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PRESIDENT OF INDIA INAUGURATES THE OPENING PLENARY OF EIGHTH SESSION OF INTERNATIONAL SOLAR ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY



The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the opening plenary of the Eighth Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly (ISA) in New Delhi. (October 28, 2025). The President said that climate change is affecting the entire world. Urgent and concrete steps need to be taken to deal with this threat. India is committed to combating climate change and is taking determined steps. She highlighted that ISA represents a significant step towards addressing this global challenge by encouraging the adoption and use of solar energy. The President said that the idea of inclusion defines India's development journey. Our experience in illuminating homes in the remotest areas, confirms our belief that energy equity is the foundation of social equity.

The President urged all Member Countries to think beyond infrastructure and focus on lives of the people. She said that this Assembly should develop a collective action plan that links solar energy with job creation, women's leadership, rural livelihoods, and digital inclusion. Our progress should not only be measured through megawatts but through the number of lives illuminated, the number of families strengthened, and the number of communities transformed. The focus should also be on technology development and on sharing latest and advanced technologies with all for maximum benefit.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the India Mobile Congress 2025



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, Asia's largest telecom, media, and technology event, at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi. Welcoming all dignitaries to the special edition of the India Mobile Congress, Shri Modi noted that numerous startups had presented on critical themes including Financial Fraud Prevention, Quantum Communication, 6G, Optical Communication, and Semiconductors. The Prime Minister remarked that witnessing presentations on such vital subjects reinforces the belief that India's technological future rests in capable hands. He extended his best wishes for the event and all new initiatives.

The Prime Minister remarked that innovators and startups have propelled this growth, made possible by a government that stands firmly with the country's potential. He cited initiatives such as the Telecom Technology Development Fund and Digital Communications Innovations Square, through which startups are being funded. He noted that India is advancing in every dimension—developing and scaling indigenous technologies, creating intellectual property through R&D, and contributing to global standards. He added that these efforts have positioned India as an effective platform on the global stage.

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The Prime Minister informed that on the day of the 4G stack launch, nearly one lakh 4G towers were activated simultaneously across the country, enabling over two crore people to become part of India's digital movement. He emphasized that many of these areas were remote and previously lagging in digital connectivity, and now internet access has reached all such regions.

Shri Modi highlighted another key feature of India's Made-in-India 4G stack—its export readiness. He remarked that this indigenous stack will serve as a medium for India's business outreach and contribute significantly towards achieving the 'India 6G Vision 2030'.

Emphasising that India's technology revolution has advanced rapidly over the past decade, and to match this speed and scale, a strong legal and modern policy foundation was long needed, the Prime Minister highlighted the enactment of the Telecommunications Act, which replaced the outdated Indian Telegraph Act and Indian Wireless Telegraph Act—laws that predated the birth of many present-day citizens. Shri Modi emphasized the necessity of establishing a new framework aligned with 21st-century approaches, which the government has successfully implemented. He remarked that the new law functions not as a regulator but as a facilitator adding that approvals have become easier, and Right-of-Way permissions are now granted more swiftly. As a result, Shri Modi stated, fibre and tower network expansion is accelerating, enhancing the ease of doing business, encouraging investments, and enabling industries to plan for the long term.

Prime Minister emphasized that cyber security is being accorded equal priority in the country. He stated that laws against cyber frauds have been made stricter, accountability has been enhanced, and grievance redressal mechanisms have been improved. He remarked that both industry and consumers are significantly benefiting from these measures.

Underlining that the world is increasingly recognizing India's potential, the Prime Minister highlighted that India holds the position of the second-largest telecom market and the second-largest 5G market globally. Alongside market strength, India possesses manpower, mobility, and a progressive mindset. Shri Modi emphasized that when it comes to manpower, India demonstrates both scale and skill. He noted that India is home to the world's largest youth population, and this generation is being trained at a massive scale. He remarked that India today has the fastest-growing developer population in the world.

Noting that the cost of one GB of wireless data in India is now lower than the price of a cup of tea, Shri Modi highlighted that India ranks among the leading nations in per-user data consumption, signifying that digital connectivity is no longer a privilege or luxury but an integral part of everyday life.

"India leads with a mindset focused on expanding industry and investment", said Shri Modi, emphasising that the country's democratic setup, the government's welcoming approach, and ease of doing business policies have established India as an investor-friendly destination. He cited the success of India's digital public infrastructure as proof of the government's digital-first mindset. With full confidence, the Prime Minister declared, "This is the best time to invest, innovate and make in India!" He affirmed that from manufacturing to semiconductors, mobiles to electronics, and startups across sectors, India is brimming with possibilities and energy.

Recalling his recent Independence Day address from the Red Fort, where he declared the current year as one of major reforms and transformative change, the Prime Minister stated that the pace of reforms is accelerating, thereby increasing the responsibility of industry and innovators. He emphasized the crucial role of startups and young innovators, who are creating new pathways and opportunities through their speed and risk-taking abilities. Shri Modi expressed satisfaction that this year, the India Mobile Congress has invited over 500 startups, providing them with valuable opportunities to connect with investors and global mentors.

Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the United Kingdom visits India



At the invitation of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the United Kingdom paid an official visit to India from 08-09 October 2025. Prime Minister Starmer was accompanied by a high-level delegation including Secretary of State for Business and Trade and President of the Board of Trade the Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Scotland the Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Minister for Investment Mr. Jason Stockwood, and 125 CEOs, entrepreneurs, university Vice Chancellors and cultural leaders.

This is Prime Minister Starmer's first official visit to India. The visit follows the visit of Prime Minister of India to the United Kingdom on 23–24 July 2025, during which both sides signed the historic India–UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and adopted the India – UK Vision 2035 and a Defence Industrial Roadmap.

Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Starmer delivered keynote addresses at the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai on 09 October 2025. The Leaders held restricted as well as delegation-level talks in Mumbai on 09 October 2025, where they expressed satisfaction at the upward trajectory of the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and reaffirmed common commitment to global peace, stability, and a rules-based international order. They also discussed global and regional issues of mutual interest.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addresses the Global Fintech Fest 2025 in Mumbai



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the Global Fintech Fest 2025 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Extending a warm welcome to all attendees in Mumbai, Shri Modi described Mumbai as the City of Energy, the City of Enterprise, and the City of Endless Possibilities. He specially welcomed his friend, Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Keir Starmer, and expressed gratitude for his presence at the Global Fintech Festival, acknowledging the time he took to attend the event.

Recalling that five years ago, when the Global Fintech Festival was launched, the world was battling a global pandemic, the Prime Minister highlighted that today, the festival has evolved into a global platform for financial innovation and cooperation. He noted that this year, the United Kingdom is participating as a partner country, and emphasized that the partnership between two major democracies will further strengthen the global financial landscape. Shri Modi remarked on the vibrant atmosphere, energy, and dynamism at the venue, calling it remarkable. He stated that this reflects global trust in India's economy and growth. The Prime Minister congratulated Shri Kris Gopalakrishnan, all organizers, and participants for the successful conduct of the event.

Underlining that India has democratized digital technology, making it accessible to every citizen and every region of the country, the Prime Minister highlighted that this has now become India's model of good governance. He explained that in this model, the government develops digital infrastructure in the public interest, and the private sector builds innovative products on that platform. Shri Modi further emphasized that India has demonstrated how technology can serve not only as a tool of convenience but also as a means of equality.

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PRESIDENT OF INDIA HOSTS PRESIDENT OF MONGOLIA



The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, received H.E. Mr Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, President of Mongolia, at Rashtrapati Bhavan. (October 14, 2025). She also hosted a banquet in his honour.

Welcoming President Khurelsukh and his delegation to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President said that shared cultural heritage and democratic values are the foundation of India-Mongolia relations. India and Mongolia are 'Strategic Partners', 'Third Neighbours' and 'Spiritual Neighbours'. She added that this visit is very special as the two countries are celebrating 70th anniversary of bilateral relations. The President was happy to note that during this state visit of President of Mongolia, several decisions have been taken to strengthen our cultural relations and development partnership. The President said that over past 25 years, India has undertaken various cultural projects in Mongolia, including the restoration of Buddhist monasteries and the reprinting of ancient manuscripts. Also, India is a natural destination for Mongolian Buddhist monks to pursue spiritual education. She expressed confidence that the MoU on cultural exchange programme concluded today will provide a strong foundation for further promoting cultural exchanges. The President said that India attaches the highest priority to its development and capacity building partnership with Mongolia, and is fully committed to the timely completion of all the projects currently underway, which will emerge as lasting symbols of India-Mongolia friendship and cooperation.

The President also appreciated the close cooperation between the two countries, as members of the Global South, in multilateral fora, including at the United Nations. Both leaders agreed that it is time to further expand the bilateral ties between the two countries by adding new and contemporary dimensions of cooperation that will benefit the people of both countries.

Prime Minister of Sri Lanka calls on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



H.E. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, called on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. While extending a warm welcome, Prime Minister conveyed that her visit would impart fresh momentum to the historic and multi-faceted India–Sri Lanka ties.

Prime Minister recalled his State visit to Sri Lanka in April this year during which he held fruitful discussions with President Anura Kumara Disanayaka covering all areas of cooperation. The two leaders discussed measures to strengthen cooperation in a number of areas, including education, technology, innovation development cooperation and welfare of our fishermen.

Highlighting the special ties between India and Sri Lanka, Prime Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to work together in the shared development journey of the two countries. Prime Minister conveyed his warm wishes to President Disanayaka, and said that he looked forward to their continued engagements.

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali on board the INS Vikrant



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the armed forces personnel during Diwali celebration on board the INS Vikrant. Mentioning that the day is a remarkable day, a remarkable moment, and a remarkable sight, Shri Modi highlighted that on one side lies the vast ocean, and on the other, the immense strength of Mother India's brave soldiers. He noted that while one side presents the infinite horizon and boundless sky, the other side showcases the colossal might of INS Vikrant, embodying infinite power. The Prime Minister observed that the sparkle of sunlight on the sea resembles the lamps lit by valiant soldiers during Deepavali, forming a divine garland of lights. He expressed his privilege in celebrating this Diwali among the brave personnel of the Indian Navy.

Recalling his night spent aboard INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister stated that the experience is difficult to put into words. He described the deep night at sea and the sunrise as making this Diwali especially memorable in many ways. From INS Vikrant, the Prime Minister extended heartfelt Diwali greetings to all 140 crore citizens of the country. "INS Vikrant today stands as a powerful symbol of Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Made in India", exclaimed the Prime Minister, emphasising that the indigenously built INS Vikrant, slicing through the ocean, reflects India's military prowess. He recalled that just a few months ago, Vikrant's very name had disrupted the sleep of Pakistan. The Prime Minister asserted that INS Vikrant is a warship whose name alone is enough to put an end to the enemy's audacity.

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Prime Minister's participation in the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit in Kuala Lumpur



The 22nd ASEAN-India Summit was held on 26 October 2025. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated virtually in the Summit. Prime Minister and ASEAN leaders jointly reviewed progress in ASEAN-India relations and discussed initiatives for strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This was Prime Minister's 12th participation in the India-ASEAN Summit.

In his address, Prime Minister congratulated Timor Leste on becoming the 11th Member of ASEAN, welcomed the delegation at its first ASEAN-India Summit as a full member of ASEAN, and conveyed India's continued support for its human development. Reiterating India's support for ASEAN Unity, ASEAN Centrality, and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, Prime Minister complimented ASEAN on adoption of the ASEAN Community Vision 2045. Prime Minister emphasised that early review of the ASEAN-India FTA (AITIGA) can unleash the full economic potential of our relationship for the benefit of our peoples and further strengthen regional cooperation. Prime Minister stated that terrorism is a serious challenge to global peace and security, and stressed the importance of unity in the fight against terrorism.

Hon'ble Prime Minister thanked Prime Minister Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim for his flexibility in hosting the 22nd ASEAN-India Summit virtually, and making excellent arrangements for the meeting. The Prime Minister also thanked President Marcos Jr. for the Philippines' effective country-coordinatorship. ASEAN leaders appreciated India's long-standing support for ASEAN and its continued commitment to deepen engagement with the region through its Act East Policy.

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Prime Minister pays tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations in Kevadia, Gujarat, marking the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 2025. In his address, the Prime Minister urged citizens to uphold the spirit of unity and reaffirmed the government's resolve to remove every infiltrator residing in India, linking national security with the vision of 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

Speaking at the Statue of Unity, PM Modi described the occasion as "historic" and the morning in Ekta Nagar as "divine and awe-inspiring." He paid floral tributes to Sardar Patel, administered the Ekta Diwas pledge, and witnessed a parade featuring contingents from the BSF, CRPF, CISF, ITBP, and SSB, along with state police forces. The event also included the release of a commemorative coin and a postal stamp honouring Sardar Patel's 150th birth anniversary. The Prime Minister recalled Sardar Patel's monumental role in uniting over 550 princely states after independence, calling him the "architect of India's unity." He said Patel's ideals continue to guide the nation, and his birth anniversary has evolved into a grand celebration of national integration comparable to Independence Day and Republic Day.

Referring to the abrogation of Article 370, the Prime Minister said that India has now "fully integrated Kashmir into the national mainstream." He asserted that the country's decisive actions – including Operation Sindoor – have demonstrated India's readiness to strike back at threats beyond its borders.

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Embassy of India in Minsk celebrates ITEC Day 2025



The Embassy of India, Minsk marked ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) Day 2025 with great enthusiasm on 09.10.2025. The event was graced by Mr. Alexander Sidoruk, Deputy Head of Directorate General of Asia, Africa and Latin America & Head of Asia, Australia and Oceania, who was the chief guest of the occasion. Mr. Sidoruk expressed deep gratitude to the Government of India for its ongoing support and the significant role the ITEC program plays in capacity building and human resource development in Belarus. H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Ambassador of India, warmly welcomed the ITEC alumni and emphasized the strong sense of belonging to the ITEC family, which now includes over 300 members from different departments and organizations across Belarus. Several ITEC alumni shared their enriching experiences and expressed their sincere appreciation for the opportunities offered by the program.

Embassy of India in Minsk celebrates Diwali



The Embassy of India in Minsk celebrated the festival of Diwali on 21st October 2025. The Belarusian Government officials, Diplomatic Corps and Indian diaspora community participated in the celebrations. The Belarusian side highly appreciated the initiative of the Embassy and extended its full support.

Mission in Minsk participates in a tree plantation drive in Minsk



Ambassador Ashok Kumar, along with Embassy officials, participated in a tree plantation drive supported by Mr. Andrei Karas, First Deputy Minister of Forestry of Belarus on 31st October 2025, under the campaign 'Give New Life to the Forest', launched by H.E. Aleksandr Lukashenko, President of Belarus. This plantation drive also aligns with the campaign 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi.

The Mission in Minsk celebrates 150 birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



The Mission in Minsk celebrated 150th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Embassy premises by offering floral tribute. A sort video about the life of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was also played . Ambassador Ashok Kumar also administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Pledge.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN 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>

Bharat Footwear and Leather Expo (BFLEX)

7th edition of Bharat Footwear and Leather Expo (BFLEX) - formerly the Delhi International Leather Expo (DILEX) **at India International Convention and Expo Center (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi during November 12-14, 2025**. Keeping in view the positive outcome of the 6th edition of the fair, we are expecting participation of around 400 Indian exhibitors and around 100 Overseas exhibitors in the 7th edition of the event.

10th Global Economic Summit (GES)

10th Global Economic Summit (GES), to be held **on 21st–22nd November 2025 at the World Trade Center Mumbai**, India. This flagship international event will be organised in conjunction with the 6th edition of World Trade Expo 2025 and WTCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference and is expected to be one of India's most significant business and investment gatherings. The Summit offers a dynamic platform for trade facilitation, investment dialogue, technology collaboration, and SME engagement, through high-level sessions, curated B2B meetings, country presentations, and thematic exhibitions. Over the years, GES has contributed meaningfully to advancing India's cross-border trade partnerships and international economic visibility.

Vizag International SME Business Expo

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) jointly with Vizagapatnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) is organising the Vizag International SME Business Expo – Think Global, Build Local, scheduled **from 28th to 30th November 2025 at the Gadiraju Palace Convention Center, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. The Expo will bring together 100+ exhibitors from diverse sectors, serving as a significant platform to connect Indian SMEs and industry leaders with potential partners, buyers, and stakeholders from across the globe.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

Chemistry. Oil and Gas 2025 is an international specialized exhibition for the chemical, oil and gas industries and science.

The Chemistry. Oil and Gas 2025 exhibition will be held **from November 10th to 13th in Minsk**. The main thematic areas of the event are: Oil and Petroleum Products, Gas, Transportation, Raw Materials, and the Petrochemical Industry. Exhibited products include: Technologies, raw materials, and chemical production products.

Chemical and pharmaceutical products and preparations; Equipment, instruments, and automation and telemetry tools; Laboratory equipment and chemical analysis instruments; Shut-off, control, and safety valves; Transportation and storage of chemical products.

PRODEXPO

The 31st International Specialized Wholesale Trade Fair. PRODEXPO is the largest food exhibition in the Republic of Belarus, an effective business platform for industry professionals, and a venue for the presentation of new products, new brands, and new services. PRODEXPO is held with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus **from November 11-14, 2025**.

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