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Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi meets with High Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and co-chairs the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid a State Visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on April 22, 2025. PM was received by His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the Royal Palace in Jeddah and accorded a ceremonial welcome.

PM Modi and His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia held official talks and co-chaired the second meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC). HRH Crown Prince strongly condemned the ghastly terror attack in Pahalgam and offered deepest condolences on the innocent lives lost. The two leaders resolved to combat terrorism tooth and nail.

The leaders reviewed the progress under the Council since their last meeting in September 2023 in New Delhi. The leaders noted with appreciation the intensification in bilateral engagement and the large number of high-level visits across various Ministries that have built trust and mutual understanding on both sides. The two leaders discussed cooperation in the fields of energy, defence, trade, investment, technology, culture and people-to-people relations. Prime Minister thanked His Royal Highness for the support and welfare extended to the Indian community in Saudi Arabia. He also appreciated the support provided by the Saudi government for the Indian Haj pilgrims.

Both leaders appreciated the progress in the discussions in the High-Level Task Force on Investment. They welcomed the understanding reached by the Task Force in multiple areas, which builds on the earlier commitment of Saudi Arabia to invest USD 100 billion in India across multiple sectors including energy, petrochemicals, infrastructure, technology, fintech, digital infrastructure, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, and health. In this context, they particularly welcomed the agreement to collaborate on establishing two oil refineries in India, as well as the progress achieved on taxation issues. Prime Minister proposed that to further strengthen economic ties both countries could work for connecting payment gateways and trade settlement in local currencies.

The two leaders discussed progress in India-Middle East Europe Economic Corridor [IMEEC], particularly the bilateral connectivity initiatives being undertaken by the two sides. Both leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the outcomes of the work of the two Ministerial Committees under the Council, namely: (a) the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation and its subcommittees, and (b) the Committee on Economy and Investments and its Joint Working Groups.

The two leaders welcomed the expansion of the Strategic Partnership Council with the establishment two new ministerial committees. In this context, to reflect the deepening of the defence partnership, the leaders agreed on the establishment of the Ministerial Committee on Defence Cooperation. Acknowledging the growing momentum in cultural cooperation between the two sides in recent years, they also agreed to establish a Ministerial Committee on Tourism and Culture Cooperation. After the meeting, the minutes of the second SPC were signed by the two leaders.

The leaders welcomed the signing of 4 bilateral MoUs and agreements in the fields of Space, Health, Sports (Anti-Doping) and postal cooperation on the occasion of the visit. [List of Outcomes]

PM Modi invited His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman to visit India for the third meeting of the Strategic Partnership Council.

Hon'ble PM Modi strongly condemns the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir



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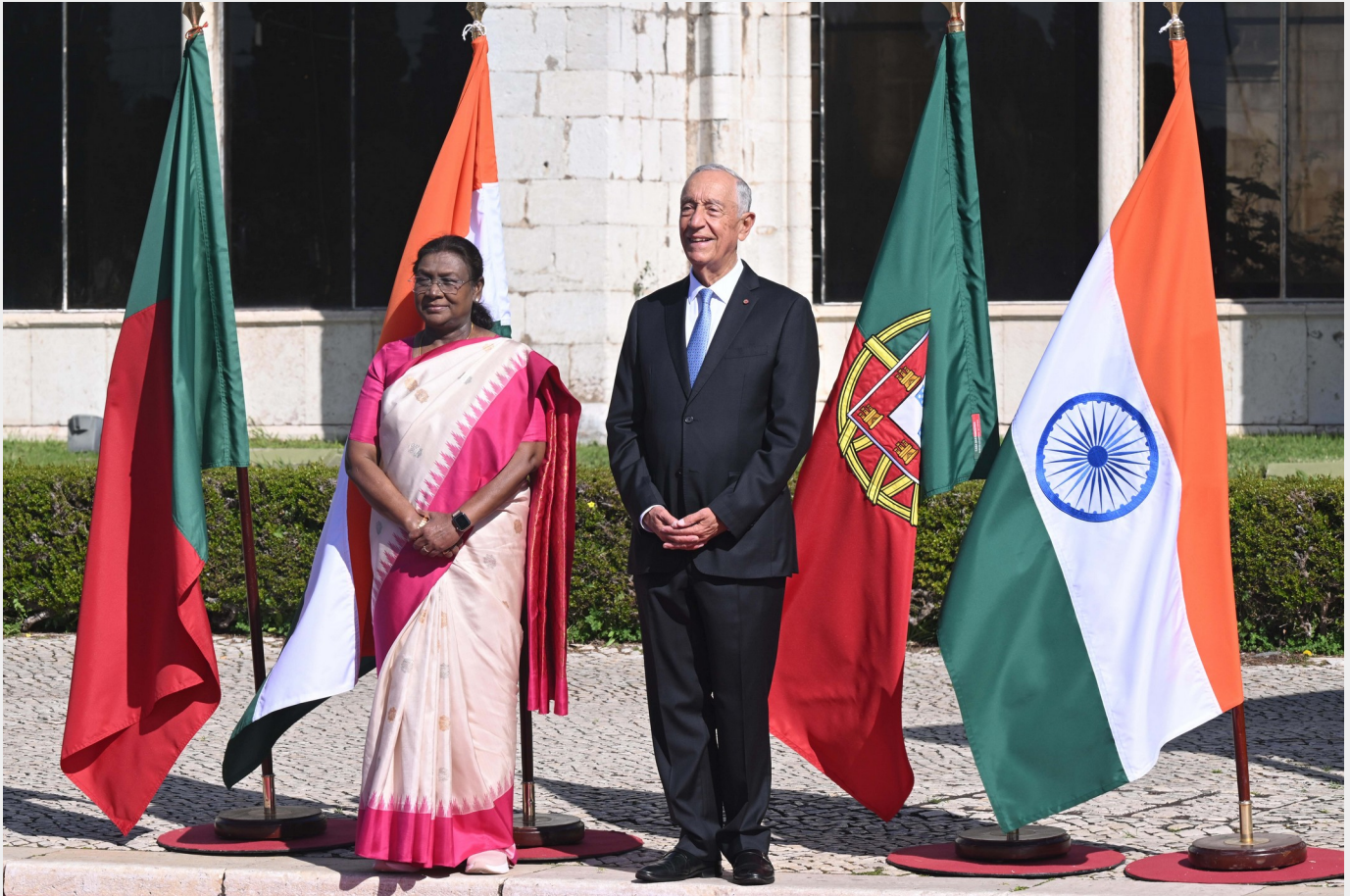
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi strongly condemned the terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, today. "Those behind this heinous act will be brought to justice. They will not be spared! Their evil agenda will never succeed. Our resolve to fight terrorism is unshakable and it will get even stronger", Shri Modi added.

The Prime Minister posted on X :

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PRESIDENT OF INDIA IN PORTUGAL; MEETS PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL AND LEADS DELEGATION-LEVEL TALKS



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu visited Lisbon on April 6, 2025 on the first leg of her State Visit to Portugal and the Slovak Republic. This is the first-ever visit by an Indian President to Portugal in 27 years. President Droupadi Murmu was warmly received by the President of the Republic of Portugal, H.E. Mr Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa at the historic ‘Praca do Imperio’ in Lisbon. She was accorded a ceremonial welcome with the Guard of Honour. President Droupadi Murmu also visited the Church of Santa Maria and laid a wreath at the tomb of Luis Vaz de Camoes – the national poet of Portugal. She also visited the Monastery of Jerónimos – a masterpiece of 16th-century architecture in Portugal. President Droupadi Murmu and President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa of Portugal graced the launch of postage stamps commemorating 50 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries. The stamps reflect the rich artistic and cultural heritage of India and Portugal, and feature vibrant folk attire from both countries: Rajasthan's distinctive Kalbeliya costume and the traditional Viana do Castelo dress from Portugal. She stressed the need to further strengthen long-standing bilateral ties, especially in trade and investment, science and technology, IT and digital technology, renewable energy, connectivity and mobility.

Both the leaders issued press statements after the meeting.

For more details: <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2025/apr/doc202547536001.pdf>

PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOSTS PRESIDENT OF CHILE



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu received H.E. Mr Gabriel Boric Font, President of the Republic of Chile at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 01 April 2025. She also hosted a banquet in his honour.

Welcoming President Boric on his first visit to India, the President said that his political journey, from student politics to the post of President, is an inspiration for young leaders across the world. The President said that this visit is an important milestone in India-Chile relations, as it is taking place at a time when we are completing 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations. The President said that Chile is an important partner of India in the Latin America region.

The political and economic priorities of India and Chile complement each other. She stated that there are many opportunities to increase cooperation between the two countries in trade and investment, technology and cultural exchange. The President was happy to note that trade between India and Chile has increased in recent years, and many Indian companies have invested in Chile in various sectors. She said that there is potential for enhancing cooperation in these areas. The President appreciated the important contribution of the Indian community in Chile, who are helping to popularize Indian cuisine, Yoga and Ayurveda in Chile, and strengthening our people to people linkages.

The two leaders agreed that there is a huge opportunity to further the strong relations between the two countries, and this visit will add a new chapter in the India-Chile relationship.

Hon'ble PM, Narendra Modi condoles the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi condoled the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. He hailed him as beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage.

He wrote in a post on X:

“Deeply pained by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. In this hour of grief and remembrance, my heartfelt condolences to the global Catholic community. Pope Francis will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world. From a young age, he devoted himself towards realising the ideals of Lord Christ. He diligently served the poor and downtrodden. For those who were suffering, he ignited a spirit of hope.

I fondly recall my meetings with him and was greatly inspired by his commitment to inclusive and all-round development. His affection for the people of India will always be cherished. May his soul find eternal peace in God's embrace.”

Link for full article: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2123125>



Source : Press Information Bureau (PIB)

121st Edition of Hon'ble PM, Narendra Modi focuses on celebrating India's achievements in space exploration, humanitarian efforts, and environmental conservation



The Hon'ble Prime Minister's 'Mann Ki Baat' program covered several key topics, showcasing the nation's progress and resilience. He began by condemning the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, expressing deep anguish and sympathies for the affected families. He assured the nation that the perpetrators would face the harshest response, emphasizing the unity of the country against terrorism.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister paid tribute to Dr. K. Kasturirangan, a renowned scientist who contributed significantly to India's space program and education sector. Dr. Kasturirangan's vision for modern education and his role in formulating the new National Education Policy were highlighted as significant achievements.

India's growing presence in the space sector was another key topic, with the Prime Minister citing recent achievements like the Chandrayaan-3 mission and the growth of space startups. He emphasized the country's progress in space exploration, from launching satellites to becoming a global space power. The Prime Minister also highlighted India's humanitarian efforts, including Operation Brahma in Myanmar, where Indian teams provided medical aid and rescue operations after an earthquake.

The 'Sachet APP' was introduced as a tool for disaster management, providing alerts and information during natural disasters. The Prime Minister emphasized the importance of environmental conservation, highlighting the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, which has led to the planting of over 140 crore trees across the country. This initiative not only promotes sustainability but also fosters a sense of community and responsibility towards the environment.

The program also touched upon the importance of science and innovation, with examples of science centers and galleries inspiring young minds. The Prime Minister shared inspiring stories of farmers growing apples in Karnataka and litchis in Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan, demonstrating the potential of innovation in agriculture.

Throughout the program, the Prime Minister's message was clear: India's progress is a collective effort, and every citizen has a role to play in shaping the nation's future. By highlighting achievements and challenges, he encouraged citizens to work together towards a stronger, more resilient India. The 'Mann Ki Baat' program served as a platform for the Prime Minister to connect with the nation, share inspiring stories, and provide guidance on key issues facing the country.

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Ambassador Ashok Kumar visits BelAZ



Ambassador Ashok Kumar with Mr. Aliaksandr Zuyonk, Deputy Director of Marketing Centre



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Ambassador Ashok Kumar with Mr. Vasili Shostak, Deputy General Director for Marketing and Export Policy



Ambassador Ashok Kumar with Mr. Aliaksandr Zuyonk, Deputy Director of Marketing Centre

Ambassador Ashok Kumar visited BelAZ, a major dump trucks manufacturing facility of Belarus on 16th April 2025. Ambassador was warmly welcomed by Mr. Aliaksandr Zuyonk, Deputy Director of Marketing Centre – Head of Foreign Trade Division of BelAZ followed by a tour to the facility. Ambassador also met Mr. Vasili Shostak, Deputy General Director for Marketing and Export Policy – Director of Marketing Centre of BelAZ and discussed various business prospects between Belarus and India.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

Bharat Telecom

Telecom Equipment Export Promotion Council (TEPC) is organizing '**Bharat Telecom 2025**' at Hotel Taj Palace, Sardar Patel Marg, Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi-110 021 **on May 6-7, 2025** with the support of the Ministry of Telecom, India. The Council is organizing the exhibition to enable potential buyers from across the globe to interact and transact business through B2B meetings with quality telecom equipment/software manufacturers and ICT service solution providers from India. The event will feature conference sessions, an exhibition and B2B meetings where leading Indian telecom manufacturers and telecom/IT service providers will showcase their capabilities.

Seafood Expo Bharat

The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) will hold the first edition of **Seafood Expo Bharat** at Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai, Tamil Nadu **from 1st to 3rd July 2025**. The expo will feature exhibition booths, buyer-seller meet-and-greet, tasting sessions, technical sessions and visits to seafood processing plants and aquaculture farms.

India International Garment Fair

IGFA in association with Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) is organizing one of the largest apparel and accessories sourcing exhibitions in Asia, **the 73rd India International Garment Fair (IIGF)** to be held **from 1st to 2nd and 3rd July 2025** at Yashobhumi, New Delhi, India. The 73rd IIGF will showcase the latest fashion trends from the Indian apparel industry. IIGF is widely recognized as one of the leading fairs for the Indian readymade garments sector globally.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

MILEX - 2025

The State Committee of Military Industry, the Ministry of Defense of Belarus, and the BelExpo National Exhibition Center are holding **the 12th International Exhibition of Arms and Military Equipment "MILEX - 2025" and the 11th International Scientific Conference on Military-Technical Cooperation in Defense and Security on May 21-24, 2025** in the Minsk International Exhibition Center. The products of the Belarusian defense industry complex, new developments in the field of high technology, enterprises engaged in the modernization, repair of military equipment and the provision of services to the Armed Forces will be presented.

More: www.milex.belexpo.by

BELAGRO

The Belarusian Agro-Industrial Week consists of the following sections: BELPRODUCT - food products from domestic and foreign manufacturers, BELAGRO - Annual leading forum of farmers. Held with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Ministry of Industry, the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Belarus, BELFARM - The latest technologies and equipment in animal husbandry, FOOD INDUSTRY is divided into two thematic sections: "Trade equipment" and "Food products", PRODMASH. COLD. PACKAGING - "Equipment and technologies", "Cold and ventilation", "Interpack". The exhibition will be held **from June 3 to 7, 2025** in the Industrial Park "Great Stone" of the Smolevichi District, Pekinsky Ave., 29

More: <https://belagro.minskexpo.com>

TIBO-2025

The 30th International Exhibition TIBO-2025 is a unique platform for exchanging advanced international experience, generating innovative knowledge and discussing mechanisms for implementing the latest technological trends in various sectors of the economy, social sphere and public administration. The exhibition will be held **from June 5 to 8, 2025** in Minsk at 111a Pobediteley Ave. (Minsk-Arena)

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