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ADDRESS TO THE NATION BY THE H.E. PRESIDENT OF INDIA MRS. DROUPADI MURMU ON THE EVE OF THE 80TH INDEPENDENCE DAY



On the eve of India's 80th Independence Day, H.E. President of India, Mrs. Droupadi Murmu addressed the nation, marking the start of the country's 80th year since independence and reaffirming the goal of a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047. She described freedom as enabling every citizen to fulfil aspirations and contribute to making India a leading global nation, while saluting the Tricolour as a symbol of pride. She remembered Partition's victims on "Vibhajan Vibheeshika Smriti Divas," honoured Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar and other freedom fighters, and paid tribute to Sardar Patel for integrating over 550 princely states. She highlighted inclusive development: lifting over 25 crore people from poverty, expanding financial inclusion via Jan Dhan, ensuring food and health security, and building world-class digital and physical infrastructure. Emphasizing youth, women's empowerment, exam reforms, sports, and care for seniors, she praised the armed forces, noted progress against Naxalism, and underscored environmental responsibility.

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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UZBEKISTAN CALLS ON THE PRESIDENT



H.E. Mr Saidov Bakhtiyor Odilovich, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, called on the President of India, Mrs Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 3 August, 2026.

Welcoming Mr Odilovich and his delegation to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that India and Uzbekistan share deep historical, cultural, and civilizational ties, rooted in ancient trade routes. She highlighted that the shared heritage in architecture, language, cuisine, music, and religious traditions has further strengthened bilateral partnership. The President was happy to note that more than 3,000 officials, professionals and students from Uzbekistan have benefited from our ITEC training courses and other scholarship programs. At the same time over 16,000 Indian students are pursuing higher studies in Uzbekistan. The two leaders agreed that discussions held during this visit will further strengthen the bonds of friendship, trust, and cooperation between our two nations.

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ENVOYS OF SIX NATIONS PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



The President of India, Mrs. Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the envoys of South Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, Moldova, Germany and Sweden at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 24, 2026.

Those who presented their credentials were:

1. H.E. Mrs. Sitona Abdalla Osman, Ambassador of the Republic of South Sudan
2. H.E. Mr. Abdulla Saif Ali Slayem Al Nuaimi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates
3. H.E. Mr. Muhammad Saidu Dahiru, High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
4. H.E. Mrs. Inga Ionesii, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova
5. H.E. Dr. Jasper Wieck, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany
6. H.E. Ms. Petra Menander, Ambassador of Sweden

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PRIME MINISTER'S STATE VISIT TO UZBEKISTAN



During his State Visit to Uzbekistan, hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi held official talks with Hon'ble President Shavkat Mirziyoyev at the Kuksaroy Presidential Palace, where he was accorded a ceremonial welcome. Mr. Modi conveyed warm wishes on Uzbekistan's 35th Independence anniversary, and the two leaders held wide-ranging discussions covering trade, investment, innovation, digital infrastructure (including UPI), defence, security, healthcare, critical minerals, agriculture, education, tourism, space, and people-to-people ties. They agreed to elevate bilateral relations from a Strategic Partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and set a trade target of USD 5 billion by 2030, calling for a Business Summit to deepen economic links. A Foreign Ministers-led mechanism will be established, and the Inter-Governmental Commission will be raised to ministerial level. Mr. Modi appreciated Uzbekistan's interest in Yoga, announced the Lal Bahadur Shastri Scholarship for Hindi language for Uzbek students, and pledged USD 1 million for environmental rehabilitation in the Aral Sea region, aligning with Uzbekistan's "Yashil Makon" and India's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiatives. Both leaders jointly planted a tree. Several MoUs were exchanged across culture, education, tourism, mining, Ayurveda, and more, including restoration of Buddhist sites and a Sanskrit Chair at Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BISHKEK TO ATTEND SCO SUMMIT



BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi met H.E. Mr. Sadyr Zhaparov, Hon'ble President of the Kyrgyz Republic, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation organization (SCO) Summit in Bishkek on 31 August 2026.

Prime Minister warmly congratulated President Zhaparov on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Kyrgyz Republic, noting that it gave a special meaning to the opening of the SCO Summit the same day. He also congratulated President Zhaparov for hosting the 26th SCO Summit. The two leaders reviewed the progress made in bilateral relations and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the Strategic Partnership between India and the Kyrgyz Republic. They agreed to further enhance economic and commercial cooperation, taking into account the complementarities between the two economies. They also discussed growing people-to-people ties, including through student exchanges and cultural collaborations.

Prime Minister highlighted India's strong participation in the meetings of the SCO held under the Chairmanship of the Kyrgyz Republic. He further added that this reflected the mutual respect, trust and support that characterizes the close and longstanding relations between the two countries. Prime Minister thanked President Sadyr Zhaparov for his warmth and hospitality and for successfully conducting the SCO Summit.

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INDIA AND KENYA SHARE HISTORICAL AND MULTIFACETED RELATIONS GOING BACK OVER MILLENNIA: LOK SABHA SPEAKER



Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Mr. Om Birla on 13th August said that India and Kenya share historical and multifaceted relations dating back millennia. He noted that regular high-level engagements have continuously strengthened the bilateral relationship between the two countries. Mr. Birla made these remarks during his bilateral meeting with Rt. Hon. (Dr.) Moses M. Wetang'ula, EGH, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya, at the Parliament House Complex today. Recalling his earlier meeting with Dr. Wetang'ula during the 28th CSPOC held in New Delhi earlier this year, he observed that Dr. Wetang'ula has extensive experience in public life and a distinguished career in law, legislation and administration, and has contributed significantly to strengthening governance for the benefit of the people of Kenya. Emphasising the centuries-old people-to-people connect between India and Kenya, Mr. Birla welcomed the decision of the Government of Kenya to recognize Persons of Indian Origin as an indigenous community, which further deepens relations between the two countries

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HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER LAUDS INDIA'S 7.8% GDP GROWTH



Hon'ble Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi has termed India's 7.8% GDP growth in first quarter of FY 2026-27 a "herculean feat". Mr. Modi said that the achievement reflects the collective strength and resilience of the people of India, despite oil price shocks, supply chain disruptions and global uncertainties.

Mr. Modi posted on X:

India's exemplary GDP growth of 7.8% during Q1 of FY 2026-27 is a herculean feat.

The collective strength of our people ensured India delivered such growth despite oil price shocks and supply chain issues in the midst of global uncertainties.

Doomsayers were doomed and India bloomed...yet again! instruments tracked the rocket throughout its flight.

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MEETING OF PRIME MINISTER WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi on 31st August met the President of the Russian Federation, H.E. Vladimir Putin, in Bishkek, on the margins of the 26th SCO Summit. This was their first meeting this year. The two leaders had earlier met in Delhi for the 23rd Annual Summit in December 2025. The two leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation in a range of fields, including political, economic, defence, energy, space, mobility and people-to-people ties. They welcomed the outcome of the 27th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic and Cultural matters, which was held on 24 August 2026 in Moscow. The leaders exchanged views on India-Russia engagement in the multilateral arena, in particular in BRICS under India's Chairship for 2026. They also shared perspectives on key regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the conflicts in West Asia and the Black Sea region which have impacted maritime trade and the safety and security of Indian seafarers. Prime Minister reiterated that dialogue and diplomacy was the way forward in resolving conflicts. The two leaders agreed to remain engaged to further strengthen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries, which continues to register significant growth and has shown resilience in the backdrop of geopolitical uncertainties. Prime Minister stated that he looks forward to welcoming President Putin in India for the 18th BRICS Summit on 12-13 September 2026.

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



Cabinet approves GOBARDhan, India's National Unified Scheme for Compressed Biogas, with an outlay of Rs.23,731 crore. Landmark national scheme to convert India's organic wealth into clean energy, rural prosperity and economic growth. Integrated framework to accelerate Compressed Biogas (CBG) production through assured offtake, stable pricing, capital assistance, pipeline connectivity and access to finance. Scheme to drive nearly ten-fold growth in domestic CBG production and strengthen India's energy security. Major boost to farmers, rural entrepreneurs, private investment, waste-to-wealth and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved GOBARDhan, the National Circular Bioenergy Scheme, with a total outlay of Rs.23,731 crore.

GOBARDhan marks a defining moment in India's clean energy journey. It will transform the country's abundant agricultural residue, cattle dung, press mud, municipal organic waste and other biomass resources into clean fuel, organic manure, rural income and national economic value.

The Scheme will be implemented from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 and will establish Compressed Biogas as a major pillar of India's future energy mix.

Through assured demand, remunerative and stable pricing, capital assistance, pipeline infrastructure, credit support and technology development, GOBARDhan will provide the strong and predictable framework required to take India's CBG sector to national scale.

The Scheme aims to increase domestic Compressed Biogas (CBG) production nearly ten-fold, mobilize large-scale private investment and create a vibrant circular bioeconomy across the country.

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INAUGURATED THE AYUSH INFORMATION CELL IN THE CHANCERY PREMISES



H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Ambassador of India to Belarus inaugurated the Ayush Information Cell in the Embassy of India, Minsk on 11th August, 2026. An AYUSH Information Cell in the Chancery premises with the support of the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India (11 August 2026). This Information Cell will promote AYUSH system in the Republic of Belarus.

2. Ambassador highlighted the importance of AYUSH system of alternative treatment, that include Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy. He highlighted the importance of healthy living and encouraged people to move towards naturopathy and other natural methods of maintaining good health. The Mission has procured more than 60 Indian herbs and Ayurvedic medicines from India and displayed them, along with their common & scientific names and common uses in both English and Russian languages. The display will help visitors to learn about India's traditional knowledge and systems of healthcare. The Information Cell also displays information about the basic principles, benefits and uses of AYUSH system to the public, healthcare professionals, students, researchers, yoga enthusiasts etc.

About 20 guests attended the inauguration ceremony. The guests included Ms. Olga Cherviakova, Head of the External Relations Department of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, and Ms. Irina Kireeva, Director of the Republican Scientific and Practical Centre for Medical Expertise and Rehabilitation. Yoga enthusiasts and members of the Indian community in Belarus also participated in the event. Ms. Cherviakova informed that as per the Directive No. 5 of the President of the Republic of Belarus (August 2015) programme was developed for opening of centres of traditional Chinese medicines and central for traditional Chinese gymnastics in each regional

CELEBRATION OF 80TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA AT THE EMBASSY OF INDIA, MINSK



On the occasion of India's 80th Independence day of India on 15th August 2026, Embassy of India, Minsk hosted a flag hoisting ceremony in the Chancery premises. The event saw an attendance of around 70 persons, including the Indian community and friends of India in Belarus. As part of the celebration of 150th year anniversary of our National song 'Vande Mataram', the event started with the collective singing of full Vande matarm song by all the Embassy officials and local staff. It was followed by hoisting of flag and singing of National Anthem. There was a spirited rendition for the National Anthem. The Ambassador read H.E. President of India's address to the nation. The address honored the immerse sacrifices of freedom fighters.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN India

The Reverse Buyer–Seller Meet (RBSM) from September 6th to 8th, 2026, in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

India SME Forum is organizing the Reverse Buyer–Seller Meet (RBSM) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Program of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India. The RBSM is scheduled in association with the Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh. This program aims to facilitate structured B2B engagements between curated Indian MSMEs and credible international buyers to promote long-term sourcing partnerships and strengthen global trade linkages.

BRICS Business Forum 2026

India assumed the Chairship of BRICS on 1 January 2026 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". FICCI has the privilege of serving as the Secretariat to the BRICS Business Forum and BRICS Business Council (BBC) India Chapter and is coordinating the business engagement track under India's BRICS Chairship.

In this context, the BRICS Business Forum 2026 is scheduled to be held **on 11th September 2026 in Bharat Mandapam**. The Forum is expected to bring together senior business leaders, policymakers, industry representatives, and other key stakeholders from BRICS Member and Partner Countries.

iPHEX-2026 – India's Mega Pharma Exhibition & B2B

As an initiative of the Ministry of Commerce, iPHEX has played a pivotal role in positioning India as the Pharmacy of the World, showcasing the entire spectrum of pharmaceuticals and healthcare to global stakeholders. Over the years, it has become an integral part of the annual business calendar for exhibitors and business visitors worldwide.

We are pleased to inform you that the 12th edition of iPHEX will be held from 7–9 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The exhibition will bring together more than 900 Indian companies from across the pharma and healthcare sector and is expected to attract over 50,000 domestic visitors.

2nd edition of Pharma MachTech LabNext Expo 2026

EEPC India (www.eepcindia.org) under the aegis of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is organizing the 2nd edition of Pharma MachTech LabNext Expo 2026, scheduled from 7th – 9th September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Expo is a premier international platform showcasing India's capabilities in pharmaceutical machinery, cleanroom technologies, and laboratory & diagnostic equipment. It aims to bring together global buyers, industry leaders, policymakers, and technology providers to explore business opportunities and partnerships.

SANJEEVANI 2026 – International Healthcare & Wellness Event

The Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), set up by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is pleased to organize SANJEEVANI 2026, an International Event on Healthcare and Wellness, **from 7–9 September 2026** at Bharat Mandapam, Hall No. 3, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India. SANJEEVANI 2026 aims to provide a dynamic platform for fostering global partnerships in the healthcare and wellness sector by bringing together key stakeholders from across the healthcare ecosystem. The event is expected to witness participation from over 300 Indian healthcare and wellness companies and attract more than 5,000 visitors from India and abroad.

Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX 2026)

9th edition of the Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) 2026 - an international conference and exhibition, which is being organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), in partnership with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe), and NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), **from 7th to 9th September 2026** at BIEC, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. It is a

three-day event, which will comprise of exhibition and an international conference- Harnessing Space for Global Progress: Innovation, Policy and Growth ; and would provide an ideal platform to Indian and International space agencies to interact, showcase their strength in the space arena, and explore the opportunities of partnerships.

Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show (UPITS)

The Government of Uttar Pradesh attaches great importance to this event scheduled to be held **from 25th to 29th September 2026** at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida. As it aims to showcase their export potential, Missions/Posts are requested to promote the 4th Edition of the Trade Show like they did in previous editions. The promotional materials for UPITS can be accessed at the following link: <https://upinternationaltradeshow.com/links/> and the primary preliminary registration link for overseas buyers has been activated at the following link: <https://forms.stage.eventstrat.org/form/W3EUAIDL>

Gatisheel Jammu & Kashmir 2.0 from 28th to 30th September 2026

Following the successful completion of Gatisheel Jammu & Kashmir 2024, the second edition aims to further strengthen the vision of creating a vibrant platform that connects government initiatives, industry leaders, entrepreneurs, educational institutions, investors, innovators, and citizens under one roof. Gatisheel Jammu & Kashmir 2.0 is designed to showcase the region's immense potential in sectors such as Infrastructure, Tourism, MSMEs, Education, Healthcare, Information Technology, Renewable Energy, Agriculture, Skill Development, Research & Innovation, and Sustainable Development.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

International Specialized Exhibition of Housing and Public Utilities "OUR HOUSE"

28th International Architecture and Construction Exhibition "BUDEXPO-2026"

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Exhibition and convention of science fiction, fantasy, comics, board and computer games. Fantastic universes, authors' alley, contests and quests, cosplay. September 11-13, 2026. Unitary enterprise "Expoforum" +375 17 367 34 30 expo@expoforum.by <https://expoforum.by> Expofest LLC +375 33 636 56 30 unicongameexpo@gmail.com <https://unicon.by/> "Football Arena" Minsk, Pobediteley Ave., 20/2

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TechInnoProm, 28th International Specialized Exhibition of Industrial Technologies and Innovations

Profsvarka, 10th International Specialized Exhibition for Welding and Cutting, 22nd Belarusian Welding Competition with International Participation

Chemistry. Oil and Gas, 25th International Specialized Exhibition of the Chemical, Oil and Gas Industry and Science

Polymers and Composites, 9th International Specialized Exhibition of Equipment and Technologies for Polymers and Composites

Smart Industry Expo, 7th Specialized Exhibition on Digital Transformation of the Real Sector of the Economy, 6th Industrial Conference on Digital Transformation of Industry

LABTech, 3rd International Specialized Exhibition and Conference on Laboratory Research, Chemical Reagents, and the Latest Technologies in Control, Measurement, and Analytics

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