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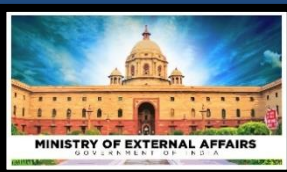
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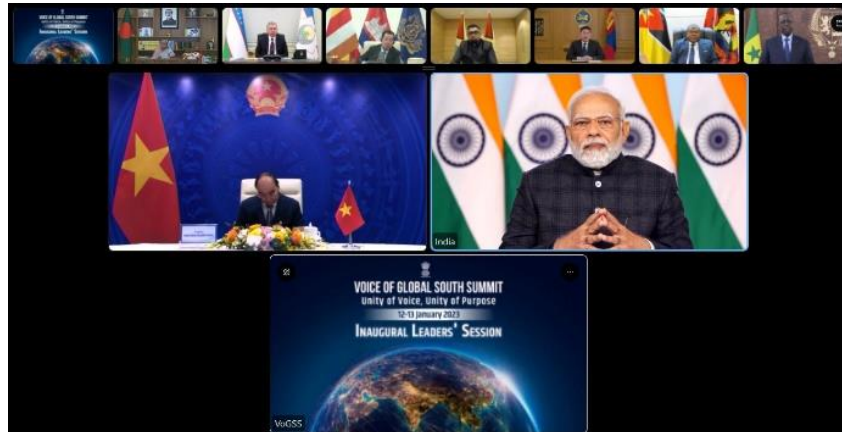


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Voice of the Global South Summit



India hosted the 'Voice of the Global South Summit' under the theme "Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose" on 12-13 January 2023. The Inaugural Leaders' Session hosted by the Prime Minister of India H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi on 12 January was addressed virtually by the President of Vietnam.

India believes that views and perspectives of the large number of countries outside the G20 should be included in the discussions and outcomes across various verticals. As G20 President, India feels the Global South Summit represents Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's belief that India's G20 Presidency should be shaped in consultation with not just our G20 partners, but also our fellow-travellers in the Global South, whose voice often goes unrepresented.

The Summit brought together countries of the Global South to share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform. The Summit aimed to collate valuable inputs from fellow developing countries, which can be articulated in the G-20 deliberations later this year under India's Presidency of G20. The Summit generated ideas from Vietnam and other participating countries for consideration globally, including at the G20 Summit and related Ministerial meetings in diverse domains during the year 2023.

In his remarks, PM Modi said as India begins its G20 Presidency this year, its aim was to amplify the voice of the Global South. He emphasized on the need to redesign global political and financial governance that can remove inequities, enlarge opportunities, support growth and spread progress and prosperity. During the meeting, the President of Vietnam referred to the unprecedented challenges and advocated on need for the reform of global governance system, including UN, in order to elevating the status, voice and interests of developing countries among other issues. He said Vietnam can actively contribute to global food security through South-South and tripartite cooperation.

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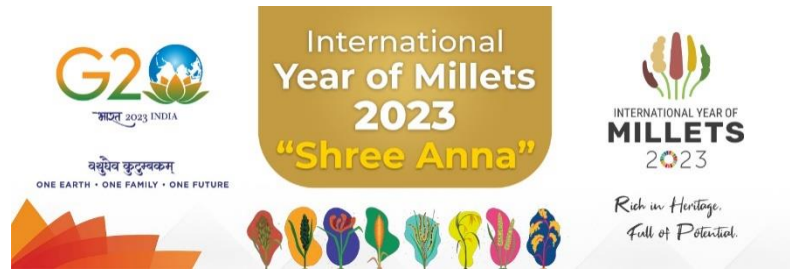
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International Year of Millets 2023



Spearheaded by the Prime Minister, the Government of India sponsored the proposal for International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 which was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). PM Narendra Modi has also shared his vision to make IYM 2023 a 'People's Movement' alongside positioning India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.

'Millets' were among the first crops to be domesticated in India with several evidence of its consumption during the Indus valley civilization. Being grown in more than 130 countries at present, Millets are considered traditional food for more than half a billion people across Asia and Africa. In India, millets are primarily a kharif crop, requiring less water and agricultural inputs than other similar staples. Millets are important by the virtue of its mammoth potential to generate livelihoods, increase farmers' income and ensure food & nutritional security all over the world.

Recognising the enormous potential of Millets, which also aligns with several UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Government of India has prioritized Millets. Millets are also an integral part of the G-20 meetings and delegates will be given a true millet experience through tasting, meeting farmers and interactive sessions with start-ups and FPOs.

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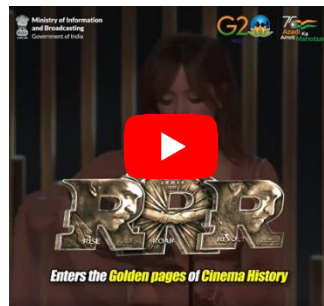
74th Republic Day Celebration



The Embassy celebrated enthusiastically the 74th Republic Day of India on 26 January 2023 at the Embassy premises with the participation of the Indian diaspora and the friends of India. Ambassador unfurled the India's national flag followed by the National Anthem and the Address to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India. Participants presented cultural performances such as patriotic poems and songs.

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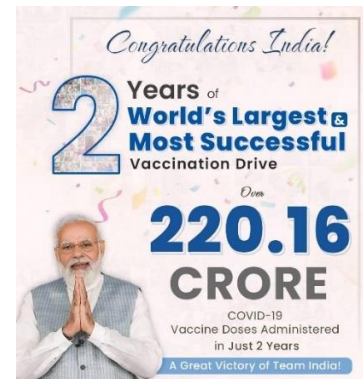
'Naatu Naatu' wins 'Best Original Song'



Indian cinema lauded globally!

RRR Movie: An epic period-drama, bags 'Best Original Song' award for the superhit song 'Naatu Naatu' at the 80th Golden Globe Awards and enters the golden pages of cinema history.

India marks 2 years of vaccination drive



On 16 January, India marks 2 years of Vaccine Drive. The country has administered over 2.2 billion Covid-19 vaccines in just 2 years.



BILATERAL CORNER

Meeting with ERC Chairman

On 10 January, Ambassador discussed with H.E. Mr. Lê Hoài Trung, Chairman, External Relations Commission of Communist Party of Vietnam areas and opportunities for further strengthening comprehensive strategic partnership between India and Vietnam.

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Vietnamese Youth delegation attended Republic Day Parade

A 15-member Vietnamese Youth delegation visited India from 17-30 January 2023 for Republic Day Camp 2023 with local support from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) of India. During the visit, the youth delegation met Indian Defence Minister and witnessed the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi on 26 January 2023.

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TROPEX-23: Indian Navy's largest war game



The 2023 edition of Indian Navy's major maritime exercise TROPEX, is currently underway in the Indian Ocean Region. This operational level exercise is conducted biennially and witnesses participation not only by all Indian Navy units but also of Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Coast Guard assets.

TROPEX 23 is being conducted over a duration of three months from January till March 23. As

part of the exercise, all surface combatants of the Indian Navy including Destroyers, Frigates, Corvettes as well as submarines and aircraft are put through complex maritime operational deployments to validate and refine the Navy's Concept of Operations including operational logistics and interoperability with other Services. Having grown in scope and complexity over the years, this exercise provides an opportunity to test the combat readiness of the combined Fleets of the Indian Navy to operate in a multi-threat environment.

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INS Vagir: Indian Navy gets 3rd indigenously-made submarine in 24 months

Indian Navy's fifth stealth Scorpene class Submarine INS Vagir was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 23 January 2023 at the Naval Dockyard Mumbai. Six Scorpene Class submarines are being built in India by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with M/s Naval Group, France. INS Vagir would form part of the Western Naval Command's Submarine fleet and would be another potent part of the Command's arsenal.



Vagir was launched on 12 November 2020, under Project 75 (P75) and was delivered to Indian Navy on 20 December 2022 post completion of sea trials. It has the distinction of having the lowest build time among all indigenously manufactured submarines till date. The Scorpene Submarines are extremely potent platforms, they have advanced stealth features and are also equipped with both long-range guided torpedoes as well as anti-ship missiles. These submarines have a state-of-the-art SONAR suite and sensor suite permitting outstanding operational capabilities.

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MV Ganga Vilas: World's longest river cruise

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the World's Longest River Cruise - MV Ganga Vilas and inaugurated the Tent City at Varanasi via video conferencing on 13 January 2023.

On the experience of the river cruise, the Prime Minister informed that it has something special for everyone. Those seeking spirituality will cover destinations like Kashi, Bodh Gaya, Vikramshila, Patna Sahib and Majuli, tourists looking out for a multinational cruise experience will get the opportunity to visit Dhaka in Bangladesh, and those wanting to witness the natural diversity of India will cross through Sundarbans and the forests of Assam



MV Ganga Vilas begins its journey from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh and travel around 3,200 km in 51 days to reach Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh, sailing across 27 river systems in India and Bangladesh. MV Ganga Vilas has three decks, 18 suites on board with a capacity of 36 tourists, with all the luxury amenities.

The MV Ganga Vilas cruise is curated to bring out the best of the country to be showcased to the world. The 51 days

cruise is planned with visits to 50 tourist spots including World Heritage Sites, National Parks, River Ghats, and major cities like Patna in Bihar, Sahibganj in Jharkhand, Kolkata in West Bengal, Dhaka in Bangladesh and Guwahati in Assam. During the 51-day itinerary, Ganga Vilas cruise will sail along three major waterways in the sub-continent: National Waterway 1 over the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly River system, the Indo-Bangla Protocol Route from Kolkata to Dhubri, and National Waterway 2 over Brahmaputra.

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