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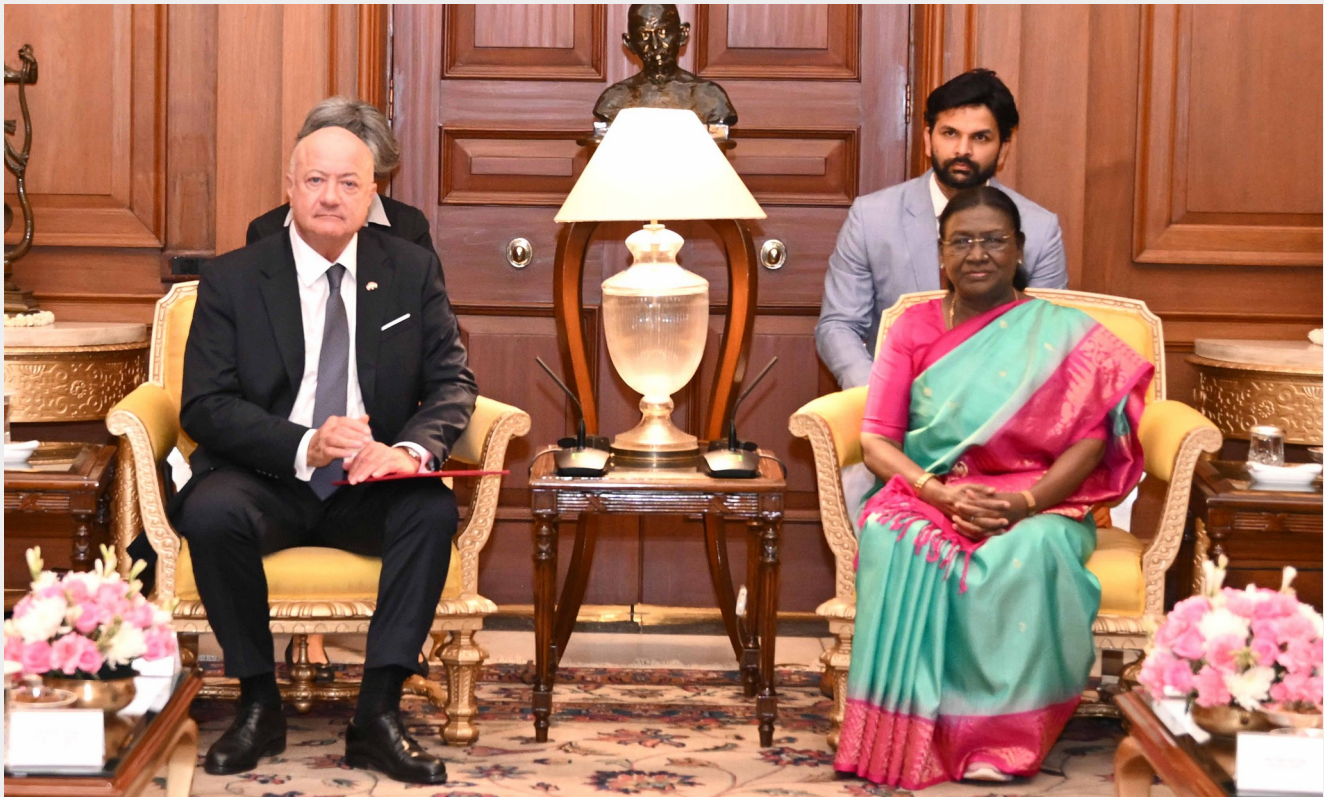
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## FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



H.E. Dr. Christian Stocker, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria called on the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on April 16, 2026. Welcoming Dr Stocker on his first visit to India, the President said that India and Austria share close and friendly relations based on common values such as democracy and the rule of law. The President underlined that this visit is taking place soon after the conclusion of the India–EU Free Trade Agreement. She expressed confidence that this will provide fresh momentum to India-Austria growing trade and investment ties. She said that Austrian companies have vast opportunities to expand trade and investment in India, especially in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, green energy, and AI. She highlighted that both India and Austria are knowledge-based economies and there are immense possibilities to enhance bilateral cooperation in science, technology, and innovation.

The President said that India has one of the world’s largest start-up ecosystems. She was happy to note that the “India-Austria Start-up Bridge,” launched in 2024, is strengthening bilateral cooperation in this area.

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## PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOSTS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA



The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu received H.E. Lee Jae Myung, President of the Republic of Korea at Rashtrapati Bhavan (April 20, 2026). Welcoming President Myung on his first visit to India, the President appreciated him for his significant contributions to strengthening India-Korea bilateral relations, particularly as Chair of the Korea-India Parliamentary Friendship Group. She said that this visit, within the first year of his presidency, reflects the importance he attaches to our relationship. The President was happy to note that both sides have set an ambitious agenda for bilateral cooperation across several sectors, including shipbuilding, port development, digital cooperation, small and medium enterprises, steel, education, research, culture, and people-to-people contacts. She also noted that both sides have adopted a Joint Declaration to resume negotiations on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). She said that India looks forward to advancing mutually beneficial trade relations and strengthening cooperation with Korea in areas such as AI, semiconductors, electronics, clean energy, services and tourism.

The two leaders agreed that close cooperation between India and Korea can bring immense benefits to our people and both have much to learn from each other. Our people can benefit by working together in areas such as environment, innovation, education, skill development, and technology.

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## PM chairs CCS Meeting to review measures being taken in the context of ongoing West Asia Conflict



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired a special meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to review measures taken by various Ministries/Departments and also discussed further initiatives to be taken in the context of the ongoing West Asia conflict. This was the second special CCS meeting on this issue.

Cabinet Secretary briefed about the action taken to ensure supply of petroleum products, particularly LNG/LPG, and sufficient power availability. Sources are being diversified for procurement of LPG with new inflows from different countries. Similarly, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) is being sourced from different countries. He further briefed that LPG prices for domestic consumers have remained the same and Anti-diversion enforcement to curb hoarding and black marketing of LPG is being conducted regularly.

Initiatives have also been taken to expand Piped Natural Gas connections. Measures like exempting the gas-based power plants with a capacity of 7-8 GW from gas pooling mechanism and increasing of rake for positioning more coal at thermal power stations etc. have also been taken to ensure availability of power during the peak summer months. Further, interventions proposed to be taken for emerging challenges in various other sectors such as agriculture, civil aviation, shipping and logistics were also discussed.

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## First Deputy PM of Russia Denis Manturov calls on PM Modi



The First Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, H.E. Denis Manturov, called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

First Deputy PM Manturov briefed PM on the progress in various areas of mutually beneficial cooperation, including trade and economic partnership, fertilizers, connectivity and people-to-people ties.

PM recalled the successful visit of President Putin to India in December 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit.

He expressed satisfaction at the sustained efforts being made by both sides towards implementation of the outcomes from the Annual Summit, aimed at further strengthening the India- Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership.

PM extended warm greetings to President Putin and said that he looked forward to their continued exchanges.

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## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses 'Nari Shakti Vandan Sammelan'



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Nari Shakti Vandan programme at Vigyan Bhawan. Speaking on the auspicious occasion of Baisakhi and ahead of New Year celebrations in various parts of the country, the Prime Minister also paid tribute to the martyrs of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. "India is about to take one of the biggest decisions of the 21st century, a decision dedicated to Nari Shakti," asserted Shri Modi.

Describing the moment as historic, the Prime Minister said the nation's Parliament is close to creating a new history that will fulfill the visions of the past and the resolutions of the future. Emphasizing the importance of social justice, he stressed that the country envisions an egalitarian India where social justice is not merely a slogan but an integral part of the work culture. "The wait of decades, from state assemblies to the nation's Parliament, is coming to an end," remarked the Prime Minister.

Recalling the passage of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act in the new Parliament building in 2023, the Prime Minister noted that it was passed unanimously with all parties agreeing that it should be implemented by 2029 in any case. PM Modi remarked that the Nari Shakti Vandan Act must be implemented on time so that women's participation strengthens our democracy, for which a special session of Parliament's Budget Session will begin from April 16. "Our effort and priority is that this work should be accomplished through dialogue, cooperation and participation, which will enhance the dignity of Parliament," said Shri Modi.

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## Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurates Delhi–Dehradun Economic Corridor



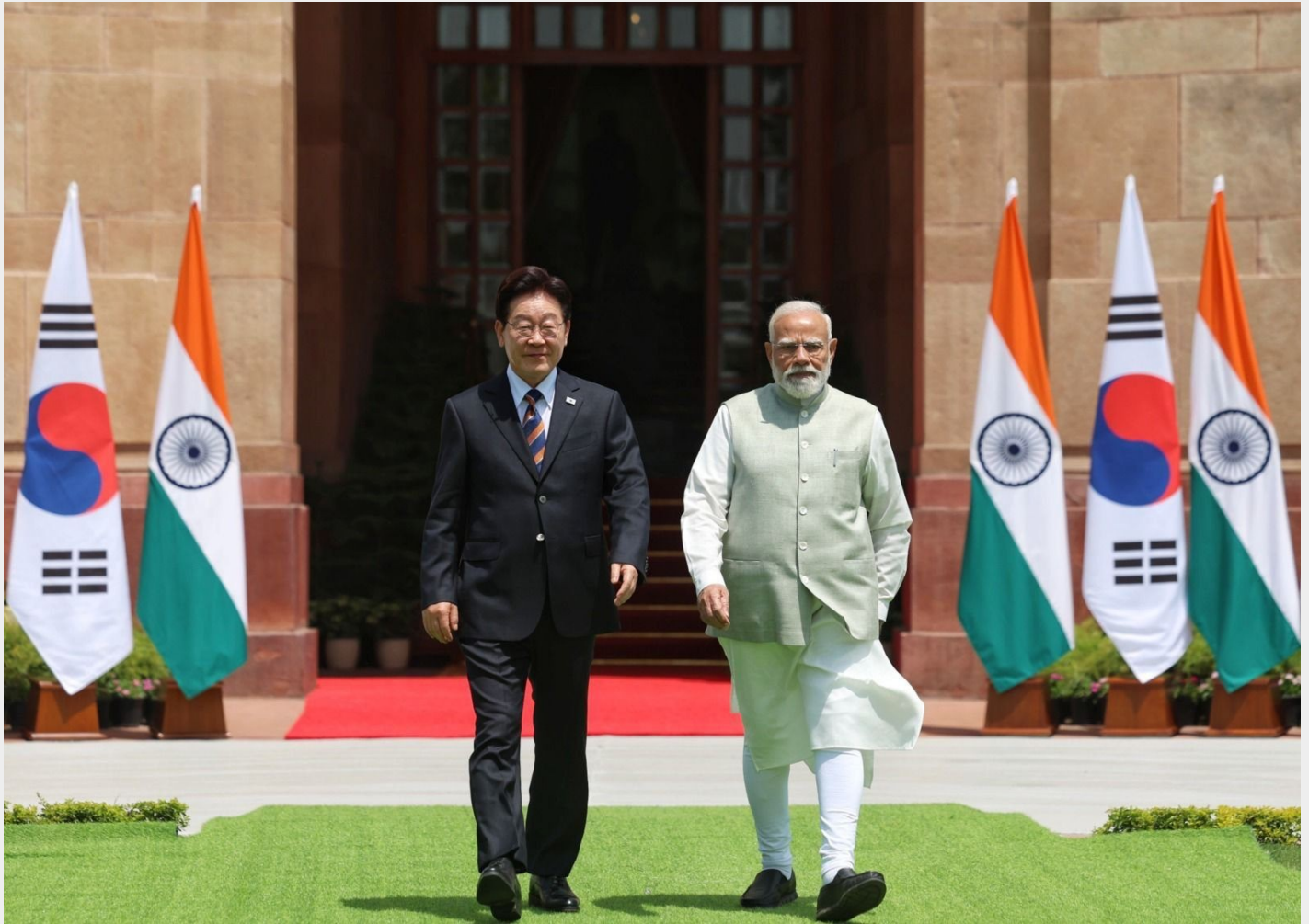
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor, marking a landmark moment in the development of Uttarakhand and the broader region. Speaking at the event in Dehradun, the Prime Minister extended greetings to the people of the country on the occasion of Baisakhi, Bohag Bihu and Puthandu, noting that the inauguration coincides with a period of festive celebration across India.

Paying obeisance to the sacred land of Devbhoomi, the Prime Minister noted that the Char Dham Yatra, covering Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath, is set to commence in the coming days, a moment awaited with deep devotion by millions across the country. He also offered prayers to Panch Badri, Panch Kedar, Panch Prayag and the revered deities of the region, including Maa Sankatla and Maa Daat Kali, whose temple he visited before the event. "The blessings of Maa Daat Kali have been a great strength in completing a project of this magnitude," said PM Modi. Marking the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary, the Prime Minister paid tribute to Baba Saheb on behalf of the entire nation. Highlighting Ambedkar's lifelong commitment to justice for the poor and the marginalised, he noted that the government's policies over the past decade have sought to uphold constitutional values, from the abrogation of Article 370 to the elimination of Maoism and Naxalism in dozens of districts. "Uttarakhand has shown the way to the entire country by advancing the constitutional aspiration of a Uniform Civil Code," affirmed PM Modi.

Reflecting on Uttarakhand's journey as a state entering its twenty-sixth year, the Prime Minister recalled his earlier declaration that the third decade of this century would be Uttarakhand's decade. He noted that with the current Government's policies and the hard work of the people, the young state continues to add new dimensions to its development.

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## India-ROK Comprehensive Framework for Partnership in Shipbuilding, Shipping and Maritime Logistics



During the meeting between Prime Minister H.E. Shri Narendra Modi of India and H.E. Mr. Lee Jae Myung of the Republic of Korea (ROK) on the occasion of the latter's state visit to India on 20 April 2026, the two sides had productive and in-depth exchange of views on mutually beneficial cooperation between their government agencies and private entities for partnership in shipbuilding, shipping and maritime logistics.

India and the ROK are both nations with rich maritime traditions and share extensive common interests and complementary strengths in the domain of maritime industries. With India's rapid economic growth and internationalization of its economy, the maritime sector is extremely critical to India's security and prosperity. Both sides agreed that India's maritime ambitions under Maritime Amrit Kaal 2047 Vision have created considerable opportunities for long-term collaboration with the ROK, a friendly nation with leading shipbuilding and maritime capabilities. Cooperation in shipbuilding, port development and maritime logistics could channelize the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership towards practical benefits and economic value for both nations, while forging deeper understanding and partnership among their peoples.

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## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

### India SME Forum

India SME Forum is organizing a **Reverse Buyer–Seller Meets (RBSMs)** under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Program of the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. The first RBSM is tentatively scheduled **from 1st–3rd May 2026 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**., in association with the **Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC), Government of Maharashtra**

## FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

### Expo HORECA Minsk

**Falcon Club Arena, Pobediteley Avenue, 20, Minsk**

The exhibition is a key industry platform with an audience reach of approximately 12,000 contacts and presents the full range of the HoReCa industry : technological and commercial equipment, tableware, inventory, products, automation equipment, hotel equipment, cleaning solutions, franchises, and interior concepts for food outlets, restaurants, and tourist facilities. **April 7–9, 2026**

### International Medical Forum "Healthcare of Belarus"

**Minsk, MMEC, Pavliny st. Medelki , 24, May 12-15, 2026**

Medical technology and equipment Functional diagnostics Pharmaceuticals Innovative technologies in medicine Laboratory medicine Equipment, materials, preparations, technologies Obstetrics and gynecology Dentistry Medical tourism Fitness and sports SPA services Preventive medicine Physiotherapy and rehabilitation Medical products for home use Assistive technologies Consumables, suture materials, care and hygiene products Medical clothing Medical furniture Emergency medicine, special transport Medical research and educational institutions. Advanced training. Specialized literature, electronic versions of medical publications Services for registration of medicines, pharmaceutical substances, medical equipment and medical devices Transport and logistics services

### BARECO

**Exhibition and conference May 17-19 2026**

bar, restaurant, coffee industry at MINSK, Falcon Club Arena, Pobediteley Ave., 20  
topic: FUTURISM. THE FUTURE OF THE INDUSTRY

### Tibo 31<sup>st</sup> International Forum

**Minsk, Minsk Arena, Pobediteley Ave. 111a, Skating stadium May 26-29, 2026**

The TIBO Forum is a unique platform for exchanging best international practices, generating innovative knowledge, and discussing mechanisms for implementing the latest technological trends in various sectors of the economy, the social sphere, and public administration.

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