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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI MEETS PRESIDENT ALEKSANDR LUKASHENKO AND PRESIDENT XI JINPING AT SCO



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met with Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, on the sidelines of the Summit of the leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Tianjin on 31 August 2025.

Both leaders welcomed the positive momentum and steady progress in bilateral relations since their last meeting in Kazan in October 2024. They reaffirmed that the two countries were development partners and not rivals, and that their differences should not turn into disputes. A stable relationship and cooperation between India and China and their 2.8 billion peoples on the basis of mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity are necessary for the growth and development of the two countries, as well as for a multipolar world and a multi-polar Asia befitting the trends of the 21st century. Belarusian President Lukashenko also exchanged warm greetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY THE HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA SMT. DROUPADI MURMU ON THE EVE OF THE 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



President Droupadi Murmu addressed the nation on the eve of the 78th Independence Day. “Modi govt has taken numerous initiatives for welfare of SC, ST and marginalised sections. Social justice is the top priority of Modi govt,” said President Murmu. The President also conferred gallantry and service medals to personnel from the police and other security and combat forces today, including a President’s Medal for Gallantry (PMG) and 213 Medals for Gallantry (GM).

The President’s Medal for Gallantry (PMG) has been awarded to Chaduvu Yadaiah, Head Constable of Telangana Police who despite severe injuries due to knife attacks managed to catch and hold on to the individuals involved in chain snatching and arms dealing in July 2022. As many as 94 personnel will be honoured with President’s Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and 729 with Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM). PSM is awarded for special distinguished record in Service and MSM is awarded for valuable service characterised by resource and devotion to duty. These medals are announced twice a year, the other being on the occasion of Republic Day.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address on the 79th Independence Day of India



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nation on the 79th Independence Day from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Delhi on 15th August 2025. The address to the nation by Shri Modi was the longest and most decisive address from the Red Fort, lasting 103 minutes, charting a bold roadmap for a Viksit Bharat by 2047. Prime Minister's address focussed on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment, highlighting India's journey from a nation dependent on others to a globally confident, technologically advanced, and economically resilient country.

PM Modi outlined the vision for a Viksit Bharat 2047, emphasizing that India's progress is built on self-reliance, innovation, and citizen empowerment. He stated that across sectors ranging from strategic defence to semiconductors, clean energy to agriculture, and digital sovereignty to youth empowerment, the roadmap seeks to transform India into a \$10 trillion economy by 2047, making it globally competitive, socially inclusive, and strategically autonomous.

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On the 79th Independence Day, PM Modi addressed the nation, highlighting India's journey of self-reliance and transformation. He said that over the past decade, India has been reforming, performing, and transforming, but now the time has come to move forward with even greater strength. He emphasized that the government is committed to creating a modern, efficient, and citizen-friendly ecosystem, where laws, regulations, and processes are simplified, entrepreneurship is encouraged, and every Indian can contribute to building a Viksit Bharat.

Simplifying Laws and Compliance

At the outset of his address, PM Modi said that over the past years, the government has undertaken a historic wave of reforms, abolishing over 40,000 unnecessary compliances and repealing more than 1,500 outdated laws. Dozens of other laws were simplified in Parliament, always keeping citizens' interests at the forefront.

In the recent session alone, over 280 provisions were removed, making governance simpler and more accessible for every Indian. PM Modi emphasized that reform is not just about economics, it is about transforming the everyday lives of citizens.

Among the key achievements, he highlighted:

Income Tax Reform and Faceless Assessment, making the system transparent and efficient

Zero tax for annual income up to ₹12 lakh, a benefit that many could not have imagined even a few years ago

Replacement of outdated criminal laws with the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, simplifying justice and legal procedures

These reforms signal a modern, citizen-centric government where ordinary people can experience ease, fairness, and empowerment. PM Modi underscored that India is committed to structural, regulatory, policy, process, and procedural reforms, building a nation where governance works for the people, not the other way around.

Empowering Entrepreneurs and MSMEs

The government's reforms aim to reduce compliance costs for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs, while ensuring freedom from the fear of outdated legal provisions. This creates a more conducive environment for business growth, encouraging innovation and economic self-reliance.

Next-Generation Reforms and Task Force

PM Modi announced the formation of a Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms, which will evaluate all current laws, rules, and procedures related to economic activities. The Task Force will work within a set timeline to:

Reduce compliance costs for startups, MSMEs, and entrepreneurs

Provide freedom from fear of arbitrary legal actions

Ensure laws are streamlined for ease of doing business

These reforms are aimed at creating a supportive ecosystem for innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and addressed the M.S. Swaminathan Centenary International Conference at ICAR PUSA in New Delhi. Paying tribute to Professor M. S. Swaminathan, the Prime Minister described him as a visionary whose contributions transcend any single era. He added that Professor Swaminathan was a great scientist who transformed science into a medium of public service. Shri Modi highlighted that Professor Swaminathan dedicated his life to ensuring food security for the nation. Noting that Professor Swaminathan awakened a consciousness that will continue to guide India's policies and priorities for centuries to come. He extended his best wishes to all on the occasion of the Swaminathan Birth Centenary Celebrations.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the occasion of National Handloom Day and highlighted that in the past ten years, the handloom sector has gained new recognition and strength across the country. He extended his greetings to all, especially to those associated with the handloom sector, on National Handloom Day.

Sharing his association with Dr. M. S. Swaminathan spanned many years, PM Modi recalled the earlier conditions in Gujarat, where agriculture faced severe challenges due to droughts and cyclones. Noting that during his tenure as Chief Minister, work began on the Soil Health Card initiative, he remembered Professor Swaminathan showing great interest in the initiative, offering open-hearted suggestions that significantly contributed to its success. Shri Modi mentioned visiting Professor Swaminathan's Research Foundation Centre in Tamil Nadu nearly twenty years ago. He stated that in 2017, he had the opportunity to release Professor Swaminathan's book, 'The Quest for a World Without Hunger'. He added that in 2018, during the inauguration of the International Rice Research Institute's Regional Centre in Varanasi, Professor Swaminathan's guidance was invaluable.

For more details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2153429>

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla



Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, had an enriching interaction with astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, marking a moment of pride for the nation. During the meeting, the two discussed a wide spectrum of subjects including Mr. Shukla's experiences in space, India's strides in science and technology, and the country's ambitious human spaceflight programme—Gaganyaan.

In a post on X, Shri Modi wrote:

“Had a great interaction with Shubhanshu Shukla. We discussed a wide range of subjects including his experiences in space, progress in science & technology as well as India's ambitious Gaganyaan mission. India is proud of his feat.

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi calls-on Hon'ble PM Narendra Modi



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received Mr Wang Yi, Member of the Politburo of the Communist Party and Foreign Minister of China.

Mr. Wang Yi handed over message and invitation from President Xi to Prime Minister for the SCO Summit being held in Tianjin. He also shared his positive assessment of bilateral meeting with EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar and 24th Meeting of the Special Representatives, which he co-chaired with NSA Shri Ajit Doval during his visit.

Prime Minister emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity on the border, and reiterated India's commitment to a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable resolution of the boundary question.

Prime Minister welcomed the steady and positive progress in bilateral ties since his meeting with President Xi in Kazan last year, guided by mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity, including the resumption of the Kailash Manasarovar Yatra.

Prime Minister thanked President Xi for the invitation to the SCO Summit and conveyed his acceptance. He expressed support for China's Presidency of the SCO Summit and said that he looked forward to meeting President Xi in Tianjin. PM underlined that stable, predictable, and constructive ties between India and China will contribute significantly to regional and global peace and prosperity.

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PRIME MINISTER OF FIJI CALLS ON THE HON'BLE RASHTRAPATIJI



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Fiji, Hon'ble Shri Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, called on the Rashtrapatiiji, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan (August 25, 2025).

Welcoming Prime Minister Rabuka and his delegation at Rashtrapati Bhavan, Rashtrapatiiji fondly recalled her meeting with him during her State Visit to Fiji in August 2024, as well as the beautiful traditional welcome extended to her by the indigenous tribal elders. She also recalled her interactions with members of the vibrant Indian origin community and appreciated the vital role they play in deepening understanding and friendship between the two countries.

Underlining the long-standing relationship between India and Fiji, characterized by strong people-to-people ties, the President said that the contributions of the Girmitiya community have been significant in not only upholding our strong bonds but also shaping Fiji's multicultural identity, diverse society and economy.

The President stated that India remains committed to strengthening its relations and development partnership with the Pacific Island Countries (PICs), among which Fiji remains a special partner. She was happy to note that an MoU on establishing a Super-Speciality hospital in Fiji has been signed today, marking a milestone in our shared vision for enhanced healthcare cooperation.

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The Mission in Minsk celebrates 79th Independence Day of India



The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated in the Chancery premises on 15th August, 2025. A total of approximately 80 guests from Indian community and friends of India in Belarus were present in the program. The program started with flag hoisting ceremony by Hon'ble Ambassador of India to Belarus, Shri Ashok Kumar. Hon'ble Ambassador read the speech by the Hon'ble President of India Ms. Draupadi Murmu and also presented his own words on the occasion. There were dance performances from Sapna and Amrapali Dance Groups showcasing Indian classical, bollywood and patriotic style. At the end, some Indian snacks were also presented to the guests as refreshments.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

4th edition of FICCI LEADS

FICCI's premier global platform for thought leaders to be held **on 10-11 September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam**, New Delhi. The event is supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris.

2nd event "Raj-Plast 2025"

Rajasthan Plastic Manufacturers Association (PMAR) and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) are jointly organizing **Raj-Plast 2025**, an international exhibition for plastic and agro industries, to be held from **19th to 22nd September, 2025 at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre (JECC)**, Sitapur, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

3rd event of Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UP ITS)

FIEO is organizing the third edition of **Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UP ITS) from 25th to 29th September 2025 at India Expo Centre & Mart**, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India. Interested overseas buyers are requested to register by submitting their details online at: <http://www.fieo.org/UPITS2025>

India SME Forum

The Hosted Buyer Program in Delhi & Pune, aimed at promoting international trade and facilitating connections between authenticated global buyers and verified Indian suppliers/exporters: **Delhi: 3rd-4th October 2025**

Pune, Maharashtra: 6th-7th October 2025 Focus Sectors: Automobiles & Auto Components Engineering Goods Electronics & Electrical Components Agro, Marine & Food Products Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Textiles & Apparel Organic & Inorganic Chemicals

Ceramic & Bath Industry Show (CBIS) 2025

Will be held **on October 8th, 9th, and 10th, 2025, at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai**, India. The Hosted Buyer Program form is available here for reference: <https://www.cbisexpo.com/hbp>

Bharat Telecom 2025 - An Exclusive International Business Expo

Telecom Equipment & Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC), India has planned to organise 'Bharat Telecom 2025 - An Exclusive International Business Expo', alongside India Mobile Congress, **at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi on October 8-11, 2025** with support of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

XXVII International Architecture and Construction Exhibition

"BudExpa - 2025"

Modern construction and finishing materials, tools, equipment, house building, modern architectural solutions, urban development models

The exhibition is held on **September 17-19, 2025** by the Ministry of Architecture and Construction of Belarus and the National Exhibition Center BelExpo <https://budexpo.by>

Belarusian Industrial and Innovation Forum

Includes the 28th International Exhibition of Industrial Technologies and Innovations. The 9th International Specialized Exhibition of Welding and Cutting Equipment and Technologies, the International Exhibition of Chemical, Oil and Gas Industry and Science. The best practical achievements of manufacturers of chemical products, petroleum products, process equipment, automation systems, and control system developers. The 8th Exhibition of Equipment and Technologies for the Production of Polymers and Composites:

manufacturers and developers of polymer, composite materials, cutting and shaping tools, production of plastic products, additive technologies and waste collection and recycling technologies, the Exhibition and Conference of Manufacturers of Laboratory Equipment, Chemical Reagents, Control and Measuring Systems LABTech, the VI Interregional Exhibition of Digital Technologies and Industrial Solutions Smart Industry Expo: Digital Technologies and Industrial Solutions (SIEx), the 28th International Exhibition of Industrial Technologies and Innovations TECHNOPROM.

Will be held on **September 23-25, 2025** in Minsk, Pobediteley Ave., 20/2 Football Arena

Organizer: Exhibition Unitary Enterprise "Expoforum"

<https://belpromforum.by>

49th International Exhibition and Fair for Wholesale of Light Industry Goods

October 8 – October 10, 2025 at the Minsk International Exhibition Center. State enterprise "BelExpo" with the support of the State concern "Bellegprom" (garment and footwear industry).

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