



Two-Day International Conference

Exploring Bilateral Context in the Multi-polar World: New Dimensions in India-Korea Partnership

Organised by
Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU

In Collaboration with
Korea Centre, Mahatma Gandhi University

Venue: Room No 128, School of International Studies (New Bldg), JNU
March 6-7, 2026

Programme

Day 1 (March 6, 2026)

2.00-2.30 pm: Registration

2.30-3.00 pm: Inaugural Session

Welcome Address: Prof. Jitendra Uttam, Chairperson, CEAS

Inaugural Address: Prof. Amitabh Mattoo, Dean, SIS

Special Remarks: Amb. Skand Tayal, President, IKFS/ Former Indian Ambassador to ROK

Congratulatory Address: Mr Sung-il Park, Minister-Political, ROK Embassy in India

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Jojin V John, Director, Korea Centre

3.00-4.45 pm: Interactive Session1: Future of India-Korea Relations in an Era of Tectonic Geopolitical and Technological Transformation

Chair: Prof. Jitendra Uttam, Chairperson, CEAS

Speaker: Prof. Injoo Sohn, Institute of Future Studies (IFS) Deputy Director; Professor at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, SNU

Speaker: Mr. Hyoung-Zhin Kim, Former Belgium/EU Ambassador; Visiting Researcher at IFS)

Speaker: Prof. Je-Geun Park, Professor at the College of Natural Sciences, Department of Physics & Astronomy SNU; Participating Researcher at IFS)

Speaker: Dr. Minhye Zoh (IFS Senior Researcher; specialising in Law and Management / Governance System Analysis)

4.45 pm: High Tea



Day 2 (March 7, 2026)

10.00-11.15: Session 2: Korea's Economic Transformation: Lessons for India

Chair: Prof. Choe Wongi, Professor, KNDA, ROK

Speaker: Prof. Aradhna Aggarwal, Senior Advisor, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)

Speaker: Prof. Jitendra Uttam, Chairperson, CEAS, JNU

Speaker: Dr. Rajiv Narayan, Executive Director, ICDP, Spain

11.15-11.30: Tea Break

11.30- 13.00: Session 3: Political and Diplomatic Transformation in Korea: Implications for Bilateral Relations

Chair: Prof. Sandip Mishra, Professor, CEAS

Speaker: Prof. Choe Wongi, Professor, KNDA, ROK

Speaker: Dr. Jojin V John, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi University

Speaker: Dr. Anmol Mukhia, Assistant Professor, South Asian University

13.00- 14.00: Lunch Break

14.00-15.30: Session 4: Mapping Social and Cultural Transformation in Korea: Implications for India-Korea Relations

Chair: Prof. Hriday Narayan, Professor, CEAS, JNU

Speaker: Dr Neha, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Speaker: Dr Kaushal Kumar, Chair, CKS, SLL&CS, JNU

Speaker: Dr Anshuman Tomer, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

15.30-15.45: Tea

15.45-17.00: RoundTable Discussion on Reimagining Korean Studies in India

Chair: Prof. Ravikesh, Registrar/Professor, CKS, SLL&CS, JNU

Panelists:

- Dr Jojin John, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi University
- Prof. Jitendra Uttam, Chairperson, CEAS
- Dr. Neerja Samajdar Associate Professor, CKS, SLL&CS, JNU
- Dr Nawnit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
- Dr. Paresh Kumar, Assistant Professor, DEAS, DU
