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PRESIDENT OF INDIA MEETS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN



Her Excellency Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, President of India met H.E. Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at Rashtrapati Bhavan on September 12, 2026. Welcoming President Pezeshkian on his first visit to India, the President expressed appreciation for the support extended by Iran during India's BRICS presidency.

The two leaders discussed the long-standing bonds of friendship between India and Iran, including our strong cultural and people-to-people ties. The President reiterated India's commitment to the pursuit of enduring peace in the region, and called for conflicts to be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

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HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI PARTICIPATES IN THE 26TH SCO SUMMIT IN BISHKEK, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC



Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi on September 1, 2026 participated in the 26th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, between August 31 - September 01, 2026. Besides the Bishkek Declaration, four MoUs, and over twenty decisions and statements were adopted at the Summit in fields ranging from climate, nuclear safety, energy conservation, and combating drug addiction. Hon'ble Prime Minister further stated that strong and trusted connectivity initiatives were important for the group's shared progress and prosperity. Underlining that India supports connectivity efforts that link markets, enhance trade and open new opportunities for development, Hon'ble Prime Minister reiterated that such efforts should respect sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

India led and supported several initiatives which find place in the Bishkek Declaration, such as English in SCO Charter as the Official Language; Civilization Dialogue Forum; Young Scientist Forum; and Young Author's Conclave.

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ENVOYS OF SIX NATIONS PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



Her Excellency Mrs. Droupadi Murmu, President of India, accepted credentials from the Envoys of Finland, Vietnam, Mexico, Estonia, the European Union and Belgium at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on September 25, 2026.

Those who presented their credentials were:

1. H.E. Mr Mikko Kivikoski, Ambassador of Finland
2. H.E. Mr Trinh Minh Manh, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
3. H.E. Mr Pedro Blanco Pérez, Ambassador of Mexico
4. H.E. Ms Kristi Karelsohn, Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia
5. H.E. Mr Jean-Eric Paquet, Ambassador of the European Union
6. H.E. Ms Sophie Karlshausen, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium

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HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER MR. NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATES SEMICON INDIA 2026



Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2026 on 17th September, 2026 in New Delhi. Addressing the occasion and highlighting the significance of the event's fifth edition, the Prime Minister extended warm greetings to all participants. He expressed particular gratitude to the international attendees who had traveled to India to partake in the summit. "I extend a special welcome to the guests who have come to India from abroad".

Drawing a powerful parallel between the launch of Semicon India and Vishwakarma Diwas, Hon'ble Prime Minister honored the nation's centuries-old heritage of construction and creation and pointed out the beautiful coincidence of merging traditional creative power with 21st-century technology and vision. "This is our inspiration for a self-reliant India, a Viksit Bharat".

Emphasizing the nation's rapid progress over the past 15 days, the Prime Minister listed major milestones, including discussions on inclusive finance at the Global Fintech Fest, the operationalization of a 3,000-kilometer Dedicated Freight Corridor, and a robust 7.8 percent quarterly GDP growth. Recalling the diplomatic triumph of the recently concluded BRICS Summit hosted by India, the Prime Minister pointed to the unanimous adoption of the New Delhi Declaration as a reflection of international consensus. Hon'ble Prime Minister underscored that this historic diplomatic achievement validates the global community's unwavering faith in the nation. "This is another major proof of the world's trust in India," .

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INDIA HOSTS 18TH BRICS SUMMIT IN NEW DELHI



Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India chaired the 18th BRICS Summit session on "Inclusive Global Governance and Strengthening Multilateralism" on September 12, 2026 in New Delhi. Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized that Global South is at the front row of global crises, but the back row of decision-making. The BRICS nations must turn the "pyramid of privilege" into a "platform of partnership". Global governance must reflect today's realities, with greater representation especially in institutions such as the UN Security Council. Efforts must be made to make the Global South move from being a rule-taker to a rule-shaper. Through BRICS, we can provide young diplomats and policymakers from the Global South with negotiation skills, practical training and legal expertise. Seafarers make a significant contribution to global trade, yet they often lack adequate support during times of crisis and proposed establishing a Seafarers Emergency Support Network.

PM concluded by saying that as our future is shared, the right to shape that future must also be shared - from voice to impact, from privilege to partnership.

The session concluded with the adoption of the New Delhi BRICS Leaders' Declaration, setting the shared priorities, commitment, and direction for BRICS cooperation going forward. Link for New Delhi Declaration: <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2309505®=48&lang=1>

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI MEETS CHINESE PRESIDENT XI JINPING



Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India met with H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China on 12 September 2026, on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in New Delhi. The two leaders welcomed the steady progress in India-China bilateral relations since their last meeting in Tianjin in August 2025. The leaders reaffirmed that both countries should take a strategic and long term perspective of their ties. Differences should not become disputes. Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted that India-China must be guided by three mutuals- mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest. Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasized that peace and tranquility in the border areas remains an essential basis for the continued development of bilateral relations. Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined the need for both sides to observe existing agreements and understandings on border related issues. The two leaders expressed commitment to a fair, reasonable, and mutually acceptable resolution of the boundary question proceeding from the political perspective of their overall bilateral relations and the long-term interests of the two peoples.

The two leaders took note of the progress in people-to-people ties and underscored the need to further promote cultural exchanges, business linkages and greater mobility between the two countries. On economic and trade relations, they underlined the need to address each other's concerns, including structural trade imbalance and supply chain issues, and facilitation of meaningful and predictable market access. Hon'ble Prime Minister appreciated China's support for India's BRICS chairship and its contributions towards the success of the BRICS Summit-2026.

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI MEETS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India met with H.E. Vladimir Putin, the President of the Russian Federation on the margins of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on 11th September, 2026. This was their second meeting this year. The two leaders had met earlier in Bishkek on the sidelines of the 26th SCO Summit on 31st August 2026.

The two leaders reviewed progress in bilateral cooperation in political, economic, defence, energy, space, skill mobility and people-to- people domains. Hon'ble Prime Minister and President welcomed Russia's International Industrial Exhibition "INNOPROM India", which was held for the first time in India from 9-11 September 2026 and underscored its importance in further expanding trade and industrial ties. The two leaders also visited the INNOPROM India exhibition and interacted with the participants.

The two leaders agreed to remain engaged in an effort to strengthen further 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.

President Putin invited Prime Minister to visit Russia for the 24th India-Russia Annual Summit. Prime Minister accepted the invitation. The dates of the Summit will be decided as per mutual convenience through diplomatic channels.

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI ADDRESSES THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE SUMMIT



Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 10 September, 2026 addressed the International Space Summit held in Paris, France, via Video conference. The Prime Minister thanked President Emmanuel Macron for taking a timely initiative and extending a gracious invitation. Reflecting on humanity's enduring fascination with the cosmos, the Prime Minister observed that space has inspired human imagination for centuries. The Prime Minister highlighted that this frontier now shapes everyday life on Earth, from climate and crops to oceans and communities. "The promise of space is infinite, and our responsibility is collective,".

Addressing the growing complexity of the cosmic environment, the Prime Minister emphasized that orbits are becoming more crowded, technologies more powerful, and actors more numerous. Hon'ble PM stressed that global partnerships must prioritize long-term sustainability over short-term gains. "Our choices must be clear: cooperation over confrontation, sustainability over short-term gain, and inclusion over exclusion,".

Connecting India's philosophical worldview to outer space, the Prime Minister pointed out that the nation's approach is firmly rooted in the ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning One Earth, One Family, One Future. "India support a safe, secure, peaceful and sustainable space domain, anchored in international law, dialogue and multilateral cooperation,".

Highlighting the importance of transparent research, the Prime Minister stressed that India's cosmic journey perfectly reflects the philosophy of universal welfare. Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that the ethical sharing of information is paramount for global progress. "Scientific data must serve the common good, with openness and integrity," observed Shri Modi.

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PRIME MINISTER OF BELGIUM MR. BART DE WEVER VISITS INDIA



H.E. Mr. Bart De Wever, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium visited India from 2-4 September 2026. The Prime Minister of Belgium was accompanied by H.E. Mr. Theo Francken, Belgium's Minister of Defence and Foreign Trade and a high-level delegation of officials and business leaders. This is Prime Minister De Wever's first visit to India since taking office in February 2025.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed the centrality of the India-EU Strategic Partnership to India-Belgium relations. They welcomed the successful conclusion of negotiations for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement during the India-EU Summit on 27 January 2026 and called for the conclusion of the negotiations on the EU-India Investment Protection Agreement and the Agreement on Geographical Indications at the earliest opportunity, with a view to further strengthening economic ties between India and the European Union.

Hailing the India-EU Free Trade Agreement as a historic milestone in the strategic partnership, the Leaders called for its timely implementation for realising the true potential for trade and investment collaboration through diversifying critical value chains and opening new markets.

H.E. Bart De Wever, Prime Minister of Belgium extended an invitation to Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to undertake a bilateral visit to Belgium, at a mutually convenient time for the deepening and diversification of the India-Belgium partnership and the increasing India-Europe engagements and India-EU ties.

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PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI LAUDS ISRO FOR SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF GSLV-F17 CARRYING EOS-05



Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 4th September, 2026 hailed yet another outstanding achievement by ISRO, calling it a proud moment for the nation. The Prime Minister stated that the successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, India's first-ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit, is a reflection of the excellence, innovation, and growing capabilities that define India's space sector.

Mr. Modi further noted that the growing partnership between ISRO and the Indian industry is adding new strength and scale to the space programme, expanding India's capabilities across the entire space ecosystem.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister shared:

"Yet another outstanding achievement by ISRO and a proud moment for our nation.

The successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, India's first-ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit is a reflection of the excellence, innovation and growing capabilities that define India's space sector.

The growing partnership between ISRO and Indian industry is adding new strength and scale to our space programme and expanding India's capabilities across the entire space ecosystem."

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



1. The Cabinet approved Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme for Development of Intra-State Transmission System with Battery Energy Storage Systems. The Union Cabinet chaired by Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India approved the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme. This historic initiative will strengthen India's Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS) to enable evacuation of up to 135 Gigawatt (GW) of renewable energy across States/ Union Territories. The scheme also provides for deployment of 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) at the Renewable Energy (RE) developer/generator end or any other location of importance for grid flexibility to address intermittency, congestion, peak-hour curtailment and meet non-solar hour demand. The scheme will facilitate grid integration and power evacuation within the States/UTs of India.

2. Cabinet also approved enhancement of EPFO wage ceiling from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 per month. Over 51 lakh additional employees expected to come under mandatory EPFO coverage. The Decision strengthens formalisation and advances India's long-term social security vision. Major step towards stronger retirement security and Viksit [Bharat@2047](https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=2310811®=48&lang=1). The Union Cabinet chaired by Mr. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India approved the proposal of the Ministry of Labour & Employment to enhance the wage ceiling for mandatory coverage under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) from Rs.15,000 to Rs.25,000 per month. The decision is expected to bring more than 51 lakh additional employees within the ambit of mandatory EPFO coverage, significantly widening social security protection for workers.

The EPFO wage ceiling remained unchanged throughout the decade from 2004 to 2014, before being substantially enhanced to Rs.15,000 in September 2014. The present decision carries forward this approach by further raising the ceiling to Rs.25,000 to reflect the sustained wage growth, rising incomes and a continued expansion of formal employment over the intervening years.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA CELEBRATES HINDI DIWAS, AYURVEDA DIWAS AND ORGANIZED “PEACE WALK”



The Embassy of India in Minsk organised Hindi Diwas on 15th September, 2026 to celebrate Hindi Pakwada. H.E. Ambassador Ashok Kumar, in his address, highlighted the importance of Hindi and also read out Hon'ble Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah's address on Hindi Diwas. Ambassador also urged everyone to use Hindi in their day to day life. The Embassy organised events like reading, poem reciting and essay writing. Belarusian and Indian Hindi enthusiasts took part in competitions and were felicitated with awards and certificates.

The Embassy also celebrated 11th Ayurveda Day (Dhanvantri Diwas) at the Chancery premises on 23rd September, 2026. H.E. Ambassador Ashok Kumar spoke about the virtues of Ayurveda and appealed the guests to make Ayurveda a part of their daily life for a healthier living. The guest also toured the AYUSH Information Cell in Chancery premises. Information Pamphlets about local herbs were also distributed.

H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar, Ambassador of India to Belarus inaugurated the Peace Walk in commemoration of Seva Pakhwada 2026 in Minsk on 27th September, 2026. Ambassador Ashok Kumar in his speech highlighted the importance of peace and cleanliness. About 70 people participated in the Peace Walk. The Peace Walk carried a message that transcends borders, languages, and culture is not merely the absence of conflict; it is the presence of justice, understanding, and compassion.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN India

50th India Carpet Expo | 4–7 October 2026 | Bhadohi, India

The 50th edition marks a significant milestone for India's handmade carpet industry and will bring together leading Indian manufacturers and exporters of handmade carpets, rugs and other floor coverings. The Expo provides international buyers with an opportunity to explore the latest designs, contemporary collections and sustainable offerings, while establishing direct business relationships with Indian suppliers

Bharat Telecom 2026 - An Exclusive International Business Expo

Telecom Equipment & Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) has planned to organise 'Bharat Telecom 2026 - An Exclusive International Business Expo', alongside India Mobile Congress, at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on October 7-10, 2026, with the support of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. TEPC has created this platform to bring potential buyers from across the globe to interact and finalise business deals through B2B meetings with state-of-the-art quality telecom equipment/software manufacturers and ICT services solution providers from India

62ND Edition IHGF DELHI FAIR – AUTUMN, 2026 ,13TH – 17TH OCTOBER,2026

The upcoming edition will showcase:

- 16 curated product segments
- Over 2,000 product categories
- More than 300 trend-driven design innovations

The fair is expected to attract a wide spectrum of international buyers, including importers, wholesalers, retail chains, and design professionals. For further details, please visit: www.ihgfdelhifair.in

Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) 2026

The Indian Rice Exporters' Federation (IREF), the national apex body for rice exporters, headquartered in Connaught Place, New Delhi, represents more than 8,000 entities across India's rice export value chain. IREF successfully organized the inaugural Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC 2025) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 30–31 October 2025

PackMach Asia Expo 2026

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), New Delhi, India is organizing PackMach Asia Expo 2026 from 28th to 30th October 2026 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai, India and PHDCCI is joining PackMach Asia Expo 2026 as the Industry Partner, supporting the collaborative efforts of the co-organizers, Messe München India (MMI) and the Institute of Packaging Machinery Manufacturers of India (IPMMI)

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN BELARUS

HARVEST 6-9 October 2026

"HARVEST" is the first practical exhibition and forum for effectively completing the season and preparing for the next:

1. SEEDS, PLANT PROTECTION, AND NUTRITION
2. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR CULTIVATION AND HARVESTING
3. GREENHOUSES, STORAGE, AND LOGISTICS
4. PRODUCT PROCESSING
5. DIGITALIZATION AND PRECISION FARMING
6. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND BIOENERGY
7. FOOD SECURITY OF BELARUS

MEDICINE AND HEALTH October 13-15, 2026

Restorative Medicine. Rehabilitation. Orthopedics

International specialized exhibition. Medical equipment and pharmaceuticals. Laboratory medicine. Consumables, care and hygiene products. Dental equipment. Salons: "Ophthalmologic Optics," "Medical and Health Tourism," "Restorative Medicine," and "Disaster Medicine." Held concurrently with the "Aesthetic Medicine and Cosmetology" exhibition.

Aesthetic Medicine and Cosmetology

International specialized salon within the "Medicine and Health" exhibition. Equipment and consumables for beauty salons. Decorative and therapeutic cosmetics. Tattooing and permanent makeup. Sections: "Healthy Nutrition" and "Green Planet."

Medical and Health Tourism

Falcon Club, Minsk, 20 Pobediteley Ave.

Belarusian Energy and Environmental Forum, October 27–30, 2026

ENERGY EXPO

International Specialized Exhibition "Energy. Ecology. Energy Saving. Electricity"

Green INDUSTRY

"Innovative Industrial Technologies"

Innovative Transport Salon "E-TRANS"

OIL & GAS Technologies

ATOMEXPO-Belarus

EXPO LIGHT "Exposvet"

WATER & AIR Technologies

Woodworking October 27-30, 2026

International exhibition. Sawmill equipment, drying equipment, woodworking equipment, and woodworking tools from the CIS and other countries. The exhibition is held concurrently with the Furniture Components, Fittings, and Materials exhibition.

Furniture Components, Fittings, and Materials

International specialized exhibition of furniture fittings and materials. A showroom showcasing new furniture designs and equipment for its production. The exhibition is held concurrently with the Woodworking exhibition.

Automotive Service. Mechanics. Automotive Components

International specialized exhibition of achievements in the production and operation of transport, its repair, and maintenance. Motor vehicles, spare parts and accessories for vehicles, painting equipment, oils, care and protection products, technical fluids, car wash and repair equipment, diagnostic equipment, tires, and tire fitting equipment.

Road Construction

Specialized exhibition on the construction, design, and operation of transport facilities, construction and road construction equipment, and materials. Football Arena Minsk, Pobediteley Ave. 20/2

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