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Prime Ministers of India and Vietnam Hold Telephonic Talk



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a phone call on 10 July 2021 with H.E. Pham Minh Chinh, Prime Minister of Vietnam. Prime Minister Modi congratulated H.E. Pham Minh Chinh on his appointment as the Prime Minister of Vietnam and expressed confidence that the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership will continue to become stronger under his able guidance. Prime Minister Modi welcomed the fact that both countries share a similar vision of an open, inclusive, peaceful and rules-based Indo-Pacific Region, and hence the India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership can contribute to promote regional stability, prosperity and development. In this context, Prime Minister also noted that both India and Vietnam were presently fellow-members of the UN Security Council.

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Prime Minister Addresses CoWIN Global Conclave 2021

On 5 July, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the CoWIN Global Conclave and offered the CoWIN platform as a "digital public good" to the world to combat COVID-19. Prime Minister expressed that there is no parallel to such a pandemic in hundred years and no nation, however powerful, can solve a challenge like this in isolation. "The biggest lesson from the COVID-19 pandemic is that for humanity and the human cause, we have to work together and move ahead together." Emphasizing the importance of technology in the fight against pandemic, he said that software is one area in which there are no resource constraints, which is why India made its Covid tracking and tracing App open source as soon as it was technically feasible.



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India Designs Mobile Group Oxygen Concentrator 'OxyJani'



Indian researchers have designed a robust, mobile group oxygen concentrator that can be used in rural settings and be rapidly deployed in emergencies in any location. The second wave of COVID-19 led to an acute shortage of medical oxygen in India. While the crisis in the bigger cities was more about rapidly responding by overcoming supply chain limitations, in smaller cities and villages, the crisis exposed the chronic lack of medical oxygen infrastructure in the country.

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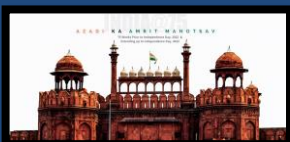
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Setting Up of Advisory Council for Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)



Ministry of Commerce and Industry has initiated a project on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). The task has been assigned to Quality Council of India (QCI). ONDC aims at promoting open networks developed on open sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform. ONDC is expected to digitize the entire value chain, standardize operations, promote inclusion of suppliers, derive efficiencies in logistics and enhance value for consumers.

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First Aircraft Purchase Agreement Signed under The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan

The 7th of July, 2021 marked another significant day in the history of Indian aviation industry with the signing of first aircraft purchase order by a GIFT city (Gujarat International Finance Tec) based leasing company under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan of the Government of India.



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COVID 19 Emergency Response & Health Systems Preparedness Package: Phase II

On 8 July, the Indian Cabinet approved a new scheme 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response & Health System Preparedness Package: Phase-II' amounting to INR 23,123 crore (INR 231.23 billion) for FY 2021-22. This scheme aims to accelerate health system preparedness for immediate responsiveness for early prevention, detection and management, with the focus on health infrastructure development including for Paediatric Care and with measurable outcomes.

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India's Foreign Trade for June 2021

India's overall exports (goods and services combined) in June 2021 reached an estimated US\$ 49.85 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 31.87 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 17.17 per cent over June 2019. Overall imports in June 2021 were estimated to be US\$ 52.18 billion, exhibiting a positive growth of 73.65 per cent over the same period last year and a positive growth of 1.08 per cent over June 2019.

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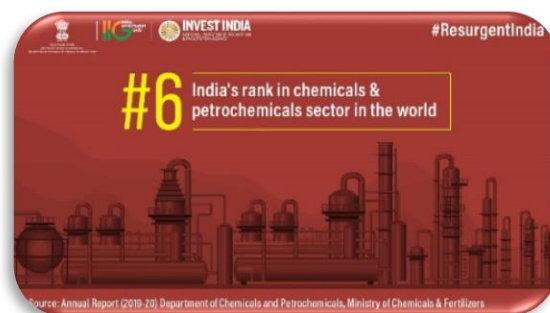
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The Market Size of Chemicals & Petrochemicals Sector in India Is Around US\$178 billion; Expected to Grow to US\$ 300 billion by 2025.

The production of Total Major Chemicals and Petrochemicals in 2020-21 (up to September 2020) was 12,502 thousand MT. The Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) in production of Total Chemicals and Petrochemicals during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20 is 5.74 per cent. Alkali Chemicals accounts for around 71 per cent of the total production of Major Chemicals for the year 2019-20 (up to September 2019).

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Nagarjunakonda

Nagarjunakonda is located close to the right bank of the Krishna. It is named after the Buddhist philosopher Nagarjuna, who is said to have lived here and propounded his doctrine of sunyavada. Nagarjunakonda has some original unmarked remains, a few relocated monuments from the flooded valley, an amphitheater and a museum containing sculptures and inscriptions ranging from more than two millennia to 200 years in age.

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India@75: ASEAN-India Hackathon Prize Distribution at Embassy



On 7 July, Embassy of India held a small get-together with the winning students from Vietnam who had participated in the ASEAN-India Hackathon. Ambassador Pranay Verma handed over the prize money to 16 students who came from three universities of Vietnam – Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST), Thai Nguyen University of Information and Communication Technology, and FPT University. Senior officials of the universities and Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam

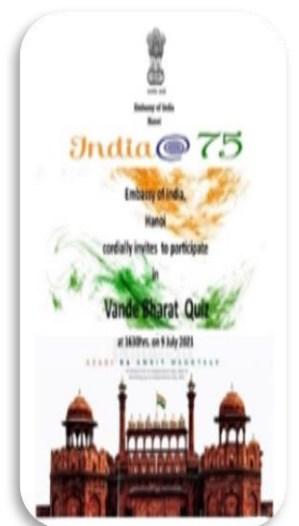
also joined. The ASEAN-India Hackathon, held online during 1-4 February 2021, attracted 330 students and 110 mentors from ten ASEAN countries and India, who competed as 55 teams to come up with innovative solutions to 11 problems across two broad themes of "Education" and "Blue Economy".

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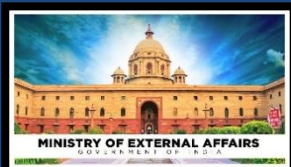
India@75: Online "Vande Bharat Quiz"

As part of the series of events to celebrate the 75th Year of India's Independence, the Embassy hosted an online "Vande Bharat Quiz" on 9 July 2021 with participation of young students in the age group 9-15. Twenty students from the Indian community in Vietnam participated. Ambassador Pranay Verma interacted with the participants before the event and encouraged them to learn more about India and connect with their roots through this series of quiz programmes that the Embassy plans to host in the coming months as India celebrates the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

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Ambassador Met President of Vietnam Fatherland Front



On 13 July, Ambassador met President of the Central Committee of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Do Van Chien. At the meeting, President Chien affirmed that the bilateral relationship between Vietnam and India has been nurtured by senior leaders and people of the two countries and is growing well in all fields. Ambassador conveyed deep appreciation of the important role of the Vietnam Fatherland Front (VFF) in supporting the development of long-standing friendship between India and Vietnam and looked forward to closer exchanges with VFF, including in organizing events to mark the 50th anniversary of India-Vietnam diplomatic relations and the 75th anniversary of India's Independence. They also exchanged views on a wide-range of bilateral cooperation as well as on regional and international issues of common interest.

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Planning for Vietnam-India Friendship Tree Plantation at Yen Bai Province



On July 14, Shri Subhash P. Gupta, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), visited Yen Bai Province to discuss the proposal of a tree plantation ceremony in Yen Bai province on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Vietnam and India (January 7, 1972 - January 7, 2022) and the 75th anniversary of India's independence (August 15, 1947 - August 15, 2022).

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Ambassador Met Senior Leaders of The Vietnam Buddhist Sangha



Ambassador Pranay met with senior leaders of the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha on 14 July 2021 and thanked them for their important contributions to the development of India-Vietnam relations by reinforcing the cultural and civilizational links founded on their shared Buddhist heritage.

On-line Event to Introduce WHO mYoga App



At an on-line event organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Hanoi on 15 July 2021 to introduce the new WHO mYoga App, Ambassador Pranay Verma highlighted the App as a major step towards wider access to quality instructions in Yoga through the digital platform and encouraged participants at the event to use and promote the App. He hoped that the popularity of Yoga in Vietnam would receive further boost with the new App.

The mYoga App, developed through collaboration between India's Ministry of AYUSH and the World Health Organization (WHO), was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the occasion of the 7th International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2021. The App is aimed at spreading Yoga across the world and contribute to the efforts of 'One World, One Health'.

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