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PM Dedicates Two Future-Ready Ayurveda Institutions to the Nation on Ayurveda Day



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi dedicated two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation on the 5th Ayurveda Day on 13 November via video conferencing. These are the Institute of Teaching & Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar and the National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur. Both the Institutes are premier institutions of Ayurveda in the country. The Ministry of AYUSH, since 2016, has been observing 'Ayurveda Day' every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras). PM stressed the need to bring the ayurveda knowledge out of books, scriptures and home remedies and develop this ancient knowledge as per modern needs. Ayurveda is not just an alternative today but is one of the key basis of the country's health policy, PM Modi said.

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PM Reviews Vaccine Development and Manufacturing Process at 3 Facilities

On 28 November, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi undertook a three city tour to conduct extensive review of the vaccine development and manufacturing process. He visited Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad, Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad and Serum Institute of India in Pune. Prime Minister expressed pride in the fact that India's indigenous vaccine development has progressed at such a rapid pace so far. He stressed that India considers vaccines as not only vital to good health but also as a global good, and it is India's duty to assist other countries, including the nations in our neighbourhood, in the collective fight against the virus. India is not only leading the world in research for vaccines but will also be crucial for the world's vaccine production. India has become the Pharmacy of the World in its fight against the pandemic.



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12th BRICS Summit



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led India's participation at the 12th BRICS Summit, convened under the Chairship of President Vladimir Putin of Russia on 17 November 2020, in a virtual format. The theme of the Summit was "Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth". President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, President Xi Jinping of China and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa also participated in the Summit. He noted that BRICS has played a significant role in fight against terrorism and in promoting the global economy. PM Modi called for necessary reform of the UN and especially the Security Council, and other international bodies like WTO, IMF, WHO etc. to make them relevant to contemporary realities. PM called for cooperation in addressing the Covid-19 pandemic and in this regard noted the supply of essential medicines to over 150 countries by India. At the conclusion of the Summit, BRICS Leaders adopted the "Moscow Declaration".

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15th G20 Summit

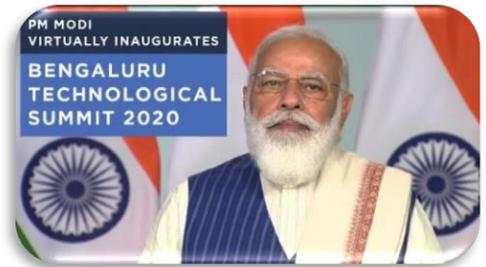


Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, participated in the 15th G20 Summit convened by Saudi Arabia in virtual format, on 21-22 November 2020. The Summit under Saudi Presidency centered on the theme "Realizing Opportunities of 21st Century for All" which has assumed greater importance in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The agenda of the Summit over two days with two sessions focused overcoming the pandemic, economic recovery and restoring jobs, and building an inclusive, sustainable and resilient future and a side event on safeguarding the planet. PM termed the COVID-19 pandemic as an important turning point in history of humanity and the biggest challenge the world is facing since the World War II. He called for decisive action by G20, not limited to economic recovery, jobs and trade, but to focus on preserving Planet Earth noting that all of us are trustees of humanity's future.

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PM Inaugurates Bengaluru Tech Summit

On 19 November, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Tech Summit in Bengaluru via video conference. Addressing the Tech Summit, Prime Minister said due to Digital India, our nation has witnessed a more human centric approach to development. PM Modi expressed happiness that today Digital India is no longer being seen as any regular Government initiative rather it has become a way of life particularly, for the poor, marginalised and for those in Government. He added his governance model is technology first and through technology human dignity has been enhanced like crores of farmers receiving monetary support in one click and successfully operating the world's largest Healthcare scheme, Ayushman Bharat. He stressed that technology ensured India's poor received proper & quick assistance even at the peak of the lockdown. He said the scale of this relief has few parallels.



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PM Inaugurates RE-Invest 2020



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 3rd Global Renewable Energy Investment Meeting and Expo (RE-Invest 2020) through video conferencing. The summit was organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The theme for RE-Invest 2020 was 'Innovations for Sustainable Energy Transition'. PM Modi expressed happiness that in the renewable energy sector, within a short time the progress from megawatts to gigawatts in generation capacity and "One Sun, One World, One Grid" are becoming a reality, all of which were discussed in the earlier editions. He added in the last 6 years, India is travelling on an unparalleled journey. He showcased that today, India's renewable power capacity is the 4th largest in the world and is growing at the fastest speed among all major countries.

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Youth Must Be at the Forefront of Making India Stronger on All Fronts: VP



Inaugurating a new 'Amenities Center' at the University of Hyderabad on 16 November, Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu urged the youth to join the forces of growth and channelize their energies for constructive, nation-building activities to build a New and Resurgent India. He advised the youth to shun negativism, adopt positive outlook in building the New India where there would be no corruption, hunger, exploitation and discrimination. The Vice President urged the youth to be the torchbearers in eradicating Illiteracy, combating diseases, meeting challenges in farm sector, ending social evils like discrimination in any form, atrocities on women and eliminating corruption. He told the young minds to come up with innovative solutions to tackle the pressing problems from corona virus to climate change.

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New Education Policy Aims at Making India a Global Knowledge Superpower: Vice President



Addressing virtually the 13th convocation of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Agartala on 17 November, Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu said that the New Education Policy aims at making India a global knowledge superpower and underlined the need for the country to once again become a Vishwa Guru in the field of education. VP said the NEP draws inspiration from the ancient Indian education system which used to focus on developing holistic and well-rounded personalities. He said the NEP seeks to make Indian education holistic, multi-disciplinary, and practical. VP pointed out that the ancient education system always taught us to live in harmony with nature and respect all beings and non-beings. "Our education was practical, wholesome, and complementary to life", he added.

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India's AI Supercomputer Param Siddhi 63rd among Top 500 Most Powerful Non-Distributed Computer Systems in the World

Param Siddhi, the high performance computing-artificial intelligence (HPC-AI) supercomputer, jointly developed by Department of Science & Technology (DST) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) at C-DAC, has achieved global ranking of 63 in TOP 500 most powerful non-distributed computer systems in the world. This will accelerate R&D in war against COVID-19 through faster simulations, medical imaging, genome sequencing and forecasting and is a boon for Indian masses and for start-Ups and MSMEs in particular.



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15th East Asia Summit

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India at the 15th East Asia Summit (EAS) on 14 November 2020. The Summit was chaired by the Prime Minister of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc in his capacity as ASEAN Chair. EAM, in his remarks, re-affirmed the importance of EAS as the Leaders-led forum to exchange views on strategic issues. He spoke of the importance of adhering to international law, respecting territorial integrity and sovereignty, and promoting a rules-based global order. The Summit discussed ways to strengthen the EAS platform and to make it more responsive to emerging challenges on its 15th anniversary and adopted the Ha Noi Declaration. The Leaders underlined the importance of cooperation in ensuring safe, effective, and affordable access to COVID-19 vaccines.



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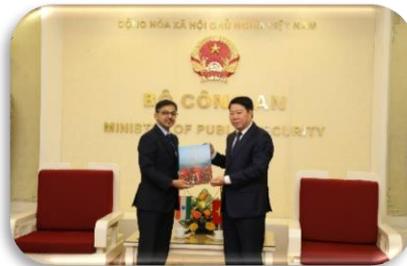
Ambassador's Presentation on India's Development Strategy

Ambassador Pranay Verma was invited by the Central Theoretical Council of the Communist Party of Vietnam on 18 November 2020 to deliver a presentation on "India's Development Strategy" to senior Party officials and scholars. The Council is the main organ for theoretical research in the Party and plays an important role in preparation of Party documents. Ambassador was received by the Vice President of the Council His Excellency Ta Ngoc Tan, who welcomed regular exchanges with the Embassy of India to promote greater understanding of India among senior Party functionaries.



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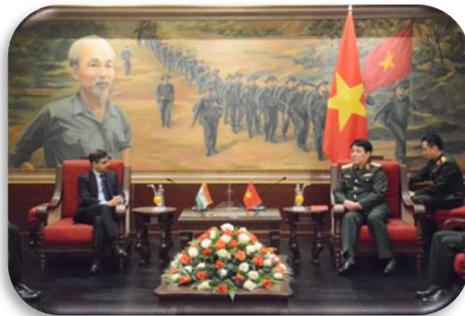
Ambassador's Meeting with Deputy Minister of Public Security



Ambassador Pranay Verma exchanged views with the Deputy Minister of Public Security of Vietnam, H.E. Bui Van Nam on India-Vietnam security cooperation during their meeting on 20 November 2020.

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Ambassador Meets Chief of General Political Department, Vietnam

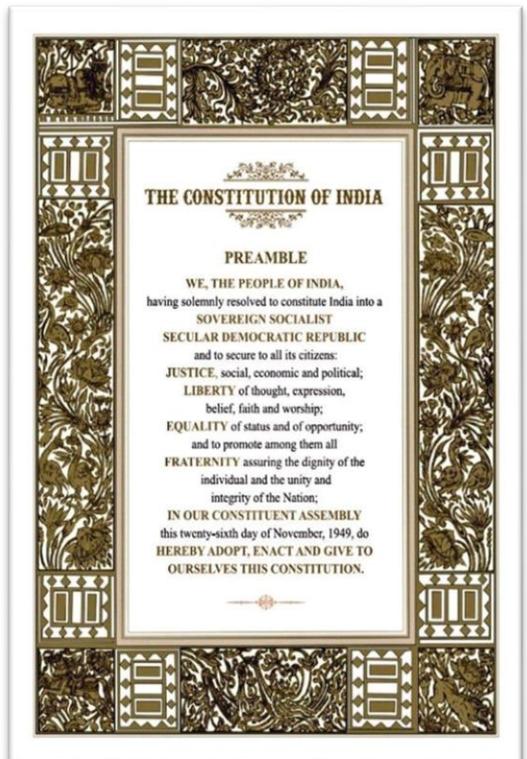


Ambassador Pranay Verma met the Chief of the General Political Department of the Vietnam People's Army, General Luong Cuong on 23 November 2020 and exchanged views on ways to further strengthen India-Vietnam Defence Partnership.

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71st Constitution Day of India - 26 November 2020

Embassy celebrated the Constitution Day of India on 26 November 2020 in the presence of participation of Vietnamese friends and Mission officials. Together, they read out the Preamble of the Constitution. Films and exhibition of photos were also put on display to commemorate the 71st year of the adoption of the Constitution.



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Ayurveda Day 2020



On 13th November, Embassy celebrated Ayurveda Day 2020. The Ministry of AYUSH, since 2016, has been observing 'Ayurveda Day' every year on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras). Ayurveda, a natural system of medicine, is widely considered by scholars to be the oldest healthcare system. It originated in India more than 3,000 years ago. Some scholars place its antiquity to 5,000 years. The basic principles of Ayurveda include the concepts of universal interconnectedness, the body's

constitution (prakriti), and life forces (doshas). Ayurvedic treatments aim to eliminate impurities, reduce symptoms, increase resistance to disease, reduce worry, and increase harmony in life. Herbs and other plants, including oils and common spices, are used extensively in Ayurvedic treatment.

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Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana - Paving the Way to Boost Rural Connectivity in New India



India with a total road network of 5.5 mn km comprises of national & state highways and urban & rural roads. National highways account for 2% of the total road network and carry over 40% of total traffic. India has a well-developed framework for Public-Private-Partnerships (PPP) in the highway sector. Asian Development Bank ranked India at first spot in PPP operational maturity and also designated India as a developed market for PPPs. The Government launched the Bharatmala Pariyojana, which aims to build 66,100 km of economic corridors, border and coastal roads, and expressways to boost the highway network. The first phase of the programme will bring in \$82 bn investments by 2022 for the development of 34,800 km of highways.

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Vaishali: One of the World's First Republics



Documented as being the capital of Licchavi (or Lichchavi), one of the world's first republics with an elected assembly of administrators and an efficient administration, Vaishali, in modern-day Bihar, is known as one of the greatest cities of the 6th century BC. The city finds a mention in Ramayana too. It is said Lord Buddha came to Vaishali around five years after his enlightenment, when he was invited here to end the sufferings of the city's residents. It was also in Vaishali that the first group of women were ordained into Buddhism. Vaishali is also famous for being the place where Lord Buddha delivered his last sermon.

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