar**	6.3.1 Beyond Aggregate Trade Data: Assessing Structural Vulnerability Across India's Leading Export Sectors, **Aditya Kumar**, Nakul Srinivas, RV University, Bengaluru 6.3.2 Variation in Intermediate Imports of exports and regional manufacturing: Evidence from Indian states, Adrija Ganguli, RIS, **Anushkka Chatterji,** South Asian University**,** Dr Mahua Paul, ISID 6.3.3 Trade and the Global Collapse of the Labour Share, **Anshita Banga,** Prof Dibyendu Maiti, DSE 6.3.4 Discreet Ties: Regional Trade Agreements and Their Trade Impact on Member and Non-Member Nations, Supriyo Mondal, CESP, JNU, Manish Chauhan, **Prof Somesh K Mathur,** IIT Kanpur 6.3.5 PLI Scheme and Export Competitiveness: A Comparative Study of Electronics, Apparel, and Pharmaceuticals, **Saquib Rashid**, Prof Dipanker Sengupta, Dr Manoj Bhatt, University of Jammu *Coordinators*: **Phalguni Sachdeva, Dibyajyoti Nayak**	6.4.1 Seaweed-Based MSMEs for Sustainable Industrialisation in India: Towards Viksit Bharat 2047, K S Sujitha**, K Ramesh Kumar**, Alagappa University, Karaikudi 6.4.2 Agribusiness and Food Processing Industries: Promoting Rural Transformation in Uttar Pradesh, M.K Agrawal, **Shweta Yadav,** University of Lucknow 6.4.3 Determinants of Growth and Competitiveness of Carpet MSMEs: Evidence from Bhadohi District, **Subhash Kumar,** Govind Ballabh Pant Social Science Institute, Prayagraj 6.4.4 Food Processing Sector in India: Growth Trends, Challenges and Telangana as a Case Study, Dr **Ramaa Arun Kumar**, ISID, Triditpal Terang *Coordinators*: **Mayank, Jumi Mili**

11.00–11.30	Tea Break

11.30–13.00	**7. High-Level Policy Roundtable on Corporate Investment and Financing** *Chair:* **Mr Saugata Bhattacharya,** RBI MPC Member and Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research *Presentation*: **Dr Tirthankar Patnaik,** Chief Economist, NSE *Speakers* **Prof Prachi Mishra,** Dean, Ashoka School of Finance and Economics, Ashoka University **Dr Pritam Banerjee,** Executive Director, CII **Dr Samiran Chakraborty,** Chief Economist, Citibank Open Discussion	Auditorium
13.00–14.00	Lunch	

14.00–15.30 | 8. Competitive Sessions

8.1 Foreign Direct Investment and Technology Transfer	**8.2 Global Value Chains, Upgrading and Integration**	**8.3 Labour Markets, Platform Economy and the Future of Work**
Venue: Prof SK Goyal Hall, Ground Floor, Block A	*Venue*: Committee Room, Ground Floor, Block A	*Venue*: Chandra Shekhar Hall, Third Floor, Block A
Chair: **Prof Aditya Bhattacharjea,** ISID	*Chair*: **Dr Harsha V Singh,** ISID and former DDG-WTO	*Chair:* **Prof Farzana Afridi,** ISI-Delhi
Discussants: **Prof Poonam Munjal,** NCAER; **Dr Ramaa Arun Kumar,** ISID	*Discussants:* **Dr Danish Hashim,** CII; **Dr Isha Chawla**, ISID	*Discussants:* **Dr Akhil Alha,** CSD; **Dr Sangeeta Ghosh**, ISID
8.1.1 Analyzing Foreign Direct Investment Disparities in India: A Sectoral and Spatial Perspective, Saloni Gupta, **Prof Jyoti Gupta,** University of Delhi	8.2.1 Value Chain Relationship and Value Capture in India's Organised Manufacturing Sector, **Abhinav Surya L T,** CDS, Thiruvananthapuram	8.3.1 Employment Stability and the Future of Work: Evidence from India's Changing Labour Market, **Sita Majhi,** CDS, Thiruvananthapuram
8.1.2 Comparative Performance of Born Global and Non-Born Global Firms: Case of Indian Manufacturing Firms, **Dr Anindita Goldar,** University of Delhi	8.2.2 Servicification and Global Value Chains: Positioning and Value Capture in India's Manufacturing Sectors, **Radhika Gupta,** IIFT**,** Areej Aftab Siddiqui, University of Dubai, UAE	8.3.2 Do Employment Protection Laws and Labour Turnover Affect Robot Adoption? Evidence from India, Rahul Suresh Sapkal, **Kinchan Chakma**, IIT Bombay
8.1.3 Does Foreign Technology Pay Indian Workers? Firm Level Evidence on Wage Spillovers from Royalty Financed Technology Transfer, 2004-2024, **Amarbahadur Yadav**, University of Delhi	8.2.3 Protecting Domestic Industries vs. GVC Integration: Empirical Evidence from India's RCEP Withdrawal, **Prof Sandeep Kaur,** Ekta, Harpreet Singh, Mankirat Singh, Central University of Punjab, Bathinda	8.3.3 Who gains from AI? Occupational Exposure and women's earnings across formal and informal labour markets in India., **Taruna Rajora,** University of Delhi
8.1.4 Trends and Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment in India, **Amit Kumar Shaurya,** ISID	8.2.4 Role of Mergers and Acquisitions In Global Value Chain Participation: An Industry Level Analysis In Indian Context, **Sushree Suchismita,** Prof Pulak Mishra, IIT Kharagpur	8.3.4 Automation, Platformization and Labour Market Reconfiguration: The Geography of Gig-Intensive Employment in India, **Mansi Bansal**, Dr Prashant Kulkarni, Indus Business Academy, Bengaluru
8.1.5 Macroeconomic Determinants of Industrial Production in India: Evidence in the Context of *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*, **Aishwarya Hatwal**, Thakur Dev Pandey, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal Univeristy, Dehradun	8.2.5 Role of Technology, Automation and Environmental Compliance in Global Value Chain Integration: Case of Food Processing Firms in India, **M L Nithyashree,** ICAR-IARI, New Delhi	8.3.5 Platform Economy: A study of Platform workers in Delhi, **Ravindra Kumar**, Md Moniruzzaman Muzib, Rita Rani Majhi, Waquar Yunus Khan, Prof Sivasankar.V, Pondicherry University
Coordinators: **Sakshi Takhar, Puspa Chandra Khanal**	*Coordinators*: **Souradeep Mal, Rakesh Kumar**	*Coordinators*: **Shivani Badola, Vishakha Singhal**

15.30–16.00	Tea Break	
16.00–17.30	**9. High-Level Policy Roundtable on Strengthening MSMEs amidst Global Trade Restructuring** *Chair:* **Prof Ram Singh,** Director, Delhi School of Economics *Panelists* **Mr Anil Bhardwaj**, Secretary-General, FISME **Prof C Veeramani,** Director, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram **Prof Vinish Kathuria,** Head, ADCP, IIT-Bombay **Mr Mukesh Mohan Gupta**, President, Chamber of Indian MSMEs **Ms Rekha Jain**, Senior Programme Coordinator, UNIDO India Open Discussion	Auditorium
18.00–19.00	**IDRA General Body Meeting**	Auditorium
19.00–20.30	**ISID@40 Celebrations and Dinner**	Auditorium

Day 3: 31 October 2026

09.30–11.00 | 10. Competitive Sessions

10.1 Innovation, Competitiveness and Sustainability	**10.2 De-carbabonisation and Green Industrialisation**	**10.3 Informality and Production Relations**	**10.4 Digital Transformation and MSMEs**
Venue: Prof SK Goyal Hall, Ground Floor, Block A	*Venue:* Committee Room, Ground Floor, Block A	*Venue*: CR IV, Second Floor, Block A	*Venue*: Chandra Shekhar Hall, Third Floor, Block A
Chair: **Prof Vinish Kathuria,** Head, ADCP, IIT-Bombay	*Chair:* **Prof Meeta Keswani-Mehra,** Chair, CITD, JNU	*Chair***: Prof Alakh N Sharma,** Director, IHD	*Chair*: **Prof Dibyendu Maiti,** DSE
Discussants: **Dr Anirban Biswas,** IIFT; **Dr Seenaiah K,** ISID	*Discussants***: Dr Aparna Sharma,** CEEW; Dr **Anjali Tandon,** ISID	*Discussants*: **Md Zakaria Siddiqui**, JMI; **Dr Satyaki Roy,** ISID	*Discussants:* Dr **Priyadarshi Dash**, RIS; **Dr Beena Saraswathy**, ISID
10.1.1 Determinants of technology and innovation for sustainable industrialisation - with special reference to the Greater Chennai, **Dr H Krupanandhan,** Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai	10.2.1 Clean Manufacturing Global Value Chains and the Conditions for Sustainable Industrialisation, **Paras Aggarwal,** Mini P Thomas, C H Yaganti, BITS Pilani, Hyderabad	10.3.1 Transition into or Transformation of Capital Relations and nature of contract relations in India's Unorganised Manufacturing, 2005-06 to 2025, **Rhwithwik M S,** Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram	10.4.1 Role of ICT In Firm's Internationalization: Evidence From Indian Manufacturing Sector, **Subal Danta,** Prof Badri Narayan Rath, IIT Hyderabad
10.1.2 Mapping the Sustainable Innovation Landscape in India: Evidence from SDG-Related Patents, **Sonal Sharma**, Dr Madan Dhanora, Siddarth Tomar, MANIT, Bhopal	10.2.2 Drivers of Emissions Embodied in the EU's Imports from China and India: A Structural Decomposition Analysis, **Shifali Goyal**, IIFT	10.3.2 Urban Informality as Social Reproduction: Rethinking Hawker Eviction in Labour-Surplus Capitalism, **Dr Sudipta Jha,** Vidyasagar University	10.4.2 How different Modes of Credit Usage affect Firm Performance in Indian Unincorporated Sector? **Mayank Makkar,** ISID
10.1.3 Innovation and Unemployment: A Cross-Country Analysis across Income Groups, **Aju Sahu,** Dr K Chandra Shekar, CDS, Thiruvananthapuram	10.2.3 Renewable energy investment and export participation of manufacturing firms in India, **Sneha,** Dr Richa Shukla, BITS Pilani, Goa	10.3.3 Duality within the informal sector: informality scale and firm performances, **Rekha Muduli,** Sandeep Kumar Kujur, IIT Madras	10.4.3 An Analysis of the Growth of Internet Driven Informal Sector of India, **Zahid Gulzar Rather**, Amity University, Jaipur, Mehak Majeed, Assistant Professor, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora
	10.2.4 Competing Routes to Low-Carbon Steel in India: A CGE Assessment	10.3.4 Enterprise Sustainability Readiness among Indian	

	10.1.4 Innovation Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability: Firm-level Evidence from Indian Manufacturing, **Moitry Konwar,** Dr Farah Hussain, Tezpur University, Assam *Coordinators*: **Himanshu Bharti, Ananya Kumar**	of Scrap Recycling-Based and Green Hydrogen-Based Steelmaking Pathways, **Suvajit Banerjee**, Sovini Mondal, Devender Pratap, Prof Sanjib Pohit, NCAER *Coordinators*: **Pooja, Prachi Vashistha**	Unincorporated Enterprises: Evidence from ASUSE 2025, **Parag Gupta**, Prof Subramanian S, Faculty, Christ University, Bengaluru *Coordinators*: **Ruchika Bhatia, Sapna Kumari**	10.4.4 Digital Transformation of Textile MSMEs in India: An Integrated Framework for Competitive, Sustainable, and Globally Connected Manufacturing Systems, **Deepak Mahajan,** Rajeev Kumar, National Institute of Fashion Technology 10.4.5 Spatial frictions in Digital Commerce: District-level evidence on ONDC and India's industrial geography, **Koshika Pandey,** DSE *Coordinators*: **Anjali Raj, Sujal Kumar**
11.00–11.30	Tea Break			
11.30–12.30	**11. Valedictory Session** *Chair*: **Prof Prajapati Trivedi**, former Secretary to Govt of India & Member of ISID Board *Opening Remarks*: **Prof Nagesh Kumar** *Presentation of the Conference Report:* **Dr Shailender Kumar***, ISID* ***Valedictory Address by the Chief Guest*: Prof Dhananjay Singh,** Member-Secretary, ICSSR *Vote of Thanks*: **Dr Sangeeta Ghosh,** ISID			Auditorium
12.30–13.30	Farewell Lunch			