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Prime Minister's Address on the 7th International Day of Yoga

In his address to mark the 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY), Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that this year's theme for IDY – "Yoga for wellness" – raised the morale of people amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and noted that Yoga has proved a source strength and poise for people during this difficult time. He added that the mantra of '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*' (*The World is One Family*) that India has followed since ages, is now finding global acceptance, and that we all are praying for each other's wellbeing. He said that the frontline Corona warriors had made Yoga their shield, while they are helping their patients.



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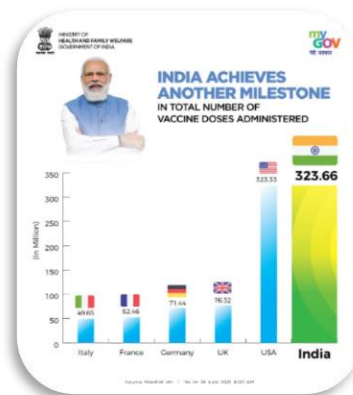
Prime Minister Launches the M-Yoga Mobile App Developed by India and WHO

On the occasion of the 7th International Day of Yoga, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced that India and WHO have taken an important step by launching the M-Yoga app which will provide visual training modules based on common yoga protocol in many languages. Terming this as a great example of fusion of modern technology and ancient science, the Prime Minister expressed the hope that the M-yoga app will help in spreading yoga world over and will contribute to the efforts of 'One World One Health'. He wished for good health of every country, society and individual.



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PM Reiterates Commitment to Vaccines for All, Free for All



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi congratulated all those who are driving the momentum of India's vaccination drive. In a tweet, the Prime Minister said: "India's vaccination drive keeps gaining momentum! Congrats to all those who are driving this effort. Our commitment remains vaccines for all, free for all." As on 2 July, India has vaccinated more than 340 million people.

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Prime Minister Participates in the Outreach Session of G7 Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the first Outreach Session of the G7 Summit on 12 June. The session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics. During the session, Prime Minister expressed appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India. On the second day of the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit, Prime Minister took part in two sessions titled 'Building Back Together—Open Societies and Economies' and 'Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature'. Prime Minister gave a message of global solidarity and unity in tackling the global challenges of health, climate change and economic recovery.



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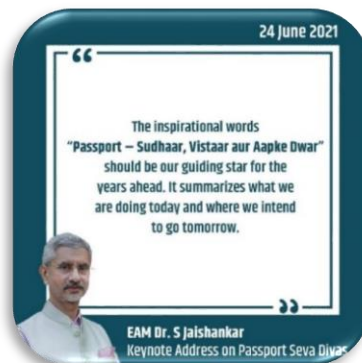
PM Delivers Keynote Address at the 5th Edition of VivaTech



On 16 June, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address as a Guest of Honour at the 5th edition of VivaTech, one of the largest digital and startup events in Europe, held in Paris every year since 2016. In his remarks, Prime Minister stressed the need for insulating our planet against the next pandemic. He noted that disruption does not have to mean despair and that we must keep the focus on the twin foundations of repair and prepare. The challenges our planet faces can only be overcome with a collective spirit and a human-centric approach. PM added that India is home to one of the world's largest start-up eco systems and India offers what innovators and investors need. He invited the world to invest in India based on the five pillars of: Talent, Market, Capital, Eco-system and, Culture of openness.

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Keynote Address by External Affairs Minister on Passport Seva Divas 2021



The Ministry of External Affairs held a special event on a virtual platform to mark the Passport Seva Divas on 24 June 2021. The External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, stressed that the mandate of our Government is to ensure efficient governance and timely, effective, assured, transparent and accountable public service delivery. He said that as we move ahead on the path of progress, we should take stock of the steps in the realm of passports that would make it not only more citizen-centric but also citizen-friendly.

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PM Meets with Political Leaders from UT of Jammu and Kashmir

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi called his meeting with political leaders from the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 24 June an important step in the ongoing efforts towards a developed and progressive J&K, where all-round growth is furthered. In a series of tweets after the meeting, the Prime Minister said, "Our priority is to strengthen grassroots democracy in J&K. Delimitation has to happen at a quick pace so that polls can happen and J&K gets an elected Government that gives strength to J&K's development trajectory."



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Defence Minister of India Calls for Open & Inclusive Order in Indo-Pacific at the 8th ADMM Plus

Defence Minister of India, Shri Rajnath Singh called for an open and inclusive order in Indo-Pacific based upon respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations while addressing the 8th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus on June 16. The ADMM Plus is an annual meeting of Defence Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries and eight dialogue partner countries - Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States. Brunei is the Chair of the ADMM Plus forum this year. In his remarks, Shri Rajnath Singh also stressed on "peaceful resolutions of disputes through dialogue and adherence to international rules and laws."

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Foreign Secretary's Remarks on India's Foreign Policy in the Post-Covid World

On 18 June, at the Public Affairs Forum of India, Foreign Secretary, Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla delivered his remarks on "India's Foreign Policy in the Post-Covid World: New Vulnerabilities, New Opportunities".



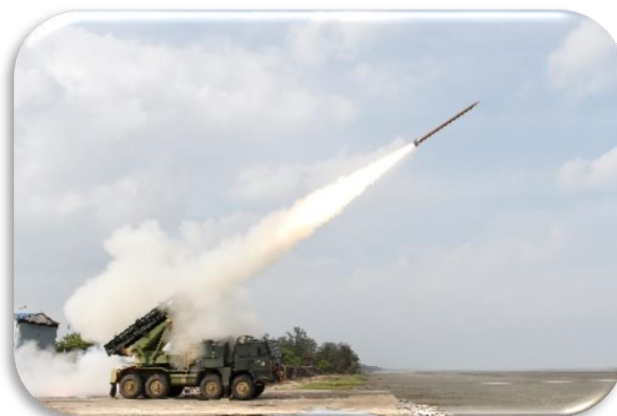
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India Develops a New Rapid COVID-19 Testing Kit

Under the aegis of COVID-19 Research Consortium, DBT-BIRAC supported product 'SENSIT Rapid COVID-19 Ag kit' has been developed by Ubio Biotechnology Systems Pvt. Ltd. for qualitative detection of SARS CoV-2 Nucleocapsid Protein with an assay time of 15 minutes. The samples are collected using nasopharyngeal swabs from the suspected individual. This ICMR approved kit is a chromatographic immunoassay, which allows the healthcare personnel to visually read the test result.

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DRDO Successfully Test Fires Enhanced "Pinaka" Rocket



Continuing the development of Artillery Rocket Systems, India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired extended range version of indigenously developed "Pinaka" rocket from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) on 24th and 25th June 2021 at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

Twenty-five Enhanced Pinaka Rockets were launched in quick succession against targets at different ranges. All the mission objectives were met during the launches. The enhanced range version of Pinaka Rocket System can destroy targets at distances up to 45 kms.

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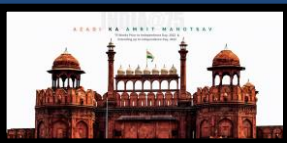
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SARNATH: The Site of Lord Buddha's First Teachings



Sarnath, 10km from Varanasi, is one of the most revered Buddhist pilgrimage centers. After attaining the Enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, it was here that Lord Buddha preached his first sermon, sanctified as Maha Dharm Chakra Pravartan. The great Dhamekh Stupa and several other structures stand testimony to the importance the place enjoyed at that time. The Chaukhandi Stupa is the place where, during his first visit to Sarnath, Lord Buddha met his first five disciples. The area is a treasure trove of archaeological findings such as Dharmrajika Stupa and Mulgandhkuti Vihar. The smooth glistening pillar established by Emperor Ashoka in 273-232 B.C. marks the foundation of the Buddhist Sangha, and the Lion Capital atop this pillar is now India's National Emblem. Its reputation as a center of Buddhist learning spreads far and wide and is a revered location and a great attraction for tourists from across the world.

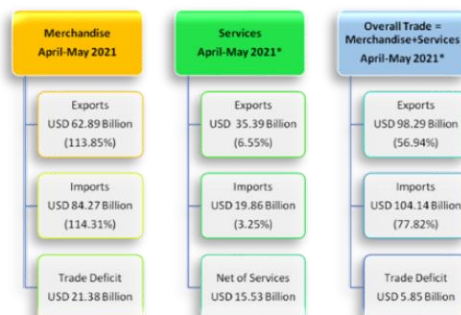
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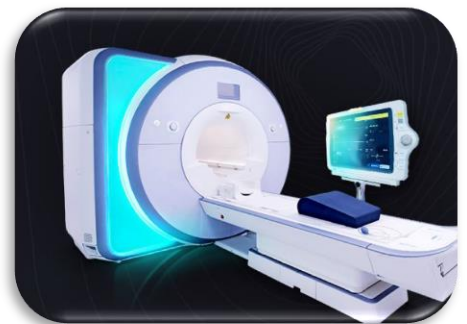
India's Foreign Trade: May 2021

India's overall exports (Merchandise and Services combined) in April-May 2021 are estimated to be US\$98.29 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 56.94 per cent over the same period last year. Overall imports in April-May 2021 are estimated to be US\$104.14 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 77.82 per cent over the same period last year.



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Medical Device Sector: Fostering Innovation for Improved Health



The medical devices industry in India consists of large multinationals as well as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) growing at an unprecedented scale. The current market size of the medical devices industry in India is estimated to be US\$11 billion. The Medical device sector is projected to register a CAGR of 14.8% and is expected to reach US\$11.86 bn in 2021-22, Moreover, the sector is likely to grow to US\$65 billion-industry by 2024. India's medical devices industry is poised for significant growth in the next five years.

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Vietnam's Deputy Minister of Defence Received Ambassador

Senior Lieutenant General Nguyen Chi Vinh, former Deputy Minister of Defense received Ambassador on 14 June. At the meeting, Senior Lieutenant General Vinh thanked Ambassador for promoting defence cooperation between the two countries. He affirmed that Vietnam always considers India a sincere and reliable friend and that it supports India's "Act East" policy. Ambassador highly appreciated Senior Lieutenant Vinh's contributions in advancing the India-Vietnam defense cooperation, thereby promoting the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

India@75: Webinar on India-Vietnam Cooperation in ICT

Ambassador Pranay Verma addressed an online event co-organized on 18 June 2021 by the Embassy of India in Hanoi with the Electronic and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) of India on "Fostering India-Vietnam Cooperation in ICT". Ambassador highlighted the enhanced relevance of the ICT and digital technology in the current context and the new opportunities for partnership created by the strong vision of both India and Vietnam for development of ICT sector and Industry 4.0. The event was joined by more than 50 IT companies and industry representatives from both sides, including the Indian Business Chamber (INCHAM) in Hanoi and Vietnam Software and IT Services Association (VINASA).



India-Vietnam Cooperation in UN Peacekeeping

An online workshop was held on 17 June between the Indian Centre for UN Peacekeeping and the Vietnam Department of Peacekeeping Operations to discuss measures to enhance cooperation in UN peacekeeping. Speaking on the occasion, the Vietnamese side emphasized Vietnam's commitments for playing a more active role in the UN peacekeeping field. They requested India to assist Vietnam in this endeavour. The two sides agreed to exchange information on the peacekeeping issues. They also discussed the possibility to start the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise (VINBAX) and put forth a three-year Defence Cooperation Plan.



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India@75: Embassy Co-hosts with Vietnam's Ministry of Information and Communication a Webinar on ICT Cooperation between India and Vietnam in the Context of COVID-19

The Embassy of India in Vietnam in partnership with the Ministry of Information and Communication of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam organized a Webinar on ICT Cooperation between India and Vietnam in the context of COVID-19 pandemic on 29 June 2021. The event was co-chaired by Ambassador Pranay Verma and H.E. Mr. Nguyen Huy Dung, Vice Minister of Information and Communication of Vietnam. Chairperson of VUFO, Madam Nguyen Phuong Nga also addressed the event. In his remarks, Ambassador described the cooperation in ICT sector as an important dimension of India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Vice Minister Dung spoke of Vietnam's National Digital Transformation Programme and expressed Vietnam's interest in learning about India's digital initiatives such as "Digital India" and "Make in India". With participation of more than a hundred policy and industry stakeholders from both sides, the Webinar witnessed exchanges on potential sectors of cooperation between India and Vietnam in areas such as smart city development, 5G technology, cyber security, application of blockchain in health care system, and skill and talent development in the ICT sector.



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India@75: International Day of Yoga – 2021 in Vietnam



The 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY) was organized in the Mission premises on 20 June with limited participation of members of Mission and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, in line with the current local COVID-19 restrictions in Vietnam. In addition, Mission and Cultural Centre launched a series of on-line Common Yoga Protocol sessions with some prominent local organizations. As part of this series, two separate on-line sessions have been organized on 19 and 20 June with the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha (VBS) and the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMNAP). During the week, the Embassy also organized three more targeted on-line Yoga sessions with the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Vietnam-India Friendship Association and the Indian Business Chamber respectively, thus reaching out to a wider audience among both the Vietnamese and Indian community on the virtual platform.

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Visit of Indian Naval Ship AIRAVAT to Vietnam

The Indian Naval Ship INS AIRAVAT visited Cam Ranh International Port, Vietnam on 20 June 2021 on a regular visit as part of the growing India-Vietnam Defence partnership. This is the ship's second consecutive visit to Vietnam in recent time. Earlier in May the ship had visited Vietnam to transport the medical supplies to India donated by the Vietnamese side. During this visit, the ship's crew celebrating the International Day of Yoga 2021 in the pristine environs of the Cam Ranh Bay.



India's Space Agency to Set Up a Data Reception Centre in Vietnam

BRIEF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST	
EOI No - ISTRAC/PUR/CON/ASEAN/VTM/2020-21 dated 17/06/2021	
On behalf of President of India, Purchase & Stores Officer, ISTRAC invites application from bidders for pre-qualification for the following composite work on EPC mode (Design & build).	
Name of Work	Construction of 11m antenna supporting structure, Data Reception, Processing & Dissemination facility at My Phouc-3 Industrial Park, Binh Duong Province, Vietnam (Design and Build including Civil, PE, Electrical, AC and other allied works)
EOI Notice No	ISTRAC/PUR/CON/ASEAN/VTM/2020-21 dtg 17/06/2021
Approx. cost	86 million VND
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order/ purchase order	Eighteen (18) months
Last date and time for receipt of EOI bids	19/07/2021 at 17.00 hrs (IST)
Due date and time of opening of EOI bids	20/07/2021 at 11.00 hrs (IST)
Detailed EOI and other relevant details are available on the website https://www.isro.gov.in/bidders or https://www.istrac.gov.in/bidders or by contacting PA - +91 980 2894565	
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