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## PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOSTS PRESIDENT OF RUSSIAN FEDERATION



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, received H.E. Mr Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, at Rashtrapati Bhavan (December 05, 2025). She also hosted a banquet in his honour. Welcoming President Putin and his delegation to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that his visit marks an important milestone: the 25th anniversary of the India-Russia Strategic Partnership, which was established in October 2000 during his first visit to India as President.

The President also recalled the centuries old cultural dialogue between our people, from ancient trade routes, to the inspiring correspondence through letters between Mahatma Gandhi and Leo Tolstoy, and the mutual admiration for each other's rich cultural, literary and artistic heritage. Both leaders expressed confidence that the friendship between our two countries, which has been steadfast for many years, will continue to prosper for many more to come.

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**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the India – Russia Business Forum with Russian President H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin**



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the India – Russia Business Forum with Russian President H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Presenting his remarks, the Prime Minister greeted His Excellency President Putin, leaders from India and abroad, and all distinguished guests, remarking that the India Russia Business Forum reflects a significant initiative by President Putin, who has brought a large delegation to participate in the event. He highlighted his heartfelt welcome to all attendees and expressed that being among them was a moment of great joy. Shri Modi conveyed deep gratitude to his friend President Putin for joining the forum and sharing his valuable thoughts.

PM Modi noted that, as mentioned by Union Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal and highlighted by President Putin regarding the possibilities ahead, India and Russia can achieve very ambitious targets in a short span of time. He remarked that whether in business or diplomacy, the foundation of any partnership is mutual trust, and emphasized that the greatest strength of India-Russia relations lies in this trust. He highlighted that this trust provides both direction and momentum to joint efforts and serves as the launch pad inspiring new dreams and aspirations. The Prime Minister recalled that last year President Putin and he had resolved to surpass the target of \$100 billion in bilateral trade by 2030, but observed that in his recent discussions with President Putin and given the visible potential, it is clear that waiting until 2030 will not be necessary.

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## PM chairs 50th meeting of PRAGATI



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI - the ICT-enabled multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation - earlier today, marking a significant milestone in a decade-long journey of cooperative, outcome-driven governance under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The milestone underscores how technology-enabled leadership, real-time monitoring and sustained Centre-State collaboration have translated national priorities into measurable outcomes on the ground.

During the meeting, Prime Minister reviewed five critical infrastructure projects across sectors, including Road, Railways, Power, Water Resources, and Coal. These projects span 5 States, with a cumulative cost of more than ₹40,000 crore.

During a review of PM SHRI scheme, Prime Minister emphasized that the PM SHRI scheme must become a national benchmark for holistic and future ready school education and said that implementation should be outcome oriented rather than infrastructure centric. He asked all the Chief Secretaries to closely monitor the PM SHRI scheme. He further emphasized that efforts must be made for making PM SHRI schools benchmark for other schools of state government. He also suggested that Senior officers of the government should undertake field visits to evaluate the performance of PM SHRI schools.

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## Prime Minister congratulates space scientists and engineers for successful launch of BlueBird Block-2 by LVM3-M6



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated space scientists and engineers for successful launch of BlueBird Block-2 by LVM3-M6 launch vehicle. BlueBird Block-2 is a spacecraft of the USA and the heaviest satellite ever launched from Indian soil into its intended orbit. Shri Modi stated that this marks a proud milestone in India's space journey and is reflective of efforts towards an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

"With LVM3 demonstrating reliable heavy-lift performance, we are strengthening the foundations for future missions such as Gaganyaan, expanding commercial launch services and deepening global partnerships" Shri Modi said.

The Prime Minister posted on X:

"A significant stride in India's space sector..."

The successful LVM3-M6 launch, placing the heaviest satellite ever launched from Indian soil, the spacecraft of USA, BlueBird Block-2, into its intended orbit, marks a proud milestone in India's space journey. It strengthens India's heavy-lift launch capability and reinforces our growing role in the global commercial launch market. This is also reflective of our efforts towards an Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Congratulations to our hardworking space scientists and engineers.

India continues to soar higher in the world of space!"

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## Prime Minister holds a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of New Zealand



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister of New Zealand, The Rt. Hon. Christopher Luxon today. The two leaders jointly announced the successful conclusion of the historic, ambitious and mutually beneficial India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

With negotiations having been Initiated during PM Luxon’s visit to India in March 2025, the two leaders agreed that the conclusion of the FTA in a record time of 9 months reflects the shared ambition and political will to further deepen ties between the two countries. The FTA would significantly deepen bilateral economic engagement, enhance market access, promote investment flows, strengthen strategic cooperation between the two countries, and also open up new opportunities for innovators, entrepreneurs, farmers, MSMEs, students and youth of both countries across various sectors.

With the strong and credible foundation provided by the FTA, both leaders expressed confidence in doubling bilateral trade over the next five years as well as an investment of USD 20 billion in India from New Zealand over the next 15 years. The leaders also welcomed the progress achieved in other areas of bilateral cooperation such as sports, education, and people-to-people ties, and reaffirmed their commitment towards further strengthening of the India-New Zealand partnership.

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## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses Closing Ceremony of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the closing ceremony of Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister highlighted that over the past three days, experts from across the world in the field of traditional medicine have engaged in serious and meaningful discussions. He expressed happiness that India is serving as a strong platform for this purpose and noted the active role of WHO in the process. He extended heartfelt gratitude to WHO, the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, and all the participants present for the successful organization of the summit.

“It is India’s privilege and a matter of pride that the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine has been established in Jamnagar”, said the Prime Minister. He recalled that in 2022, during the first Traditional Medicine Summit, the world entrusted India with this responsibility with great confidence. Shri Modi highlighted that it is a matter of happiness for all that the Centre’s reputation and influence are expanding globally, with the success of this summit serving as the biggest example. He noted that the summit is witnessing the confluence of traditional knowledge and modern practices, and several new initiatives have been launched here which can transform the future of medical science and holistic health. He emphasized that the summit has facilitated dialogue among health ministers and representatives of various countries, which has opened new avenues for promoting joint research, simplifying regulations, and advancing training and knowledge sharing. The Prime Minister underlined that such cooperation will play a vital role in making traditional medicine safer and more trustworthy in the future.

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## Prime Minister attends India-Oman Business Forum

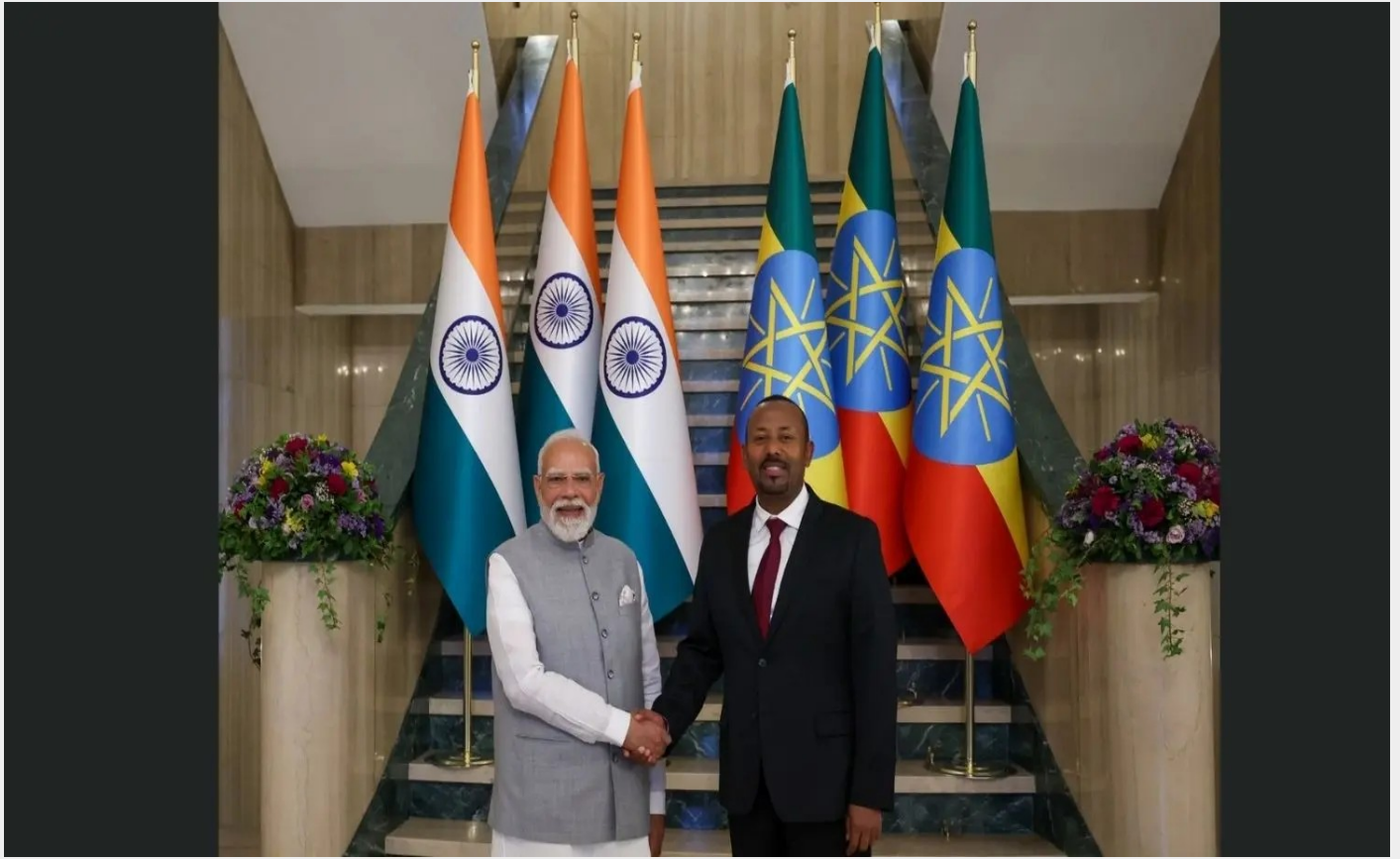


Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the India–Oman Business Forum in Muscat. H.E. Qais Al Youssef, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion of Oman; H.E. Sheikh Faisal Al Rawas, Chairman of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Commerce and Industry Minister of India Shri Piyush Goyal; and Shri Rajiv Memani, President of CII attended the meeting. The Forum saw participation by leading business representatives from both countries in the fields of energy, agriculture, logistics, infrastructure, manufacturing, health, financial services, green development, education, and connectivity.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister highlighted the centuries-old maritime trading ties between the two countries, from Mandvi to Muscat, which today forms the bedrock of vibrant commercial exchanges. He noted that 70 years of diplomatic relations represent the trust and friendship built over centuries. Prime Minister called upon the business leaders to realize the full potential of India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership [ CEPA], which he described as the blueprint for India-Oman shared future. He underscored that CEPA would infuse new energy in bilateral trade and investment ties and create opportunities for mutual growth, innovation and employment.

For more details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2205905&reg=3&lang=1>

## Prime Minister receives the highest award of Ethiopia



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid his first bilateral visit to Ethiopia from 16-17 December 2025. In a special ceremony hosted at the Addis International Convention Centre, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed conferred the highest award of Ethiopia the 'Great Honor Nishan of Ethiopia' upon Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his exceptional contribution towards strengthening India-Ethiopia partnership and for his visionary leadership as a global statesman.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi noted that it was an honor for him to accept the award from one of most ancient civilizations of the world, and he did so with a deep sense of humility and gratitude. Prime Minister Modi expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Dr. Abiy and the people of Ethiopia for this honour. He expressed appreciation for the leadership of Prime Minister Dr. Abiy and his initiatives to promote national unity, sustainability, and inclusive development. Underlining the salience of knowledge for nation building, Prime Minister Modi stated that it was a privilege for Indian teachers for over a century now to contribute towards Ethiopia's progress and development.

Prime Minister Modi dedicated the award to all those – Indians and Ethiopians - who have nurtured the bilateral ties for ages and conveyed heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the 1.4 billion Indians for being bestowed with this honour. The conferment of the award marks a milestone in the close partnership between India and Ethiopia and in furthering the positive agenda of the Global South.

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## Prime Minister Narendra Modi Condemns Terrorist Attack in Australia



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has strongly condemned the ghastly terrorist attack carried out at Bondi Beach, Australia, targeting people celebrating the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

Conveying profound grief over the tragic incident, Shri Modi extended heartfelt condolences on behalf of the people of India to the families who lost their loved ones. He affirmed that India stands in full solidarity with the people of Australia in this hour of deep sorrow.

Reiterating India's unwavering position on the issue, the Prime Minister stated that India has zero tolerance towards terrorism and firmly supports the global fight against all forms and manifestations of terrorism.

In a post on X, Shri Modi wrote:

“Strongly condemn the ghastly terrorist attack carried out today at Bondi Beach, Australia, targeting people celebrating the first day of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. On behalf of the people of India, I extend my sincere condolences to the families who lost their loved ones. We stand in solidarity with the people of Australia in this hour of grief. India has zero tolerance towards terrorism and supports the fight against all forms and manifestations of terrorism.”

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## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the special discussion on 150 years of the National Song, Vande Mataram in Lok Sabha



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the special discussion on 150 years of the National Song, Vande Mataram in Lok Sabha. The Prime Minister expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the esteemed Members of the House for choosing the path of collective discussion on this significant occasion. He remarked that Vande Mataram, the mantra and the clarion call which energized and inspired the freedom movement of the nation, showing the path of sacrifice and penance, is being remembered and it is a great privilege for all in the House. Shri Modi highlighted that it is a matter of pride that the nation is witnessing the historic occasion of 150 years of Vande Mataram. He stated that this period brings before us countless events of history. The Prime Minister emphasized that this discussion will not only reflect the commitment of the House but can also serve as a source of education for future generations, if all collectively make good use of it.

Shri Modi remarked that this is a period when many inspiring chapters of history are once again being revealed before us. He highlighted that the nation has recently celebrated 75 years of the Constitution with pride. He noted that the country is also commemorating the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagwan Birsa Munda, He added that recently the nation observed the 350th martyrdom day of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

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## PRESIDENT OF INDIA RELEASES THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA IN THE SANTHALI LANGUAGE



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, released the Constitution of India in the Santhali language at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan (December 25, 2025).

Speaking on the occasion, the President said that it is a matter of pride and joy for all the Santhali people that the Constitution of India is now available in the Santhali language, written in the Ol Chiki script. It will make them able to read and understand the Constitution in their own language.

The President said that this year, we are celebrating the centenary of the Ol Chiki script. She appreciated the Union Minister of Law and Justice and his team for bringing the Constitution of India in Ol Chiki script in its centenary year.

Among the dignitaries present on the occasion were the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan and the Union Minister of State for Law and Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal.

The Santhali language, which was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution through the 92nd Amendment Act, 2003, is one of the most ancient living languages of India. It is spoken by a significant number of tribal people in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal and Bihar.

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## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

### SGCCI Global Village 2026

The upcoming SGCCI Global Village 2026 is scheduled **from 24th to 26th January 2026** at the Surat International Exhibition & Convention Centre (SIECC Dome), Surat, Gujarat, India. The Global Village serves as a premier international platform designed for countries, ministries, investment authorities, tourism boards, trade bodies, exporters, and policymakers to engage in high-level discussions and explore collaborative opportunities across trade, tourism, culture, industrial exchange, and bilateral investment. With participation expected from 15+ countries, this event presents an exceptional opportunity to strengthen international cooperation and foster meaningful partnerships with one of India's most dynamic industrial hubs —South Gujarat.

### Wings India 2026

**Wings India 2026**, Asia's largest civil aviation exhibition, is jointly held by the Ministry of Civil Aviation of India, the Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). It will be held at **Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad from January 28 to 31, 2026**.

**Wings India 2026** is the most comprehensive exhibition to date. In addition to a static exhibit, it includes an international conference for over 50 countries, roundtable discussions, forum chairs, V2V and V2G meetings, a delegate awards ceremony, performances by teams, a business lunch, and more. Manufacturers of aircraft, helicopters, and engines, such as Airbus, will be participating. Boeing, Embraer, ATR, NAL, HAL, Diamond, CFM, Honda, Gulfstream, CAE, Textron & Bell Helicopters are involved in air transportation in India.

### Reverse Buyer Seller Meet at Rajkot, Gujarat

FIEO is organizing a Reverse Buyer Seller Meet for the Government of Gujarat in the month of January, 2026.

Sector/ Product Categories for the RBSM:

1. Engineering Products
2. Agricultural Products

We would like to see some prominent Importers/ Buyers for the above-mentioned Sectors/ Product Categories from Belarus

## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

### EDUCATION AND CAREER

23rd International Specialized Exhibition for schoolchildren, applicants, students, university graduates, parents, government representatives, business and the public.

The largest exhibition of educational institutions, educational technologies, and job openings in the Republic of Belarus. This is an Open Day for leading universities and colleges.

The exhibition is attended by universities, colleges, lyceums, postgraduate education institutes, educational centers, foreign language schools, employers, as well as industry manufacturers and suppliers.

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