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PAFI Views by Ajay Khanna: Published in The Economic Times, October 26, 2024

Writing on the topic of “Advancing India’s goal to double the economy by 2030”, Ajay Khanna, Co-founder, PAFI, discussed eleven key points, including the key role of the private sector, the importance of upskilling, and strengthening international partnerships to avoid the middle-income trap and leverage global trade shifts. The article was published by The Economic Times on October 26, 2024.

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PAFI Dialogue: U.S. Election Results- Implications for Economic Relations and Investments, November 8, 2024

Hosted PAFI Dialogue Featuring Arun Singh, Former Ambassador of India to the United States, France & Israel; Rajeev Kher, Former Commerce Secretary, Government of India; Suhasini Haider, Diplomatic Affairs Editor, The Hindu and moderated by Virat Bhatia, Past President & Managing Committee Member, PAFI.



The discussion focused on the potential impacts of the recent U.S. election outcomes on bilateral economic relations and investment opportunities between India and the U.S.

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ISPP-PAFI Executive Education Programme: Understanding Government, November 15-16, 2024

The first programme, 'Understanding Government' as part of the ISPP-PAFI Executive Education Series, laid the foundation for an in-depth exploration of public policy and governance. Featuring an impressive array of distinguished speakers, the sessions delved into the intricacies of policymaking and government engagement. The two-day programme offered participants actionable insights into the multifaceted world of public policy and governance, providing a nuanced understanding of the interplay between policy, governance, and stakeholder engagement.



The programme concluded with a convocation ceremony, featuring an inspiring lecture by Mr Tarun Bajaj, former Revenue Secretary, Government of India, focussing on the complexity of government decision-making and the importance of engagement with multiple stakeholders in the growth story of India. This was followed by the distribution of certificates, celebrating the participants and marking the successful completion of this enriching programme. [View more](#)

First Meeting of Gig Economy Council, December 12, 2024

The first meeting of Gig Economy Council was held in New Delhi on December 12, 2024, under PAFI Dialogue Rule*. Members discussed the council's purpose, key issues in the Gig Economy and a work plan for future initiatives.



The conversation progressed with a presentation by the distinguished guest speaker, Ms. Bornali Bhandari, Professor at the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), who shared valuable insights on the gig economy.

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Second Meeting of Healthcare Council, December 12, 2024

The second meeting of Healthcare Council was held in New Delhi on December 12, 2024, under PAFI Dialogue Rule*. The members discussed the need for policy reforms, proactive engagement with government bodies, strategic advocacy in the healthcare sector, and the next steps for the council.

Minakshi Sarma Dabas, Partner, Corporate Law Group, presented to the group on 'Recent Developments in Nutraceutical Sector', highlighting the industry's growth potential, regulatory challenges, and the need for global alignment.



T. S. Vishwanath, Founding Member, Past-President & Director General, PAFI, Founder & Executive Chairman, VeK, presented on 'Challenges in Trade with the United States in a Trump Administration'. [View more](#)

Second Meeting of SAFE Council, December 17, 2024

PAFI SAFE Council convened its second meeting under the leadership of Vinita Sethi, Chairperson, PAFI SAFE Council, Immediate Past President PAFI, and SVP & Chief Public Affairs, Apollo Hospitals Group, on December 17, 2024. The meeting was held under the PAFI Dialogue Rule*.



In a roundtable, members discussed key challenges and suggested future initiatives to be undertaken. The panel discussion that followed featured prominent guest speakers, Aasha Mehta Kapoor, Chairperson of Centre for Gender Studies, Institute of Human Development (IHD); Anuradha Rajan, Executive Director, South Asia's Women's Foundation; and Rashmi Sarita, Executive Director, FICCI FLO, moderated by Vinita Sethi. [View more](#)

PAFI Dialogue: Union Budget 2025- Different Perspectives, February 5, 2025

Hosted a post-budget PAFI Dialogue, where we explored diverse perspectives and engaged in a meaningful conversation shaped by recent budget announcements.

Session 1: A panel discussion on the Union Budget 2025 offered nuanced insights into India's evolving economic landscape. Panellists included Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Shiv Nadar University; Anil Padmanabhan, Senior Journalist and T K Arun, Columnist and Former Editor, The Economic Times.



Session 2: Interactive Session with Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor, Government of India. The speaker discussed the Economic Survey and Union Budget, highlighting key ways to strengthen India's economy. An engaging discussion with the audience followed, addressing important questions about the economy and key sectors, including MSMEs, AI, higher education, geopolitics and agriculture.

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** In meeting/s held under PAFI Dialogue Rule, participants are not to disclose and/or attribute content and details of the discussions, either in person or on any media, including social media. Participants may only report topic (title) of meeting and names of speaker/s or panel.*



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Upcoming Events

March 6, 2025: Visit to Parliament House

PAFI is facilitating a special visit to the Parliament House on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This exclusive event is specially curated for our PAFI members and is a fantastic opportunity to deepen understanding of our legislative processes and engage in an insightful experience.

March 20, 2025: PAFI Dialogue on the 'Future of Work'

Join us for PAFI Dialogue on March 20.

As the nature of work continues to evolve, India has a unique opportunity to shape policies that foster economic growth, social security, and workforce resilience. The dialogue will bring together eminent thought leaders, policymakers and industry experts to explore the dynamics of work, employment trends and policy imperatives shaping the future.



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March 21, 2025: Release of PAFI Report on Measuring Policy Response and Action – A Guide for Practitioners

Join us for the launch of PAFI's latest report, offering a comprehensive and systematic guide for analysing policy impacts while helping practitioners develop effective responses in an evolving geopolitical and national environment.

March 22, 2025: One-Day Executive Programme on Policy Communication

Jointly conducted by ISPP & PAFI and led by Vincy Davis (ISPP) and T.S. Vishwanath (PAFI), this programme will provide practical insights on navigating policy discussions, enhancing regulatory engagement, and developing effective stakeholder communication. Through a case-based workshop, participants will learn to manage regulatory risks, build institutional credibility, and craft impactful messaging.

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