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Mission

The Center supports the academic initiatives of the University of Chicago's faculty, researchers, alumni, and students across South Asia, while deepening and expanding the University's research scholarship in India through collaboration with academic institutions, civil society, and government.

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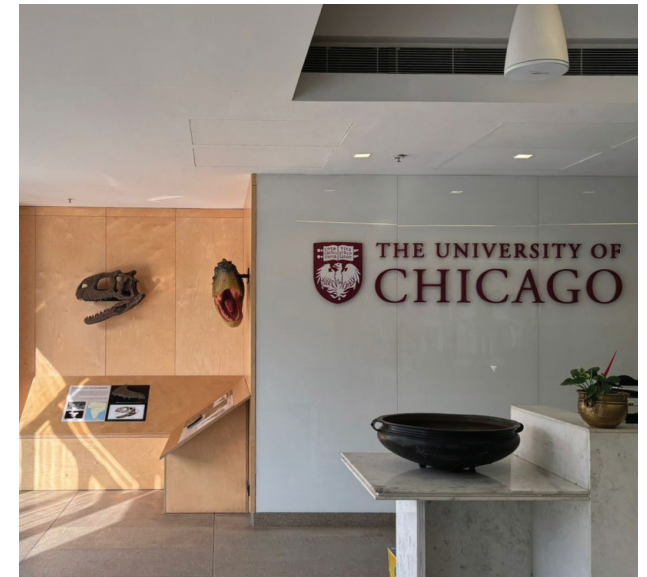
About the Center

Since 2014, the UChicago Center in Delhi has served as a base for research, teaching, and dialogue among scholars from the University, India and the world. It builds on a rich history of intellectual collaboration between Chicago and India.

History

The University of Chicago opened a major academic hub in Delhi in 2014, supporting and expanding opportunities for collaboration across disciplines between scholars and students from India and Chicago. The Center has become an intellectual destination, a place to explore ideas across institutions and disciplines. It fosters collaboration with Indian universities, research institutes, and cultural organizations; and it serves as a focal point for engaging alumni across India and South Asia.

The Center is a hub for research and education for University of Chicago faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates working in India and South Asia, as well as Indian researchers and students representing a wide array of institutions, and scholars from around the world. Since its founding in 1890, the University of Chicago has embraced a tradition of international exploration and collaboration. Scholars have traveled the world to connect with colleagues and international experts in every discipline.



Team



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Leadership Note

Interactions through The University of Chicago Center in Delhi remained strong through 2025-2026. This summer, in May 2026, the University of Chicago Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, working with the Center, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi, kicked off the India Deep Tech Accelerator at the Delhi Center successfully with an initial cohort of 20 startup companies. Ten Indian startups participated in the India Demo day in July. A subset of these startups will participate at Polsky's Demo Day in San Francisco in the coming months. The accelerator brings Polsky's expertise in helping shape startups focused on deep technology. It has been a couple of years in the making, and we are grateful to our alumni, many of whom helped in the conception and execution of the accelerator. Throughout my travels I have appreciated the strong network of UChicago alumni present across India, all of whom have given us their time, energy and support unhesitatingly.

We were able to fund 13 Provost's Global Faculty Awards spread evenly across science, health, social sciences and the liberal arts, in keeping with our objectives of fostering interactions across a spectrum of topics. The Center has remained vibrant, with 48 events over the past year (between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026) that were held at the Center or were supported by the Center across various cities in India.

Major recent innovations in information processing are altering the ways technology, societies, cultures, and environmental factors interact across the globe. Our intellectual worlds are often siloed and less used

to exploring the emerging complex and networked relations between these four areas. And India, as one of the world's largest economies, and a highly diverse, populous society that is undergoing rapid change, is an important arena where these interactions will eventually mold global thinking. The Center and its intellectually diverse faculty and their South Asian partners will play an important role in helping shape our understanding of these emerging changes in the coming years.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Supratik Guha'.

Professor Supratik Guha
Faculty Director

Leadership Note

This year, the UChicago Center in Delhi brought together scholars, researchers, practitioners, and policymakers around questions that are central to India's future and to the University's engagement with the country. Across its programming, the Center created opportunities for sustained exchange on education and the role of technology while also using its platform to connect contemporary debates with the intellectual traditions that have shaped the study of India.

Education emerged as a particularly important thematic area. The Center convened conversations on science and engineering education, the role of educational technology, and the growing use of artificial intelligence and machine learning in education and policy. These discussions examined not only how new technologies are changing teaching and learning, but also the broader questions of foundational learning, access, and policy. The Center also explored the importance of multilingual education, including the preservation and translation of minority languages, highlighting the role of language in strengthening educational outcomes and sustaining cultural knowledge.

The Center also used the year to commemorate intellectual contributions of two distinguished scholars associated with the University of Chicago whose work has profoundly shaped our understanding of India. The conference, "Revisiting the Rudolphs' Intellectual Legacy: Reflections on Society, State and Democracy in Contemporary India," brought together scholars across generations to examine the continuing relevance of Professors Lloyd Rudolph and Susanne Rudolph's pioneering work on Indian society, politics, and democracy. The Center also organized a special program celebrating the life and work of Professor C.M. Naim, one of the foremost scholars of Urdu language and literature. Bringing together leading

scholars of Urdu, the program reflected on Professor Naim's contributions to literary scholarship, translation, and the preservation of Urdu's intellectual heritage. Together, these programs demonstrated the Center's commitment to creating conversations in which scholarship is not only remembered, but brought into dialogue with contemporary questions.

The year's work was made possible by the dedication of the Center's team and the sustained engagement of our alumni, institutional partners, and the broader University of Chicago community. As the Center continues to grow as a platform for the University's engagement in India, these partnerships will remain essential to building meaningful academic connections and creating opportunities for dialogue, research, and learning.



Leni Chaudhuri

Leni Chaudhuri
Executive Director

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**Peter Littlewood (1955-2026) was a steadfast contributor to UChicago Global since the office's founding, lending his expertise across many of the office's programs and initiatives. His engagement and dedication will be greatly missed.*

Facility & Location

Located in the vibrant cultural and commercial district of Connaught Place, the 17,000-square-foot center includes seminar rooms, a lecture hall, study areas, offices for faculty, staff, and graduate students, as well as spaces for hosting conferences, exhibits, alumni events, receptions, and public gatherings.





Year in Review

48 Events/conferences/
workshops

2k+ Event
participants

8.9k+ LinkedIn
Followers

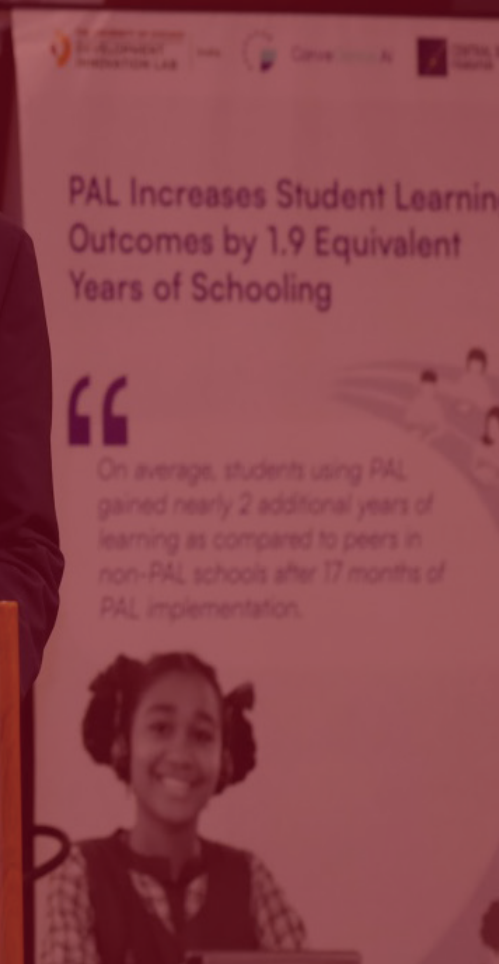


Building Academic Collaborations

In FY26, the Delhi Center supported academic and public convenings spanning science and engineering education, artificial intelligence, public health, law, and the humanities — connecting UChicago faculty and partners with researchers, policymakers, and communities across India.



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SCIENCE, ENERGY, MEDICINE, AND PUBLIC HEALTH

The Future of Scientific and Engineering Research Education: Building a World-Class Workforce



Panelists at the discussion on The Future of Scientific and Engineering Research Education

As India positions itself as a global hub for research and innovation, the Center convened a distinguished panel of academic leaders to discuss the future of scientific and engineering research education and the strategies needed to build a globally competitive workforce. The panel featured Professor Kaushik Roy (Purdue University), Professor Amit Patra (IIT BHU), Professor Dhanya C.T. (IIT Delhi), Vice Chancellors Ananya Mukherjee (Shiv Nadar University), Somak Raychaudhury (Ashoka University), and Rudra Pratap (Plaksha University), along with Dr. Franziska Greinert of the Technical University of Braunschweig. Moderated by Professor Supratik Guha, Faculty Director of the Center, the panel brought together leaders from Indian and international universities. The discussion centered on curriculum reform, research capacity building, institutional collaboration, and student mobility. Particular attention was paid to the opportunities created by India's New Education Policy 2020 for cross-border academic partnerships.

Two Nations, One Epidemic: A Comparative View of Tobacco Control in India and the US



Prof. Andrea C. King (University of Chicago) in conversation with Prof. Monika Arora (PHFI) at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

In collaboration with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), the Center convened a dialogue on tobacco control featuring Dr. Andrea C. King, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and Director of the Tobacco Treatment Program at UChicago, in conversation with Dr. Monika Arora, Vice President of Research and Health Promotion at PHFI. Dr. King shared evidence-based cessation models drawn from her clinical research on nicotine addiction, while Dr. Arora offered a policy perspective on India's tobacco control landscape, youth prevention, and emerging nicotine products. Together, the speakers examined how research, treatment access, and regulation must work in tandem to reduce tobacco-related harm. The conversation drew an engaged audience of researchers, clinicians, students, and public health practitioners.

Machine Learning, Enhanced Sampling, and Dynamical Surrogate Models for Glassy and Adaptable Materials



Organizers, speakers, and participants of the workshop on Machine Learning, Enhanced Sampling, and Dynamical Surrogate Models for Glassy and Adaptable Materials at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

A three-day workshop explored the intersection of machine learning and materials science, led by Professor Andrew Ferguson (Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, UChicago) and supported by the Provost's Global Faculty Awards India-South Asia 2025-2026. The workshop brought together researchers, faculty, and student scholars from institutions including the IITs and the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Sessions progressed from foundational topics in disordered systems and enhanced sampling to advanced applications such as predicting material fatigue and using generative AI for trajectory synthesis. Student scholars presented original research, while later sessions covered graph reinforcement learning and machine learning applications in molecular simulation.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND POLICY

AI, Agents, and Policy with Sanjog Misra and Abhishek Singh



From left: Dr. Leni Chaudhuri (UChicago Center in Delhi), Abhishek Singh (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India), Sanjog Misra (University of Chicago)

A fireside chat on AI, Agents, and Policy featured Professor Sanjog Misra (Faculty Director, DPIC; Professor of Marketing and Applied AI, University of Chicago Booth School of Business) and Abhishek Singh (Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology), examining what the next decade of AI will mean for industry, academia, and society. The speakers discussed how AI is reshaping labor markets, emphasizing that job transitions, not losses, will define the coming decade, with India's opportunity lying in building AI talent and indigenous tools. They also addressed the need to redesign education around responsible AI use, transparency, and critical reasoning. On policy, both speakers pointed to India's continued emphasis on innovation-driven regulation.

Launch of the Polsky Center's India Deep Tech Accelerator Program 2026



Organizers, speakers, and participants of the Polsky India Deep Tech Accelerator Program 2026 at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

The Center hosted the launch of the Polsky India Deep Tech Accelerator, a two-day program bringing together 20 selected founders of deep-tech startups and mentors from the University of Chicago's Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Day one covered pitching fundamentals, culminating in a venture capital panel with founders of Speciale Invest, GrowX Ventures, and Aroa Venture Partners on fundraising and resilient founder qualities. Day two turned to legal frameworks, techno-economic analysis, and strategic decision-making for deep-tech ventures, closing with networking among founders and mentors. The accelerator reflected the Center's growing role in supporting India's global collaborations and cross-country knowledge exchange.

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, AND POLICY

Shaping the Future of Growth: Business Dynamism, AI, and Policy



From left: Somik V. Lall (The World Bank), Deepak Bagla (Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog), Manish Gupta (Google DeepMind), James Evans (University of Chicago), Ufuk Akcigit (University of Chicago), Jeanette Rodrigues (Bloomberg News).

In collaboration with the Growth Academy at the University of Chicago, the Center hosted a symposium bringing together economists, policymakers, and industry leaders to examine innovation, economic growth, and technology's evolving role in development. Led by Professor Ufuk Akcigit and supported by the Provost's Global Faculty Awards, the program featured keynotes on restoring market competition and rewarding original research and invention. Its centerpiece was a panel on "Decoding AI for Development," featuring Deepak Bagla (Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog), Manish Gupta (Google DeepMind), Somik V. Lall (The World Bank), and UChicago faculty James Evans and Ufuk Akcigit, moderated by Jeanette Rodrigues from Bloomberg News. The symposium reinforced the Center's role as a convening space for dialogue between academia, policy, and industry.

Languages and Foundations: A Dialogue on Early Schooling



From left: Rukmini Banerji (Pratham Education Foundation), Leni Chaudhuri (UChicago Center in Delhi), Minati Panda (Jawaharlal Nehru University) at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

A fireside chat featured Dr. Rukmini Banerji (former CEO, Pratham Educational Foundation) and Professor Minati Panda (Jawaharlal Nehru University), exploring multilingualism and foundational education policy in India. Professor Panda drew on her work in tribal education to challenge deficit-based views of multilingual learning, while Dr. Banerji grounded the discussion in Pratham's ASER survey data on language gaps in Indian classrooms. Both speakers agreed that bridging home and school languages should be the responsibility of teachers and policymakers, not children. The audience Q&A explored practical challenges in teacher training and implementation of India's three-language formula.

CULTURE, SOCIETY, LAW, AND THE ARTS

A Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Late Professor C.M. Naim



From left: Soofia Siddique, Sukrita Paul Kumar, Dr. Ravi Kant, Dr. Rakhshanda Jalil, and Mahmood Farooqui.

An evening of remembrance honored the life and legacy of Professor C.M. Naim, a leading scholar of Urdu and South Asian literature at the University of Chicago. Executive Director Leni Chaudhuri opened the session by reflecting on UChicago's long-standing engagement with India in the arts and humanities, and Dr. Ravi Kant moderated the discussion. Speakers Soofia Siddique, Sukrita Paul Kumar, Dr. Rakhshanda Jalil, and Mahmood Farooqui offered personal and intellectual tributes to Professor Naim, reflecting on his influence on Urdu literary thought. Together, their reflections illuminated the depth, compassion, and critical vision that defined his life and work.

Damu's Heritage Dine comes to UChicago in India



Panellists from the team of women leading Damu's Heritage Dine (Chug Valley, Arunachal Pradesh) at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

Applied anthropologist and UChicago alumnus Gayathri Sreedharan and the team from Damu's Heritage Dine visited the Center for a tasting event co-organized by Anthropie, WWF-India, and the UChicago Alumni Association. The event featured four women leading the award-winning initiative, who shared the stories behind their dishes and daily lives in Chug Valley, Arunachal Pradesh. WWF-India conceived of Damu's as a way for the Monpa people to preserve their culinary and cultural heritage. The session was a thoughtful mix of culture and community over a shared love of food.

Book Launch: If All the World Were Paper: A History of Writing in Hindi



Professor Tyler Williams (University of Chicago; left) with distinguished guest speaker Retd. Professor Purushottam Agrawal (former Jawaharlal Nehru University; right) at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

The Center hosted the launch of *If All the World Were Paper: A History of Writing in Hindi* by Professor Tyler W. Williams (UChicago), published by Speaking Tiger Books. The book traces how precolonial manuscripts, scripts, and writing practices shaped Hindi's emergence as a major literary tradition. Distinguished scholar Purushottam Agrawal joined as special guest speaker, offering critical perspective on the histories that continue to shape Hindi and South Asian literary worlds. The event highlighted the Center's role in showcasing UChicago faculty scholarship on South Asian languages and literature.

CULTURE, SOCIETY, LAW, AND THE ARTS

Lexical Data and Grammars for Endangered, Tribal, and Minority Languages of South Asia



Participants at the workshop on Lexical Data and Grammars for Endangered, Tribal, and Minority Languages of South Asia.

A convening of the BOLI program brought together linguists and scholars working on endangered and minority languages in India. Led by Professors Andrew Ollett and James Nye and supported by the Provost's Global Faculty Awards, the workshop focused on rethinking how dictionaries and grammars are created for languages without written scripts. Discussions emphasized community involvement, ethical documentation, and practical digital tools for language preservation, and participants mapped next steps for collaboration including prioritizing languages and building sustainable systems for long-term preservation.

Blueprints of Liberty: Comparative Paths in Constitutional Democracy



Speakers and a full audience at the discussion on Blueprints of Liberty: Comparative Paths in Constitutional Democracy, held in the UChicago Center in Delhi.

The Center, in collaboration with the Palkhivala Foundation, hosted a high-level panel on constitutional democracy through comparative perspectives, featuring Justice K.V. Viswanathan (Supreme Court of India), Chief Justice Devendra K. Upadhyaya (Delhi High Court), Attorney General R. Venkataramani, Professor Tom Ginsburg (UChicago Law School), Senior Advocate Meenakshi Arora, and Advocate Payal Chawla. Justice Viswanathan described the Constitution as an evolving, "organic law" that engages confidently with global legal ideas while resisting uncritical adoption of foreign doctrines. Chief Justice Upadhyaya discussed the expansive powers Indian High Courts hold to protect dignity and fundamental rights, while Professor Ginsburg offered a comparative lens contrasting liberty-centered American jurisprudence with dignity-centered constitutional traditions elsewhere. The discussion closed with reflections on institutional evolution, electoral privacy, and the future of constitutional interpretation in an era of rapid technological change.

Revisiting the Rudolphs' Intellectual Legacy: Reflections on Society, State and Democracy in Contemporary India



Participants and speakers of the workshop on Revisiting the Rudolphs' Intellectual Legacy: Reflections on Society, State and Democracy in Contemporary India, held at the UChicago Center in Delhi.

A workshop honoring the intellectual legacy of political scientists Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph was hosted by UChicago alumnus Professor Asha Sarangi (Jawaharlal Nehru University). Structured across five thematic panels, the workshop examined the continued relevance of the Rudolphs' scholarship to Indian democracy, caste, tradition and modernity, and federalism. Scholars from JNU, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, and other institutions presented research spanning Rajasthan, Madras, Telangana, and Belgaum. Together, the sessions reinterpreted the Rudolphian framework as a living lens for understanding contemporary India.

Student & Alumni Engagement

In FY26, the Delhi Center supported student and alumni engagement through programming that connected incoming students, prospective applicants, and undergraduate fellows with UChicago's academic community and partner organizations across India.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

Maroon Connections: UChicago Incoming Students' Reception



From left: UChicago students and alumni panel featuring Parjanya Tiwari, Jubakshi Chakravorty, Shyamji Yadav, and Prerna Vij.

In the summer of 2025, the Center hosted a welcome reception for newly admitted students joining the University of Chicago from India across all schools and degree programs. The reception opened with remarks from the Center's leadership on the University's mission in India, followed by an overview of career guidance resources available to students by leadership from the Office of Career Advancement at The College. The highlight of the event was the student panel — featuring current undergraduates, graduate students, and an alumna — offering incoming students practical guidance on campus life, from housing and libraries to community involvement and time management, closing with an open Q&A session and a networking reception.

UChicago India Summer Fellows 2025



UChicago India Summer Fellows 2025 at the iconic Taj Mahal in Agra.

In July 2025, the Center hosted the launch of the India Summer Fellows Program, a collaboration between UChicago Career Advancement, the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth, and Ahmedabad University, bringing the pilot cohort of undergraduate fellows to explore climate, sustainability, and inclusive growth in India. The Center's Executive Director, Leni Chaudhuri, opened the program by highlighting the Center's partnerships with organizations such as EPIC India, the Development Innovation Lab, and the International Innovation Corps. Fellows engaged directly with these partners through sessions applying economic tools to policy design, air quality, and sustainable transport research. The Delhi leg closed with a session on regional air quality policy before the cohort continued to Ahmedabad.

Harris School of Public Policy Hosts Reception for Prospective Students



Panelists of the discussion on Data, Policy, and Sustainability featuring Urmila Chatterjee (DPIC), Shruthi Srinivasan (EPIC India), Dheeraj Alshetty (EPIC India), moderated by Ranjan C. Daniels (University of Chicago).

The Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago hosted a reception for prospective MA students at the Center in Delhi in September 2025. The event opened with an information session led by Ranjan Daniels, Senior Associate Dean of Student Recruitment and Global Outreach, who spoke about the University's MA programs. This was followed by a panel discussion on Data, Policy, and Sustainability, featuring Urmila Chatterjee (DPIC), Shruthi Srinivasan (EPIC-India), and Dheeraj Alshetty (EPIC-India), who shared their perspectives on the public policy landscape in India and beyond.

Key Partners

In FY26, the Delhi Center supported the work of research organizations, innovation programs, and UChicago offices operating in India — providing logistical, programmatic, and convening support that enables their work on the ground.

KEY PARTNERS

International Innovation Corps



Team IIC at the entrance to the UChicago Center in Delhi.

As AI moves from experiment to public infrastructure, the International Innovation Corps (IIC) continues to enable the creation and strengthening of Digital Public Infrastructure and AI within public systems. The team's work in this ambit spans the National Health ID at the National Health Authority, Education DPI with the Department of Higher Education, and AIKosh — the IndiaAI Mission's national repository of AI datasets, models and toolkits at the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. IIC also played a pivotal role at the India AI Impact Summit 2026, contributing from design through delivery, and helped shape SAHI, India's national roadmap for AI in healthcare.

This year the program expanded into nutrition and agriculture, integrating locally sourced natural produce into the school meals program in Andhra Pradesh, which serves 23 lakh children across 44,000 schools. The team currently includes 33 people deployed across 10 projects in 5 Indian states, and the program is growing year on year.

Development Innovation Lab India (DIL India)



Team DIL India at the reception of the UChicago Center in Delhi.

The Development Innovation Lab India (DIL India) works at the intersection of rigorous research and government-scale implementation. In the past year, DIL India partnered with the Government of India to disseminate AI-based weather forecasts to approximately 38 million farmers across 13 states, a program that has since expanded to more than 3,000 subdistricts across 16 states. DIL India also piloted low-cost, open-source inline chlorination technology with Jal Jeevan Mission and the Government of Odisha to improve rural drinking water safety, with operations and maintenance studies now underway in Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. In partnership with Central Square Foundation, the team completed a randomized control trial evaluating the Andhra Pradesh government's Personalized Adaptive Learning EdTech program and is now conducting A/B testing with the government to inform the program's scale-up across public schools statewide. The Center hosts DIL India staff and provides logistical support for Faculty Director Professor Michael Kremer, 2019 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, for his government and partner engagements in India.

KEY PARTNERS

EPIC India



EPIC India team and leadership at the UChicago Center in Delhi

Ten years since its founding, EPIC India continues to demonstrate that rigorous evidence can move markets and governments to act. This year, EPIC India's Emissions Market Accelerator earned a Finalist spot in the Earthshot Prize's Clean Air category while sustaining domestic momentum: the Maharashtra Emissions Market went live, and Rajasthan joined a growing pipeline of states building the groundwork for their own emissions trading systems. In Delhi, EPIC India contributed to the rollout of the "No PUC, No Fuel" policy, strengthening vehicle emissions enforcement, while a randomized controlled trial on PUC testing is informing national conversations about reforming emissions standards. A new memorandum of understanding with the National Institute of Urban Affairs extends EPIC India's work into urban environmental policy more broadly.

Data, Policy and Innovation Centre



Team DPIC with their Faculty Director Sanjog Misra (University of Chicago) in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.

The Data, Policy and Innovation Centre (DPIC) supports the Government of Odisha on data systems, applied analytics, and AI-enabled public service delivery. As DPIC expands beyond Odisha, the Center is expected to become increasingly important for broader India-facing activities. In June 2026, DPIC Faculty Director Professor Sanjog Misra also visited the Center during his India tour and participated in an interactive session with Center staff on applied AI. Earlier in the year, Professor Misra also participated in a fireside chat on AI, Agents, and Policy, with Abhishek Singh (Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) at the Center in Delhi.

UCHICAGO PROGRAMS

Harris School of Public Policy



The Center supports the Harris School of Public Policy's work in India by actively supporting and facilitating a multitude of enriching events. In 2026, the Center facilitated over 10 institutional leadership meetings for Ranjan Daniels, Senior Associate Dean of Student Recruitment and Global Outreach at the Harris School of Public Policy, with some of India's leading higher education institutions. In September of 2025, the Center also supported a prospective student's information session organized by the Harris School and featuring a panel of distinguished policy experts.

Graduate Student-at-Large (GSAL)



The GSAL at the University of Chicago is a non-degree program offered through the Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies. The Center actively supports Graduate Student-at-Large (GSAL) outreach events in India by coordinating and promoting these events, as well as managing other necessary arrangements to ensure their success. This year, the Center supported the GSAL program by facilitating several virtual meetings for interested candidates with the Program Director.

Alumni Club of India

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Through the Alumni Club of India and the Center, the UChicago community of students, alumni, and prospective students gains a valuable opportunity for engagement, mentorship, and reconnection in India. This year, the Center supported the Alumni Club of India in hosting an alumni roundtable and fireside chat with Professor Emanuele Colonnelli, Joseph L. Gidwitz Professor of Finance and Entrepreneurship at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, in Gurgaon, India.

UChicago Programs

Office of Global Advancement



The Center supports the Office of Global Advancement at the University of Chicago in connecting the larger UChicago alumni community, as well as in hosting high-level convenings for the Office with parents, friends, and alumni community of the University. This year, the Center supported the Office of Global Advancement in hosting several convenings of alumni across major Indian cities including Mumbai, Bangalore, Delhi, and Gurgaon.

Career Advancement



In partnership with the University of Chicago's Office of Career Advancement, the Center provides programmatic support and hosts the Delhi orientation for the India Summer Fellows program each summer. It also connects the Office with leading Indian academic institutions and industry leaders to facilitate two annual College treks — one focused on Language and Culture, the other on Climate and Sustainability — bringing UChicago students to India for immersive, on-the-ground learning.

Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth



The Center collaborates with the UChicago Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth for hosting the annual cohort of the India Summer Fellows program. The Center also provides programmatic and logistical support to the Institute's incoming delegations to India or for their stakeholder convenings in Delhi. Starting next year, the Center will be hosting a small cohort of college students majoring in Climate and Sustainable Growth for a week of immersive learning in India.

Looking Ahead

As the UChicago Center in Delhi continues on its second decade, the year ahead is one of deepening — turning the past years' momentum into lasting institutional partnerships. The Provost's Global Faculty Awards will continue to anchor this work, funding new collaborations across science, health, the social sciences, and the liberal arts, while the Center looks to broaden the cohort of UChicago and Indian faculty engaged in collaborations.

The Center will also continue convening the conversations that defined this year's programming: the future of scientific and engineering education, the responsible integration of AI into research, policy, and pedagogy, the preservation of India's linguistic diversity, and comparative studies of constitutional democracy and public health.

As technology, society, culture, and environment grow more entangled globally, these dialogues will remain central to the Center's role in shaping how these emerging relationships are understood.

Above all, the Center's growth will continue to rest on the strength of its alumni network and institutional partners, whose time, expertise, and sustained engagement have been instrumental to the Center's work in India this year. As the Center deepens its ties with academic institutions, government, and civil society across the country, it remains committed to its founding purpose: strengthening the University of Chicago's intellectual presence in South Asia and helping shape the ideas that will define the future of India and the world.

As our world gets more connected, these dialogues will stay key to the Center's mission.



Appendix

Programs, Activities and Events

Date	Title	Nature of Event	Location	No. of Participants
2 - 5 July 2025	UChicago India Summer Fellows 2025	Student Trek	New Delhi	17
3 July 2025	Maroon Connections: UChicago Incoming Students' Reception	Student Reception	New Delhi	65
15 July 2025	EPIC India Dialogue Rainfall and Rising Seas: Understanding Climate Mortality in Indian Cities	Partner Event	New Delhi	24
23 July 2025	Coffee and Conversation with Professor Pradeep Chintagunta	Networking Reception	New Delhi	12
5 August 2025	Lab to Life: Inaugural Session with Kavya Pillai and Alexandra Rojek	Academic Event	Virtual	37
19 August 2025	The Chicago School of Thought: A Dialogue on Methods and Fieldwork in Development Economics	Academic Event	Virtual	70
3 September 2025	Roundtable Discussion on India's Deep Tech Start-up Space with Polsky Center	Networking Reception	New Delhi	6
4 September 2025	Roundtable Discussion on India's Deep Tech Start-up Space with Polsky Center	Networking Reception	Mumbai	8
1-4 September 2025	International Innovation Corps' All Staff Meeting	Partner Event	New Delhi	16
8 September 2025	Personalized Adaptive Learning (PAL), Andhra Pradesh Convening Co-hosted by Development Innovation Lab - India, Central Square Foundation, and ConveGenius AI	Partner Event	New Delhi	90
16 September 2025	Roundtable Discussion on Addressing the Challenges of Civil Society Organizational Action in Post-COVID Urban India Led by Professor Robert Chaskin	Academic Event	New Delhi	17
17 September 2025	Roundtable Discussion on International Higher Education with Ranjan C Daniels	Networking Reception	New Delhi	12
20 September 2025	Harris School of Public Policy Prospective Students' Reception	Networking Reception	New Delhi	20
6-10 October 2025	International Innovation Corps' All-Team Training	Partner Event	New Delhi	30
16 October 2025	EPIC India Dialogue Rethinking Narratives for Clean Air	Partner Event	New Delhi	16
27 October 2025	A Tribute to the Life and Legacy of Late Professor C.M. Naim	Academic Obituary Event	New Delhi	25

Date	Title	Nature of Event	Location	No. of Participants
31 October 2025	Turning Air Quality Data into Action with AQLI and EPIC India	Partner Event	New Delhi	23
6 November 2025	Digital Health Capacity Building Blueprint Launch Event	Partner Event	New Delhi	47
11 November 2025	EPIC India Dialogue Who Wins, Who Loses: How Rapid Cooling Could Narrow Global Inequality	Partner Event	New Delhi	11
19 November 2025	Damu's Heritage Dine comes to UChicago in India	Alumni Event	New Delhi	47
27-28 November 2025	International Innovation Corps' Leadership Training	Partner Event	New Delhi	11
8 December 2025	AI, Agents, and Policy: A Fireside Chat with Sanjog Misra and Abhishek Singh	Academic Event	New Delhi	60
10 December 2025	Book Launch: If All The World Were Paper: A History of Writing in Hindi	Academic Event	New Delhi	40
11 December 2025	The Launch of the French Translation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Annihilation of Caste	Academic Event	Kozhikode	50
12 December 2025	Workshop on Lexical Data and Grammars for Endangered, Tribal, and Minority Languages of South Asia	Academic Event	New Delhi	15
13 December 2025	Booth School Incoming Students' Dinner Reception with Professor Pradeep Chintagunta	Student Reception	New Delhi	5
15 December 2025	Alumni Roundtable with Professor Supratik Guha	Networking Event	Bangalore	15
16 December 2025	Faculty Director Supratik Guha's Lecture at the Indian Institute of Science	Leadership Meetings	Bangalore	20
17 December 2025	Faculty Director Supratik Guha's Lecture at Applied Materials	Leadership Meetings	Bangalore	20
19 December 2025	Panel Discussion on Blueprints of Liberty: Comparative Paths in Constitutional Democracy?	Academic Event	New Delhi	120
21 December 2025	Booth School Incoming Students' Dinner Reception with Professor Pradeep Chintagunta	Student Reception	Chennai	5
22 December 2025	Whole Life Buildings and the Material Life of Cities: Lecture by Professor Amber Ginsburg	Academic Event	New Delhi	150
13 January 2026	Panel Discussion on Why World Peace is Most Desirable Yet so Difficult to Achieve? In Partnership with the International House Association (IHA)	Academic Event	New Delhi	135

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10 February 2026	Panel Discussion on the Future of Scientific and Engineering Research Education: Building a World-Class Workforce	Academic Event	New Delhi	55
12 February 2026	Alumni Roundtable with Professor Supratik Guha and Professor Anindita Basu	Networking Reception	New Delhi	12
13 February 2026	EPIC India Dialogue From Tailpipes to Policy: Delhi's Transport Emissions Crisis	Partner Event	New Delhi	24
16 February 2026	Fireside Chat on Two Nations, One Epidemic: A Comparative View of Tobacco Control in India and the US	Academic Event	New Delhi	50
18 February 2026	Building AI for Social Impact	Partner Event	New Delhi	49
16 March 2026	Panel Discussion on The Hindu/Presidency College: Excellence and Exclusion	Academic Event	Kolkata	250
30 Mar-1 Apr 2026	Workshop on Machine Learning, Enhanced Sampling, and Dynamical Surrogate Models for Glassy and Adaptable Materials	Academic Event	New Delhi	25
21 April 2026	US Embassy Roundtable on Ed Tech Policy in India	Academic Event	New Delhi	12
28 April 2026	Workshop on Revisiting the Rudolphs' Intellectual Legacy: Reflections on Society, State and Democracy in Contemporary India	Academic Event	New Delhi	55
5 - 6 May 2026	Launch of the Polsky Center's India Deep Tech Accelerator Program 2026	Academic Event	New Delhi	30
19 May 2026	Driving Change Dialogue Cleaning the Air: Lessons from Delhi's Transport Transition	Partner Event	Virtual	30
28 May 2026	Symposium on Shaping the Future of Growth: Business Dynamism, AI, and Policy	Academic Event	New Delhi	90
8 - 9 June 2026	Development Innovation Lab (DIL) India Weather Day	Partner Event	New Delhi	12
18 June 2026	UChicago Trust Staff Interaction with Professor Sanjog Misra: Learnings on AI and Policy	Partner Event	New Delhi	20
24 June 2026	Fireside Chat on Languages and Foundations: A Dialogue on Early Schooling	Academic Event	New Delhi	45

Grants Administered

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Academic Events

Artificial Intelligence, Innovation, & Growth Summit | PI: Ufuk Akcigit, Department of Economics

Translating Ambedkar: Theorizing the Annihilation of Caste from a multilingual perspective | PI: Eleonore Rimbault, Department of Anthropology

Results dissemination from population genetic and microbiome research studies in India and Sri Lanka | PI: Maanasa Raghavan, Department of Human Genetics

Projecting (on) South Asia: Light and Sound at South Asia's Borderlands | PI: Anna Schultz, Department of Music

Partnership Building Initiatives

Deep Tech India Incubator & Accelerator | PI: Samir Mayekar, Booth School of Business

Research Projects

Evaluating climate, land use, and invasive species impacts on India's biodiversity | PI: Trevor Price, Department of Ecology and Evolution

Lexical Data and Grammars for Endangered, Tribal, and Minority Languages of South Asia | PI: James Nye, Department of South Asian Studies

Machine learning, enhanced sampling, and dynamical surrogate models for glassy and adaptable materials | PI: Andrew Ferguson, Department of Chemistry

Understanding and Addressing Discrimination against Muslim Youth in Urban India | PI: Robert Chaskin, Crown Family School of Social Work

The Vidyut Project: Artistic endeavors for technology adoption in rural India | PI: Sunanda Prabhu Gaunkar, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

Automated chlorine sensing network for rural water safety: a measurements and AI based approach | PI: Supratik Guha, Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering

Deciphering the contributions of genetics and environment in Inflammatory Bowel Disease | PI: Anindita Basu, Department of Medicine

Partner Organizations

- Other Books
- AIIMS Delhi
- IIT Bombay
- TISS Mumbai
- Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
- Adivasi Academy
- IIT Delhi
- Ashoka University
- Plaksha University
- Shiv Nadar University
- IIT BHU
- Wildlife Institute of India
- GB Pant Institute of the Himalayan Environment
- Public Health Foundation of India
- Birbal Sahani Institute of Paleosciences
- Speaking Tiger Books
- Palkhivala Foundation
- DIL India
- Gujarat Institute of Rural Management
- Indiana University
- Archives and Research Centre for Ethnomusicology
- Presidency University
- Centre for Civil Society
- Khan Academy
- International House Association
- Jawaharlal Nehru University
- Apeejay Stya University
- Anthrope
- World Wildlife Fund
- Ahmedabad University
- University of Chicago Career Advancement
- UChicago Institute of Climate and Sustainable Growth
- UChicago Graduate Admissions
- UChicago College Admissions
- UChicago Division of Social Sciences
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