



**Indo - French Business Meet 2006:**  
**Both countries join hands to do business**  
**New Delhi, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

The Indo-French Business Meet being organised in December 2006 is showing a great deal of interest amongst the French and Indian business circles. India's medium-sized companies and large business groups will have the unprecedented opportunity to network with multi-sector French SMEs on the occasion of the Indo-French Business Meet, to be held in New Delhi on 4 - 8 December. Visits to Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore and Chennai are also scheduled (6-7 December). The French SMEs registered representing a wide array of sectors including the manufacturing industry, energy, building materials, information technology, pharmaceuticals, environment, aeronautics, life sciences etc will be present. A specific programme has been designed for the Agribusiness and Food Processing sector.

Till date, there are approximately 150 French SMEs lined up to meet 900 Indian companies registered for the event, bringing both nations closer to their common objective of increasing bilateral trade. Under the aegis of the French Ministry of Foreign Trade and the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry, extensive business meetings will be organised in order to initiate new partnerships between players from India and France. This unique match-making exercise based on one to one meetings, will focus on forging new partnerships, technology transfers and providing new distribution contracts. It is an initiative of UBIFRANCE and the French Embassy in India, in partnership with FICCI.

On this occasion, Ubifrance, the Embassy of France and FICCI have the pleasure of inviting you to a press conference for the launch of the Indo-French business meet on

**November 10th, 2006**  
**10.45 a.m.**  
**Taj Mahal Hotel**  
**Number one, Mansingh Road**  
**New Delhi**

in the presence of the Ambassador of France, Mr. Dominique Girard and Mr S.K. Poddar, President, FICCI. **You are cordially invited to attend the launch and are requested to appoint your reporter / photographer to cover the event.**

**Indo-French economic cooperation: some figures**

Indo-French bilateral trade has been growing by 24% per year with an annual figure of 4Billion Euros. Numerous French companies have invested in India (through 300 subsidiaries or offices creating more than 40,000 jobs for local engineers, employees and workers). At present, 1400 French SME's are exporting to India and the Indo-French Business Meet campaign is expected to largely boost this number

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