

DRAFT PROGRAMME

12 & 13 November 2026

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026 | AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY CITY CAMPUS

From a Century of Unity to a Century of Partnership

An afternoon of welcome, relationship building and innovation, setting the tone for the Summit and wider programme.

Programme Theme	Session
Arrival and Networking	Arrival and Networking
Opening Ceremony	Pōwhiri and Diya Lighting Ceremony
	Welcome from the Summit Chair
	Mayoral Welcome
	Welcome from the High Commissioner of India
	Welcome from the AUT Vice-Chancellor
Innovation and Partnership	Scale Meets Agility: Building New Zealand-India Innovation Partnerships
Networking	Networking Drinks

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026 | SUMMIT - MORNING PROGRAMME

The morning programme sets the strategic context for the New Zealand-India relationship, with a focus on innovation, market development, trade, people-to-people connections and sector opportunities.

Programme Theme	Session
Arrival	Registration
	MC Welcome
Welcome	Summit Opening
Keynote: Learning from India	The Innovation Revolution: AI, Digital Transformation and Emerging Technology
Strategic Partnership	From a Century of Unity to a Century of Partnership: The New Zealand-India Opportunity
Break	Morning Tea
Learning from India	Learning from India: Scale, Innovation and Market Growth
Doing Business in India	Entering and Thriving in India: Lessons from the Market
Connecting People, Growing Markets	Connecting People, Growing Markets: Tourism, Talent and Business Connections
Food and Beverage	Food, Beverage and the Māori Economy
Break	Lunch

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026 | SUMMIT - AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

The afternoon programme explores sport, innovation ecosystems, education and talent, before closing with the actions needed to turn opportunity into enduring partnership.

Programme Theme	Session
Sports and Business	More Than a Game: Sport and Business in the Strategic Partnership
Technology and Innovation	Innovation Ecosystems: From New Zealand Ideas to Indian Scale
Education and Talent	Powering the Next 100 Years: Education, Talent and Future Generations
Break	Afternoon Tea
Sport and Economic Opportunity	Sport as an Economic Connector: Business, Tourism and People-to-People Connections
Closing	Closing Plenary: The Next 100 Years Start Now
Closing	Closing Remarks and Next Steps

FRIDAY EVENING | CENTENARY GALA

New Zealand-India Centenary Gala

An evening of celebration, sporting diplomacy and community marking 100 Years of Unity bringing together leaders from across the New Zealand-India relationship.

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