

CONCEPT NOTE

Special Talk on Korea

“Post-Presidential Visit:

A Korean Perspective on Nurturing the India–Korea Economic Relationship”

Lecture Hall 2, IIC Annexe, New Delhi

August 17, 2026

Background

India and the Republic of Korea share a growing Special Strategic Partnership, with expanding cooperation in trade and investment, technology, manufacturing, infrastructure, innovation and economic security. The recent Presidential visit has added further momentum to bilateral engagement and provides an important opportunity to reflect on the trajectory of the relationship and the priorities for its next phase.

Against this backdrop, EGROW Foundation and Chintan Research Foundation are organising a Special Talk on Korea to bring together diplomats, policymakers, academics, industry representatives and other stakeholders for an informed discussion on the evolving India–Korea economic relationship.

The Special Talk will offer a Korean perspective on the political and diplomatic dimensions shaping economic cooperation, with a focus on opportunities to deepen bilateral engagement. The discussion will also explore emerging areas of mutual interest and identify priorities for taking the economic partnership forward.

Key Speaker

Prof. Wongi Choe

Professor of Indo-Pacific Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), Seoul
Founding Head, Center for ASEAN–India Studies, KNDA (2018–2025)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea

Prof. Wongi Choe is a political economist by training, with expertise in India, the Indo-Pacific and Korea’s engagement with the region.

Objectives

- a) Examine the current trajectory of India–Korea economic relations.
- b) Reflect on the significance of the recent Presidential visit and its implications for bilateral economic cooperation.
- c) Discuss opportunities to strengthen trade, investment, technology and industrial partnerships.
- d) Explore emerging areas of cooperation, including economic security, resilient supply chains, the digital economy and green growth.
- e) Identify key priorities for taking the India–Korea strategic economic partnership forward.

Programme Schedule

Time	Programme
4:30 – 5:00 PM	Registration & Networking
5:00 – 5:15 PM	<i>Welcome Remarks</i> Dr. Charan Singh CEO, EGROW Foundation Shri. Shishir Priyadarshi President, Chintan Research Foundation
5:15 – 5:25 PM	<i>Inaugural Address</i> Mr. Jagdeep Singh Chadha Honorary Consul General of Korea
5:25 – 6:10 PM	<i>Special Lecture: “Post-Presidential Visit: A Korean Perspective on Nurturing the India–Korea Economic Relationship”</i> Prof. Wongi Choe Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Seoul
6:10 – 6:20 PM	<i>Discussant</i> Professor Jitendra Uttam Chairperson, Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi
6:20 – 6:30 PM	<i>Vote of Thanks</i> Dr. Ashok Vishandass Former Chairman, CACP
6:30 PM onwards	High Tea & Networking

Expected Outcome

The programme is expected to provide an informed exchange on the future direction of India–Korea economic relations and generate practical ideas for strengthening bilateral economic engagement following the recent Presidential visit. It will also help deepen institutional and professional linkages between Indian and Korean stakeholders and identify opportunities for greater collaboration in emerging areas of mutual interest.