

AS YOU read this report, a new government is being formed in India. The election results due on May 16 will see a new prime minister at the helm.

What does this mean to those involved in business with India? Surely, the change is going to affect many and those in Singapore are keenly watching the action unfold in India. To get a better understanding of the new financial landscape, the Singapore Management University (SMU) is organising a discussion. It is the second Singapore-India Business Dialogue (SIBD) and the topic of the discussion on May 21 is The Changing Financial Landscapes In Singapore And India.

Experts from India and Singapore will examine the driving forces behind emerging global trends and also address the key changes and challenges to the financial

climates in Singapore and India, as well as their impact and implications on businessmen and investors on both sides.

As India's largest trade and investment partner among the ASEAN countries, Singapore has a keen interest in how these political changes will help foster a closer partnership.

SIBD 2014 will be opened by Mr S. Iswaran (below), Minister in the Prime

Focus on changing financial landscapes at Singapore-India Business Dialogue

Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Second Minister for Trade and Industry. The keynote speaker is Mr Prashant Saran, whole-time member, Securities & Exchange Board of India.

The panellists include Mr Manish Kejriwal, managing partner, Kedaara Capital Advisors; Mr Sandeep Sharma, co-head, HSBC Private Bank South-east Asia; Ms Neena Prasad, chief representative in India, Singapore Exchange and Mr Soumen Mitra, CEO, Tata Capital.

The discussion will be moderated by Prof David Lee, director, Sim Kee Boon Institute for Financial Economics, SMU.

The first Singapore-India Business Dialogue was held in October 2012. SMU's India Initiatives was launched along with the first business dialogue. India Initiatives aims to create a knowledge network in collaboration with leading Indian educational institutions and business organisations.

Since then, SMU has signed seven Memoranda of Understanding with highly reputed institutions in India, namely, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur; Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi; Bombay Stock Exchange Institute, Mumbai; Birla Institute of Management Technology, Noida; Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak; and Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow.

