Seminar on
Investment Economics in India: Manufacturing, FDI, and Industrial Transformation
8 July 2026
FICCI, Federation House, New Delhi

Agenda

09.30 – 10.00 AM	**Registration and Networking Tea**
10.00 – 10.45 AM	**Inaugural Session: India's Investment Moment - Building Manufacturing Scale, Competitiveness and Global Leadership**
	Welcome Remarks • **Mr. Anant Swarup,** Secretary General, FICCI *Opening Remarks* • **Dr. Rupa Dutta,** Distinguished Fellow, CRF *Special Address* • **Mr. Rajeev Singh Thakur,** Programme Director, NITI Aayog *Concluding Remarks* • FICCI
10.45 – 10.55 AM	**Context Setting: Presentation on India Investment Trends, CRF**
10.55 – 11.00 AM	**Session Change-Over**
11.00 – 11.55 AM	**Thematic Session 1: Domestic Investment, Manufacturing Growth and India's Industrial Strategy**
This panel will examine the role of domestic investment in strengthening India's manufacturing base, industrial competitiveness and infrastructure ecosystem. The discussion will focus on private investment trends, role of industry in driving employment, technology adoption, MSME integration and export growth, and identify key constraints across sectors. The session will also deliberate on reforms needed to improve ease of doing business and create a more enabling environment for long-term industrial investment.	
	Keynote Address • **Ms. Mercy Epao,** Joint Secretary, SME Division, Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises *Experts Panel* • **Mr. Atul Kumar Goel**, Chief Executive, Indian Banks' Association (IBA) • **Mr. Anil V Parab**, Whole-Time Director & Member-L&T Board, Larsen & Toubro Limited • **Mr. Pankaj Kumar Satija**, Executive Vice President – Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Limited • **Mr. Rahul Ahluwalia**, Founding Director, Foundation for Economic Development *Moderated by* • **Mr. Mohit Bhasin**, Partner & Global Head for Economic Growth Practice, KPMG International *Question and Answers*
11.55AM – 12.00PM	**Session Change-Over**

12.00 – 1.00 PM	**Thematic Session 2: FDI and India's Industrial Transformation**
This panel will examine how India can capture high-quality, strategically significant global capital investment flows. The discussion will explore how FDI can support technology transfer, innovation and long-term productivity growth. Specific focus will be on sectors like advanced manufacturing, electronics, semiconductors and digital technologies, and the importance of stronger industry-government coordination in enhancing India's global competitiveness.	
	Experts Panel • **Mr. Sunil Sanghai**, Founder & CEO, NovaaOne Capital Pvt. Ltd • **Mr. Rajiv Aggarwal**, SVP, Public Affairs, Samsung India Electronics Pvt. Ltd • **Prof. Nagesh Kumar**, Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) • **Ms. Ruchika Bansal**, Director - Strategic Initiatives, Nippon Paint • **Mr. Sunny Goel**, Senior Partner & Head - Investment Strategy Consulting Business Unit, NRI Consulting & Solutions India *Moderated by* • **Mr. Rudra Kumar Pandey**, Partner, Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co *Question and Answers*
1.00 – 1.15 PM	**India's Investment Imperative: Key Insights and the Way Forward** • **Dr. Bidisha Bhattacharya,** Associate Fellow & Head of Research, Centre of Economy & Trade, CRF
1.15 PM Onwards	**Networking Lunch**