

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

India–Russia Partnership in a Changing World Order

Academic humanism for peace, prosperity and co-operative growth

DATES 21–22 December 2026 Monday and Tuesday	VENUE BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus Zuarinagar, Goa, India
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Jointly organised by the **Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus**, and the **Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Mumbai**.

01 Concept note

The contemporary international system is undergoing a significant transformation in both its structural composition and functional dynamics. The post-Cold War unipolar order is gradually giving way to a more complex and multipolar global landscape, often referred to as a Multiplex World Order, characterised by shifting power balances, strategic competition, technological disruptions, economic fragmentation, energy insecurity, regional conflicts and the growing influence of emerging powers.

The international order is witnessing the rise of new institutions and alternative centres of power that are redefining global governance and encouraging new strategic alignments. At the same time, a growing trust deficit among major powers and intensifying geopolitical rivalries have weakened confidence in existing multilateral mechanisms.

Simultaneously, the Fourth Industrial Revolution is transforming global production systems through artificial intelligence, robotics, quantum computing, biotechnology, big data and the Internet of Things, reshaping value chains, trade patterns, digital governance, labour markets and national security paradigms.

India and Russia's longstanding and time-tested strategic partnership, built on mutual trust, respect, convergence of interests and enduring synergy, provides the foundation and motivation for this conference. Cooperation between the two countries spans defence, energy, nuclear technology, space research, trade, education, science and technology, and cultural exchange.

The conference aims to foster dialogue on emerging geopolitical realities, evolving economic architectures, technological transformations, academic networking and socio-cultural engagement, with particular emphasis on the India–Russia partnership as a stabilising force in an increasingly fragmented world.

02 Aims and objectives

- Theoretical and strategic reflections on the changing international order.
- Examine the historical evolution and contemporary dynamics of India–Russia relations as a means to strengthen a rules-based order, multilateralism and cooperative growth.
- Analyse trends and new ideas in bilateral and multilateral trade, investment and economic engagement.
- Explore emerging areas of cooperation in technology, innovation and sustainability.
- Deliberate on maritime cooperation, the Blue Economy, maritime connectivity, new multimodal trade pathways and a rules-based maritime order.
- Assess the role of India and Russia in shaping regional and global governance frameworks.
- Facilitate academic and policy dialogue to strengthen future cooperation between the two countries.
- Build understanding through history, culture, language and sociology, and expand academic networking.

03 Conference tracks

Every paper and poster belongs to one of two tracks. Both tracks run in parallel on both days of the conference.

TRACK A

International Relations

Geopolitics, security, and the economic and institutional architecture of a multipolar order.

INDICATIVE THEMES

Geopolitics · Security · Trade and investment · Connectivity · Energy · Maritime affairs · Global governance

TRACK B

Humanities

The cultural, historical and intellectual ties that sustain the partnership.

INDICATIVE THEMES

History · Culture · Language · Sociology · Soft power · Academic cooperation

04 Call for papers

SANGAM 2026 invites abstracts for paper presentations and posters from academics, researchers, policymakers and practitioners.

Abstract	200 words, with a clear title, objective, methodology and main argument
Format	Times New Roman, 12 pt
Author details	Name, country, institutional affiliation and email address
Submit online	forms.gle/QdBsnACi8AjHiQAp8
Deadline	15 October 2026 , 23:59 IST (21:29 Moscow time)
Decisions	Emailed to authors by 20 October 2026
Poster session	Posters of 48 × 36 inches (4 × 3 feet, landscape) on any one track; up to two posters per presenter

No payment is required at the time of submission.

05 Important dates

15 October 2026	Abstract submission deadline
20 October 2026	Notification of acceptance
20 November 2026	Early-bird registration closes
10 December 2026	Final registration and fee payment
21–22 December 2026	Conference at BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus

06 Registration fees

Category	Early bird until 20 Nov 2026	Regular 21 Nov – 10 Dec 2026
Indian participants (academics and professionals)	INR 6,000	INR 8,000
Indian doctoral and research students	INR 4,000	INR 5,000
International participants (academics and professionals)	US\$ 80	US\$ 100
International research students	US\$ 60	US\$ 80

Only accepted authors need to register; payment details are sent by email with the acceptance. International rates apply to all participants from outside India, including Russia.

07 Venue and contact

Venue	BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus, NH-17B, Zuarinagar, Goa 403726, India
Getting there	7 km from Goa International Airport (Dabolim) and 56 km from Manohar International Airport (Mopa); 10 km from Vasco da Gama and 20 km from Margao
Visa support	Accepted international participants will receive an official invitation letter for the Indian conference visa
Email	sangamconference2026@gmail.com
Website	sangam2026.org