



Ministry of Education Organises Bharat Innovates 2026 Pre-Event Roadshow in Paris to Engage Global Investors, Corporates, Universities and Research Institutions

Roadshow aims to Connect Indian Start-ups with Global Investors and Innovation Partners

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As part of its outreach to global investors, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, organised a roadshow in Paris today to showcase Bharat Innovates 2026. The Bharat Innovates initiative, scheduled to be held from 14th-16th June in Nice, France aims to connect India's deep-tech start-ups and higher education innovation ecosystem with global investors, corporates, universities and research institutions.

The Paris roadshow, a pre-cursor to the main event, brought together representatives from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, Embassy of India at Paris, Confederation of Indian Industry and more than 50 representatives from different stakeholders. Participants included the French business and innovation ecosystems such as La French Tech, VivaTech and key educational institutions in France. Senior representatives from organizations such as, ESCP Business School, ESSEC, France, INRIA, École Normale Supérieure, Agence Française de Développement, representatives from Indo-French Chamber of Commerce, and other venture, advisory, legal, industry and start-up networks also participated in the pre-event.

The objective of the Roadshow was to serve as a platform to brief potential investors and partners on the scope, objectives and investment opportunities associated with Bharat Innovates 2026.

Addressing the gathering, Shri K. M. Praphullachandra Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, highlighted the significance of Bharat Innovates 2026 in strengthening international collaboration, particularly in the context of the India-France Special Global Strategic Partnership.

Shri Govind Jaiswal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Education, made a presentation on Bharat Innovates 2026 and outlined the opportunity for French and global investors to engage with India's rapidly expanding innovation ecosystem.

During the roadshow, it was highlighted that the focus of Bharat Innovates was on 13 frontier technology sectors, including Advanced Computing, Semiconductors, Next-Gen Communications, Advanced Materials and Critical Minerals, Biotechnology, Space and Defence, Manufacturing and

Industry 4.0 etc. with an aim to strengthen the bridge between Innovators, Institutions/Academia, Investors and Industry.

The investor-focused structure of Bharat Innovates 2026 was also presented, highlighting that the conclave was expected to facilitate high-value, time-efficient engagement for global investors through curated one-to-one matchmaking sessions, sector-specific discussions and startup showcases.

The roadshow concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session enabling participants to engage directly with the Indian delegation and explore potential partnerships in innovation, research, investment and market access.

The presence of investors, corporate leaders, academic institutions, innovation platforms, technology companies and Indo-French business associations reflected strong interest in Bharat Innovates 2026 and underlined the Roadshow's objective of building partnerships between India's higher education innovation. ecosystem and global stakeholders.

The Bharat Innovates initiative was announced by the Prime Minister of India on 17 February 2026 during the inauguration of the India-France Year of Innovation, in the presence of the President of France.

Bharat Innovates 2026 is envisioned as a Global Accelerator for the Indian Education Ecosystem, taking India's university-led innovations from lab to market and from India to the world. It is being organised from 14–16 June 2026 at Palais des Expositions, Nice, France.

The Paris roadshow marked an important step in mobilising global interest and investor participation ahead of the final showcase in Nice.



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