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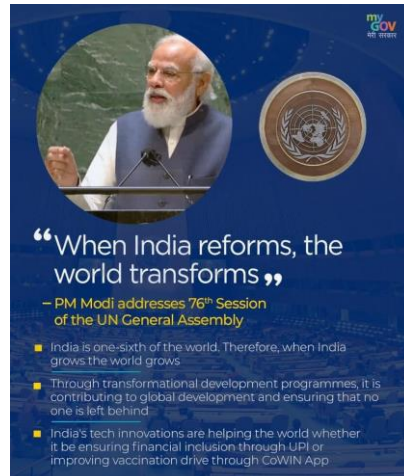


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### Prime Minister Addresses UN General Assembly

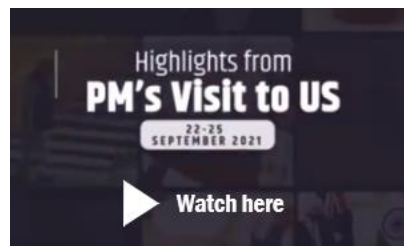


Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the High-Level segment of the 76th session of the UNGA on 25 September, which was also his 4th address at UNGA as Prime Minister of India. In his remarks, Prime Minister touched upon several important issues including the delivery of democracy, the governance vision of no one being left behind, the positive impact of India's development on global progress and the rightful use of ocean resources. He condemned the use of terrorism as a political tool.

Regarding Covid-19 vaccine, the PM announced that India has developed the world's first DNA vaccine while another indigenous m-RNA vaccine is at the final stage of development. He invited the manufacturers around the world to make vaccines in India. He also noted that India will soon resume Covid-19 vaccine supplies to the world.

Prime Minister Modi further stated that the pandemic has reminded the world that the global economy must be more diversified and that expansion of Global Value Chains is necessary. He added that the Atmanirbhar Bharat is inspired by this spirit.

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### Prime Minister Joins the Meeting of QUAD leaders

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the first in-person Quad Leaders' Summit in Washington on 24 September. The Leaders had a very useful exchange of views which reinforced the shared interests, values and underlying principles in which the Quad framework is anchored.

They shared their respective perspectives on Afghanistan and the regional situation in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific. They welcomed Prime Minister Modi's announcement that India will start supply of India-made Covid-19 vaccines to the Indo-Pacific region with 8 million doses from October 2021. Prime Minister also proposed common travel norms among countries and mutual recognition of vaccination certificates.

The Summit was an opportunity for the Leaders to build on the Quad's positive momentum and its constructive agenda to make it a force for global good. The Leaders reiterated their commitment and shared vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.



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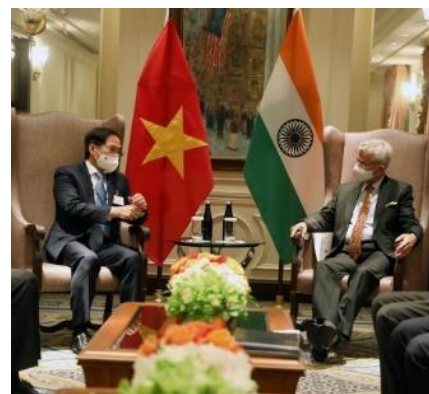
## PM and U.S. President Discussed Prospects for Bilateral Relations



Prime Minister Modi had a warm and productive meeting with the U.S. President Joseph Biden on 24 September. This was the first in-person meeting of the two leaders after President Biden assumed office in January 2021. The leaders reviewed the India-U.S. Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and potential for strengthening bilateral cooperation further. The two leaders discussed the COVID-19 situation and ongoing India-U.S. collaboration to contain the pandemic. They also exchanged views about the Indo-Pacific and reaffirmed their shared vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

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## Foreign Ministers of India and Vietnam Meet During UN General Assembly



On the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, External Affairs Minister of India Dr. S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Vietnam Mr. Bui Thanh Son held a bilateral meeting to discuss the multidimensional bilateral cooperation and exchange views on regional and common interest.

## Prime Minister Participates in the 21st Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State



Prime Minister participated virtually in the 21st Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 17 September. He also addressed through video-message the Joint SCO-CSTO Outreach Session on Afghanistan. In his address, Prime Minister highlighted the problems caused by growing radicalisation and extremism in the broader SCO region. He suggested that SCO could work on an agenda to promote moderation and scientific and rational thought. He also spoke about India's experience of using digital technologies in its development programmes, and offered to share these open-source solutions with other SCO members.

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## Prime Minister Launches Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission



In a historic initiative, Prime Minister Modi launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) on 27 September via video conferencing. The ABDM holds three key components, including a health ID for every citizen that will also work as their health account; a Healthcare Professionals Registry (HPR) and Healthcare Facilities Registries (HFR) that will act as a repository of all healthcare providers across both modern and traditional systems of medicine. This will ensure ease of functioning for doctors/hospitals and healthcare service providers. This Mission will create interoperability within the digital health ecosystem. Citizens will only be a click-away from accessing healthcare facilities.

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## India's Akash Prime, the New Version of Akash Missile, Makes Successful Maiden Flight Test



A new version of India's Akash Missile – 'Akash Prime' has been successfully flight tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in Odisha on 27 September. The missile intercepted and destroyed an unmanned aerial target mimicking enemy aircrafts, in its maiden flight test after improvements. Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker for improved accuracy. Other improvements also ensure more reliable performance under low temperature environments at higher altitudes.

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## INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

### India's FDI Inflows Grow 62% in First Four Months of Financial Year 2021-22



Measures taken by the Government on the fronts of FDI policy reforms, investment facilitation and ease-of-doing business have resulted in increased FDI inflows into India. Notably, India has attracted total FDI inflow of US\$ 27.37 billion during the first four months of F.Y. 2021-22 (April-July) which is 62% higher as compared to the corresponding period of last F.Y. (US\$ 16.92 billion). In addition, FDI equity inflow grew by 112% in the first four months reaching of F.Y. 2021-22 reaching US\$ 20.42 billion compared to the corresponding period a year ago. 'Automobile Industry' has emerged as the top sector during the first four months of F.Y. 2021-22 with 23% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Computer Software & Hardware (18%) and Services Sector (10%) respectively.

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### India Jumps 35 Places in Global Innovation Index in six years



India has climbed two spots and has been ranked 46th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings. India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII) rising from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 46 in 2021. Innovation has been at the forefront of India's battle against the unprecedented crisis created by the Covid-19 pandemic and will be pivotal in driving the country's resilience and self-reliance, following PM's call on Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

The consistent improvement in India's GII ranking is owing to the immense knowledge capital, the vibrant start-up ecosystem, and the amazing work done by the public and the private research organizations.

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## "Make in India" Boosts the Pharma Sector



The Indian pharmaceutical industry is the 3rd largest in the world by volume and valued at US\$41 bn. India contributes 3.5% of total drugs and medicines exported globally to over 200 countries. To ensure greater resilience to external shocks, enforce greater drug security and boost the capacity for domestic production for critical bulk drugs and high-value products alike, India's Department of Pharmaceuticals has launched three

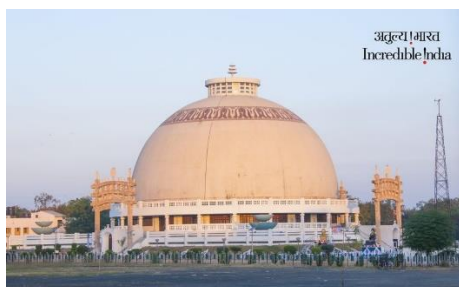
supporting schemes to incentivize the global and domestic players to enhance investment and production in these product categories.

The Schemes include: (i) The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) in India; (ii) The Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Pharmaceuticals to enhance India's manufacturing capabilities; and (iii) The scheme on Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks for financing Common Infrastructure Facilities in three Bulk Drug Parks.

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## INCREDIBLE INDIA

### Deeksha Bhoomi



A religious monument for Buddhism, the Dhamma Chakra Stupa or Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur is one of the most famous Buddhist pilgrimage in India. It is an architectural marvel known for a large Buddhist stupa located inside its premises. It is the largest stupa in Asia and the largest hollow stupa in the world.

Built by renowned architect, Sheo Dan Mal, the entire structure is made of Dholpur sandstone, marble and granite, and stands towering at a height of 120 ft. The large arched doors of the complex are adorned with the Ashok Chakra and statues of elephants, horses and lions. The massive hollow dome of the stupa is surrounded by imposing fountains, which add to the beauty and grandeur of the stupa complex. The stupa complex also houses a vihara and a Bodhi tree that rests right in front of the stupa.

'Deekshabhoomi' means the ground where people got ordained as Buddhist.

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## BILATERAL RELATIONS & EMBASSY'S CORNER

### India Supports Vietnam in Developing Nano Covax



As part of on-going cooperation between India and Vietnam in the fight against COVID-19, the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) of India signed a MoU for collaborative research with Nanogen Pharmaceutical Biotechnology (NPB) JSC of Vietnam on 23 September to extend assistance in assessing the immunogenicity of the NanoCovax vaccine which is one of the indigenous vaccines being developed in Vietnam against COVID-19. The results from THSTI's assessment would provide critical inputs for NPB to seek emergency use authorization for the NanoCovax vaccine from the Government of Vietnam.

In his remarks at the virtual ceremony, Ambassador Pranay Verma described the collaboration as a concrete manifestation of the close engagement between India and Vietnam to support each other's efforts in the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.



### Ambassador Speaks on Five Years of India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership



VITV spoke with Ambassador Pranay Verma on the achievements of the past five years since India-Vietnam bilateral relations were elevated to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to Vietnam in September 2016.

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### Webinar on COVID-19 Brings Together Medical Experts from India and Vietnam



As part of our series of events to mark the #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, a webinar was hosted by the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City and INCHAM Vietnam on 25 September 2021 to discuss and exchange experiences on the management of COVID-19 between eminent doctors of India and Vietnam. Ambassador Pranay Verma underlined the value of close consultations and cooperation between India and Vietnam in their common fight against COVID-19 and welcomed the eminent panel of experts from the two sides led by Prof. Randeep Guleria, Director of AIIMS, New Delhi and Dr. Nguyen Quoc Thai, Infectious Disease Specialist from Bach Mai Hospital in Hanoi. A number of medical doctors from Vietnam also joined this online interaction.

### Embassy Organizes a Webinar on Buddhist Philosophy

As part of the series of events to mark the #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, Embassy of India and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Hanoi organized a webinar on Buddhist Philosophy on 28 September 2021. Ambassador Pranay Verma, in his opening remarks, highlighted the Buddhist linkages between India and Vietnam as an important foundation of their contemporary bilateral relations and underlined the relevance of Lord Buddha's messages and Buddhist philosophy in the midst of global uncertainties and stresses of modern lifestyle.

Most Venerable Dr. Thich Nhat Tu, Standing Vice Rector of Vietnam Buddhist University in

HCM City, and Dr. Arvind Kumar Singh, Assistant Professor of School of Buddhist Studies & Civilization at Gautam Buddha University in New Delhi made presentations on Buddhist philosophy and cultural links between India and Vietnam.

