

# RAHUL, PRIYANKA TO ATTEND BHARAT SUMMIT

Event to focus on subjects like peace & justice in multipolar world

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HYDERABAD is all set to host the Bharat Summit - 2025 on April 25-26, with a focus on subjects including peace and justice in a multipolar world, climate challenges and gender equity. The two-day event is set to bring together global policy-makers, academics and civil society actors, alongside senior Indian National Congress leaders.

According to the agenda, AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi will deliver the keynote addresses during the plenary session on April 25.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu are scheduled to deliver the welcome remarks.

On April 26, Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi is expected to speak during the valedictory session.

The Telangana government has described the summit as an extension of its vision to enhance subnational diplomacy and promote international cooperation at the state level.

Officials noted that the gathering aims to cultivate partnerships oriented towards inclusive growth and mutual understanding.

Vikramarka told reporters on Thursday that approximately 450 delegates from nearly 100 countries are expected to attend. He stated that the summit aligns with the vision of Rahul Gandhi. There are plans to arrange a field visit for the delegates to showcase MNREGA implementation and other developmental and welfare initiatives. The delegates will also visit the Mahila Shakti Bazaar at Shilparamam.

"In a world where conflicts



A foreign delegate captures a photograph of a Mahatma Gandhi sculpture, showcased at Bharat Summit 2025 at HICC in Hyderabad | VINAYMADAPU

persist, this summit presents an opportunity to advocate peace," he said.

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy added that the event would help position Hyderabad as an international platform for dialogue. "We aim to highlight Telangana's investment potential to visiting delegates," he said.

Notable international figures who have arrived in Hyderabad for the summit include Yolanda Diaz Perez, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Economy, Spain; Emilio Lozada, Head of International Relations, Communist Party of Cuba;

M Kula Segaran, former Minister of Human Resources, Malaysia; Eduardo Zanatta, Councilman, Workers' Party, Brazil; Jorge Taiana, former Foreign Minister, Argentina; Clara Lopez Obregon, senator and former minister of Labour, Colombia; Andres Arauz, former minister of Knowledge and Human Talent, Ecuador; Guilaure Long, former foreign minister, Ecuador; Nurul Izzah Anwar, former ME Malaysia; and Lesiba Machaba, Foreign Ministry director, South Africa.

## PANEL DISCUSSIONS

### Day1 - April 25

- Gender Justice and A Feminist Future — Moderator: Praniti Shinde (Congress MP)
- Fact vs Fiction: Countering Disinformation — Moderator: Supriya Shrinete (Congress leader)
- Youth & Politics of Tomorrow — Moderator: Krishna Allavaru (Congress leader)
- Shaping New Multilateralism — Moderator: Anand Sharma (former Union Minister)

### Day 2 – April 26

- Overcoming Polarisation with Pluralism, Diversity & Respect — Moderator: Pawan Khera
- Accelerating Climate Justice — Moderator: Mukul Wasnik
- Economic Justice in Uncertain Times — Moderator: Krishna Byregowda
- Peace & Justice in a Multipolar World — Moderator: Salman Khurshid

