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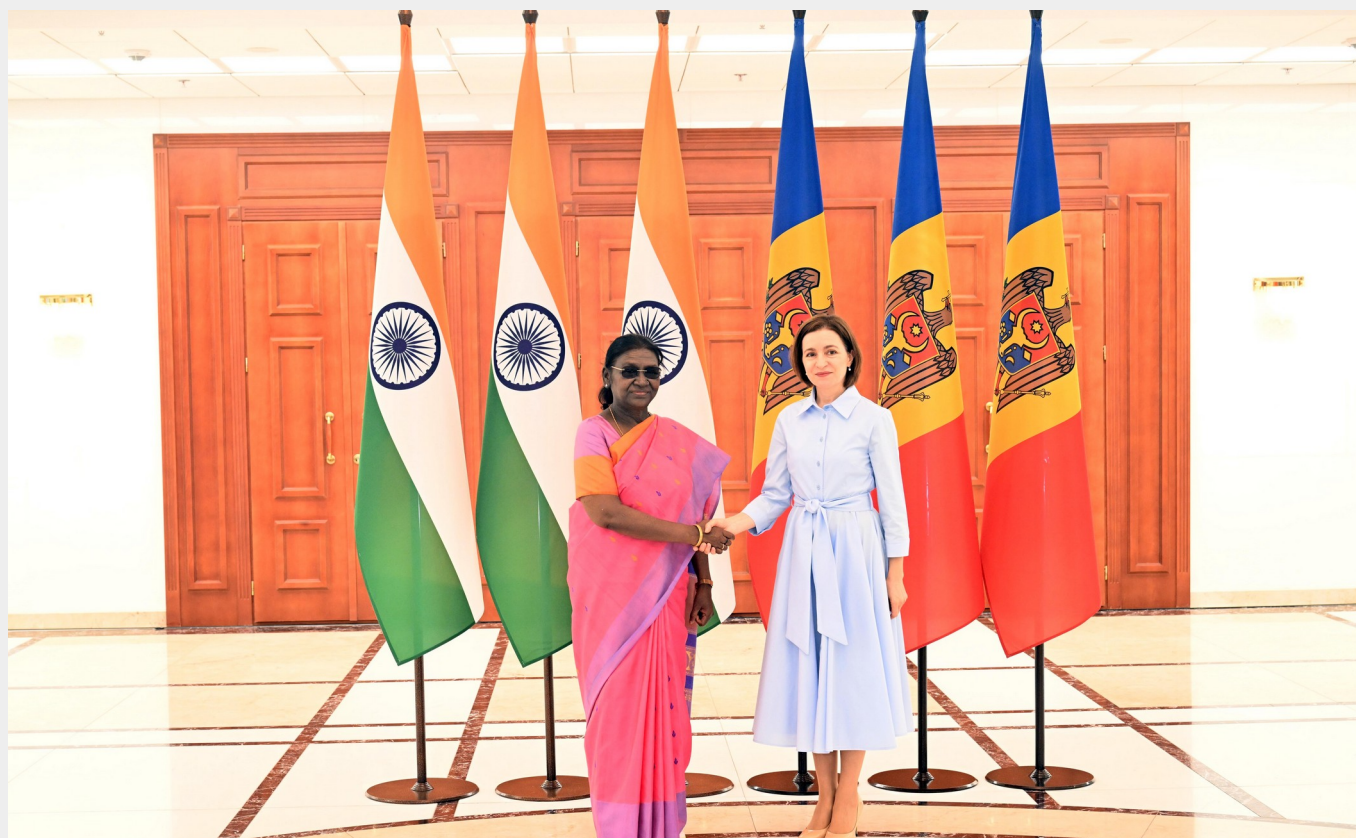
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PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOLDS BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF MOLDOVA AND LEADS DELEGATION-LEVEL TALKS



The President of India, H.E. Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, visited Chisinau, Moldova (July 20, 2026), on the first leg of her State Visit to Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania. This was the first visit by an Indian President to Moldova.

On this State visit, the President is accompanied by Mrs. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Dr. Dinesh Sharma, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Mr. Vijay Baghel, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha. On her arrival at Chisinau International Airport, the President was received by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Mihai Popsoi. The President said that India and Moldova have enjoyed warm and friendly relations for more than three decades. Although geographically distant, the India-Moldova partnership has steadily grown, guided by our shared commitment to peace, development and international cooperation.

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PRESIDENT OF INDIA IN NORTH MACEDONIA: HOLDS BILATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OF NORTH MACEDONIA AND LEADS DELEGATION-LEVEL TALKS



The President of India, H.E. Mrs. Droupadi Murmu visited Skopje, North Macedonia (July 20, 2026), on the second leg of her State Visits to Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania. This was the first visit by an Indian President to North Macedonia.

The President commenced her engagements with the visit to Villa Vodno, the official residence and office of the President of North Macedonia. She was warmly received by H.E. Dr. Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, President of the Republic of North Macedonia. She was accorded a ceremonial welcome and guard of honour. During one-to-one meeting and delegation-level talks, the two leaders discussed full range of bilateral cooperation, and exchanged views on regional and global issues of mutual interest. They reaffirmed deep and friendly bilateral ties, grounded in shared democratic values and mutual respect. The President said that economic cooperation is an extremely important pillar of the India-North Macedonia bilateral relationship. She emphasized cooperation in key sectors, including IT/ITES, agriculture, food processing, pharmaceuticals, textiles and bio-tech, tourism, hospitality, and film-making.

The President said that cultural and people-to-people ties have always been among the strongest pillars of the bilateral relationship. She highlighted that collaboration in the field of creative industry is an important aspect of cultural exchanges.

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PRIME MINISTER MARKS 11 YEARS OF DIGITAL INDIA

11 YEARS OF
DIGITAL INDIA
EMPOWERING CITIZENS, TRANSFORMING INDIA

“ Digital India is the strong foundation of a developed and self-reliant India. Over the past 11 years, it has played a crucial role in empowering the poor and deprived, while making the lives of citizens easier. ”

— PM Narendra Modi

DIGITAL PAYMENTS India leads the world in real-time digital transactions.	DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFERS Benefits reaching the right people with transparency.	DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE Building world-class digital platforms for a billion+ Indians.	EMPOWERING EVERY INDIAN Strengthening education, healthcare, agriculture, startups & innovation.
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11 YEARS. MILLIONS OF LIVES TRANSFORMED. A DIGITAL INDIA FOR A NEW INDIA.

#DigitalIndia #PowerToEmpower #NewIndia

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, marked 11 years of the Digital India initiative, highlighting its transformative impact on governance, public service delivery and citizens' lives.

Mr. Modi said that Digital India has redefined governance by making it more transparent, efficient and citizen-centric while accelerating all-round development across the country. He noted that the initiative has touched every aspect of life, from seamless digital payments and transparent Direct Benefit Transfers to the expansion of Digital Public Infrastructure, making technology a powerful instrument for enhancing the "Ease of Living." The Prime Minister observed that the widespread adoption of technology by over a billion Indians has brought about a transformative change, making Digital India a strong foundation for a developed and self-reliant India. Mr. Modi further stated that Digital India has taken the wave of innovation to every part of the country, particularly villages and Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. He said that young entrepreneurs, startups and innovators from across India are developing solutions to address some of the world's most pressing challenges. The Prime Minister noted that the initiative has strengthened key sectors such as education, healthcare, agriculture, commerce and public service delivery, making governance more accessible, transparent and efficient.

Highlighting India's growing leadership in emerging technologies, Mr. Modi highlighted that the country's progress in areas such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), semiconductors and quantum computing will open new avenues for growth and opportunity. He reaffirmed the Government's commitment to building a future where technology serves humanity, empowers every citizen and drives sustainable development.

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INDIA-JAPAN JOINT STATEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)



The Prime Minister of the Republic of India and the Prime Minister of Japan acknowledged that Artificial Intelligence (AI) is an era-defining general-purpose technology that is transforming economies, societies, science and technology, industry and business, governance, and security. Based on this understanding, they concurred in advancing cooperation to mutually enhance the resilience and competitiveness of both countries in the field of AI and to bring about innovation and growth in both countries, in order to build a safe, secure, trustworthy, inclusive, human-centric, sustainable, accountable, and innovation-oriented AI ecosystem. The two leaders affirmed that, for the sustainable development of AI, it is crucial to promote innovation through the use and application of AI technologies, appropriately mitigate associated risks, and ensure resilient, diversified, and trustworthy AI supply chains. In this regard, they welcomed the deliberations and outcomes of the New Delhi AI Impact Summit.

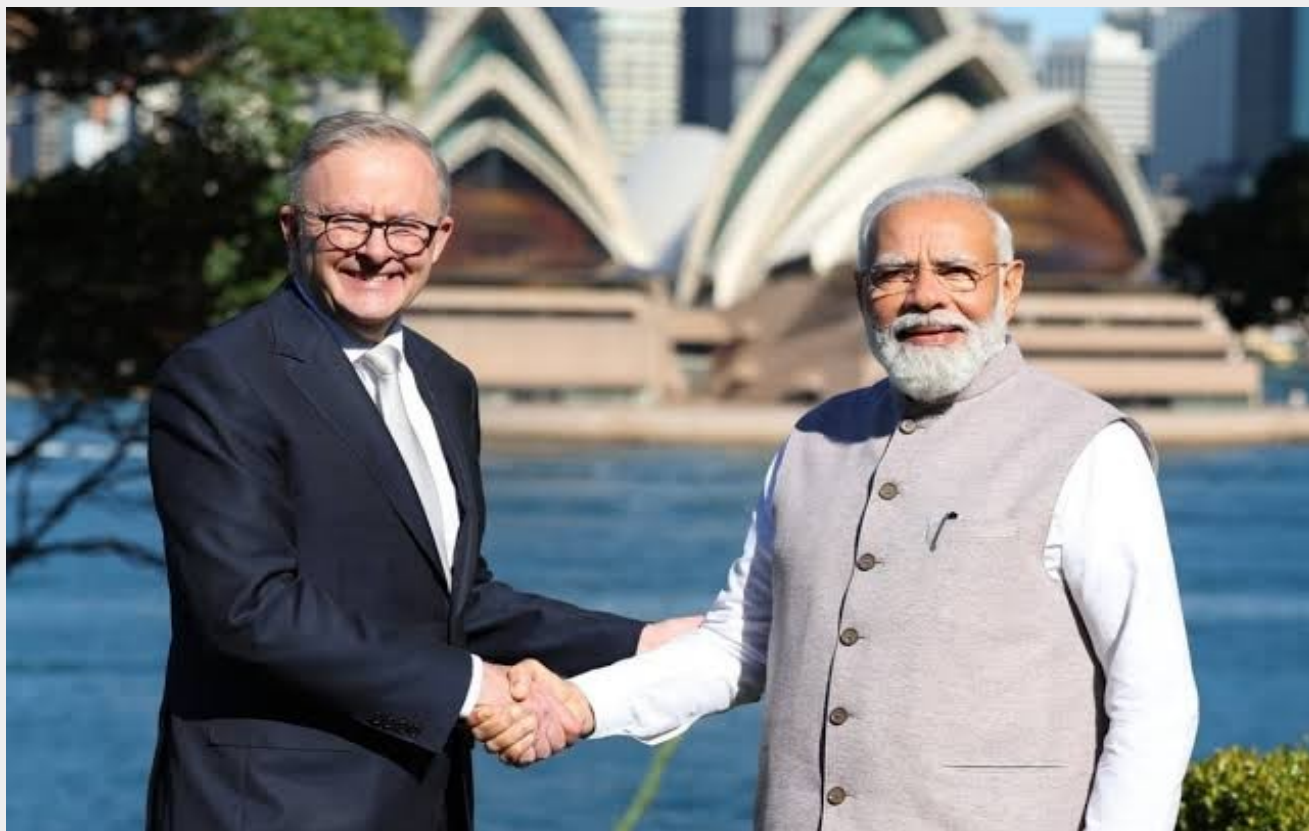
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND



Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi with President of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Prabowo Subianto





At the invitation of the President of the Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Prabowo Subianto, Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi paid a visit to Indonesia from 6-8 July, 2026. This was Prime Minister's fourth visit to Indonesia and his first bilateral visit since the elevation of India-Indonesia ties to the level of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in May 2018. During the visit, Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with President Prabowo and reviewed the progress made in the partnership. In Jakarta, Prime Minister addressed a large gathering of the Indian Diaspora. India and Indonesia share historical and warm people-to-people ties. In keeping with these special bonds, Prime Minister visited the Prambanan Temple complex at Yogyakarta, a prominent UNESCO world heritage site in Indonesia.

From Indonesia, at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Australia, the Honourable Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister traveled to Melbourne from 8-10 July, 2026. In Melbourne, Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Albanese. He also called on the Governor General of Australia, the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC. During his visit, Prime Minister also participated in the India-Australia CEOs Forum, where he addressed a gathering of top business leaders from both countries. Prime Minister also addressed a large gathering of the Indian Diaspora, who constitute a strong pillar of the India-Australia relationship.

From Melbourne, at the invitation of the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Honourable Christopher Luxon, Prime Minister travelled to Auckland for a state visit from 10-11 July, 2026. This was the first state visit of an Indian Prime Minister to New Zealand in four decades. In Auckland, Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with Prime Minister Luxon and reviewed the entire gamut of the bilateral relationship, which has seen significant progress in the last two years, especially in the areas of trade and commerce and defence. While in Auckland, Prime Minister also interacted with prominent business and sports personalities. In a reflection of the strong people-to-people ties that exist between India and New Zealand, Prime Minister addressed a large gathering of the Indian Diaspora during the visit.

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PRIME MINISTER CONGRATULATES THE TEAM OF SKYROOT AEROSPACE ON THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF VIKRAM-1



PRIME MINISTER ADDRESSES THE NATION IN THE 136TH EPISODE OF MANN KI BAAT



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi used the 136th episode of Mann ki Baat on Sunday to highlight India's growing defence capabilities, pointing to recent missile tests, the commissioning of an indigenous warship and new defence deals with Indonesia. Mr.Modi said India is "constantly reaching new heights" in defence production, defence exports and political cooperation with friendly countries. He also recalled his recent Indonesia visit, where India signed a major deal to supply BrahMos and Astra missiles. The remarks came as India's defence sector recorded a series of recent developments, including successful tests of the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket and Kusha missile, along with the induction of INS Mahendragiri into the Indian Navy.

A key example cited in Mann ki Baat was INS Mahendragiri, an advanced stealth frigate built in India and inducted into the Navy's Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, on July 11. The ceremony was presided over by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh. The warship has more than 75 per cent indigenous content, displaces around 6,670 tonnes and can reach speeds of up to 28 knots. INS Mahendragiri carries supersonic surface-to-surface missiles, medium-range surface-to-air missiles, anti-submarine warfare systems and an embarked multi-role helicopter. It also features advanced stealth technology, modern sensors, network-centric combat systems and state-of-the-art weapon suites. Modi described the ship as a symbol of the growing strength of "Atmanirbhar Bharat".

The missile tests also featured prominently in Mann ki Baat. DRDO successfully flight-tested the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur on July 8. The rocket was tested for a user-defined minimum range of 60 km. It completed all planned in-flight manoeuvres and hit its target with "textbook precision", following the predicted trajectory. The Ministry of Defence said all deployed range instruments tracked the rocket throughout its flight.

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CABINET DECISIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2026



1. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has approved the Semicon 2.0 for the development of India's semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem, with a total budget outlay of Rs.1,27,500 crore. Recognising the requirement for a sustained and long-term support to Semiconductor sector in India and also to build on the momentum generated under Semicon1.0, Semicon 2.0 aims to further the Government's commitment towards putting our country on the semiconductor map of the world.
2. The Union Cabinet has approved the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS) with a budgetary outlay of Rs 62,500 crore (Rupees Sixty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Crore Only) to further scale up the production, deepen domestic value addition, strengthen supply chain resilience, enhance global competitiveness, the Government has launched the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS). MPMS scheme also aims at building Indian brands to achieve technological sovereignty, capture large economic value and create Indian patents in design and R&D. The scheme tenure shall be 5 Years i.e. from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
3. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan or BHAVYA - Rasayan Scheme for establishing three dedicated Chemical Parks in the country. The Scheme was announced in the Union Budget of FY 2026-27. The Scheme will have a total financial outlay of Rs.3,030 crore, with Rs.3,000 crore towards meeting the cost of establishing the Common Infrastructure Facilities and Basic Utilities inside the park and Rs. 30 Crores as administrative expenditure. The scheme would run for a period of 5 years from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31. In terms of the said scheme, the Centre would provide a grant of up to Rs.1,000 crore per park.
4. The Union Cabinet approved the 'Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)', a Scheme for the development of Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) Projects with Energy Storage Systems (ESS) with a total outlay of Rs.5,070 crore. The scheme envisages the development of 5,000 MW of Floating Solar Photovoltaic projects with co-located Energy Storage Systems having a minimum storage capacity of two hours i.e.,10,000 MWh. The projects will be sanctioned during FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, with

disbursement of financial support continuing up to FY 2032-33. Under the scheme, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of Rs. One crore per MW will be provided for eligible Floating Solar Photovoltaic projects after successful commissioning. In addition, CFA of up to Rs.50 lakh per project will be available for undertaking feasibility studies, including bathymetry and hydrography assessments, environmental studies, and other preparatory activities required for de-risking the project development.

5. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved continuation of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme from 2026–27 to 2030–31. A total financial outlay of Rs.3.15 lakh crore has been approved for the Scheme during this period. The approval reiterates the Government's commitment that the prosperity of farmers forms the foundation of the nation's prosperity. Through the PM-KISAN Scheme, timely and transparent income support is being provided to eligible farmer families through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system, enabling farmers to increase agricultural investment and strengthen their livelihoods.

6. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved an expanded Khelo India Scheme and enhanced Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSFs) with a combined outlay of Rs.36,441 crore for the period 2026–27 to 2030–31, reaffirming the Government's commitment to harnessing the power of sports for youth development and nation-building. This is the country's most ambitious sports development programme since Independence. The aspirations of the youth of the country towards sports has been given a major boost and will have a transformational impact over the coming decade.

7. The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved 'Samudra Manthan' – the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas with an approved outlay of Rs.84,084 crore for implementation up to FY 2030–31. The Scheme translates the Prime Minister's vision, articulated from the Red Fort on Independence Day 2025, of a modern-day Samudra Manthan to unlock India's vast offshore energy potential. It marks a landmark step towards strengthening India's energy security, accelerating domestic exploration and production, promoting technological leadership, and advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN India

IEEE SPACE 2026 International MSME Startup Expo & Summit

(11th to 13th August 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India.)

Sectors:

MSMEs & Entrepreneurship
 Startups & Innovation
 Trade & Investment
 Manufacturing
 Export Promotion
 Technology & Digital Solutions
 Business & Industry
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 International Cooperation
 Franchising & Business Development

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7th Edition of SGCCI Yarn Expo 2026

21st to 23rd August 2026 at the Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre (SIECC), Surat, Gujarat,
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Sectors:

Yarn Manufacturing & Trading
 Textile & Fibre Industry
 Synthetic and Natural Fibres
 Specialty & Value-added Yarns

Textile Machinery & Accessories
Garment and Fashion Supply Chain

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7th Global Cancer Summit 2026

(August 23, 2026 at Swatantrata Bhawan Auditorium, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India)

Healthcare / Oncology

Website: <https://globalcancersummit.com/> Registration: <https://globalcancersummit.com/online-registration/>
Early Bird Deadline: May 5, 2026 Abstract Submission Deadline: May 5, 2026

iPHEX-2026 – India's Mega Pharma Exhibition & B2B (12th Edition)

(7–9 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi)

Pharma and Healthcare

Business Delegates (Manufacturer, Traders, Distributor, Importers & Agents)
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Journalist :
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Pharma Associations/Chambers :
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Govt. Procurement Agencies:
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SANJEEVANI 2026

7–9 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, Hall No. 3, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India.

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Healthcare & Wellness Services
Medical Value Tourism (MVT)
Hospitals & Healthcare Providers
Medical Services, Insurance & Patient Facilitation
Wellness and Preventive Healthcare

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UniCon & GameExpo Minsk 2026

Minsk , Pobediteley Ave. , 20/2 (football arena) 11-13 September 2026

Fandom stands

Gaming industry

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Indie Hub

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