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## Celebration of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day of India

India marked its 73rd Republic Day with fervour and enthusiasm on 26 January. The country's diverse culture and prowess of the Armed Forces was displayed at Rajpath in New Delhi. In his address to the nation on the eve of the Republic Day, President Shri Ram Nath Kovind said that: "This is an occasion for the people to celebrate Indian-ness. It was on this day in 1950 that India was established as the largest democratic republic and 'we the people' put into effect a Constitution that is an inspired document of the country's collective vision. It is this spirit of unity and of being one nation which is celebrated every year as Republic Day. This year's celebrations may be muted due to the pandemic, but the spirit is as strong as ever".



The Republic Day Parade ceremony commenced with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visiting the National War Memorial. The celebrations this year were special since 2022 is also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence, being celebrated as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' across the country. To mark the occasion, the Ministry of Defence conceptualised a series of new events during the [main parade](#) on Rajpath on 26th January and ['Beating the Retreat'](#)

ceremony on 29th January. Several firsts were planned during the main parade including a grand flypast by 75 aircraft/helicopters of the Indian Air Force; cultural performances by 480 dancers; installation of 10 large LED screens; among others. A [drone show](#) by 1,000 indigenously developed drones was showcased for 'Beating the Retreat' ceremony, along with a stunning [laser show](#).



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In Vietnam, the iconic Nhat Tan bridge in Hanoi was lit in the Indian tricolour to mark the 73rd Republic Day of India. The Embassy of India in Hanoi also [celebrated](#) the 73rd Republic Day linking with Indian community members and other participants through online platforms.



Celebrating  
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav  
75 Years of  
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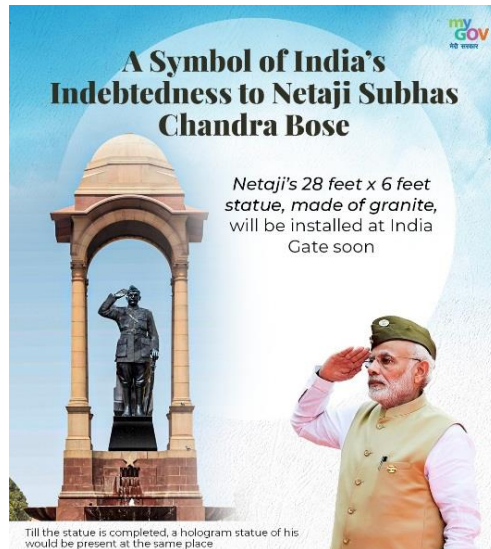
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## India Celebrates the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose



year.

In Vietnam, to celebrate the occasion, the Embassy of India in Hanoi hosted a number of activities, including a floral tribute at the Embassy premises; a blood donation camp jointly organized with the Indian Business Chamber



at the Vietnam National Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion; and the 5th edition of the

Vande Bharat Quiz on the life and vision of Netaji which was participated by students from both the Indian diaspora as well as students from the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH).



## Prime Minister Addresses the World Economic Forum



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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered 'State of the World' special address at the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda on 17 January via video conference.

He said that India is tackling another wave of the pandemic with caution and confidence and moving ahead in the economic sphere with many hopeful results. During Corona time, India saved many lives by exporting essential medicines and vaccines by following its vision of 'One Earth, One Health'. He noted that India is the world's third largest pharmaceutical producer and is considered the 'pharmacy of the world'.

The Prime Minister added that today, India is providing record number of software engineers. More than 5 million software developers are working in India. India has third largest number of unicorns today with over 10 thousand start-ups have registered during the last six months. He affirmed that India is committed to become world's reliable partner in global supply-chains and is making way for free trade agreements with many countries. India's capabilities in innovation, technology adaptation and entrepreneurship spirit makes India an ideal global partner. And "That's why, this is the best time to invest in India", he said.

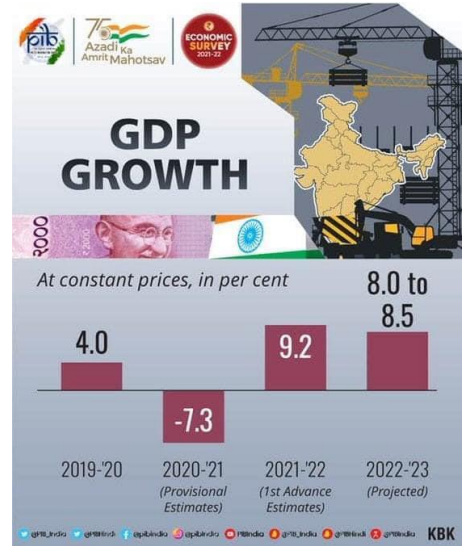
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## INDIA'S GROWTH STORY

### India's Economic Survey 2021-22

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Economic Survey 2021-22 in Parliament on 31 January. The highlights of the State of the Economy are as follows:

- Indian economy estimated to grow by 9.2 percent in real terms in 2021-22 (as per first advanced estimates) subsequent to a contraction of 7.3 percent in 2020-21.
- GDP projected to grow by 8- 8.5 percent in real terms in 2022-23.
- The year ahead poised for a pickup in private sector investment with the financial system in good position to provide support for economy's revival.
- Projection comparable with World Bank and Asian Development Bank's latest forecasts of real GDP growth of 8.7 percent and 7.5 percent respectively for 2022-23.
- As per IMF's latest World Economic Outlook projections, India's real GDP projected to grow at 9 percent in 2021-22 and 2022-23 and at 7.1 percent in 2023-2024, which would make India the fastest growing major economy in the world for all 3 years.
- Agriculture and allied sectors expected to grow by 3.9 percent; industry by 11.8 percent and services sector by 8.2 percent in 2021-22.
- Macroeconomic stability indicators suggest that the Indian Economy is well placed to take on the challenges of 2022-23.



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### Matrimandir



A short 20-minute drive from Puducherry will bring visitors to Auroville, a universal township founded by Mother Mirra in 1968. At its core lies *Matrimandir*, a brilliant golden dome surrounded by green lawns. Fondly known as the "Soul of the City", *Matrimandir*, which simply means the "Temple of The Mother" or "Mother's Shrine" welcomes people to practice integral yoga so that they can silently concentrate on their inner self and discover mental peace from within the body.

Featuring a lotus bud-shaped dome-styled spherical structure, the edifice of *Matrimandir* is unique in its own way. It presents a fine blend of traditional Indian and modern Western

architecture that is surrounded by twelve petals and boasts a meditation chamber made of white marble floor and walls. Another important thing to see within the premises of *Matrimandir* is its 12 gardens and are named as Existence, Perfection, Bliss, Youth, Consciousness, Harmony, Light, Progress, Wealth, Power, Life, and Utility.

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### Ambassador Meets Bac Giang Province Delegation



Ambassador Pranay Verma welcomed the Standing Vice Chairman of Bac Giang Province H.E. Mr. Mai Son and his delegation at the India House on 25 January and exchanged Tet greetings. They discussed plans for cooperation between the Embassy and Bac Giang in the New Year, including in trade and investment, development partnership, human resource training and cultural exchanges. They also agreed to hold celebrations in Bac Giang province to mark the 50th anniversary of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations and the 75th anniversary of India's Independence this year.

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### Embassy Hosts Webinar on India-Vietnam Cooperation in Innovation

Embassy of India hosted a webinar on exploring India-Vietnam cooperation in #Innovation on 21 January. Ambassador Pranay Verma in his keynote remarks identified innovation as a key driver for the national development strategies of both India and Vietnam aided by their young and aspiring demography and underlined the emerging opportunities for bilateral cooperation in innovation, particularly among their startup sectors. The webinar was addressed by officials and experts from many stakeholder organizations such as India's NITI Aayog and Invest India and Vietnam's Ministry of S&T, Vietnam Association for Foreign Invested Enterprises and the Central Institute for Economic Management. Consul General of India Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi also addressed the event.



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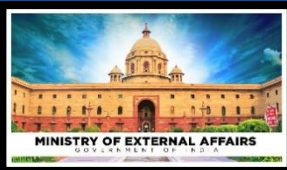
### Ambassador Addresses Seminar on Investment and Partnership Opportunities in India



Ambassador Pranay Verma addressed a Hybrid Dialogue on Investment and Partnership Opportunities in India for Vietnamese Companies and Investors on 18 January. The event was co-organized by the Consulate General of India in HCM City and Investment Promotion Centre of South Vietnam. In his remarks, Ambassador welcomed Vietnamese investors to take advantage of the

options, opportunities and openness that India's rapidly growing economy offered to foreign investors. Additional Secretary of India's Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DIPP), Ms Sumita Dawra gave special remarks at the event introducing the range of reforms taken by Government of India to enhance Ease of Doing Business for foreign investors in India.

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## Embassy Celebrates National Tourism Day of India



Embassy of India celebrated the #NationalTourismDay of India on 25 January 2022 by hosting a webinar on India-Vietnam Tourism Promotion in partnership with the Vietnam National Tourism Administration (VNAT) and the India Tourism Office in Singapore. The online event was joined by several Vietnamese tour operators as well as alumni of Indian ICCR scholarships in Vietnam. In his keynote address, Ambassador Pranay Verma noted the

importance of post-pandemic revival of tourism sector in both India and Vietnam and highlighted a number of recent steps to make tourism in India more convenient and enjoyable for foreign tourists. Ambassador also highlighted tourism attractions in India for Vietnamese visitors, including our shared Buddhist heritage. The India Tourism office in Singapore made a presentation on tourist destinations of India.

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## Ambassador Welcomes Vietnamese Ambassador at India House

Ambassador Pranay Verma welcomed the visiting Vietnamese Ambassador in India His Excellency Pham Sanh Chau at India House in Hanoi on 25 January.



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## Ambassador Meets Newly Elected Board of Governors of INCHAM



Ambassador Pranay Verma met with the newly elected Members of the Board of Governors of INCHAM-Hanoi on 25 January and exchanged ideas for expanding India-Vietnam engagement in diverse areas with the participation of the Indian businesses and the diaspora in Vietnam. They also discussed INCHAM's closer participation in various activities planned in 2022 to mark the 50th Anniversary of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations as well as the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

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## Embassy Organizes Walkathon to Mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav



To celebrate the 50th anniversary of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations and as part of activities to mark the #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav and the #73rdRepublicDay, the Embassy of India, in partnership with the Vietnam-India Friendship Association of Hanoi (HAVIFA), held a walkathon in Ninh Binh province's Bai Dinh Pagoda Area on 16 January 2022.

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