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Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD)

**CURTAIN RAISER TO  
BIMSTEC SUMMIT 2008  
8 November 2008, Hyatt Regency, Kolkata**

**Tentative Programme Structure**

1500-1530 hrs	Registration	
1530-1700 hrs		<b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>Deepening BIMSTEC Cooperation: Emerging Issues and Way Forward</b>
1530 – 1535 hrs	Welcome Remarks	<b>Dr Rajeev Singh</b> Secretary General ICC
1535 – 1540 hrs	Introductory Remarks by Session Chairman	<b>Lt. Gen. Dr. B S Malik</b> President CSIRD, Kolkata
1540 – 1555 hrs	Global Meltdown and BIMSTEC	<b>Mr S N Nundi</b> Director & Co-Chairman Eastern India Development Council, Kolkata
1555 – 1610 hrs	Trade & investment opportunities in BIMSTEC	<b>Mr. Hemant Kanoria</b> Chairman SREI International, Kolkata
1610 – 1625 hrs	Future prospects of BIMSTEC	<b>Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharya</b> Professor Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata

1625 – 1640 hrs	Look East Policy and BIMSTEC	<b>Mr. Jayanta Sarkar</b> , Director, CSIRD, Kolkata
1640 – 1650 hrs.	Discussion and Wrap-up by Session Chairperson	<b>Lt. Gen. Dr. B S Malik</b> President CSIRD, Kolkata
1650 – 1700 hrs.	<b>Break</b>	

**1700 – 1800 hrs**

## **India and BIMSTEC Economic Integration: Agenda for BIMSTEC Summit 2008**

1700 -1705 hrs	Welcome Remarks	<b>Mr Sanjay Budhia</b> President Indian Chamber of Commerce
1705 -1710 hrs	Theme Address	<b>Lt. Gen. Dr. B S Malik</b> President, CSIRD
1710 – 1720 hrs	Keynote Address	<b>Mr N Ravi</b> Secretary (East) Ministry of External Affairs Government of India (tbc)
1720 - 1725 hrs	<b>Release of “ BIMSTEC Cooperation Report 2008”</b>	
1725 – 1740 hrs	<b>Special Address</b>	<b>Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee</b> Hon’ble Chief Minister Government of West Bengal
1740 – 1755 hrs	<b>Address by Chief Guest</b>	<b>Shri Pranab Mukherjee</b> Hon’ble Union Minister Ministry of External Affairs Government of India
1755 – 1800 hrs	Vote of Thanks	<b>Mr Vishambhar Saran</b> Senior Vice President Indian Chamber of Commerce
<b>1800 hrs Onwards</b>	<b>Hi-Tea and closing of the event</b>	