

Consulate General of India, Manchester

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Press Release Visit of Invest India Delegation to Manchester

A 2-member delegation from Invest India visited Manchester on 25th September 2025 and engaged with businesses and chambers from the North West. Members included Mr Sidharth Narayanan, Chief Strategy Officer and Mr Raghav Dhanuka, Assistant Vice President, Invest India.

A roundtable was hosted in partnership with Deloitte, supported by the Enhanced Trade Partnership of the Department of Business and Trade, UK, Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, MIDAS and The Growth Company. CG addressed the roundtable, highlighting the importance of such a dialogue in the wake of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). The event also featured a QnA session with a panel of speakers including Siddarth Narayan, Chief Strategy Officer, Invest India; David O'Leary, Tax Partner Deloitte; Ishan Dutta, International Adviser at GM Business Growth Hub; Gulia Bonanni, International Trade and Customs Advisor Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce; Ian Bannister, International Adviser at Department of Business and Trade, UK; moderated by Susana Cordoba, Head of International Trade at the Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub.

The delegation also had numerous productive 1:1 meetings with local businesses keen to invest in India, and other important stakeholders in the India-UK financial partnership.

Their visit to Manchester came to a close with a tour of the National Graphene Institute. The National Graphene Institute is a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art institute which focusses on the fundamental research and development of Graphene. The visit was important in noting the strides in R&D being made in Manchester, especially the NGI and finding potential for collaboration with Indian research centres and academic institutions.

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