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India's Foreign Trade Policy 2023

Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal on 31 March launched the Foreign Trade Policy 2023. The Key Approach to the policy is based on these 4 pillars: (i) Incentive to Remission, (ii) Export promotion through collaboration - Exporters, States, Districts, Indian Missions, (iii) Ease of doing business, reduction in transaction cost and e-initiatives and (iv) Emerging Areas - E-Commerce Developing Districts as Export Hubs and streamlining SCOMET policy.

Foreign Trade Policy 2023 aims at process re-engineering and automation to facilitate ease of doing business for exporters. It also focuses on emerging areas like dual use high-end technology items under SCOMET, facilitating e-commerce export, collaborating with States and Districts for export promotion.

India's overall exports, including services and merchandise exports, has already crossed US\$750 billion and is expected to cross US\$760 billion in 2023.



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India's Bharat 6G Vision and 6G R&D Test Bed



On 22 March, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the Bharat 6G Vision Document and launched the 6G Research & Development Test Bed during the inaugural ceremony of the new International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Area office & Innovation Centre in New Delhi. The Bharat 6G Vision Document and 6G Test bed together will provide an enabling environment for innovation, capacity building and faster technology adoption in the country.

Prime Minister Modi, in his inaugural address, noted that Bharat 6G Vision Document and the 6G R&D Test Bed will not only usher new energy in digital India but also provide solutions and innovations for the Global South. He underlined that it will create new opportunities for India's innovators, industries and startups.

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Congratulatory message to the new President of Vietnam



President of India, H.E. Smt. Droupadi Murmu congratulated H.E. Mr. Vo Van Thuong on 3 March on his appointment as the State President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and expressed interest to work together in advancing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Vietnam.

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G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting



G20 Foreign Ministers met on 1-2 March when the world faces multi-dimensional challenges from insufficient progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), climate change, pollution and biodiversity loss, to economic slowdown, debt distress, uneven pandemic recovery, growing poverty and inequality, food and energy insecurity and global supply chain disruptions, aggravated by geo-political tensions and conflicts.

Meeting under India's G20 Presidency, with the theme 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' - 'One Earth. One Family. One Future', the G20 Foreign Ministers deliberated upon current global challenges. They brought focus on strengthening multilateralism, food and energy security, ambitious climate and environmental action, deepening cooperation on sustainable development, counter-terrorism, counter-narcotics, global health, global talent pool, humanitarian assistance and disaster risk reduction, as well as gender equality and women's empowerment.

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Earth science satellite NISAR

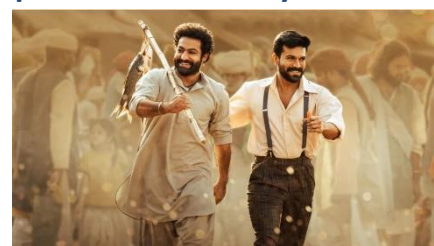
In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha on 23 March, Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh informed that NASA and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) have jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar).

He said that the mission objectives of the satellite are - Design, Develop and launch Dual Frequency (L and S band) Radar Imaging Satellite and to Explore newer applications areas using L & S Band microwave data, especially in surface deformation studies, terrestrial biomass structure, natural resource mapping and monitoring and studies related to dynamics of ice-sheets, glaciers, forests, oil slick etc. The spacecraft will orbit the Earth in a sun-synchronous orbit of 747 Km with an inclination of 98.4 degree for a 12-day repeat cycle.

While NASA is delivering the L-Band SAR payload, high precision GPS and 12m unfurlable antenna, ISRO is delivering S-band SAR payload, spacecraft bus and facilitating launch. The total expenditure incurred on realization of NISAR satellite by ISRO as on February, 2023 is Rs. 469.40 Crore, excluding launch cost.

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'Naatu Naatu' and 'The Elephant Whisperers' make history at the Oscars



At the 95th Academy Awards, two Oscars 2023 were presented to India as Naatu Naatu RRR Movie won the Best Original Song and The Elephant Whisperers won the Best Documentary Short Film.

The Elephant Whisperers wonderfully highlights the importance of sustainable development and living in harmony with nature.

Four Indians confirm medals at Boxing World Championships



IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023 concluded with India on top of the medal tally with 4 gold medals; India's Nikhat Zareen and Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Tam led the light flyweight category with gold and silver medals respectively.

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Felicitations to Vietnam on world's largest prayer wheel



Prime Minister Narendra Modi sent his greetings on the inauguration on 11 March 2023 of world's largest prayer wheel at Samten Hills Dalat, Vietnam blessed by His Eminence Drubwang Sonam Jorfel Rinpoche of India. The PM appreciated Buddhist linkages and efforts by the Vietnam Buddhist Sangha in nurturing and deepening spiritual ties between the two peoples. Apart from the leadership of Lam Dong province's Party Committee, People's Committee and Vietnam Buddhist Sangha, the

inauguration of the Great Prayer Wheel holding Guinness World Record was attended from India by His Holiness Drigung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoche, Member-Buddhist of National Commission for Minorities, Hon'ble MP of Ladakh, Chief Executive Councillor of Ladakh Hill Development Council and others.

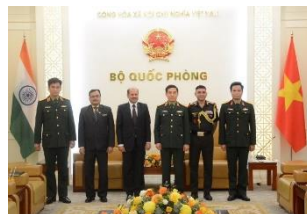
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Indian Minister of State meets Deputy Foreign Minister of Vietnam

On 7 March, Minister of State for External Affairs, Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh discussed with H.E. Ms. Le Thi Thu Hang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam on the sidelines of the 5th UN Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Doha the progress in multi-faceted bilateral relations.

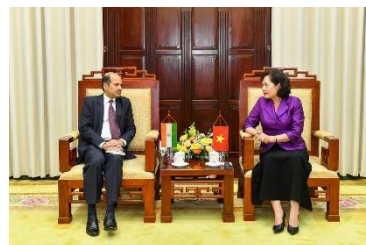


Ambassador met with Vietnamese leaders



On 16 March, Defense Minister of Vietnam, General Phan Van Giang discussed with Ambassador perspectives about developing bilateral defence cooperation in the context of ongoing efforts and plans ahead.

On 30 March, Vietnamese Health Minister, Ms. Dao Hong Lan and Ambassador discussed developing cooperation in the health sector, including bilateral exchanges, digital technologies, pharmaceuticals, and traditional medicine.



On 21 March, Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, Ms. Nguyen Thi Hong discussed with the Ambassador opportunities for enhancing banking and financial ties between India-Vietnam, sharing experiences, streamlining transactions, and digital payments.



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Ambassador continues visits to QIP projects



On [13 March](#), Ambassador discussed with Quang Tri province's Party Secretary, Mr. Le Quang Tung economic & cultural cooperation opportunities with India, inaugurated classrooms at Hai Lang district built with India's support, and paid respect at national relic at Quang Tri citadel.

On [14 March](#), he visited Quang Ngai province, discussed cooperation avenues with province's Party Secretary Ms. Bui Thi Quynh Van, inaugurated classrooms at Son Lien school in Son Tay district built with Indian support, paid respect at the monument of former PM Pham Van Dong.



On [16 March](#), Ambassador had fruitful discussions with Da Nang province's Party Secretary Mr. Nguyen Van Quang on cooperation with India in economic, investment, educational & cultural fields.

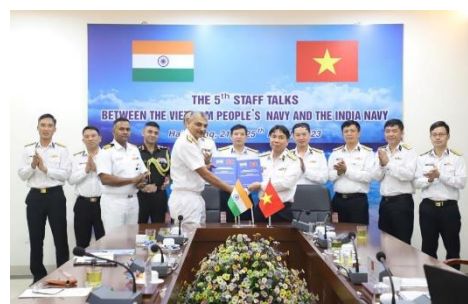
Interaction with VIISAS

Talk-cum-interactive session on advances in India and India-Vietnam comprehensive strategic partnership by Ambassador with scholars of the Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies of the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences in Hanoi on 6 March 2023.

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India – Vietnam Defence Exchanges



India-Vietnam [Army to Army Staff Talks](#) were held in Pune, India from 28 February - 1 March to discuss cooperation plans, joint exercises, training, etc. Vietnam's delegation also visited College of Military Engineering and National Defence Academy.

Later on, Staff Talks between the Indian Navy (IN) and the Vietnam People's Navy (VPN) were held at Hai Phong, Vietnam from 22 to 24 March. Indian delegation led by Rear Admiral Nirbhay Bapna also called on Rear Admiral Pham Manh Hung, Deputy Commander in Chief & Chief of Staff, Vietnam People's Navy with a view to enhancing existing bilateral naval cooperation.

In a separate exchange, Vietnamese Coast Guard officers attended [Maritime Law Operations course](#) at Coast Guard Training Centre, Kochi from 13 February to 10 March 2023.



INDIA'S DEFENCE SECTOR

ISRO launches successfully 36 satellites



In its second operational flight, LVM3 launch vehicle placed 36 satellites of OneWeb to their intended orbits from the second launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

This was a dedicated commercial mission for a foreign customer through NSIL. A total of 36 OneWeb Gen-1 satellites of about 150 kg each totaling about 5,796 kg were launched to a

circular low-earth orbit of about 601km with a 87.4 degree inclination. The separation of satellites involved a unique maneuver of the cryogenic stage to orientation and re-orientation covering 9 phases spanning 75 minutes. This was one of the biggest commercial orders executed by ISRO.



Defence Ministry signs deals to purchase indigenous weapons and systems

The Indian government has recently signed several defence deals worth over INR 364 billion to strengthen the country's military capabilities.

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) signed a deal to supply two regiments of the upgraded Akash air defence missile system to the Indian Army, with a third and fourth regiment deal also signed at a cost of over INR 60 billion. The new missile system is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency seeker, making it more accurate and effective at high-altitude frontiers.



Additionally, the Defence Ministry signed a deal with Indian shipyards for the acquisition of 11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels and six Next Generation Missile Vessels at a cost of INR 196 billion. The ships are scheduled to be delivered between September 2026 and March 2027.

The ministry also signed contracts with Bharat Electronics Limited and Bharat Dynamics Limited for the procurement of 13 Lynx-U2 Fire Control Systems for the Indian Navy for INR 10 billion. Additionally, the government has also invested in an improved Akash Weapon System and 12 Weapon Locating Radars for the Indian Army, respectively.

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Consecutive successful flight tests of VSHORADS short-range missile system



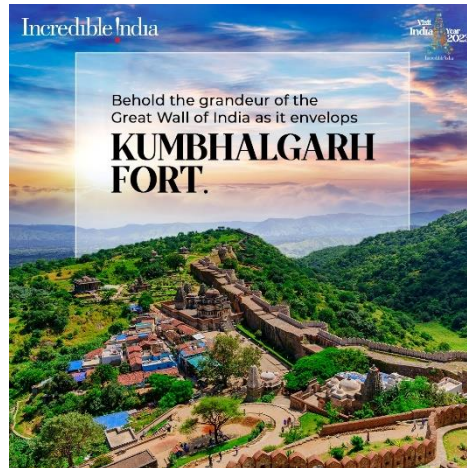
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two consecutive successful flight tests of Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on 14 March. The flight tests were carried out from a ground-based man portable launcher against high speed unmanned aerial targets, mimicking approaching and receding aircraft. The targets were successfully intercepted, meeting all mission objectives.

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Kumbhalgarh Fort



Soaring above the surrounding rugged mountainscape, at 3,600 ft, the Kumbhalgarh Fort can be seen much before one arrives at its foot. With the second-longest wall in the world, about 38 km long, the Kumbhalgarh Fort is recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Everything about the fort has been built to fend off the enemy. From its high position in the Aravalli Hills and its strong ramparts to the four main gates of Aaret, Hanuman, Hulla and Ram Pol, and the Badal Mahal, the fort was almost inaccessible. Moreover, the surrounding 13 mountain peaks and numerous watchtowers made it more of a challenge for the enemy. Historical records suggest that it was only once that the fort was besieged.

Exploring the fort is an unforgettable experience. From its high vantage points, which provide sweeping views of the Thar Desert, to its beautiful interiors and various sections like the Badal Mahal and the Kumbh Mahal, there's much to see. There are as many as 360 Hindu and Jain temples inside the fort and devotees can pay obeisance at them.

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India Day



India Day was celebrated enthusiastically at the Embassy premises on 18 March to promote cultural ties with Diaspora and Vietnamese people. The showcased India's rich diversity through cultural performances, cuisines from different parts of India and an exhibition of Indian garments, art and craft, henna or mehndi etc. Around 500 people, both from the Indian diaspora community and Vietnamese friends attended the event.

International Women's Day 2023



On the occasion of International Women's Day 2023, Embassy hosted an interactive session with the participation of Indian community and friends of India. Ambassador Sandeep Arya and his spouse, Madam Suveta Singh delivered remarks on women empowerment and the importance of women rights. Chief guests Madam Nguyen Thi Hoi, Vice President of Vietnam Association for Intellectual Women (VAFIW), and Miss Vietnam Dang Thi Ngoc Han spoke about the contribution of women in

science & technology field and the changing of women's roles in today globalization progress.