



Roundtable Discussion
“Germany, India and Europe”

January 15, 2026; 1100 - 1245 hrs.

Venue: DPG Conference Room, 1st Floor, Core 5A, India Habitat Centre

Event Profile

Against the backdrop of growing uncertainty and major disruptions to the global order, India and European nations have over the past year steadily advanced a more strategically oriented relationship based on shared values and interests. Germany is the leading economic power in Europe and the key determinant in shaping the European Union’s policies on trade and security issues.

The Delhi Policy Group will organise a roundtable discussion with H.E. Dr. Philip Ackermann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to India, on January 15, 2026. Ambassador Ackermann has kindly agreed to share the German perspective on political, economic, and security developments in Europe, as well as prospects for India-Germany and India-EU relations. An interactive discussion will follow his remarks. The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

The discussion will be followed by lunch.

Programme

1030-1100	Arrival of Participants and Tea/Coffee
1100 - 1105	➤ Opening Remarks by Ambassador H.K. Singh , Director General, DPG
1105 - 1135	➤ Remarks by H.E. Dr. Philipp Ackermann , Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to India
1135-1235	➤ Moderated Discussion with invited experts and DPG Faculty
1235-1245	➤ Closing Reflections
1245	Lunch

List of Participants

Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany	
H.E. Dr. Philipp Ackermann	Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

Strategic Experts	
Dr. Arvind Gupta	Director, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF)
Lt. Gen. Sanjay Verma (Retd.)	Distinguished Fellow, Council for Strategic and Defence Research (CSDR)
Amb. Raj Kumar Srivastava	Dean, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS)

DPG Faculty	
Amb. H.K. Singh	Director General
Amb. Nalin Surie	Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy
Amb. Biren Nanda	Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy
Amb. Ruchira Kamboj	Senior Fellow for International Security and Global Affairs
V. Adm. Anil Chopra	Distinguished Fellow
Cmde. Lalit Kapur	Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy
Dr. Ashok Kumar Chawla	Senior Fellow for India-Japan Security Studies