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# The 18<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of China Studies

Theme:  
Rewiring Globalization—  
The China Factor in Trade, Technology,  
and Sustainability in a Multipolar World

October 24-26, 2025



## ABOUT

### **ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF CHINA STUDIES (AICCS)**

The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) has been organizing the All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) as a flagship event since 2006. Convened annually, usually in November or December, in partnership with an institution where research and teaching in China Studies are being carried out, it aims to generate interest in and strengthen research on China Studies in India.

In addition to a special theme each year, the conference also features a survey of recent scholarship in various aspects of China Studies, both globally and in India. As a pan-Indian outreach initiative, the previous editions of AICCS have been held in Delhi (2006 & 2009), Jadavpur University (2010), Central University of Hyderabad (2011), Visva-Bharati University (2012 & 2021), IIM Kozhikode (2013), Banaras Hindu University (2014), Sikkim University (2015), University of Mumbai (2016), Goa University (2017), CHRIST University (2018), O.P. Jindal Global University (2019), IIT Madras (2021), IIT Guwahati (2022), and Central University of Hyderabad (2023).

Each year, the best paper presented by a young and emerging scholar is selected for the Mira Sinha-Bhattacharjee Award, established in memory of one of India's most distinguished scholars of China Studies. The Award carries a prize of 25,000 INR, and the selected paper is published by the ICS. The selection is made by a committee comprising senior China scholars, based on originality of the topic, methodology, argument, and presentation.

## CONCEPT NOTE

The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management Indore, is organising the 18<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) from October 24-26, 2025. The AICCS has been a flagship event of the ICS since 2006. This year's special theme is 'Rewiring Globalization: The China Factor in Trade, Technology, and Sustainability in a Multipolar World'.

The AICCS embodies contemporary, emergent scholarship from universities and research institutions on Chinese studies. Convened annually in partnership with an institution engaged in research and teaching in China Studies, this premier conference continues to generate interest in and strengthen research on China Studies in India.

The conference focuses on the opportunities and challenges arising from the evolving dynamics of trade, technology, and sustainability in the global landscape. It also aims to explore how these shifts impact India's strategic and economic interests, particularly in the context of changing global power structures and interdependencies.

Over the past decade, China's integration into the global economy has influenced international trade, technology, and supply chains. Its 'Beijing Consensus' model—rooted in state-led economic strategies, targeted industrial policies, and region-specific growth—has played a key role in its rise across sectors like emerging technologies, renewable energy, and manufacturing. Initiatives like the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) have extended China's economic influence, reshaping supply chains and economic diplomacy. Furthermore, China's 14<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan emphasizes significant investments in climate change mitigation and the digital economy.

However, these developments have raised concerns globally, with issues such as trade tensions, supply chain vulnerabilities, and technological dependencies emerging. China's dominance in renewable energy has also sparked debates on sustainability and the risks of market concentration, affecting global climate goals and multilateral cooperation.

For India, these shifts present both challenges and strategic opportunities. As India charts its growth trajectory, it must address questions of economic security, technological resilience, and sustainable development in the face of rising global competition.

The AICCS provides a platform for scholars, policymakers, and industry leaders to assess these dynamics. It offers fresh perspectives on how India can strengthen its position in the global order, build resilient supply chains, and promote sustainable growth.

The sub-themes include, but are not limited to, the following: China's Foreign Policy and Diplomacy (China and Indo-Pacific, China and South-East Asia, China and South Asia, China's Economic Diplomacy); Geopolitics of Technology: The China Factor; Power Contestations in a Multipolar World: India, China and the West; Culture, Society, and Religion in China; China's Domestic Politics; Future of India-China Economic Engagement; Renewable Energy and Global Supply Chains: The China Factor in the Future of Climate Change.



**DAY 1:**

**FRIDAY, 24 OCTOBER, 2025**

9:00 am – 9:30 am Registration for Conference Attendees

## INAUGURAL SESSION

9:30 am - 11:30 am

VENUE: Old Auditorium

### INAUGURAL ADDRESS



**Himanshu Rai**

Director,  
IIM Indore

### REMARKS



**Alka Acharya**

Director,  
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

### CHAIR



**Dipayan Datta Chaudhuri**

Faculty,  
IIM Indore

### WELCOME ADDRESS



**G. Venkat Raman,**  
Convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, IIM Indore

### VOTE OF THANKS



**Aravind Yelery**  
Co-convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

11:30 am – 11:45 am Tea Break



## SPECIAL PANEL-I

### Current Discourses in Chinese Studies

11:45 am - 1:15 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

#### CHAIR-CUM-DISCUSSANT



**Alka Acharya**

Director,  
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Bhim B. Subba**

Faculty,  
University of Hyderabad

#### SPEAKER



**Anushka Saxena**

Staff Research Analyst,  
The Takshashila Institution,  
Bengaluru

#### SPEAKER



**Atul Kumar**

Fellow, Strategic Studies  
Programme, Observer Research  
Foundation, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Anand P. Krishnan**

Fellow, Centre of Excellence  
for Himalayan Studies,  
Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR

#### SPEAKER



**Usha Chandran**

Faculty,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Lunch

## THEMATIC PANEL-I

### State-business Relations & Emerging Technologies

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F101

#### CHAIR



**Ajit Phadnis**

Faculty,  
IIM Indore

#### SPEAKER



**Nimisha Kashyap**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Ankit Surana**

Faculty,  
IIM Indore

#### SPEAKER



**Tanmoy Kundu**

Faculty,  
IIM Indore

#### SPEAKER



**Nishit Kumar**

Research Fellow,  
Centre for Contemporary  
China Studies, New Delhi

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tea Break

## THEMATIC PANEL-II

Society and Culture

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F103

### CHAIR



**Usha Chandran**

Faculty,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

### SPEAKER



**Shivender Rahul**

Faculty,  
Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur

### SPEAKER



**Aleena Tennise**

Doctoral Scholar,  
IIT Madras

### SPEAKER



**Snigdha Konar**

Research Associate,  
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

### SPEAKER



**Mallika Bora**

Doctoral Scholar,  
University of Delhi

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm Tea Break



## SPECIAL PANEL-II

### Doing Business in/with China: Voices from Indian Business Leaders

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

#### CHAIR



#### Aravind Yelery

Co-convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

#### SPEAKER



#### Ravi Shankar Bose

Co-Founder and Director,  
Fugumobile

#### SPEAKER



#### C. R. Raguramachandran

CEO,  
AceMicromatic International

#### SPEAKER



#### Divay Pranav

Head - Mobility Domain,  
Hyundai Motor India Ltd

#### SPEAKER



#### Phani Kiran Immaneni

Former Country Head,  
ICICI, China

6:00 pm - 6:15 pm Tea Break

## SPECIAL PANEL-III

**Tariff wars and Trade-offs: Can India and China Find Common Ground?**

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

### CHAIR



**Karthikeya N.**  
Faculty,  
IIM Indore

### SPEAKER



**Murali K.**  
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade,  
New Delhi

### SPEAKER



**Rajan Sudesh Ratna**  
Deputy Head and Senior Economic  
Affairs Officer at United Nations  
ESCAP (UNCTAD)

### SPEAKER



**Santosh Pai**  
Partner, Legal Link

### SPEAKER



**Aravind Yelery**  
Co-convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University

8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Inaugural Dinner & Networking

**DAY 2:**

**SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER, 2025**

9:30 am– 10:45 am Parallel Tracks

**THEMATIC PANEL-III**

**Chinese Diplomacy & Geopolitical Rivalries**

9:30 AM -10:45 AM

VENUE: F101

**CHAIR**



**Bhim B. Subba**

Faculty,  
University of Hyderabad

**SPEAKER**



**Dattesh Parulekar**

Faculty,  
Goa University

**SPEAKER**



**Khushnam P. N.**

Independent IR & Regional  
Security Researcher & Analyst

**SPEAKER**



**Sanoop Sajan Koshy**

Doctoral Scholar,  
IIT Madras

**SPEAKER**



**Mayukh Mukhopadhyay**

Executive Doctoral Candidate,  
IIM Indore

10:45 am – 11:00 am Tea Break



## THEMATIC PANEL-IV

### China's Role in Regional & Global Security

9:30 am -10:45 am

VENUE: F103

#### CHAIR



**Anand P. Krishnan**

Fellow, Centre of Excellence  
for Himalayan Studies,  
Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR

#### SPEAKER



**Sreshtha Chakraborty**

Faculty,  
Bennett University, Greater Noida

#### SPEAKER



**Vivek Y. Kelkar**

Columnist,  
Researcher and Analyst

#### SPEAKER



**Saumya Shivangi**

Research Scholar,  
Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

10:45 am – 11:00 am Tea Break

## SPECIAL PANEL-IV

### Re-wiring Globalization: Trade, Technology & Sustainability China Factor in a Multipolar World

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

#### CHAIR



**G. Venkat Raman**  
Convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, IIM Indore

#### SPEAKER



**Amitendu Palit**  
Senior Research Fellow and Research  
Lead (Trade and Economics),  
Institute of South Asian Studies,  
National University of Singapore

#### SPEAKER



**V. Ramakrishna**  
Independent

#### SPEAKER



**Birottam Dutta**  
Commercial Director,  
India Subcontinent, Cabot Corporation

#### SPEAKER



**Smita Purushottam**  
Former Ambassador;  
Founder, Sitara

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Lunch

## THEMATIC PANEL-V

### Domestic Determinants of Foreign Policy

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F101

#### CHAIR



**T.G. Suresh**

Faculty,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Albin Thomas**

Doctoral Scholar,  
IIT Madras

#### SPEAKER



**Monika Kumari**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Rahul Pandey**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Himadree Sonowal**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break



## THEMATIC PANEL-VI

### Resource Politics & Environmental Geopolitics

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

VENUE: F103

#### CHAIR



**Alka Acharya**

Director,  
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Amit Ranjan Alok**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Chaitanya Deshpande**

IBSA Fellow, Research and  
Information System for Developing  
Countries (RIS), New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Ipshita Bhattacharya**

Faculty,  
The Bhopal School of  
Social Sciences College

#### SPEAKER



**Vishnupriya P.K.**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
New Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break

## THEMATIC PANEL-VII (PANEL PROPOSAL)

Pluriversal Knowledges and Sustainability:  
Comparing Possible Pathways of Rewiring Globalization in China and India

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

VENUE: F101

### CHAIR



**Aparna Vincent**

Faculty,  
IIM Indore

### SPEAKER



**Madhulika Banerjee**

Faculty,  
University of Delhi

### SPEAKER



**Devahuti Sarkar**

Doctoral Scholar,  
University of Delhi

### SPEAKER



**Akshay Bhambri**

ICS-HYI Fellow;  
Doctoral Scholar, University of Delhi

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Tea Break

## SPECIAL PANEL-V

### China's Technological Advances & Trade Restrictions

6:00 pm -7:30 pm

VENUE: Old Auditorium

#### CHAIR



**Ashok K. Kantha**

Former Ambassador; Distinguished Fellow,  
Vivekananda International Foundation,  
New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**G. Venkat Raman**

Convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, IIM Indore

#### SPEAKER



**Antara Ghosal Singh**

Fellow, Strategic Studies  
Programme, Observer  
Research Foundation, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Pranay Kotasthane**

Deputy Director,  
The Takshashila  
Institution, Bengaluru

7:45 pm – 9:00 pm Special Dinner



**DAY 3:**

**SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER, 2025**

9:30 am - 11:00 am Parallel Tracks

**THEMATIC PANEL-VIII**  
**Technology, AI & Cyber Strategy**

9:30 am - 10:45 am

VENUE: F101

**CHAIR**



**Pranay Kotasthane**  
Deputy Director,  
The Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru

**SPEAKER**



**Akhilesh Kumar**  
Doctoral Scholar,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

**SPEAKER**



**Nalinie Sharma**  
Research Fellow,  
Department of Political Science,  
Guru Nanak Dev University

**SPEAKER**



**Nistha Kumari Singh**  
Doctoral Scholar,  
Manipal Academy of  
Higher Education

**SPEAKER**



**Om Ranjan**  
Doctoral Scholar,  
Rashtriya Raksha University, Gujarat

10:45 am - 11:00 am Tea Break

## THEMATIC PANEL-IX

### China's Foreign Policy & Geopolitics in a Multipolar World

9:30 am -10:45 am

VENUE: F103

#### CHAIR



**Parimal Maya Sudhakar**

Faculty, MIT World Peace  
University, Pune

#### SPEAKER



**Abhishek Yadav**

Research Analyst, Manohar  
Parrikar Institute for Defence  
Studies & Analyses, New Delhi

#### SPEAKER



**Mallika Devi**

Independent Analyst

#### SPEAKER



**Ishani Naskar**

Faculty,  
Jadavpur University, Kolkata

10:45 am - 11:00 am Tea/Coffee Break

## THEMATIC PANEL-X

Climate Change, Energy & Sustainable Development

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

VENUE: F101

### CHAIR



**Dattesh Parulekar**

Faculty,  
Goa University

### SPEAKER



**Veena Roshan Jose**

Faculty,  
National Law University, Nagpur

### SPEAKER



**Vaishnavi**

Doctoral Scholar,  
Centre for East Asian Studies,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

### SPEAKER



**Noel Therattil Jackson**

Advocate & Geopolitical  
Researcher

12:15 pm - 2:00 pm Lunch



## VALEDICTORY SESSION

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Valedictory (Old Auditorium)

### VALEDICTORY REMARKS



**Himanshu Rai**  
Director,  
IIM Indore

### CHAIR AND SPECIAL REMARKS



**Alka Acharya**  
Director,  
Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

### CONVENOR'S REPORT



**G. Venkat Raman**  
Convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS;  
Faculty, IIM Indore

### VOTE OF THANKS



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Co-convenor, 18<sup>th</sup> AICCS; Faculty,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

### APPRECIATION AND WELCOMING DELEGATES TO THE 19<sup>TH</sup> AICCS



**Ishani Naskar**  
Faculty,  
Jadavpur University, Kolkata











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