

April, 2025

Establishment of the Kalinga Sondhi International Forum:



26th April 2025: Left to Right: Prof Shankari Sundararaman, Mr Vivekananda Lal Sondhi and Amb Lalit Mansingh

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the ML Sondhi Trust to formally launch the Kalinga Sondhi International Forum (KSIF). This strategic collaboration aims to leverage the combined resources and expertise of both institutions to enhance and expand their future initiatives.

May 2025

Formation of the Indo Pacific Forum (IPF):

An immediate outcome of the collaboration mentioned above was the formation of the Indo Pacific Forum (IPF).

The IPF is a compact group of leading experts in the field of foreign policy and strategic affairs drawn from the armed forces, diplomacy and academia. The group holds periodic meetings where in-depth discussions take place on issues of national concern.

24-25 May 2025: Amb Lalit Mansingh, Chairman, Kalinga International Foundation participated in the “International Conference on Kalinga and South East Asia” organized by the Government of Odisha and the Utkal University in Bhubaneswar on 24th and 25th May, 2025. Amb Mansingh was the Chief Guest at the inaugural function and delivered the Keynote Address. He also gave the Valedictory Address on 25th May, 2025.



24th May 2025: Amb Lalit Mansingh delivering the Inaugural Address



25th May 2025: Amb Lalit Mansingh with Hon Governor of Odisha, Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati and Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP

June 2025

The first meeting of the Indo Pacific Forum was held at IIC on 4th June 2025 on the topic: *"Is the Indo Pacific Still Relevant?"* The presentation was made by Amb Mohan Kumar, former Ambassador to France and currently Professor of Diplomatic Practices at Jindal School of International Affairs.



4th June 2025: Presentation by Amb Mohan Kumar

July 2025

A meeting of the Indo Pacific Forum was held on the 3rd July 2025 at the IIC. The topic was: *“Is India Prepared for the Next Conflict?”* and the presentation was made by Gen Arvinder Lamba, former Vice Chief of Army Staff.



3rd July 2025: Presentation by Gen Arvinder Lamba

August 2025

The Indo Pacific Forum met on the 7th August 2025 at the IIC to discuss the topic: *“QUAD, Indo Pacific and Trump”*. The presentation was made by Amb Sujan Chinoy, former Ambassador to Japan and currently Director General, MPIDSA. The forum also received a detailed briefing from Amb VS Seshadri, a leading expert on trade issues, on *“India-US Trade Negotiations and Trump”*.



7th August 2025: Presentation by Amb Sujan Chinoy.



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7th August 2025 (Left to Right): Mrs Madhuri Sondhi, Mr Vivekananda Lal Sondhi, Amb Sujan Chinoy, Amb Lalit Mansingh, Amb VS Seshadri, Admiral Anil Chopra and Gen Arvinder Lamba

