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India's G-20 Presidency



India holds the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. The 43 Heads of Delegations - the largest ever in G20 - will be participating in the final G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023.

The G20 Logo draws inspiration from the vibrant colours of India's national flag; juxtaposes planet Earth with the lotus, India's national flower that reflects growth amid challenges. The Earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life, one in perfect harmony with nature. The theme of India's G20 Presidency - "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth · One Family · One Future" - is drawn from the ancient Sanskrit text of the Maha Upanishad, affirming the value of all life – human, animal, plant, and microorganisms – and their interconnectedness on the planet Earth and in the wider universe. The theme also spotlights LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), with its associated, environmentally sustainable and responsible choices, leading to globally transformative actions resulting in a cleaner, greener and bluer future.

During India's G20 Presidency, India will host over 200 meetings in over 50 cities across 32 different workstreams, and would have the opportunity to offer G20 delegates and guests a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage and provide them with a unique Indian experience.

What are India's G-20 Priorities?

- Green Development, Climate Finance & LiFE
- Accelerated, Inclusive & Resilient Growth
- Accelerating progress on SDGs
- Technological Transformation & Digital Public Infrastructure
- Multilateral Institutions for the 21st century
- Women-led development

For more information on India's Presidency, please visit <https://www.g20.org/en/>

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Indian Scientist Receives VinFuture Prize



Indian scientist, Prof. Thalappil Pradeep, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras received the VinFuture special prize on 20 December 2022 in Hanoi, Vietnam for his innovation of a low-cost water filtration system that removes arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater. It would help hundreds of millions of people around the world get access to clean water.

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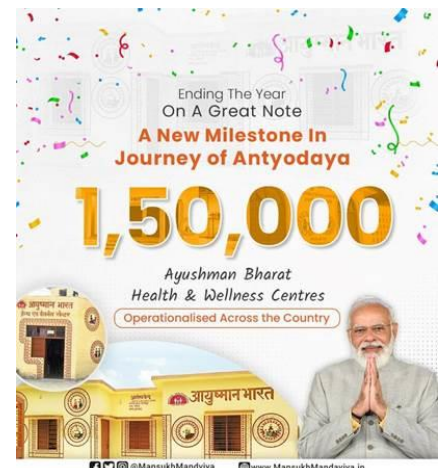
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150,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres operationalized

In a significant achievement demonstrating strengthening of the country's health infrastructure, India has surpassed a notable landmark - 150,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) have been operationalized before 31 December.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi applauded the nation's efforts in accomplishing this feat before the set deadline and commended that these centers will provide citizens all across the nation to easily access and avail primary healthcare facilities.

Fulfilling the principles of "Antyodaya"- leaving no one behind, 150,000 Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs) are transforming the delivery of comprehensive primary health care services which are universally free and cater to all age groups from birth to death, through a continuum of care approach.



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Completion of Conservation and Restoration of Temples at My Son Sanctuary



The Archaeological Survey of India has completed the conservation and restoration work of A, H & K group of temples at UNESCO heritage site of My Son Sanctuary in Quang Nam province of Vietnam after five years of intricate and meticulous work on site.

A ceremony to mark the completion of this work and handing over of the site was attended by the Vice Chairman of Quang Nam province, DG from the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam, Archaeological Survey of India and Embassy of India in Hanoi.

Archaeological Survey of India which is a premier government organization for archaeology and heritage protection, was assigned the task of conservation and restoration work of A, H & K temples at the My Son Sanctuary. A team of specialists from ASI was deputed on site from 2017 to 2022 to take up conservation and restoration works. By December 2022, the conservation and restoration work has been completed successfully in consultation with the My Son Management Board under the Government of Vietnam and it has been reviewed by the Embassy of India, Hanoi; Government of India and ASI Headquarter, New Delhi.

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India at Vietnam Defence Expo 2022

On 8 December 2022, Vietnam's Prime Minister, H.E. Pham Minh Chinh [inaugurated India Pavilion](#) at Vietnam Defence Expo 2022.

With 18 PSUs & private manufacturers (including DRDO, BDL, BEL, BEML, AVNL, HVL, AWEL, GR Shipyards, MIDHANI, GIL, BrahMos Aerospace, Tata ASL, L&T, Zen Tech, SMPP, Neo Power and HEPL), India marked its strongest-ever presence in Vietnam with the aim of boosting defence business and strengthen bilateral relations by showcasing the best products and state of art advanced technologies in the defence sector, including aeronautics, radars, sonars, missiles, early warning systems and torpedoes.



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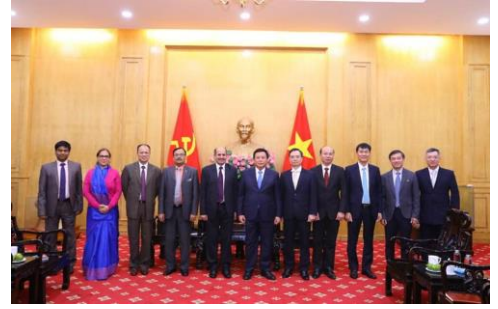
Ambassador Calls on Public Security Minister



Minister of Public Security of Vietnam, H.E. General To Lam shared with the Ambassador today his support and areas for further strengthening security cooperation pillar of India-Vietnam comprehensive strategic partnership.

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Ambassador Calls on President of HCMNAP



Pleased to discuss with the President of Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Politburo Member in Vietnam, H.E. Nguyen Xuan Thang enhancing understanding about rapid progress in each other's country, wider exchanges and developing further the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries.

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Ambassador Visits Vietnam Buddhist Sangha

Visited Vietnam Buddhist Sangha Headquarters in Hanoi on 14 Dec. and met Standing Vice President Most Venerable Thich Thanh Nhiem and Secretary General Most Venerable Thich Duc Thien to enhance spiritual, cultural and people-level ties between India and Vietnam.

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Vietnam Deputy Minister of Culture Visits India

Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Indian Minister of State for External Affairs & Culture had a fruitful meeting with Mr. Hoang Dao Cuong, Deputy Minister of Culture of Vietnam to discuss enhancing friendly bilateral relations. The signing of the Cultural Exchange Program for 2022-2025 on 15 December will enrich cultural cooperation.

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Indian Navy Ships Visit Ho Chi Minh City



Indian Navy Ships SHIVALIK and KAMORTA made port call at Ho Chi Minh City from 30 November to 03 December 2022. The visit saw professional interaction with Naval Region, Military Region and HCM City Peoples Committee. Indian crew members laid wreath at Ho Chi Minh Statue and engaged in friendly sports events with Vietnam People's Navy. The port call ended with PASSEX exercise between ships of the two Navies.

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Artificial limb “Jaipur Foot” Camp Comes to Phu Yen Province

Artificial limb “Jaipur Foot” fitment camp in Phu Yen province, Vietnam inaugurated on 6 December 2022 by Mr. Pham Dai Duong, Party Secretary, Phu Yen province, Indian Ambassador, Executive President, Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, Jaipur. Hundreds of beneficiaries was assisted over 3 weeks by a 7-member team from India with famous Jaipur foot technology. Mahatma Gandhi inspires “India for Humanity” initiatives which are supported by the Government of India.



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INCHAM Presents Digital Lab at Birla Children’s Village

Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam has set up a Digital Lab at Birla Children’s Village in Hanoi for its resident children. The children’s village dates back to 1988 in the memory of the Indian entrepreneur Dr. G. D. Birla and dedicated to India-Vietnam friendship.



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INDIA’S DEFENCE SECTOR

Defence Acquisition Council Approves Proposal for Armed Forces

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Rapid Strides towards
Aatmanirbharta in Defence

24 Proposals for procurement of weapons worth
Rs. 843.28 billion

cleared by
Defence Acquisition Council

97.4% of these to be indigenous

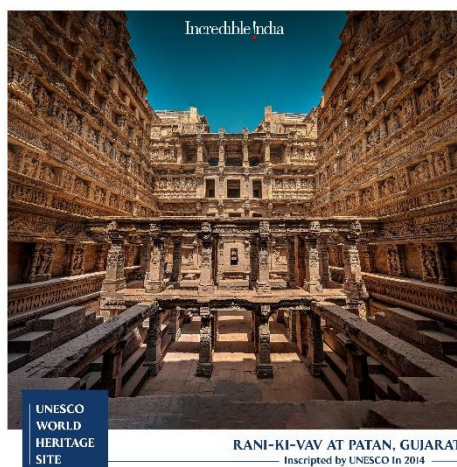
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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, in its meeting held on 22 December 2022, has accorded approval for Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 24 Capital Acquisition Proposals. These proposals include six for Indian Army, six for Indian Air Force, 10 for Indian Navy and two for Indian Coast Guard for a total value of Rs. 843.28 billion. It is pertinent to mention that 21 proposals, worth Rs. 821 billion (97.4%), are approved for procurement from indigenous sources. This unprecedented initiative of DAC will not only modernise the Armed Forces but also provide substantial boost to the defence industry to achieve the goal of Aatmanirbhara Bharat, providing a quantum jump to Indian Army’s operational preparedness.

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RANI-KI-VAV AT PATAN, GUJARAT
Inscribed by UNESCO in 2014

Rani-ki-vav

Rani-ki-vav or the Queen's Stepwell, is one of the many UNESCO World Heritage Sites that the state of Gujarat is home to. A fine specimen of the Maru-Gurjara style of architecture, UNESCO describes the stepwell as one which displays "height of craftsmen's ability in stepwell construction". It has been designed as an inverted temple and is divided into seven levels interconnected with stairs that boast sculpted panels of unmatched artistic excellence.

The structure houses a total of 500 principle sculptures and over a thousand minor ones, depicting religious, mythological and secular imagery.

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India Classical Dance Performances

An evening of India classical dances performed by cultural troupe from India led by Padma Vibhushan Dr Sonal Mansingh, Member of Parliament, at the Hong Ha Central Traditional Opera Theatre in Hanoi on 1 December 2022. The cultural troupe was sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, India and supported here by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism of Vietnam.

The cultural event, choreographed by great scholar and seasoned art administrator Dr. Sonal Mansingh, Padma Vibhushan and Member of Parliament of the Upper House of Indian Parliament (Rajya Sabha) enthralled the audiences with their mesmerizing performances. The event was graced by Mr. Luu Van Duc, Member of the National Assembly of Vietnam and Vice Chairman of the Vietnam-India Parliamentary Friendship Group, senior officials from Ministries, diplomats, and friends of India.

The cultural troupe also performed in Binh Dinh, Phu Yen, Ninh Thuan and Tay Ninh provinces of Vietnam with the support of the respective provincial governments.

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International Seminar on India-Vietnam Economic Exchanges

International Seminar on India-Vietnam Economic Exchanges: Opportunities and Challenges hosted by Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics with Indian Embassy & HAVIFA (Friendship Association) on 28 December with officials, businesses & scholars to discuss trade, investment & business trends and interest areas. Ambassador Sandeep Arya highlighted economic opportunities arising from high economic growth rates, more than double the world average as well as considerable transformation underway in both India and Vietnam backed by strong endeavours by the respective governments. He mentioned further trade opportunities in areas such as agricultural commodities, pharmaceuticals, defence and technology products etc. In their presentations, INCHAM members highlighted various areas where the two sides can explore opportunities for cooperation. The participants agreed that there are immense opportunities for enhancing economic engagement and both sides need to explore avenues to tap them.



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