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India achieved over \$750 Billion exports in 75th year of Independence



Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal announced that India's overall exports, which includes services and merchandise exports, crossed US\$750 Billion on 28 March. This is an all-time high and this achievement of 750 billion comes in the 75th year of independence.

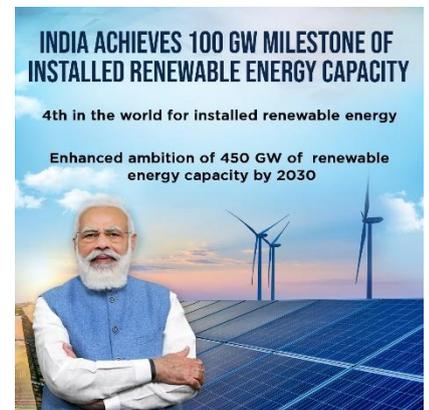
The Minister stated that the domestic market has been growing steadily and over the last 9 years the focus has been on building the foundation blocks which are necessary for an economy to have many years of uninterrupted and sustainable growth. He stressed upon the fact that the effort of the Government to make India self-reliant is about not closing doors but further opening them wider with the objective of letting competitive and comparative advantages determine international trade.

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India to add 50 GW of renewable energy capacity annually for next 5 years

The Government of India has decided to invite bids for 50 GW of renewable energy capacity annually for the next five years. These annual bids of ISTS (Inter-State Transmission) connected renewable energy capacity will also include setting up of wind power capacity of at least 10 GW per annum. The plan is in accordance with Prime Minister's announcement at COP26, of achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel (Renewable Energy + Nuclear) sources by 2030.

India currently has a total renewable energy capacity of 168.96 GW (as on 28th February 2023) with about 82 GW at various stages of implementation and about 41 GW under tendering stage. This includes 64.38 GW Solar Power, 51.79 GW Hydro Power, 42.02 GW Wind Power and 10.77 GW Bio Power.



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India hosted SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting

India as the Chair of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2023 hosted the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting on 28 April 2023 in New Delhi. Apart from the member states, two observer countries Belarus and Iran also participated in the Meeting.

The Defence Ministers discussed amongst other issues matters concerning regional peace and security, counter-terrorism efforts within SCO and effective multilateralism.

The theme of India's Chairmanship of SCO in 2023 is 'SECURE-SCO'. India attaches special importance to SCO in promoting multilateral, political, security, economic and people-to-people interactions in the region. The ongoing engagement with SCO has helped India promote its relations with the countries in the region with which India has shared civilizational linkages, and is considered India's extended neighbourhood.

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As the president of G20, we have already included the CDRI in many working groups. The solutions you explore here will receive attention at the highest levels of global policy-making

PM Narendra Modi at the International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

4th April 2023, New Delhi



PM addresses 5th CDRI

The 5th International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) "Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure: Pathways for Risk Informed Systems, Practices and Investments" was held in New Delhi from 4-5 April. Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined some priorities for discussion for disaster resilience infrastructure in the context of this year's theme of 'Delivering Resilient and Inclusive Infrastructure'. PM stressed the need for a holistic view of infrastructure as social and digital infrastructure are as important as transport infrastructure. Noting India's G20 presidency, the Prime Minister also informed about the inclusion of the CDRI in many working groups.

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Prime Minister virtually inaugurates 6th Edition of 'Advantage Healthcare India 2023'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 6th edition of Advantage Healthcare India (AHCI) 2023, a G20 co-branded event here, on 26 April through a video message.

With the theme of 'One Earth, One Health', the two-day AHCI event aimed to showcase India as the new hub of Medical Value Travel and its emergence as a major hub for world-class healthcare and wellness services. It also aims to highlight its significance in medical potential and create and explore opportunities for healthcare collaborations between the participating countries.

Around 125 exhibitors and 500+ hosted foreign delegates from 73 countries of Africa, the Middle East, CIS, and SAARC have marked their presence at the summit. Reverse Buyer Seller Meetings and B2B meetings have also been scheduled with delegates from more than 70 designated countries in the region of Africa, the Middle East, the Commonwealth of Independent States, SAARC and ASEAN to bring together and connect the Indian healthcare providers and foreign participants on one forum.

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The ancient Indian healthcare systems of Yoga, Meditation, and Ayurveda offer solutions for modern-day nutrition and food security challenges

PM Modi at the inaugural session of 'One Earth One Health' - Advantage Healthcare India 2023
26th April, 2023



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PM addressed the WB's programme on tackling climate change

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 April addressed the World Bank Event titled 'Making it Personal: How Behavioral Change Can Tackle Climate Change' via video message. The Prime Minister acknowledged his personal connection with the theme and expressed happiness that it is becoming a global movement.

PM noted the importance of the small deeds and this is the core of Mission LiFE. Mission LiFE is about democratizing the battle against climate change. When people become conscious that simple acts in their daily lives are powerful, there will be a very positive impact on the environment." Under Mission LIFE, the government's efforts are spread across many domains such as making local bodies environment-friendly, saving water, saving energy, reducing waste and e-waste, adopting healthy lifestyles, adoption of natural farming, promotion of millets. These efforts, he said, will save over twenty-two billion units of energy, save nine trillion litres of water, reduce waste by three hundred and seventy-five million tons, recycle almost one million tons of e-waste and generate around one hundred and seventy million dollars of additional cost savings by 2030.

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Global Buddhist Summit 2023



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Global Buddhist Summit on 20 April hosted by the International Buddhist Confederation in Delhi under the theme "Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis".

The Summit is an effort towards engaging the global Buddhist Dhamma leadership and scholars on matters of Buddhist and universal concerns, and to come up with policy inputs to address them collectively. The discussion at the Summit explored how the Buddha Dhamma's fundamental values can provide inspiration and guidance in contemporary settings.

The Summit witnessed the discussions of eminent scholars, Sangha leaders and Dharma practitioners from all over the world under four themes: Buddha Dhamma and Peace; Buddha Dhamma: Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability; Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition; Buddha Dhamma Pilgrimage, Living Heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation to India's centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, South-East and East Asia. Supreme Patriarch of Vietnam Buddhist Sangha His Holiness Thich Tri Quang delivered a keynote address at the first session of the Summit.

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Minister of Public Security visits India



General To Lam, Politburo Member, Minister of Public Security of Viet Nam visited India at the invitation of Shri Ajit Doval, KC, National Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of India from 9-10 April 2023.

During the delegation-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation on 10 April in New Delhi, the leaders reiterated the commitment on both sides to further deepen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two countries and enhance the linkages on strategic, security and defense matters. They noted the discussions held during the 2nd India - Viet Nam Deputy Ministerial Security Dialogue held in September 2022 in New Delhi and agreed to strengthen the ongoing cooperation in exchanges, capacity building and training of officials.

Minister To Lam also made a call on Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar.

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International Big Cats Alliance Launched



Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) in Mysuru, Karnataka on 9 April 2023. On IBCA, Prime Minister Modi said the focus will be on the conservation of the world's 7 major big cats including tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar and cheetah with countries that are home to these cats. During the event, the PM also released a commemorative coin on the completion of 50 years of Project Tiger besides the publications 'Amrit Kaal Ka Vision For Tiger Conservation', a summary report of the 5th cycle of Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves.

PM Modi noted India's unique achievements in wildlife conservation and mentioned that India has only 2.4 percent of the world's land area but it is home to 75% of the world's tiger population and contributes toward 8 percent to known global biodiversity.

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Ambassador met with Vietnam's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

Ambassador had productive discussions with H.E. Mr. Le Minh Hoan, Minister for Agriculture & Rural Development to enhance agricultural cooperation, sharing technical & scientific experiences, expand trade.



Embassy presents books to the Centre for Indian Studies

77 books about Indian economy, polity, culture & foreign policy were handed over by the Embassy to the Centre for Indian Studies at Vietnam's premier institute, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMNAP). "The India Corner" displaying the books at the Library of the HCMNAP was inaugurated by DCM, Subhash Gupta, in the presence of Director of the Centre for Indian Studies Dr. Nguyen Manh Hai and other office bearers, and contribute to greater understanding and study of present-day India in Vietnam.



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INDIA'S DEFENCE SECTOR

Defence exports reaching all time high

India's defence exports have reached an all-time high in FY 2022-2023 - a remarkable achievement for the country thanks to the consistent policy initiatives of the Government and tremendous contribution of the defence industry. The exports have reached Rs 159 billion, almost Rs 30 billion more than the previous financial year. It is a rise of over 10 times since 2016-17.

India is now exporting to over 85 countries, with 100 firms exporting defence products at present. The rising defence exports and participation of 104 countries in Aero India 2023 are proof of India's growing defence manufacturing capabilities.

Today, India, which was known as an importer about eight years back, exports major platforms like Dornier-228, Brahmos Missiles, Akash Missile System, Radars, Simulators, Mine Protected Vehicles, PINAKA Rockets & Launchers, etc. There is also growing global demand of LCA-Tejas, Light Combat Helicopters, Aircraft Carrier, MRO activities etc.

To give a push to defence exports, the Indian Government has taken a number of policy initiatives and brought reforms over the last 5-6 years. Export procedures have been simplified and made industry-friendly.



India launched two Singaporean earth observation satellites

India's PSLV rocket launched two Singaporean earth observation satellites, TeLEOS-2 and LUMELITE-4 into an Eastward low inclination orbit on 22 April 2023 from SDSC-SHAR, Sriharikota. The satellites weigh about 741 kg and 16 kg, respectively. This is a dedicated commercial mission through NSIL with TeLEOS-2 as primary satellite and Lumelite-4 as a co-passenger satellite.

ISRO successfully conducted the Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission

The Indian Space Research Organisation and its partners including the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully demonstrated a precise landing experiment for a Reusable Launch Vehicle at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), Chitradurga, Karnataka on 2 April.

In a first in the world, a winged body has been carried to an altitude of 4.5 km by a helicopter and released for carrying out an autonomous landing on a runway. RLV is essentially a space plane with a low lift to drag ratio requiring an approach at high glide angles that necessitated a landing at high velocities of 350 kmph. LEX utilizes several indigenous systems. Localized Navigation systems based on pseudolite systems, instrumentation, and sensor systems, etc. were developed by ISRO.



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Bandipur National Park



Covering an area of about 874.20 sq km, the Bandipur National Park is home to the Spotted Deer, the Sambar Deer, Pythons, Sloth Bears, Porcupines, Monkeys and over 230 species of birds. Along with the adjoining Nagarhole National Park to the north, Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu, and Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala, it is one of the premier tiger reserves in the country, not to mention the biggest biosphere. These forests are collectively known as the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, and

are extremely well-protected against poachers and deforestation activities.

Not only fauna, the park also shelters a wide range of timber trees like teak, rosewood, sandalwood, clumping bamboo, Indian kino tree along with flowering and fruiting trees like kadam, Indian gooseberry, satinwood, golden shower tree, black clutch and flame of the forest.

For a true forest experience, visitors are advised to spend a few days in one of the many jungle lodges that dot the periphery of the reserve. Some of them organise jeep safaris into the forest, which allow guests to get close to the denizens of Bandipur.

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