



Wednesday, February 18

# India and the Midwest: An Economic Partnership Seminar



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455 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Suite 850

12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

## **Registration & Lunch**

1:15 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.

## **Welcome Remarks**

Denise E. Harvill, Co-Chair of Global Connections Forum and Board Member of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, Vice President Central USA, Etihad Airways

1:20 p.m. - 2:05 p.m.

## **Panel One: Overview of US-India Business Relations**

### **Keynote Speakers:**

Dr. Chirinjeev Kathuria, President and Chairman, New Generation Power  
*Business Future With India & The New Government*

Edward Weaver, J.D., CPA Illinois, Manager, International Tax Services,  
Grant Thornton  
*Export & Import*

Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Hon. Consul General of India in Chicago  
*India's New Government & President Obama's Visit*

2:05 p.m. - 2:35 p.m.

## **Panel Two: India and the US-Midwest Economic Partnerships**

### **Panelists:**

Doug Potts, CGBP, International Trade Manager – Europe, Middle East & India, International Trade & Investment Office, Missouri Department of Economic Development

*Trade & Investment Opportunities Between Missouri & India*



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Raju Chinthala, MS., CCC, President, Indianapolis Hyderabad Sister City Committee

*Sister City Partnership & Economic Collaboration Between Indianapolis & Hyderabad*

Mel Bromberg MCPH, Principal, WaterSHED International LLC

*Swachh Bharat - Cleaning Initiative Leading to Economic Development and Sustainability*

Sampath Ramesh, Lecturer of Global Initiatives in Management, Kellogg School of Management Northwestern University

*"Make in India"- Rising Business Opportunities for the Midwest*

Victor Naidu, President, Magna Systems International, Co-founder, President and CEO, Ramsoft Systems

*Trade & Business Opportunities Between Michigan and India*

Seann Nelipinath, Chairman, India Chamber of Commerce, USA

*Corporate & Business Optimism With the New Government*

2:35 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.

**Q & A**

2:50 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.

**Closing Remarks**

Theresa E. Mintle, President & CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

2:55 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Networking**

**MC/ Moderator:** Gunjan Bajpayee, Social Secretary to Consul General of India, Consulate General of India, Chicago