

Sanjay Puri



Mr. Puri is the founder, President and CEO of the Alliance for US India Business (AUSIB). AUSIB is dedicated to strengthening economic ties between the US and India. Through his leadership at AUSIB, he formed a US Congressional Taskforce on US-India Investment and Trade Relations. Under his leadership, AUSIB has led over 25 delegations of business, political and higher education leaders to India. He has also hosted two of the largest US India education conclaves in 2011 and 2013 that were attended by over 100 education and policy leaders from the U.S. and over 1,000 senior educators and policy leaders from India. Recently, Mr. Puri organized key political and corporate meetings for PM Narendra Modi's visit to the US.

Sanjay Puri is a recognized authority on US-India relations. He also serves as the Chairman of the US-India Political Action Committee (USINPAC), a national, bipartisan political action committee representing over 3.2 million Indian-Americans. USINPAC works closely with members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, as well as with the administration, to ensure that the community's concerns are addressed. Through Mr. Puri's leadership, USINPAC played a key role in the passage of the US India Civil Nuclear Agreement, which involved galvanizing the Indian American community to work with the US Congress. Mr. Puri has also hosted Congressional briefings on US India Counterterrorism Cooperation, the first ever conference on US-India Renewable Energy on Capitol Hill, HIV AIDS Cooperation between the US and India, as well as several initiatives on immigration. His most recent initiative is facilitating a long-running series of webcasts entitled, "Indian Diaspora Leadership Dialogues" focusing on the recent elections in India and US India relations and issues of interest to the far-reaching Indian-American Community.

He is a frequent public speaker on US-India relations and the political impact of the Indian-American community. He has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Times*, on National Public Radio (NPR), the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), CNN and *Nightline*. Mr. Puri recently received a Lifetime Award for Education from the prestigious DY Patil University in India for initiating numerous successful US/India joint efforts for the advancement of higher education.

Mr. Puri was the Founder and Chairman of Optimos Incorporated, a highly successful strategy and enterprise information technology company that he recently sold. The company was founded in 1994 through a grant from NIH and provided valuable solutions to a range of clients including the Library of Congress, Federal Reserve Bank, National Archives and Records Administration, U.S. Mint, and the National Labor Relations Board.

Recent Appearances and Speaking Engagements

January 2015 – President Barack Obama's trip to India: *Times Now, NDTV, News X, Headlines Today, CNN IBN*

September 2014 – HCM Narendra Modi's visit to New York City: *Times Now*

September 2014 – British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Washington, DC

May 2014 – National Public Radio (NPR), Washington, DC

August 2013 – International Leadership Foundation, DC

June 2013 – Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC

May 2013 – National War College, Washington, DC

April 2013 – House Hearing on Natural Gas Exports, Washington, DC

March 2013 – House Foreign Affairs Hearing, Washington, DC

July 2011 – United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

March 2011 – Duke India Business Forum, Raleigh, NC

September 2010 – India Retail Forum, Mumbai, India

July 2010 – International Leadership Foundation Conference, Washington, DC

June 2010 – AAPI Conference, Washington, DC

April 2010 – University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
March 2010 – World Affairs Council, Denver, CO
March 2010 – India Conference, Harvard Business School, Boston, MA
February 2010 – National Public Radio, The Two-Way
October 2009 – International Relations Conference, Harvard, Boston, MA
May 2009 – India Leadership Summit, University of Chicago, IL
March 2009 – 13th Annual Wharton India Economic Forum, Philadelphia, PA
January 2009 – National Retail Federation Conference, New York, NY
July 2008 – Mountain States Hydrogen Bus Council's 4th Annual Hydrogen Implementation Conf, Laramie, WY
May 2008 – Tuck India Business Conference, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
March 2008 – Wharton India Forum, Philadelphia, PA
March 2008 – Harvard Business School, Boston, MA
February 2008 – Youth Leadership Symposium, Boston, MA
June 2007 – CNN, Paula Zahn
March 2007 – Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University