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**HON'BLE PM INAUGURATED 'SEMICON INDIA - 2025' AT YASHOBHOOMI,
NEW DELHI**



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Semicon India - 2025', aimed at catalysing India's Semiconductor ecosystem on 2nd September at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi. Prime Minister also participated in the Conference, in which he will participate in CEOs roundtable as well.

The three-day Conference, from 2nd to 4th September, focused on advancing a robust, resilient, and sustainable semiconductor ecosystem in India. It featured sessions on the progress of the Semicon India Programme, semiconductor fab and advanced packaging projects, infrastructure readiness, smart manufacturing, innovations in R&D and artificial intelligence, investment opportunities, state-level policy implementation, among others. Additionally, the event highlighted initiatives under the Design Linked Incentive (DLI) scheme, the growth of the startup ecosystem, international cooperation, and the future roadmap for India's semiconductor sector.

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Historic Diwali Gift for the Nation

NEXT-GEN GST REFORM

for Ease of Living & to build *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*

From farmers to enterprises, from households to businesses,
the Next-Gen GST brings happiness for all!

Save Big on Daily Essentials

Items	From	To
Hair Oil, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Soap Bar, Tooth Brushes, Shaving Cream	18%	5%
Butter, Ghee, Cheese & Dairy Spreads	12%	5%
Pre-packaged Namkeens, Bhujia & Mixtures	12%	5%
Utensils	12%	5%
Feeding Bottles, Napkins for Babies & Clinical Diapers	12%	5%
Sewing Machines & Parts	12%	5%

Uplifting Farmers & Agriculture

Items	From	To
Tractor Tyres & Parts	18%	5%
Tractors	12%	5%
Specified Bio-Pesticides, Micro-Nutrients	12%	5%
Drip Irrigation System & Sprinklers	12%	5%
Agricultural, Horticultural or Forestry Machines for Soil Preparation, Cultivation, Harvesting & Threshing	12%	5%

Relief in Healthcare Sector

Items	From	To
Individual Health & Life Insurance	18%	Nil
Thermometer	18%	5%
Medical Grade Oxygen	12%	5%
All Diagnostic Kits & Reagents	12%	5%
Glucometer & Test Strips	12%	5%
Corrective Spectacles	12%	5%

Automobiles made affordable

Items	From	To
Petrol & Petrol Hybrid, LPG, CNG Cars (not exceeding - 1200 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
Diesel & Diesel Hybrid Cars (not exceeding - 1500 cc & 4000mm)	28%	18%
3 Wheeled Vehicles	28%	18%
Motor Cycles (350 cc & below)	28%	18%
Motor Vehicles for transport of goods	28%	18%

Affordable Education

Items	From	To
Maps, Charts & Globes	12%	Nil
Pencils, Sharpeners, Crayons & Pastels	12%	Nil
Exercise Books & Notebooks	12%	Nil
Eraser	5%	Nil

Save on Electronic Appliances

Items	From	To
Air Conditioners	28%	18%
Television (above 32") (including LED & LCD TVs)	28%	18%
Monitors & Projectors	28%	18%
Dish Washing Machines	28%	18%

PROCESS REFORMS

Registration

Automatic registration within 3 working days for applicants:

- Identified by the system based on data analysis
- Who determines that he would not pass Input Tax Credit exceeding ₹2.5 Lakh per month and opts for the Scheme

Refund

Sanction of Provisional Refunds by proper officer, through system based risk evaluation for:

- Zero Rated Supplies
- Supplies with Inverted Duty Structure



The next generation of GST reforms are a gift for every Indian this Diwali. Taxes for the general public will be reduced substantially. Our MSMEs & small entrepreneurs will get huge benefit. Everyday items will become cheaper and this will also give a new boost to the economy.

Narendra Modi
Prime Minister

Next-Gen GST - Better & Simpler !

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses World Food India 2025



Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed a gathering during the World Food India 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Speaking at the occasion, the Prime Minister remarked that farmers, entrepreneurs, investors, innovators, and consumers were all present together at the event, making World Food India a platform of new contact, new connect, and creativity. He shared that he had just visited the exhibitions and expressed happiness that the primary focus was on nutrition, reducing oil consumption, and enhancing the healthiness of packaged products.

Prime Minister remarked that every investor evaluates the natural strengths of a location before making an investment. He highlighted that today, global investors—especially those in the food sector—are looking towards India with great optimism. “India possesses a triple strength of diversity, demand, and scale”, highlighted Shri Modi, stating that India produces every type of grain, fruit, and vegetable, and this diversity makes the country uniquely positioned in the global landscape. He noted that every hundred kilometers, the cuisine and its flavors change, reflecting India’s rich culinary variety. The Prime Minister underscored that this strong domestic demand gives India a competitive edge and makes it a preferred destination for investors.

Prime Minister remarked that the aspirations of this class are shaping food trends and driving demand. He emphasized that India’s talented youth are innovating across sectors, and the food sector is no exception. PM pointed out that technologies like AI, e-commerce, drones, and apps are being integrated into the sector, transforming supply chains, retail, and processing methods. He affirmed that India offers diversity, demand, and innovation—all key factors that make it the most attractive destination for investment. Reiterating his message from the Red Fort, the Prime Minister declared that this is the right time to invest and expand in India.

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Hon'ble PM's address in the 126th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'



My dear countrymen,

Connecting with all of you on "Mann Ki Baat," learning from you, and learning about the achievements of the people of our country, truly is a delightful experience for me. While sharing our thoughts with each other; sharing our "Mann Ki Baat", we didn't even realize that this program has completed 125 episodes. Today it's the 126th episode of this program, and this day holds some special significance. Today is the birth anniversary of two illustrious personalities of India. I am referring to Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Lata Didi.

Friends,

The immortal martyr Bhagat Singh is an inspiration for every Indian, especially the youth of the country. Fearlessness was deeply ingrained in his nature. Before getting hanged for the sake of the country, Bhagat Singh ji had written a letter to the British.

He had said, "I want you to treat me and my comrades as prisoners of war. Therefore, our lives should not be taken away by hanging, but directly with a bullet." This is a testament to his indomitable courage. Bhagat Singh ji was also very sensitive to the sufferings of the people and was always at the forefront in helping them. I respectfully pay my tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh ji.

Friends,

Today is also the birth anniversary of Lata Mangeshkar. Anyone interested in Indian culture and music cannot help but be moved by her songs. Her songs comprise everything that stirs human emotions. The patriotic songs she sang inspired people greatly. She also had a deep connection with Indian culture. I offer my heartfelt tribute to Lata Didi. Friends, among the great personalities who inspired Lata Didi, one was Veer Savarkar, whom she called Tatya. She also lent her voice to many of Veer Savarkar ji's songs.

Link for full address: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2172373>

PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



H.E. Mr Lawrence Wong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, called on the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. (September 4, 2025). Welcoming Prime Minister Lawrence Wong at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that India and Singapore are important partners for each other, and Singapore is also a key partner in India's Act East Policy and Vision for Indo-Pacific.

The President said that this year is of special significance, as it marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the our countries. President Tharman visited India in January this year. Six senior Ministers, including Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan, participated in the 3rd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable meeting held in Delhi just a few weeks ago. She further highlighted that India-Singapore relationship has been elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during Prime Minister Modi's visit to Singapore last year

Speaking of our trade and economic relations, the President noted that Singapore is a major source of investments for India, and Singaporean investments in India are also growing. She also noted our expanding defence cooperation, which includes bilateral exercises and training. She also appreciated the important role played by the large Indian diaspora in Singapore, which has contributed immensely to fostering our cultural and people to people exchanges.

For more details: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2163876>

PRIME MINISTER OF MAURITIUS CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



The Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, Dr. The Hon. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on September 16, 2025. The meeting concluded Prime Minister Ramgoolam's State Visit to India from September 9 to 16, during which he visited Mumbai, Varanasi, Ayodhya, and Tirupati.

Welcoming Prime Minister Ramgoolam and his delegation to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that Mauritius occupies a special place in India's 'Neighbourhood First' Policy, 'MAHASAGAR Vision' and in our commitment to the Global South. The President was happy to note that the partnership and cooperation between India and Mauritius has been growing steadily in every field. She stated that this growth is reflected in the recent elevation of the relationship to an 'Enhanced Strategic Partnership'. The President was happy to note that India is supporting the developmental priorities of the Government of Mauritius and expressed confidence that the new Special Economic Package will be able to meet the needs of the government and people of Mauritius.

Both leaders agreed that the relations between our two countries are unique, rooted in our shared history, language, culture, and values. The President expressed confidence that with the vast leadership experience of Prime Minister Ramgoolam, India-Mauritius long-standing bilateral ties will further strengthen in the times to come.

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PM to participate in the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam on 12th September in New Delhi



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the International Conference on Gyan Bharatam on 12th September in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. He also launched the Gyan Bharatam Portal, a dedicated digital platform to accelerate manuscript digitisation, preservation, and public access, and address the gathering on the occasion.

The Conference was held from 11th to 13th September under the theme “Reclaiming India’s Knowledge Legacy through Manuscript Heritage”. The Conference brought together leading scholars, conservationists, technologists, and policy experts to deliberate on pathways for revitalising India’s unparalleled manuscript wealth, and to place it at the heart of a global knowledge dialogue. It also included an exhibition showcasing rare manuscripts and scholarly presentations on critical areas such as manuscript conservation, digitisation technologies, metadata standards, legal frameworks, cultural diplomacy, and decipherment of ancient scripts.

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The Mission celebrates Hindi Day in Minsk on 29th September 2025



The Mission joyously celebrated Hindi Diwas 2025 at Belarus State Medical University, Minsk with the gracious support of the University. The event took place on September 29th, attracted a large number of Indian students studying in the Republic of Belarus. Mr. Yuri Sokolov, Vice Rector of the Belarus State Medical University, honored the event as the chief guest, and more than 80 attendees gathered to express their admiration for the Hindi language. H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Belarus, warmly welcomed and addressed the audience, emphasizing the significance of the Hindi language in Indian culture. The Ambassador also conveyed the messages of Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Mr. Amit Shah. Furthermore, the Ambassador highlighted the tireless efforts of the Indian Government and the Ministry of External Affairs in promoting the recognition of the Hindi language at the international level. Mr. Yuri Sokolov, Vice Rector, also took the opportunity to address the audience, expressing gratitude to the Ambassador for the invitation to this cultural event. He further encouraged the students to embrace Indian culture and language, integrating the cultural values of India into their lives. The Mission organized two major competitions, namely Poem Recitation and Reading competition. Over 40 students from India and Belarus participated in this event with great enthusiasm, demonstrating their affection and connection to the Hindi language. Additionally, around 10 individuals from the Indian Diaspora were in attendance, further enriching the celebration.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

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

Subcontract India

EEPC India with the support of Government of Maharashtra is organizing **the 2nd edition of SUBCONTRACT INDIA**, show scheduled to be held from **6-8 November 2025** in Pune, India. SUBCONTRACT INDIA is a platform that provides engineering sourcing solutions to a wide range of sectors such as Automobile, Electricals, Oil & Gas, Construction & Mining, Industrial Machinery and Medical Devices. For more details, visit <https://subcontractindia.org>

India Carpet Expo

The Carpet Export Promotion Council is organizing the **49th edition of INDIA CARPET EXPO from 11th to 14th October, 2025 at Carpet Expo Mart, Bhadohi, Uttar Pradesh (India)** – one of the largest Carpet Trade Fairs in the Asia, where 225 prominent Handmade Carpet Manufacturer and Exporters will showcase their complete range of Handmade Carpets, Rugs and other Floor Coverings and more than 500 overseas Buyers from more than 60 countries will attend the Expo

The 60th IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2025

In IHGF Delhi Fair, Indian crafts perform their magic. India is becoming a Growing Economic Powerhouse to the world with the IHGF acting as a platform where buyers from across the globe visit and place orders. **The 60th IHGF Delhi Fair (Autumn) 2025 is being organized from 13-17 October, 2025 at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR.** The Fair will present a very comprehensive selection comprising 16 meticulously curated segments and a choice of over 2000 products and more than 300 trend specific design developments define this show for the international buyers covering importers, wholesalers, retail chains and design professionals. For more details, may please refer to the event website www.ihgfdelhifair.in

16th edition of International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE)

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in association with Ministry of Railways, Government of India, is organizing, **16th edition of International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE)**, Global Platform for Railway, Metro Technology & Services **from 15th to 17th October 2025 at Bharat**

Mandapam, New Delhi. IREE is held biennially with participation and association of Indian Railways. IREE 2025 will provide an opportunity to be part of the current initiatives of the modernization and expansion plans of Indian Railways. While the exhibition will provide a platform for showcasing the latest technological advancements, new products and innovations directly to the large number of decision makers from Indian Railways to be present at IREE 2025

Bharat International Rice Conference 2025 (BIRC 2025)

Indian Rice Exporters' Federation (IREF) in collaboration with, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a nodal Agricultural and Processed Food export promotion Authority, under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India is organizing the Bharat International Rice Conference 2025 (BIRC 2025), scheduled to be held **during October 30-31, 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

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).

Belarusian Energy and Ecological Forum

Innovative Industrial Technologies Innovative transport salon "E-TRANS" Technologies for the petrochemical industry ATOMEXPO-Belarus lighting equipment "Exposvet" "Water and Air Technologies". October 15-18, 2025 Minsk, Pobediteley Ave. 20/2

Woodworking

Sawmill equipment, drying equipment, woodworking equipment, woodworking tools. The exhibition "Furniture components, fittings and materials". 29 October - 1 November 2025 at Football arena Minsk, Pobediteley Ave. 20/2

Motherhood and Childhood 11th interactive exhibition of children's goods and services

Interactive exhibition of goods and services for expectant mothers, children and parents. 25 - 27 October 2024 Minsk, Pobediteley Ave., 20, Falcon Club Arena

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