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India Celebrates Constitution Day



India celebrated the Constitution Day on 26 November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949. The main celebration this year was held at the Central Hall of the Parliament with addresses by the President, Vice President, Prime Minister and Lok Sabha Speaker. In his remarks, President Kovind highlighted that the Preamble of the Constitution, in mere eighty-five words, spells out the core values that propelled the Freedom Struggle, the vision of India's

Founding Fathers, and the dreams and aspirations of every Indian. He noted that the Preamble is the heart of the Constitution, and at its core are certain values that serve as the moral compass for India to a glorious future. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi said Constitution Day was the day to salute the House, where many of India's leaders brainstormed to give India a Constitution.

After the speech of the President, the nation joined him live, in reading the Preamble of the Constitution. The President also released the digital version of Constituent Assembly Debates, digital version of calligraphed copy of Constitution of India and updated version of the Constitution of India that will include all amendments till date. On this occasion, all officials of the Embassy of India in Hanoi also joined online in the Reading of the Preamble led by the President of India.

The Constitution Day has been observed since 2015 to celebrate the significance of this historic date.



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Vice President Calls for Reforms of UNSC and Other International Organizations



Addressing the first Plenary Session of the 13th ASEM Summit on 25 November, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu emphasized the need for reforms in the UN Security Council and other key international organizations so as to make them reflective of the contemporary realities of today and capable enough to deal with the contemporary challenges. The Vice President said that the world is witnessing and grappling with rapid economic, technological and security challenges today and the current multilateral system has fallen short in providing an effective response to these challenges. Reformed multilateralism is a key driving principle that India has pursued for a purposeful reform of existing global institutional structures.

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PM Inaugurates the First Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals Sector



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Global Innovation Summit of the Pharmaceuticals Sector on 18 November. This is a distinctive initiative that aims to bring together key Indian and international stakeholders from the government, industry, academia, investors, and researchers to discuss and strategize priorities to foster a thriving innovation ecosystem in the pharmaceuticals industry in India. It will also highlight the opportunities in the Indian pharma industry that has huge growth potential. In this context, the Prime Minister said the pandemic has brought the Pharmaceuticals sector into sharp focus. The Prime Minister said that the Indian pharmaceutical industry has also risen to the challenge. He said that: "The global trust earned by the Indian healthcare sector has led to India being called the "pharmacy of the world" in recent times".

He elaborated that India's definition of wellness is not limited by physical boundaries and India has shown this spirit to the whole world during the Covid-19 pandemic. India has exported lifesaving medicines and medical equipment to over 150 countries during the initial phase of the pandemic, and exported more than 65 million doses of Covid vaccines to nearly 100 countries in 2021.

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PM Modi Delivers the Keynote Address at Sydney Dialogue

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address at the inaugural Sydney Dialogue via video links on 18 November. He highlighted India's technological development that makes India a key player in the Indo-Pacific region and in the emerging digital world. Noting the benefits of digital age, the PM said that the world also faces new risks and new forms of conflicts across diverse threats from sea-bed to cyber to space. The Prime Minister said, as a democracy and a digital leader, India is ready to work with partners for shared prosperity and security. PM Modi listed [five important transitions](#) taking place in India. One, the world's most extensive public information infrastructure is being built in India. Two, digital technology is being used for governance, inclusion, empowerment, connectivity, delivery of benefits and welfare. Three, India has the world's third largest and fastest growing Startup Eco-system. Four, India's industry and services sectors, even agriculture, are undergoing massive digital transformation. Five, there is a large effort to prepare India for the future.



Key Highlights:

1. We are building the world's most extensive public information infrastructure
2. Over 1.3 billion Indians have a unique digital identity
3. We are on our way to connect 600,000 villages with broadband
4. India's industry and services sectors, even agriculture, are undergoing massive digital transformation
5. We are investing in developing indigenous capabilities in telecom technology such as 5G and 6G

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India Re-elected to UNESCO Executive Board and Interpol's Executive Committee

On 25 November, together with Vietnam, India has been re-elected to the Executive Board of UNESCO for the term 2021-25. On the same day, India's candidate, Mr. Praveen Sinha, Special Director of Central Bureau of Investigation was elected as Delegate for Asia on the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL).



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India's Defence Indigenization Continues to Make Big Strides

The Ministry of Defence of India has taken several steps to promote *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* in the defence sector in the last two years. These include issue of positive indigenisation lists, earmarking of 64% of capital procurement budget for the domestic industry, promotion of startups under Innovations For Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative, speeding up of capital acquisition process and setting up of Defence Industrial Corridors, among others.



As a demonstration of thrust on *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*, the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy have adopted indigenously designed and developed platforms for their use. Three platforms were formally handed over by the Prime Minister to respective Service Chiefs on 19 November. The PM handed over the Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) which is designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to Chief of the Air Staff. The LCH incorporates advanced technologies and stealth features for effective combat roles and is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5000 meters with considerable load of weapons and fuel. The Prime Minister also handed over drones/UAVs designed and developed by Indian startups to Chief of the Army Staff, and the DRDO designed and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) manufactured Advanced Electronic Warfare suite for naval ships, including that for Indian Aircraft Carrier Vikrant. The Advanced Electronic Warfare suite will be used in different naval ships including destroyers, frigates etc. and marks a big step towards *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*.

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Defence Minister Commissions state-of-the-art Destroyer into Indian Navy

INS Visakhapatnam, a P15B stealth guided missile destroyer, was commissioned into the Indian Navy in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in Mumbai on 21 November. The event marks the formal induction of the first of the four '*Visakhapatnam*' class destroyers, indigenously designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organisation Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. In his address, Defence Minister termed *INS Visakhapatnam* as a symbol of the growing maritime prowess of the country and a major milestone in achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Make in India, Make for the World'. He expressed confidence that the state-of-the-art ship, equipped with latest systems and weapons, will strengthen the maritime security and protect the interests of the Nation. The ship is one of the most technologically advanced guided missile destroyers in the world which will cater to the present and future requirements of the Armed Forces and the country as a whole.



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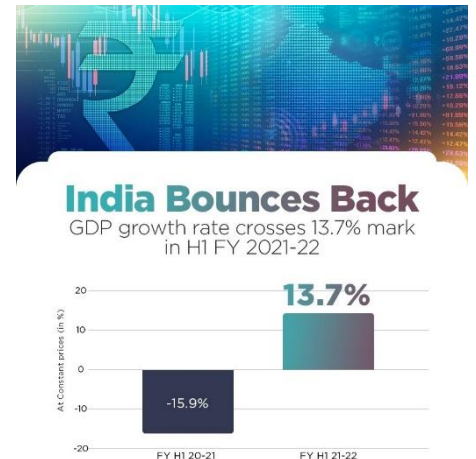
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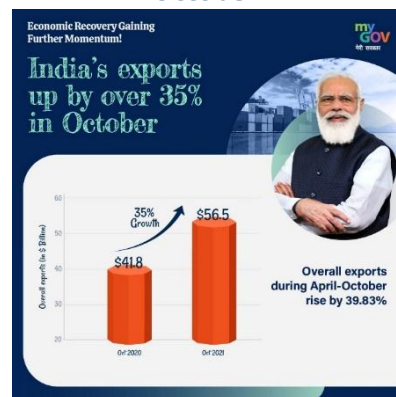
INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

India's GDP Growth Bounces Back

The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the estimates of India's GDP for Q2 (July-September) of 2021-22. During this period, India witnessed a growth in its GDP of 8.4%. Overall, India's GDP growth rate for H1 2021-22 (April-September) witnessed a growth of 13.7%. The country has been enjoying consecutive positive growth in the past 4 quarters.



India's Exports Up Over 35% in October



According to the preliminary data released by India's Commerce Ministry, India's overall exports in October stood at US\$56.51 billion, exhibiting a growth of 35.16% over the same period last year while imports eased to US\$55.4 billion.

India Receives US\$87 billion in Remittances in 2021

India received US\$87 billion in remittances in 2021 with the United States accounting for over 20% of these funds as per the World Bank's Migration and Development Brief. This robust return is in line with the resilience of remittance transfers the previous year, where a decline of only 1.7% was recorded despite a severe global recession brought about by COVID-19. In 2022, remittances are projected to grow by 2.6%, in line with global macroeconomic forecasts, and reach US\$89.6 billion for India. India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt in terms of overall remittance received.

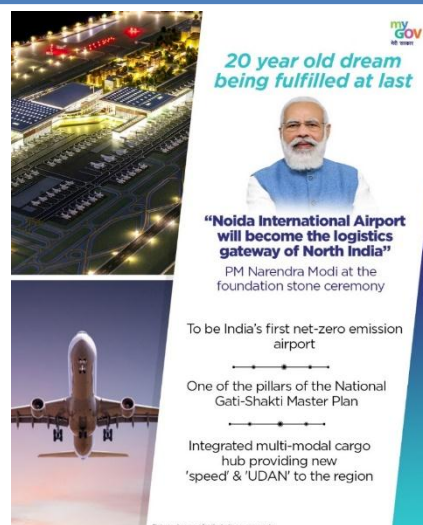
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PM Modi Lays Foundation Stones for Noida International Airport

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 November laid the foundation stone of Noida International Greenfield Airport in Uttar Pradesh. Noida International Airport is strategically located with excellent approach roads in all directions. By the implementation of this project, there will be all round development of the industrial infrastructure in the region, employment opportunities will increase, and manufacturing and exports will be encouraged. The Airport will be a major capacity addition to keep up with growing air traffic along with rapid growth in tourism.

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Government of India Launches New Trains for Tourist Circuits

Minister of Railways of India Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on 23 November the introduction of around 190 theme-based tourist circuit trains - the *Bharat Gaurav (Pride of India)* trains. He said that this is a completely new segment after the freight and passenger segments of the Indian Railway. *Bharat Gaurav* trains are meant to boost tourism and will help realise the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world. Minister Vaishnaw further added that the core strength of the professionals of tourism sector would be leveraged to develop/identify tourist circuits and run theme-based trains to tap the vast tourism potential of India.

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The Legendary Ancient City of Hampi



For a legendary lost city that was once the powerhouse of an ancient kingdom and an auspicious temple town standing on the banks of the mighty Tungabhadra river, history and mythology come to life in Hampi, Karnataka. This UNESCO World Heritage site reveals a facet of history at every turn. Though plundered later, Hampi still retains more than 1,600 monuments, including palaces, forts, memorial structures, temples, shrines, pillared halls, baths and gateways. Albeit in ruins, the magnificent structures here stand in testimony to Hampi's rich past under the powerful Vijayanagara empire (1336 – 1646 AD). Hampi finds mention in the Hindu epic Ramayana as well. It ranked second in the must-visit destination list for the year 2019 by the New York Times.

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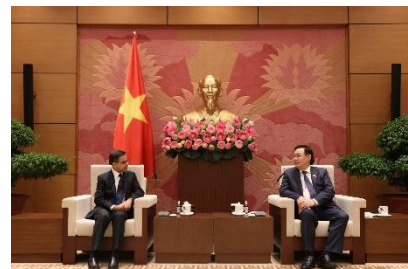
The External Publicity & Public Diplomacy (XPD) Division of Ministry of External Affairs is inviting Indian and Vietnamese citizens to participate in the Logo Design Contest for the forthcoming 50th anniversary year of India-Vietnam diplomatic relations in the year 2022. The celebrations of this 50th year anniversary will see a plethora of events of which, the design of a logo for the commemorative event is a significant one. The winning entries shall get Rs. 75,000 (US\$1,000) as 1st prize, Rs. 15,000 (US\$200) as 2nd prize, and Rs. 10,000 (US\$130) as 3rd prize. Last date of submission is 23rd December 2021.

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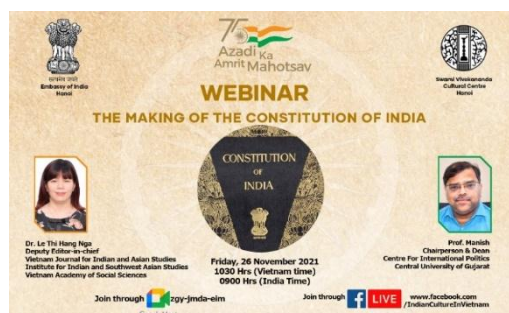
Ambassador's Call on Chairman of Vietnam's National Assembly

Ambassador Pranay Verma called on the Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam, His Excellency Vuong Dinh Hue on 29 November and discussed ongoing and upcoming exchanges between India's Parliament and Vietnam's National Assembly. Parliamentary exchanges are an important part of India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

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Embassy Organizes Webinar on the 'Making of the Constitution of India'



To mark the Constitution Day of India, Embassy hosted a Webinar on the 'Making of the Constitution of India' on 26 November featuring presentations by two expert speakers – Dr. Le Thi Hang Nga of Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies (VIISAS) and Prof. Manish, Chairperson and Dean, Centre for International Politics, Central University of Gujarat – who gave insights into the drafting of the Indian Constitution and its

many features. Over 40 scholars and participants from both countries joined the webinar. Ambassador delivered the opening remarks.

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Ambassador's Address at Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

Ambassador Pranay Verma was invited by the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences and the Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies (VIISAS) to deliver inaugural remarks at an international conference on linkages between South Asia and East & Southeast Asia on 18 November. The two-day event is being hosted by VIISAS as part of the 4th Asian Consortium of South Asian Studies and covers various aspects of India's historical and contemporary connections with East and Southeast Asia.



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Embassy Organizes India-Vietnam Virtual B2B Meet on Textile Sector



As part of our ongoing trade promotion activities, the Embassy of India and the Consulate General of India, in collaboration with Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS) and Vietnam Association of Foreign Invested Enterprises (VAFIE), organized an India-Vietnam Virtual Buyer Seller Meet (VBSM) on Trade and Investment in Textile Sector on 23 November. The event was attended by more than

60 companies from India and Vietnam. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Pranay Verma highlighted the importance of textile sector in the India-Vietnam bilateral trade and underscored the need for forming new partnerships, exploring new supply chains and addressing logistical and market access issues in order to scale up textile trade between the two countries.

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