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Celebration of 9th International Day of Yoga

To celebrate the 9th International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Embassy of India, Hanoi and the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh city partnered with 35 cities/provinces of Vietnam to hold Yoga events to promote awareness about the benefit of practicing Yoga.

This year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the IDY celebrations on 21 June 2023, at the iconic North Lawn of the UN Headquarters in New York City. The event witnessed an overwhelming response from thousands of yoga enthusiasts from over 135 nationalities, setting a Guinness World Record for participation by maximum number of nationalities in a Yoga session. A [video message](#) by UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres was also played.

Vinh Phuc



Khai Nguyen Pagoda



Quang Tri



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9 years of Government achievement



Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government marked nine years of 'Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan' (service, good governance and welfare of the poor) through development which is inclusive, progressive, and sustainable. Following are examples of India's transformation across 14 facets of policymaking, ranging from infrastructure to foreign policy to social justice:

- India climbs 79 position in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business.
- India is now the 3rd largest startup ecosystem with 4 startups registered every hour
- India is the fastest-growing technology center in the world
- India has 4th largest renewable energy capacity in the world.
- INS Vikrant – India's first indigenous aircraft carrier inducted
- India's per capita income nearly doubled.

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Prime Minister flags off five new Vande Bharat Express trains



Indian Railways witnessed a historic day on 27 June when Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off five new & upgraded versions of Vande Bharat Express trains at Rani Kamalapati Station in Bhopal.

The five new Vande Bharat Express trains are running between Rani Kamalapati-Jabalpur, Rani Kamalapati-Indore, Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai, Ranchi-Patna, and Dharwad-Bengaluru. These Vande Bharat trains will improve connectivity among the state capitals and other cities, reduce the travelling time & enhance the comfort of journey.

The Vande Bharat Express now traverses 24 states, covering a staggering distance of more than 11,000 km.

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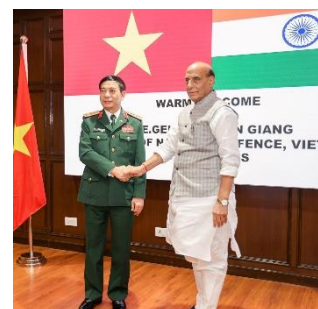


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Defence Minister visits India



Minister of National Defence of Vietnam General Phan Van Giang visited India on June 18-19, 2023. During the visit, he held a bilateral meeting with Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on June 19 and called on President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu. Progress on various bilateral defence cooperation initiatives was reviewed by the two Defence Ministers, with both sides expressing satisfaction at the ongoing engagements. Both Ministers identified means to enhance existing areas of collaboration, especially in the field of defence industry cooperation, maritime security and multinational cooperation.

As part of his engagements, the Defence Minister of Vietnam also visited DRDO headquarters and discussed ways to enhance defence industrial capabilities by cooperation in defence research and joint production. General Phan Van Giang also visited the National War Memorial as well as the Defence Research & Development Organization.

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Goa – Land of Sun, Sand and Spices

Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development attends G20 Meeting

Vietnam's Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, H.E. Mr. Le Minh Hoan participated in the G20 Agricultural Ministers' Meeting in Hyderabad from 15-17 June 2023 as a special invitee of India as G-20 President.



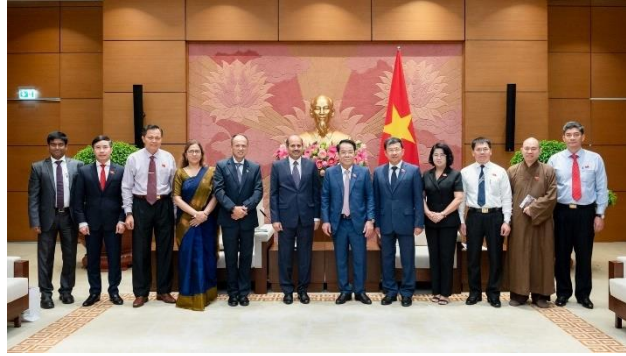
During the visit, on 14 June, Minister Le Minh Hoan met Indian Commerce & Industry Minister, Mr. Piyush Goyal, and visited Indian Council for Agricultural Research and Pusa Institute of Technology in New Delhi. He also held a bilateral meeting with the Indian Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar in Hyderabad on 15 June to discuss agricultural cooperation under the comprehensive strategic partnership between India and Vietnam.

During the G20 Agriculture Ministers' Meeting, issues discussed include: (i) Food security and nutrition, (ii) Sustainable agriculture with climate smart approach, (iii) Inclusive agri-value chains and food systems and (iv) Digitalization for agricultural transformation. The Chair Summary and Outcome Document of the Ministerial Meeting outlines in detail the consensus that was reached for strengthening cooperation among the G20 nations in the above mentioned areas.

The two key outcomes of the meeting are (i) Deccan High-Level Principles on Food Security and Nutrition 2023 and (ii) International Millets and Other Ancient Grains Research Initiative (MAHARISHI). On India's initiative, it was the first time in the history of G20 that the Agriculture Ministers have agreed on championing the High Level Principles on food security and nutrition. The G20 nations also pledged to alleviate the immediate suffering and build resilience in communities affected by food security crises by providing assistance and support.



Ambassador met Viet Nam-India Parliamentary Friendship Group



Ambassador met the Viet Nam-India Parliamentary Friendship Group chaired by Hon'ble Duong Thanh Binh and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Vietnam, H.E. Vu Hai Ha about India-Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and progressing parliamentary exchanges.

India-Vietnam Policy Planning Dialogue



India and Vietnam shared their perspectives on key regional and global issues of common interest during Policy Planning Dialogue held in Hanoi today. Indian delegation also called on Vietnam's Deputy Foreign Minister and held interactive session at Vietnam Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, Center for India Study at Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics and Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam during their visit from 7-8 June 2023.

INDIA'S DEFENCE SECTOR



'Agni Prime' ballistic missile successfully flight-tested by DRDO

New Generation Ballistic Missile 'Agni Prime' was successfully flight-tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha on 7 June.

This was the first pre-induction night launch conducted by the users after three successful developmental trials of the missile, validating the accuracy and reliability of the system. Range Instrumentation like Radar, Telemetry and Electro Optical Tracking Systems were deployed at different locations, including two down-range ships, at the terminal point to capture flight data covering the entire trajectory of the vehicle.



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Goa – Land of Sun, Sand and Spices

Located by the glistening waters of the Arabian Sea on India's western coast, the state of Goa is renowned for its breathtaking beaches, rich culture and pristine natural beauty. Formerly a Portuguese colony, Goa offers travellers a chance to experience a unique blend of sandy shores, forests, monuments and delectable cuisine, attracting tourists across age groups.



As one of the smallest states in India in terms of geographical extent, Goa packs a vast spectrum of cultural experiences. Portuguese, Maharashtrian and Konkani influences are evident in language, food, architecture, dress and dance. Several festivals are celebrated here that bear testimony to its multi-cultural glory. Such are the charms of Goa that even film-makers and writers have found picture-perfect locations here. Goa has been the backdrop of numerous Indian movies, which have captured its spirit as a haven of unforgettable experiences.

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