

India-Uganda forum to boost investment

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"People-to-people connections and shared democratic values have also been strengthened through high-level engagements and institutional cooperation," the statement reads.

The ministry adds that India has a strong presence across the sectors of pharmaceuticals, agriculture, manufacturing, education, and renewable energy, contributing to Uganda's economic development.

The two countries also have a strong scope for collaboration in solar power and green technologies, as well as in agriculture, food processing, agro-tech-

nology, tourism, education, and capacity building.

"Uganda's strategic location makes it a key gateway to the East African corridor and the broader African market, while India's strength in information and communications technology, FinTech, automotive, and light engineering aligns well with Uganda's digital transformation and industrialisation goals," the statement says.

It is envisaged that this interaction will lay a strong foundation for deeper and sustained engagement between the Ugandan and Indian business communities. A draft of the Market Survey Report, published by CII, was also launched at the forum.



Participants at the Road Show, which spanned the three Indian cities of Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Chennai yesterday. PHOTO/COURTESY

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The Uganda High Commission, New Delhi, India, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), last week held roadshows to create awareness about Uganda's investment potential and catalyse the Indian private sector into considering Kampala as a premier investment destination.

The CII is the largest industry-led institution driving India-Africa cooperation through initiatives like the India-Africa Business Forum in May 2026, enabling business, government, and institutions to collaborate for impactful and strategic partnerships.

The roadshows, a feature of the Uganda-India Business Forum, spanned three cities: Ahmedabad, Mumbai, and Chennai. The Forum drew representation from the Ministry of Agriculture's Crop Protection, Inspection and Certification Department, Uganda Investment Authority (UIA), and the Uganda Free Zones and Export Promotion Authority.

Other partners included the Ministry of Finance, Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU), the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Energy, and the Uganda Association of Artisanal and Small Scale Miners.

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