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## Indian Leaders Sent Congratulatory Messages On Vietnam's Independence Day



On the occasion of the 76th anniversary of the National Day of Vietnam on 2 September 2021, President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi sent their warm greetings to the people and Government of Vietnam. In their congratulatory messages to the President of Vietnam H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Prime Minister H.E. Pham Minh Chinh, they expressed confidence in Vietnam's continued progress and prosperity and reaffirmed their desire to further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two countries and their peoples.

## Government Approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme For Textiles



Taking steps forward towards the vision of an 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', the Government of India has approved the PLI Scheme for Textiles for MMF Apparel, MMF Fabrics and 10 segments/products of Technical Textiles with a budgetary outlay of Rs. 106.8 billion (US\$1.4 billion). The PLI scheme for Textiles is part of the overall announcement of PLI Schemes for 13 sectors made earlier during the Union Budget 2021-22. With the announcement of PLI Schemes for 13 sectors, minimum production in India is expected to be around Rs. 37.5 trillion (US\$509 billion) over 5 years and minimum expected employment over 5 years is nearly 10 million. PLI scheme for Textiles will promote production of high value MMF Fabric, Garments and Technical Textiles in the country.

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## Ambassador Calls On President Nguyen Xuan Phuc

Ambassador Pranay Verma called on the President of Vietnam, His Excellency Nguyen Xuan Phuc at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi on 6 September 2021. President Phuc expressed satisfaction over many positive developments in India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the ongoing cooperation between the two countries in their shared fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Ambassador thanked the President for his constant guidance and encouragement to the promotion of India-Vietnam ties.



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## PM Addresses The Inaugural Conclave Of Teacher's Day



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural conclave of Shikshak Parv on 7 September via video conferencing. Addressing the meeting, the Prime Minister congratulated the teachers who have received the National Award. He commended the

contribution the teachers have made for the future of students during difficult times. On the occasion of Teacher's Day, many new schemes have been started which are also important as India is celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. He said that "If we are in the midst of a transformation period, fortunately, we also have modern and futuristic new National Education Policy".

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## Indian Navy To Get DRDO Developed Naval Anti Drone System

The Indian Navy has signed contract with Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Limited (BEL) for supply of the first indigenous comprehensive Naval Anti Drone System (NADS) in New Delhi on 31 August 2021. The NADS, developed by DRDO and manufactured by BEL, is the first indigenously developed anti-drone system to be inducted



into the Indian Armed Forces. Multiple Units of BEL and DRDO Labs, in close collaboration with the Indian Navy, were involved in the making of this fully indigenous system, as part of the Atmanirbar Bharat initiative to counter drone threats of adversaries. The BEL is to sign similar contracts with Army and Air Force also.



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## Government Provides Big Boost To Exporters



Under the decisive leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the Government of India has decided to budget Rs 560 billion (US\$7.6 billion) in this Financial Year (FY) 21-22 to disburse all pending export incentives. Benefits would be disbursed to more than 45,000 exporters, out of which about 98% are small exporters in the MSME category. Exports in India have seen robust growth in recent months. Merchandise exports for April-August, 2021 was nearly US\$164 billion, which is an increase of 67% over 2020-21 and 23% over 2019-20. This decision to clear all pending export incentives within this FY will lead to even more rapid export growth in coming months.

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## Centre Increases Minimum Support Prices For Winter Crops For 2022-23

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Shri Narendra Modi on 8 September approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices



(MSP) for all mandated Rabi crops for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2022-23 to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The increase in MSP for Rabi Crops for RMS 2022-23 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSPs at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all-India weighted average cost of production, aiming a reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. The expected returns to farmers over their cost of production are estimated to be highest in case of wheat and rapeseed & mustard (100% each), followed by lentil (79%); gram (74%).

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## India's Vaccination Coverage Crosses 800 Million



India on 17 September achieved the highest ever vaccination figure of 25 million doses administered in 24 hours and crossed the 800 million mark the next day. So far, 6 states/UTs in India have vaccinated 100% of their population with at least 1 dose.

According to Dr. Pham Sy Thanh, Director of Vietnam's Mekong-China Strategic Research Program, who has written a [series of articles](#) on India's vaccination programme, India's remarkable vaccine coverage rate is a result of a clear vaccination strategy that includes: (1) Producing vaccines as quickly as possible; (2) Having organized logistics, storage and distribution; (3) Using digital transformation to increase the efficiency of vaccine distribution, preservation and vaccination; (4) Identifying priority groups for vaccination to minimize the mortality rate. This is known as the three-phase national vaccination strategy, with a lot of valuable experience that other developing countries, especially those with scarce vaccine resources, can apply to achieve effective results in controlling mortality and resuming economic activity.

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## Indian Contingent Secures Historic Medal Tally At The Tokyo Paralympics: PM Welcomes The Team Upon Return



With 19 medals - five gold, eight silver, six bronze - Tokyo 2020 was India's best-ever Paralympics. There were several historic firsts to celebrate as well, with Bhavina Patel becoming the first Indian table tennis player to win a Paralympic medal and Harvinder Singh mirroring the feat in archery. Shooter Avani Lekhara, however, was the standout name as she became the first Indian woman to win a Paralympic gold medal.

Upon the return of the Indian Contingent, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted them at his residence and congratulated them for their record-breaking historic performance at the Games. He said that their achievement will significantly boost the morale of the entire sporting community in the country, and budding sports persons will feel encouraged to come forward to take up sports.



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## 'Y-Break' Yoga Protocol App Launched For Working Professionals



As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate 75th Year of Independence of India, Union Minister of Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Y-Break' mobile application in New Delhi on 1 September. The five-minute Yoga protocol is especially designed for working professionals to de-stress, refresh and re-focus at their workplace to increase their productivity, consists of Asanas, Pranayam and Dhyana.

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## 'Thematic' Nutrition Month To Be Celebrated Across India



POSHAN Abhiyaan was launched by PM Modi on the occasion of International Women's Day in 2018, and is the Indian Government's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent Girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers. In order to ensure community mobilization and bolster people's participation, every year, the month of September is celebrated as Nutrition Month across the country.

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## INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

### India Strides Confidently To Becoming Global Manufacturing Hub

**INDIA MARCHING TOWARDS BECOMING A GLOBAL MANUFACTURING HUB**

- 52 companies file applications for PLI Scheme for White Goods (ACs and LED Lights)
- Major Global and Domestic companies commit investments of ₹5,856 Crore
- Production worth ₹2,71,000 crore of components expected over next 5 years

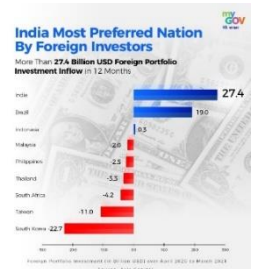
A total of 52 companies have filed their application with committed investment of Rs 58.66 billion (US\$830 million) under the PLI Scheme for White Goods (Air Conditioners and LED lights).

The PLI Scheme for White Goods to be implemented over FY 2021-22 to FY 2028-29 with an outlay of Rs. 62 billion (US\$846 million) was approved by the Union Cabinet on 7th April 2021. It is designed to create complete component ecosystem for Air Conditioners and LED Lights Industry in India and make India an integral part of the global supply chains. The Scheme shall extend an incentive of 4% to 6% on incremental sales for a period of 5 years subsequent to the base year and one year of gestation period.

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### India Continues To Be The Hub Of Foreign Investment

India continues to be the hub of foreign investment with over US\$27.4 billion foreign portfolio investment inflow in last 12 months.



### India Emerges Top Performing Equity Market In The World



Despite the pandemic, Indian's equity market has emerged as the top performing among major economies year-on-year as well as in the year-to-date period, helped by strong retail and institutional flows amid relatively better earnings prospects.

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### India's Industrial Output Grew By 11.5% In July



With a sharp expansion in the mining sector and the growth in the electricity and manufacturing sectors, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) bounced back by 11.5% in July from a decline of 10.5% a year ago as per quick estimates from the National Statistical Office (NSO) released on 10 September.

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## INCREDIBLE INDIA



### Darjeeling: Queen Of The Hill



Sprawled over a steep mountain ridge and dotted with unending stretches of emerald green tea plantations, the quaint hill station of Darjeeling, in West Bengal, is a popular travel destination. If you are a tea lover, you might be familiar with the Darjeeling tea. The Darjeeling tea, often called the champagne of teas, is popular throughout the world for its unparalleled taste and aroma. The most in-demand attraction here is the

majestic Kanchenjunga or Khangchendzonga, the third-highest peak in the world. Tourists flock to nearby peaks to watch glorious sunrises and sunsets over Kanchenjunga. One of the best ways to explore the city is by riding in the 140-year-old Darjeeling Himalayan Railway that meanders through some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes in and around the hill station.



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## BILATERAL RELATIONS & EMBASSY'S CORNER

### Embassy Celebrates ITEC Day 2021



The Embassy of India, Hanoi hosted a virtual celebration to mark the ITEC Day on 15 September 2021 and commemorate the India-Vietnam partnership under the ITEC Programme. Ambassador Pranay Verma and Deputy Minister of Education and Training of Vietnam, H.E Nguyen Van Phuc delivered the keynote remarks. Over 70 ITEC alumni from various provinces of Vietnam participated in the online event. ITEC remains India's flagship development cooperation initiative for capacity building and human resource development based on the needs and priorities of the partner countries. As a country with whom India has a long history of development cooperation, Vietnam is one of our premier partners in the ITEC programme with nearly 3000 ITEC alumni.

### Ambassador Addresses Webinar On "India-Vietnam Textile And Apparel Meet"



Ambassador made keynote remarks at a webinar titled "India-Vietnam Textile and Apparel Meet" on 11 September 2021 organized by Indian Business Chamber in Hanoi, Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) and Textile Association of India. Textile is one of the key sectors of India-Vietnam bilateral trade and a priority area of our trade promotion efforts. Ambassador highlighted the new opportunities in promoting Indian textile exports to Vietnam and underlined the significance of recent policy measures taken by Government of India, including the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Textiles, that will reposition India's textile industry at the forefront of global production and value chains.



## Interactive Meeting On India-Vietnam Trade On Agro And Allied Commodities



As part of efforts to promote agricultural cooperation and trade between India and Vietnam, the Embassy hosted an interactive webinar with the regulatory authorities of the two countries on 13 September 2021 to exchange views on the entire spectrum of regulatory and market access issues and promote better mutual understanding of each other's safety and quality standards in agriculture trade. Agriculture and allied commodities are an important component of India-Vietnam bilateral trade, accounting for nearly 20% of the trade basket in 2020-21.

Agriculture trade brings direct benefits to farming communities of the two countries and therefore, an important priority in Embassy's trade promotion activities. Agricultural cooperation has also been one of the mainstays of traditional bilateral cooperation between India and Vietnam as symbolized by iconic Indian development projects in Vietnam such as the Cuu Long Delta Rice Research Institute and Southern Fruit Research Institute (SOFRI) in Tien Giang.



## Embassy Celebrates Hindi Day 2021



On the occasion of Hindi Day on 14 September, the Embassy of India and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center organized a series of programmes to celebrate the adoption of Hindi Language as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. During these events, Vietnamese students of Hindi Language as well as members of the Indian community participated by reciting poems and singing songs in Hindi language. They also heard video messages from External Affairs Minister and the Minister of State for External Affairs of India sent on this occasion. The Embassy also organized a webinar on the subject "Understanding Culture through the Medium of Language" where experts of Hindi Language from India and Vietnam participated.

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