



**EMBASSY OF INDIA  
HANOI**

# INDIA NEWSLETTER

(BRINGING YOU THE LATEST NEWS ON INDIA AND  
INDIA-VIETNAM RELATIONS)

AUGUST 2021

(2021) Volume 8, Issue 1

## INDEX

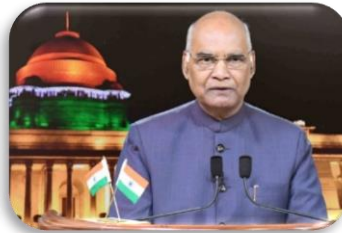
- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: 75 Weeks Prior to Independence Day 2022 & till the Independence Day 2023
- Address to The Nation by The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind on The Eve of India's 75th Independence Day
- Prime Minister Modi Addressed The Nation from The Ramparts of The Red Fort on The 75th Independence Day
- Prime Minister Modi's Remarks at UN Security Council High-Level Open Debate on Maritime Security
- Tokyo Olympics: Team India Returns with its Highest Medal Tally
- Digital Payment Solution e-RUPI

\*\*\*

**INCREDIBLE  
INDIA**

- Shimla, Himachal Pradesh : Queen of the Hills

### Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav: 75 Weeks Prior to Independence Day 2022 & till the Independence Day 2023



*Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is a unique initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate India's 75 years of Independence and celebrate the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.*

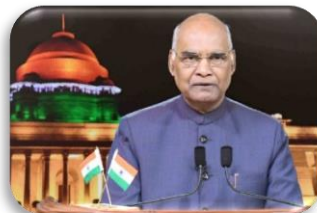
This initiative is dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Modi's vision of making a New India, driven by the spirit of Atmanirbhar Bharat, or self-reliant India.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav is an embodiment of all that is progressive about India's socio-cultural, political and economic identity. The official journey of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" commenced on 12th March 2021 with a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of Independence on 15 August 2022 and will conclude after a year on 15 August 2023.



[READ MORE](#)

### Address to The Nation by The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind on The Eve of India's 75th Independence Day



In his address to the Nation on the eve of India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, President Ram Nath Kovind said that looking back to the 75-year journey of the Indian republic, we have reasons to be proud of the considerable distance we have travelled. Gandhiji taught us that slow and steady steps in the right direction are preferable to rapid strides in the wrong direction. The world looks up at the miracle of India, home to the plurality of traditions and yet the biggest and most vibrant democracy. President said that with all-round progress, India's stature is rising in the international arena, as it was reflected in our participation in several key multilateral forums as well as in consolidating bilateral relationships with several countries. He congratulated all Indians on the eve of India's 75th Independence Day.

[READ MORE](#)

## INDEX (Continued)

### BILATERAL & EMBASSY'S CORNER

- Celebration of 75th Independence Day of India
- Special Webinar on "India At 75" Launching The Year-Long Celebration of The 75th Independence Day of India
- Celebration of 75th Independence Day at Embassy of India in Vietnam
- Ambassador's Article in Viet Nam News - "India At 75: A Journey of Achievements, Aspirations and Resolve"
- India Extends Grant Assistance to Army Software Park at the Tele-communication University in Nha Trang
- Two Indian Navy Ships, INS Ranvijay and INS Kora Visit Vietnam
- Ambassador Pranay Verma Addressed Webinar on ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC)

### Prime Minister Modi Addressed The Nation from The Ramparts of The Red Fort on The 75th Independence Day



Prime Minister Modi said that on 15 August 2021, on the pious festival of the Amrit Mahotsav of freedom, India bowed to all its freedom fighters and brave heroes who continued to sacrifice themselves day and night in the defense of the nation. He said that India should not limit the occasion of 75 years of Indian independence to just one ceremony but must lay the groundwork

for and move forward with new resolutions. Starting from here, the entire journey of the next 25 years, when India celebrates the centenary of Indian independence and marks the *Amrit* period of creation of a new India. The fulfilment of India's resolutions in this period would take the nation to the hundredth anniversary of Indian independence with pride. PM Modi wished and desired that when the country completed 100 years of independence, the goals of the countrymen must be turned into reality.

In his address, Prime Minister Modi announced the National Hydrogen Mission and pledged to make India a **Global Hub for Green Hydrogen Production and Export**. This would not only help India to make a new progress in the field of energy self-reliance but India would also become a new inspiration for Clean Energy Transition all over the world. He also announced the launch of the **National Master Plan of 'Gati Shakti'** which will meet the great need for adopting a holistic and integrated approach in modern infrastructure construction.



[READ MORE](#)

### Prime Minister Modi's Remarks at UN Security Council High-Level Open Debate on Maritime Security



During India's Presidency of the UN Security Council in August 2021, Prime Minister Modi chaired a high-level virtual open debate on "Enhancing Maritime Security – A Case for International Cooperation" on 9 August. This was the first time the issue of maritime security was discussed at the UN Security Council. A

[Presidential Statement](#) was also adopted. During his remarks at the event, [Prime Minister Modi underlined](#) that the ocean is a joint heritage, sea routes are the lifeline of international trade, and the oceans are important for the future of the whole planet.

He highlighted that:

- Barriers from legitimate maritime trade must be removed.
- The settlement of maritime disputes must be peaceful and on the basis of international law only.
- Natural disasters and maritime threats created by non-state actors must be faced together.
- The maritime environment and maritime resources have to be preserved.
- Responsible maritime connectivity must be encouraged.



Prime Minister of Vietnam Pham Minh Chinh also [attended](#) the open debate of the UNSC at the invitation of Prime Minister Modi.

## INDEX (Continued)

### BILATERAL & EMBASSY'S CORNER

- **Ambassador speaks at the webinar : "India- An Emerging Global Power and Its Relationship with Vietnam"**

\*\*\*

**PLEASE FOLLOW US!**

Web [Embassy Of India](#)



[IndiaInVietnam](#)



[AmbHanoi](#)



[Instagram](#)

## Tokyo Olympics: Team India Returns with its Highest Medal Tally



Indian contingent won 7 medals (1 Gold medal; 2 Silver medals and 4 Bronze medals) at the Tokyo Olympics, its highest Olympics tally so far. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated the Indian participants for their performance. He also [interacted](#) with them on their return. Prime Minister called for consistent efforts to popularize sports in India at the grassroots level so that new talent could emerge and get the opportunity to represent India in the times to come. He also thanked Government and people of Japan for hosting a well organised games.



## Digital Payment Solution e-RUPI

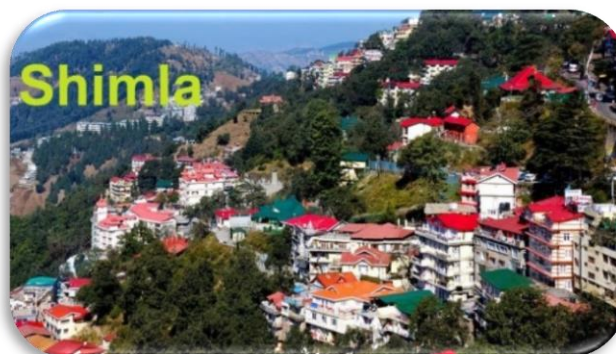
On 2 August 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched digital payment solution e-RUPI, a person and purpose specific digital payment solution, via video conference. e-RUPI is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment. Addressing the event, Prime Minister said that e-RUPI is a symbol of how India is progressing by connecting people's lives with technology. He also expressed happiness that this futuristic reform initiative has come at a time when the country is celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav on the 75th anniversary of independence.



[READ MORE](#)

## INCREDIBLE INDIA

### Shimla, Himachal Pradesh : Queen of the Hills



Enveloped in mist, nestled within dense forests and silhouetted against snowy peaks of the mighty Himalayas, Shimla is a paradise in the hills. From its British-era lodges that take you back to the old-world to the bustling 12-km-long Ridge, the heartbeat of the city, Shimla, in Himachal Pradesh, is among the most popular hill stations in India. Ringed by seven lofty hills, Shimla is an

ideal summer holiday destination and equally popular in winter, when a blanket of snow covers it. An ideal getaway to experience thrilling and adrenaline-pumping sports like skiing, trekking, paragliding and ice skating.

[READ MORE](#)



INDIA  
PERSPECTIVES  
TAKING INDIA TO THE WORLD

## BILATERAL RELATIONS & EMBASSY'S CORNER

### Celebration of 75th Independence Day of India



The 75th Independence Day of India is celebrated at the Embassy of India in Hanoi on 15 August, 2021. Ambassador Pranay Verma unfurls the national flag at the Embassy of India premises and reads out the message of President of India. In view of the current complex COVID-19 pandemic situation in Vietnam and strict local guidelines for social distancing, all Indian nationals and friends of India in Vietnam are invited to join the celebration through live streaming of the event on Embassy's social media platform.

[VIEW MORE](#)

### Special Webinar on "India At 75" Launching The Year-Long Celebration of The 75th Independence Day of India



To launch the year-long celebration of the 75th Independence Day of India, the Embassy organizes a Special Webinar on "India At 75" on 12 August 2021. The Webinar is addressed by H.E. Nguyen Quoc Dzung, Vice Foreign Minister of Vietnam as the Keynote speaker. In addition, Madam Nguyen Phuong Nga, President, Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO); Most Venerable Thich Duc Thien, Vice Chairman & General Secretary of the Executive Council, Vietnam Buddhist Sangha & Member of the National Assembly of Vietnam; Mr. Nguyen Trung Khanh, Chairman of Vietnam National Administration of Tourism; former Ambassadors of India and Vietnam; experts from Vietnamese think-tanks and academia; and leaders of Indian diaspora also join.



Click me

[READ MORE](#)

### Celebration of 75th Independence Day at Embassy of India in Vietnam

The Embassy of India building in Hanoi is lit in tricolour to celebrate the 75th Independence Day.



[VIEW MORE](#)

### Ambassador's Article in Viet Nam News - "India At 75: A Journey of Achievements, Aspirations and Resolve"

In the run up to the Independence Day, Ambassador Pranay Verma writes an op-ed on 12 August in the main Vietnamese English daily – Viet Nam News. He highlights the significance of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day as a time to remember the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters, cherish India's achievements in nation-building and make resolves for the nation's future aspirations. He also notes that India and Vietnam together will soon reach another important milestone – 50 years of their diplomatic relations – in January 2022, which will be an occasion for India to cherish its close friendship with Vietnam and reaffirm its commitment to take this special relationship to new heights.



[READ MORE](#)



## BILATERAL & EMBASSY'S CORNER



### India Extends Grant Assistance for Army Software Park at the Telecommunication University in Nha Trang

Ambassador Pranay Verma hands over a cheque of US\$ one million to Deputy Minister of Defence, Senior Lt. Gen. Hoang Xuan Chien at the Ministry of National Defence of Vietnam on 11 August 2021. This is the first tranche of the US\$ 5 million grant assistance being provided by Government of India to Vietnam's Ministry of National Defence for the establishment of an Army Software Park at the Telecommunication University in Nha Trang. The Army Software Park is an important symbol of hi-tech cooperation under the India-Vietnam Defence Partnership and will contribute to capacity building of Vietnam's Defence forces in the IT sector.



[READ MORE](#)

### Two Indian Navy Ships, INS Ranvijay and INS Kora Visit Vietnam



On the occasion of India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, two Indian Naval Ships, INS RANVIJAY and INS KORA are making port call at Cam Ranh International Port in Vietnam from 15-18 August 2021. The ships also hold bilateral maritime exercise with Vietnam People's Navy frigate VPNS Ly Thai To (HQ-012) on 18 August 2021 after completing the three-day port call at Cam Ranh. The ship visits are part of India-Vietnam defense exchanges and the ongoing operational deployment of the Indian Navy to the Southeast Asia and Indo-Pacific region.



[VIEW MORE](#)



### Ambassador Pranay Verma Addressed Webinar on ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC)

Ambassador Pranay Verma addresses a webinar on "ASEAN-India Trade Ties in the Context of COVID-19" organized by the ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC) on 4 August 2021. He speaks of the importance of ASEAN in India's global trade engagement and highlights Vietnam's role in it. Ambassador underlines India's resolve to be a leading factor in the global economic revival with the vision of #AatmaNirbharBharat and a series of transformative reforms being undertaken to make India more attractive for its trade and investment partners.



[READ MORE](#)

### Ambassador speaks at the webinar : "India- An Emerging Global Power and Its Relationship with Vietnam"



As part of events to mark [#AzadiKaAmritMahotsav](#), the Consulate General of India in HCMC organizes a webinar on 13 August on the topic "India - An Emerging Global Power and Its Relationship with Vietnam" with more than 270 participants joining online. Two of India's leading experts on international relations - Ambassador Shyam Saran and Prof. S. D. Muni - speak on the significance and prospects of India-Vietnam relations in the context of India's foreign policy over the last 75 years. Ambassador Pranay Verma delivers the opening remarks.

[READ MORE](#)

