



MERI DIALOGUE 5.0

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on

India and East Asia: Challenges & Opportunities



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ABOUT MERI DIALOGUE 5.0

MERI Dialogues 5.0 is an intellectual event that aims to bring together the dignitaries, domain experts, diplomats, academicians, technocrats, entrepreneurs, research scholars and students to discuss the growing importance of Asia. India's political, national security and economic policy objectives are dynamic and need to be constantly reviewed and modified based on emerging developments in the neighbourhood and extended neighbourhood. India would like to enhance partnership with East Asia and strengthen cooperation on issues of common interest related to security, economic engagement and people to people cooperation.

It is a venture that will explore current trends, challenges and opportunities in the context of geo-strategic, geopolitical and geo-economic scenario. It would discuss the diverse perspectives on political relations, trade & commerce, role of soft power in enhancing cooperation and economic ties. The conference also aims at exploring the methods and concepts for advancing cooperation between India and East Asia countries.

KEY AGENDAS

- **Economic Co-operation**
- **Cultural & Educational Cooperation**
- **Scientific & Technical Co-operation**

OBJECTIVES

- To examine India's ties with East Asian countries of China, Japan & the Republic of Korea.
- To understand the challenges that obstruct India's relations with East Asian countries of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea.
- To explore the possibilities for future cooperation to consolidate bilateral and multi lateral ties between India and East Asian countries of China, Japan & the Republic of Korea.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Domain Experts
- Academicians
- Corporate Executives & Entrepreneurs
- Researchers
- Diplomats
- Technocrats
- Journalists
- Students

ABOUT MERI DIALOGUES

Management Education & Research Institute has been at the forefront of education and thought leadership, offering high- quality academic programs, and fostering global dialogues. Through events like the MERI Dialogues, the MERI Centre for International Studies encourages active student participation in global issues, shaping future leaders who understand the complexities of the modern world. MERI has previously organized four quarterly series of events focusing on the geo-economic, geo-cultural, and geo-strategic partnerships, as well as future trade possibilities between India and other nations in Asia. MERI Dialogues are immensely important as they help foster cooperation and build India's alliances with other world economies. Keeping this in mind, the previous MERI Dialogues were conducted on the following themes:

MERI Dialogue 1.0 - India and Middle East Asia: Challenges and Opportunities

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MERI Dialogue 3.0 - India and Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

MERI Dialogue 4.0 - India Relations with Central & South East Asia: Challenges & Opportunities

Above Dialogues have resulted in publication of the books.

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 21, 2025

1500hrs Onwards (Inaugural Session)

Welcome Address	Prof. Lalit Aggarwal Vice President MERI Group of Institutions, New Delhi
About the Conference	Prof. (Dr.) Ramakant Dwivedi Head, Centre for International Studies, MERI and Director, India Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi
Address by Guest of Honour	Shri. I.P. Aggarwal Hon'ble Chairman, Triveni Educational and Social Welfare Society, New Delhi

Perspectives

Ambassador Ashok Kumar Sharma

Former Indian Ambassador to Finland and Kazakhstan

Ambassador Skand R Tayal

Former Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Korea and Uzbekistan

India-Japan Relations: Challenges & Opportunities

Prof. M. Badrul Alam

Former Head, Dept. of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

India-China Relations: Challenges & Opportunities

Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli

Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

India-Korea Relations: Challenges & Opportunities

Prof. Jitendra Uttam

Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies,
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Dr. Anil Singh, Senior Journalist

Discussants & Question & Answer Session

Prof. Sadanand Pandey, MERI

Dr. S. S. Misra, Associate Professor, MERI

Summing Up

Prof. (Dr.) Rakesh Khurana, Advisor, MERI Group of Institutions

Felicitations

Vote of Thanks

Prof. (Dr.) Deepshikha Kalra, Dean, MERI

High Tea (1800hrs)

CHIEF PATRONS

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