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## Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi visits Croatia on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025



At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, H.E. Mr. Andrej Plenković, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, paid an official visit to Croatia on 18 June 2025. This marked the first-ever visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia to strengthen the growing momentum of high-level exchanges between the two nations.

Prime Minister Plenković and Prime Minister Modi had a comprehensive exchange of views on further advancing bilateral relations, India-EU strategic partnership and cooperation in multilateral fora. Both agreed that India and Croatia enjoy close and friendly relations, rooted in shared values of democracy, rule of law, pluralism and equality.

The visit of Prime Minister Modi has injected a fresh impetus into the bilateral partnership, highlighting the complementarities of the two economies, particularly in the areas of tourism, trade and technology. The two Prime Ministers welcomed the signing of: (i) MoU on Agricultural Cooperation; (ii) Programme of Cooperation in Science and Technology; (iii) Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP); and (iv) MoU to establish a Hindi Chair at the University of Zagreb.

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## Hon'ble Prime Minister's address during the G7 Outreach Session on Energy Security



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today participated in the Outreach Session of the G7 Summit in Kananaskis. He addressed a Session on 'Energy Security: diversification, technology and infrastructure to ensure access and affordability in a changing world'. He thanked the Prime Minister of Canada H.E. Mr. Mark Carney for his invitation and congratulated the G7 on marking 50 years of its journey.

In his address, Prime Minister highlighted that energy security was among the leading challenges facing future generations. While elaborating on India's commitment to inclusive growth, he noted that availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability were the principles that underpinned India's approach to energy security. He further emphasised that even though India is the fastest growing major economy in the world, it has successfully met its Paris commitments ahead of time. Highlighting India's commitment to a sustainable and green future, he underscored that India has undertaken several global initiatives such as the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Global Biofuels Alliance, Mission LiFE and One Sun- One World- One Grid, and called upon the international community to further strengthen them.

Prime Minister expressed that uncertainty and conflicts in various parts of the world have had a debilitating impact on the countries of the Global South, and India took it as its responsibility to make the voice of the Global South heard at the world stage. He underlined that it was important for the world to understand the priorities and concerns of the Global South if the international community was serious about a sustainable future. Emphasising on security challenges, he called upon countries to strengthen the global fight against terrorism. Thanking the global community for their strong support to India in its fight against terrorism, he expressed that the Pahalgam terror attack was not just an assault on India but on the entire humanity. He called for strict action against countries who support and promote terrorism. He further noted that there should be no double standards in dealing with terrorism and those who support terrorism should never be rewarded.

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## **Prime Minister's address during the G7 Outreach Session on Energy Security**

Prime Minister Carney,  
Your Excellencies,

Namaskar!

I express my heartfelt gratitude to Prime Minister Carney for extending us an invitation to the G-7 Summit and for our wonderful welcome. I congratulate all our friends on the historic occasion of the completion of 50 years of the G-7 group.

Friends,

Ensuring energy security for future generations is one of our biggest challenges. We consider it not only a priority but also as a responsibility towards our citizens. Moving forward on the basic principles of availability, accessibility, affordability and acceptability, India has chosen the path of inclusive development.

Today, almost all homes in India have an electricity connection. India has one of the lowest per unit electricity cost. Despite being the world's fastest growing major economy, India has completed its Paris Commitments ahead of time. We are also moving rapidly towards the goal of Net Zero by 2070. Currently, renewable energy accounts for about 50% of our total installed capacity. Towards this, we have introduced global initiatives like the International Solar Alliance, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, Mission LiFE, Global Biofuels Alliance, One Sun One World One Grid.

Friends,

Terrorism is the enemy of humanity. It stands in opposition to all nations that uphold democratic values. Unity in the fight against terrorism is imperative. Unfortunately, our own neighborhood has become a breeding ground for terrorism. For the sake of global peace and prosperity, our thinking and our policies must be extremely clear - any country that supports terrorism must be held accountable and made to pay the price.

Unfortunately, however, the reality is quite the opposite. On the one hand, we are quick to impose various sanctions based on our own preferences and interests. On the other hand, nations that openly support terrorism continue to be rewarded. I have some serious questions for those present in this room.

Are we truly serious about addressing terrorism? Will we understand the true meaning of terrorism only when it knocks on our own doors? Can those who spread terror and those who suffer from it be weighed on the same scale? Are our global institutions at risk of losing their credibility?

Friends,

India has always acted in the interest of humanity, rising above its own self-interest. We will continue to engage in dialogue and cooperation with the G-7 on all matters in the future as well.

Thank you very much.

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## **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacts with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla aboard the International Space Station**



Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi interacted with Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the Indian Astronaut, who became the first Indian to go to the International Space Station, via videoconferencing today. PM remarked that although Shubhanshu Shukla is presently the farthest from the Indian motherland, he remains closest to the hearts of all Indians. He noted that Shubhanshu's name itself carries auspiciousness, and his journey marks the beginning of a new era. Mr. Modi stated that while it was a conversation between two individuals, it embodied the emotions and enthusiasm of 140 crore Indians. He said that the voice speaking to Shubhanshu carried the collective zeal and pride of the entire nation and extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Shubhanshu for hoisting India's flag in space. Mr. Modi enquired about Shubhanshu's well-being and whether all was fine aboard the space station.

Responding to the PM, astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla thanked for best wishes on behalf of 140 crore Indians and stated that he is in good health and deeply moved by the love and blessings he has received. He described his time in orbit as a profound and novel experience, one that reflects not just his personal journey but also the direction in which India is advancing. The astronaut noted that his 400-kilometre journey from Earth to orbit is symbolic of the aspirations of countless Indians. Recalling his childhood, he shared that he never imagined becoming an astronaut, but under the Prime Minister's leadership, today's India enables the realisation of such dreams. Shubhanshu called it a great achievement and said he felt immense pride in representing his country in space.

For more details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2140489>

## Hon'ble Prime Minister, Narendra Modi chairs 48th PRAGATI meeting



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 48th meeting of PRAGATI, the ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform aimed at fostering Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, by seamlessly integrating efforts of the Central and State governments, at South Block, earlier today.

During the meeting, Prime Minister reviewed certain critical infrastructure projects across the Mines, Railways, and Water Resources sectors. These projects, pivotal to economic growth and public welfare, were reviewed with a focus on timelines, inter-agency coordination, and issue resolution.

Prime Minister underscored that delays in project execution come at the dual cost of escalating financial outlays and denying citizens timely access to essential services and infrastructure. He urged officials, both at the Central and State levels, to adopt a results-driven approach to translate opportunity into improving lives.

During a review of Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Prime Minister urged all States to accelerate the development of health infrastructure, with a special focus on Aspirational Districts, as well as remote, tribal, and border areas. He emphasized that equitable access to quality healthcare must be ensured for the poor, marginalized, and underserved populations, and called for urgent and sustained efforts to bridge existing gaps in critical health services across these regions.

Prime Minister emphasised that PM-ABHIM provides a golden opportunity to States to strengthen their primary, tertiary and specialised health infrastructure at Block, District and State level to provide quality health care and services.

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## Honb'le Prime Minister meets injured in the aftermath of tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Ahmedabad on 13 June 2025 in the wake of the tragic plane crash that claimed numerous lives. Expressing solidarity with the affected families, Shri Modi met those injured in the aftermath, including the lone survivor, and assured them of the nation's unwavering support during this difficult time.

PM also chaired a review meeting at Ahmedabad Airport with top authorities to assess the ongoing relief and recovery efforts.

In separate posts on X, Shri Modi stated:

“Met those injured in the aftermath of the tragic plane crash in Ahmedabad, including the lone survivor and assured them that we are with them and their families in this tough time. The entire nation is praying for their speedy recovery.”

“Chaired a review meeting at Ahmedabad Airport with top authorities.”



Source : Press Information Bureau (PIB)



## HON'BLE PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOSTS PRESIDENT OF PARAGUAY



The Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu received H.E. Mr Santiago Peña Palacios, President of the Republic of Paraguay at Rashtrapati Bhavan (June 2, 2025). She also hosted a banquet in his honour.

Welcoming President Peña on his first State visit to India, the President said that relations between India and Paraguay have been cordial and friendly. The two countries believe in the same principles and values – democracy, human rights, rule of law, freedom of expression, peace, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. Both countries have stood firm on the principles that we believe are important, and these principles are rooted in our civilizational values and historical experiences.

The President thanked the Government of Paraguay for its firm condemnation of terror and its message of solidarity following the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam. She appreciated Paraguay for its continued support of India's position on matters of global importance, including at multilateral forums such as the United Nations.

The President said that as part of the Global South, India and Paraguay face similar developmental challenges. She noted that our approach to overcoming these challenges is also very similar: that is, to invest in education, employment, and capacity building, thereby empowering them economically. She stated that India is using technology as an enabler for sustainable development, and equitable access to technologies and the reduction of the 'digital divide' are our national priorities. She said that India would be happy to share its experiences in the area of Digital Public Infrastructure with Paraguay.

## PRESIDENT OF INDIA PARTICIPATES IN A MASS YOGA DEMONSTRATION ON THE INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu participated in a mass yoga demonstration at the Uttarakhand State Police Line Maidan, Dehradun, on the International Yoga Day today (June 21, 2025).

In her brief remarks after the yoga session, the President greeted all the participants practicing yoga on the occasion of 'International Yoga Day' around the world. She said that since 2015, Yoga has become a common heritage of the entire humanity. It is an important example of India's 'soft power'.

The President said that Yoga is the art of living a healthy life, adopting which benefits the body, mind and overall personality of a human being. When a person is healthy, the family tends to remain healthy. When the family and society remain healthy, the country remains healthy.

The President said that 'Yoga' means 'to connect'. The practice of yoga connects the body, mind and soul of a person and makes the person healthy. Yoga can also connect one person to another person, one community to another community and one country to another country.

The President said that it is a common belief that the policy of prevention is better than cure is more effective. Yoga is considered very useful in prevention. She urged everyone to make yoga an integral part of life and to inspire others to practice yoga.

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**Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addresses the 11th International Day of Yoga celebrations in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**



Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 11th International Day of Yoga (IYD) event in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The Prime Minister led the celebrations of International Yoga Day and took part in the Yoga session.

Addressing the occasion, the Hon'ble Prime Minister extended warm greetings to people across India and the world on International Yoga Day, highlighting that this year marks the 11th occasion when the world has come together on 21st June to practice yoga collectively. He remarked that the essence of yoga is "to unite", and it is heartening to see how yoga has united the world. Reflecting on the journey of Yoga over the past decade, Mr. Modi recalled the moment when India proposed the idea of International Yoga Day at the United Nations. He noted that 175 countries supported the proposal, a rare instance of such wide global unity. He emphasised that the support was not merely for a proposal but represented a collective effort by the world for the greater good of humanity. "Eleven years on, yoga has become an integral part of the lifestyle of millions across the globe", he added. The Prime Minister expressed pride in seeing how Divyang individuals are reading yogic texts in Braille and how scientists are practicing yoga in space. He also noted enthusiastic participation of youth from rural areas in Yoga Olympiads. Mr. Modi underscored that whether it is the steps of the Sydney Opera House, the summit of Mount Everest, or the vast expanse of the ocean, the message remains the same, "Yoga is for everyone and for all, Beyond Boundaries, Beyond Backgrounds, Beyond age or ability."

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## Embassy of India in Belarus celebrates 11<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day



The Indian Embassy in Belarus celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga 2025 across Belarus with a series of four engaging events, including a curtain-raiser and the main event celebration. On June 9th, the Mission organized a special Yoga session at GSMU, Grodno in collaboration with the GSMU. Over 35 students and faculty members attended the event, discovering the numerous benefits of incorporating yoga into their daily lives. On the following day, June 10th, the Mission hosted a unique Yoga drive for more than 30 orphaned children at the Chancery premises. SS (HoC) briefed the children about the importance of Yoga and its benefits. On June 13th, the Mission continued the celebrations with another Yoga session at Gomel State Medical University, Gomel with the help of GSMU. More than 35 students and faculty members participated, gaining insights into how Yoga can enhance their everyday well-being.

The main event of 11th Intentional Day of Yoga was celebrated at Goat Sports Centre in Minsk, with the support Minsk City Executive Council on 19th June. On the sidelines of the main event the Mission showcased 20 Indian herbs along with its names in English and Russian and botanical name with its benefits. H.E. Ambassador Mr. Ashok Kumar captivated the audience with an insightful speech on Yoga, tracing its origins in India to the recognition of June 21st as the International Day of Yoga by the United Nations in 2014. The event was honoured by the presence of Mr. Maxim Vorapai, Head of the Chief Directorate of Sports and Tourism of the Minsk City Executive Council, who addressed the attendees about the profound benefits of incorporating Yoga into daily life. Approximately 200-250 participants ranging from 5 to 75 years old joined the Mission in the celebration of this event. Attendees enjoyed the benefits of Yoga through a common Yoga protocol, guided by a skilled Yoga teacher who elaborated on the health advantages of each Aasana performed. This celebration not only highlighted the significance of Yoga but also fostered a sense of community and well-being among all participants.



## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

### 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.

### 7th edition of the SGCCI Yarn Expo 2025

The Southern Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SGCCI), headquartered in Surat is organizing the **7th edition of the SGCCI Yarn Expo 2025**, to be held **from August 1 to 3, 2025**, at the **Surat International Exhibition and Convention Centre (SIECC)** in Surat, Gujarat, India.

Surat, known as the “Textile Capital of India,” plays a pivotal role in South Asia’s textile industry, offering access to one of the most vibrant textile manufacturing hubs in Asia. The SGCCI Yarn Expo provides international participants with the ideal environment to explore sourcing partnerships and market expansion.

## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

### III International Exhibition “Ecology Expo – 2025”

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus and the National Exhibition Center "BelExpo" hold an exhibition on the topics: environmental technologies, waste and secondary raw materials, eco-transport, environment, food and packaging, ecotourism, scientific research, education from **August 19 to 21, 2025**, at the Minsk International Exhibition Center. Exhibition website: [ecologyexpo.by](http://ecologyexpo.by)

### XV International Forum "Transport and Logistics-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)

More: <https://tc.by/>

### Dark Matters IV

Interactive stands of fantasy universes, competitions, new board and computer games, alley of authors and game libraries, communication zone, stands of publishers and developers

**September 13-15** Minsk, Pobediteley Ave., 20/2 (football arena)

Expoforum Exhibition Unitary Enterprise <https://gameexpo.by>

## **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

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