



AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

India–Russia Partnership in a Changing World Order

Academic humanism for peace, prosperity and co-operative growth



21–22 December 2026

Monday and Tuesday



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Zuarinagar, Goa, India

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BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus
Dept. of Humanities & Social Sciences

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Mumbai

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

What is SANGAM 2026?

A two-day international conference that brings scholars, diplomats and university leaders from India and Russia together to examine their partnership in a changing world order.

THE CONTEXT

The post-Cold War order is giving way to a more complex, multipolar landscape, shaped by shifting power balances, technological change, economic fragmentation and regional conflict.

India and Russia share a long-standing partnership spanning defence, energy, nuclear technology, space research, trade, education, science and culture.

THE AIM

SANGAM 2026 examines this partnership as a stabilising force and explores pathways towards a rules-based, equitable and sustainable international order.

AT A GLANCE



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**South Asian Studies
India–Russia Relations**

Two parallel tracks



10 November 2026

Submission deadline

No fee to submit

WHO SHOULD TAKE PART

What SANGAM 2026 offers you



Scholars and researchers

In South Asian studies, international relations, the humanities and social sciences. Present your work and discuss it with Russian specialists in Indian philology, history and international relations.



Doctoral students and early-career researchers

Present before an international audience at reduced student rates, from INR 2,000 or US\$ 60.



University leaders

Vice-Chancellors and senior officials for international cooperation: meet Russian Vice-Rectors and explore partnerships, mobility and joint programmes.



Diplomats, policymakers and industry

Join the policy dialogue on India–Russia cooperation in trade, energy, connectivity and global governance.

PROGRAMME

Two parallel tracks: choose yours

The conference focuses on the humanities and social sciences, particularly history, economics, sociology and philology. When you submit, choose the track that best fits your work.

TRACK 1

South Asian Studies



Humanities and social science perspectives on South Asia, with particular emphasis on India.

History

Economics

Sociology

Language & Philology

Culture

Suited to historians, economists, sociologists, linguists and philologists working on India and South Asia.

TRACK 2

India–Russia Relations



The many dimensions of bilateral cooperation between India and Russia.

Geopolitics

Economy, Trade & Investment

Energy

Connectivity

Maritime Affairs & Blue Economy

Global Governance

Soft Power

Academic Cooperation

Suited to researchers in international relations, political science, economics, energy, maritime and policy studies.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Nine themes the conference will examine across both tracks

1

The Changing World Order

Theoretical and strategic reflections on a shifting international order.

2

History as a Guide

How India–Russia relations can strengthen a rules-based order and multilateralism.

3

Economy, Trade & Investment

Trends and new ideas in bilateral and multilateral economic engagement.

4

Technology & Sustainability

Emerging areas of cooperation in innovation and sustainable growth.

5

Maritime Affairs

The Blue Economy, connectivity and a rules-based maritime order.

6

Global Governance

The role of both countries in regional and global governance.

7

Policy Dialogue

Academic and policy exchange to strengthen future cooperation.

8

Language, Culture & Communication

Cultural connect and communication for international understanding.

9

University & Academic Networks

Knowledge exchange and academic partnership for scientific humanism.

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS FROM RUSSIA

Learn alongside leading Russian scholars

Vice-Rectors, heads of faculties and departments, and professors specialising in South Asian studies, international relations and the humanities.

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SCHOLARS

7

UNIVERSITIES

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CITIES

Lomonosov Moscow State University

Moscow

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Alexey Maslov

Director of the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Professor

Inna Vershinina

Doctor of Sociology, Professor

Alexey Kholikov

Professor, Department of Literary Theory, Faculty of Philology

Boris Volkhonsky

Associate Professor, Department of Indian Philology

Olga Korotkova

Associate Professor, Department of Russian Language for International Students

Far Eastern Federal University

Vladivostok

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Moscow

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Vice-Rector for International Cooperation

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Associate Professor, Deputy Director of the Inter-University Research Centre for South Asian Studies

RUDN University

Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow

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Associate Dean of the Faculty of Philology

Ural Federal University

Yekaterinburg

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Vera Belyaeva

Head of the Faculty of International Relations

INSTITUTIONAL COOPERATION

From academic dialogue to lasting partnerships

A central aim of SANGAM 2026 is to turn academic dialogue into lasting cooperation between Russian and Indian universities.

BEYOND THE ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Meetings between universities

The conference will provide opportunities for direct meetings between representatives of Russian and Indian universities to identify areas of mutual interest and explore concrete arrangements for future cooperation.



Institutional partnerships

New links between universities and their departments.



Academic mobility

Student and faculty exchanges and visiting professorships.



Joint educational programmes

Collaborative curricula, summer schools and shared initiatives.



Collaborative research

Joint projects in the humanities, social sciences and area studies.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO

Vice-Chancellors & Vice-Rectors

International relations offices

Academic affairs & partnerships

ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS

Knowledge and Industry Partners



India 2 UNIVERSITIES

- **Jawaharlal Nehru University**
New Delhi
- **Sanjivani University**
Kopergaon, Maharashtra

More partners to be announced



Russia

8 UNIVERSITIES

- **Lomonosov Moscow State University**
- **MGIMO University**
Moscow State Institute of International Relations
- **RUDN University**
Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- **Ural Federal University**
- **St Petersburg State University**
- **HSE University**
Higher School of Economics, Moscow
- **Russian State University for the Humanities**
- **Far Eastern Federal University**

Representing an Indian university?



Representatives of Indian universities invited by the organisers take part without a registration fee. To nominate, write to sangamconference2026@gmail.com with names, designations and areas of interest.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT AND POSTER

How to take part

- 
ABSTRACT
200 words
 Title, objective, methodology and main argument, with your name, country, institution and email. Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- 
POSTER
A1, portrait · 594 × 841 mm
 Title, objective, methodology and main argument, presented in bullets with charts and thematic visuals.
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HOW TO SUBMIT
One online form
 Abstract and poster are submitted together at forms.gle/QdBsnACi8AjHiQAp8. There is no fee to submit.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

10 November 2026

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- Choose a track**
 South Asian Studies or India–Russia Relations.
- Submit by 10 Nov**
 Send your abstract and poster through the online form.
- Receive the decision**
 Authors are informed of the outcome by email.
- Register and present**
 Register by 10 Dec, then present in Goa on 21–22 December.

Registration fees

● Early bird until 20 Nov 2026 ● Regular 21 Nov–10 Dec 2026

 Participants from India Fees in Indian rupees			 International participants All countries outside India, including Russia		
	EARLY BIRD	REGULAR		EARLY BIRD	REGULAR
Academics and professionals	INR 5,000	INR 6,000	Academics and professionals	US\$ 80	US\$ 100
Doctoral and research students	INR 2,000	INR 3,000	Research students	US\$ 60	US\$ 80


No fee for invited universities

Representatives of Indian universities invited by the organisers are not charged a registration fee.


Pay after acceptance

Accepted authors receive payment details by email.

VENUE AND TRAVEL

BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus

A 180-acre green campus overlooking the Zuari River, minutes from the airport and close to Goa's heritage sites and beaches.

Photo: BITS Pilani

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Travelling from abroad?

Accepted international participants receive an official invitation letter for the Indian conference visa.



Where to stay

Hotels near the campus are listed at bits-pilani.ac.in/goa/goahotels



December in Goa

Pleasant, dry weather, the best season to visit.

GETTING HERE



Goa International Airport, Dabolim

Nearest airport

7 km



Manohar International Airport, Mopa

North Goa

56 km



Vasco da Gama

Railway station

10 km



Margao (Madgaon)

Railway junction

20 km

AROUND GOA



Basilica of Bom Jesus
UNESCO World Heritage Site



Cabo de Rama Fort
Cliff-top fort, South Goa



Fontainhas, Panaji
The Latin Quarter

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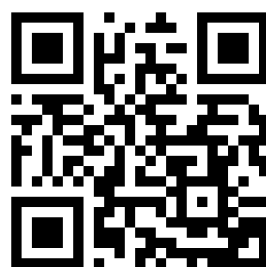
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