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Uzbekistan

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on PM Modi

***‘Oliy Darajali
Do‘stlik’ Order***

- Indonesia's** Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia' medal
- Slovakia's** Order of the White Double Cross (1st Class)
- Norway's** Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit
- Sweden's** Royal Order of Polar Star Commander Grand Cross
- Oman's** First Class of the Order
- Israel's** Speaker of the Knesset Medal
- Ethiopia's** Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia
- Namibia's** The Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis
- Brazil's** Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross
- Trinidad & Tobago's** the Order of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- Ghana's** The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana
- Cyprus's** the Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III
- Sri Lanka's** The Mitra Vibhushana
- Mauritius'** The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star & Key of the Indian Ocean
- Kuwait's** The Order of Mubarak Al Kabeer
- Guyana's** The Order Of Excellence
- Barbados's** The Order of Freedom
- Nigeria's** Grand Commander of the Order
- Dominica's** Dominica Award of Honour
- Russia's** Order of St. Andrew the Apostle
- Greece's** Grand Cross of the Order of Honour
- France's** Grand Cross of the Legion
- Egypt's** Order of the Nile
- Republic of Palau's** honour Ebakl Award
- Papua New Guinea's** the Order of Logohu
- Fiji's** Companion of the Order of Fiji
- Bhutan's** Order of the Druk Gyalpo
- US** Government's Legion of Merit
- Bahrain's** King Hamad Order of the Renaissance
- Maldives'** the Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddin
- United Arab Emirates'** Order of Zayed Award
- Palestine's** the Grand Collar of the State of Palestine Award
- Afghanistan's** the State Order of Ghazi Amir Amanullah Khan
- Saudi Arabia's** Order of King Abdulaziz

From the CEO's Desk



Dear Readers,

Welcome to the September 2026 Edition of MyGov Bharat Matters!

This edition of Bharat Matters captures this multifaceted journey, from the upcoming **BRICS 2026** Summit under India's chairship and India's commitment to the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**, to our growing role in global humanitarian assistance and green diplomacy through Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam.

It also reflects the aspirations of a young and confident India, from our achievements in sport at the **Commonwealth Games 2026** to the transformative potential of **Semicon 2.0**, which strengthens our ambition to build a globally competitive technology ecosystem.

As India celebrates its **Independence Day 2026**, our journey is increasingly defined by the confidence to shape global conversations while remaining rooted in our civilisational values.

The growing recognition of India as a **global tourism hub** further demonstrates how our heritage, diversity and development are becoming bridges of connection with the world.

Each story in this edition is, in its own way, a reflection of an India that is confident in its capabilities, responsible in its global engagement and ambitious about its future.



Shri Ajit Kumar, IAS
CEO, MyGov

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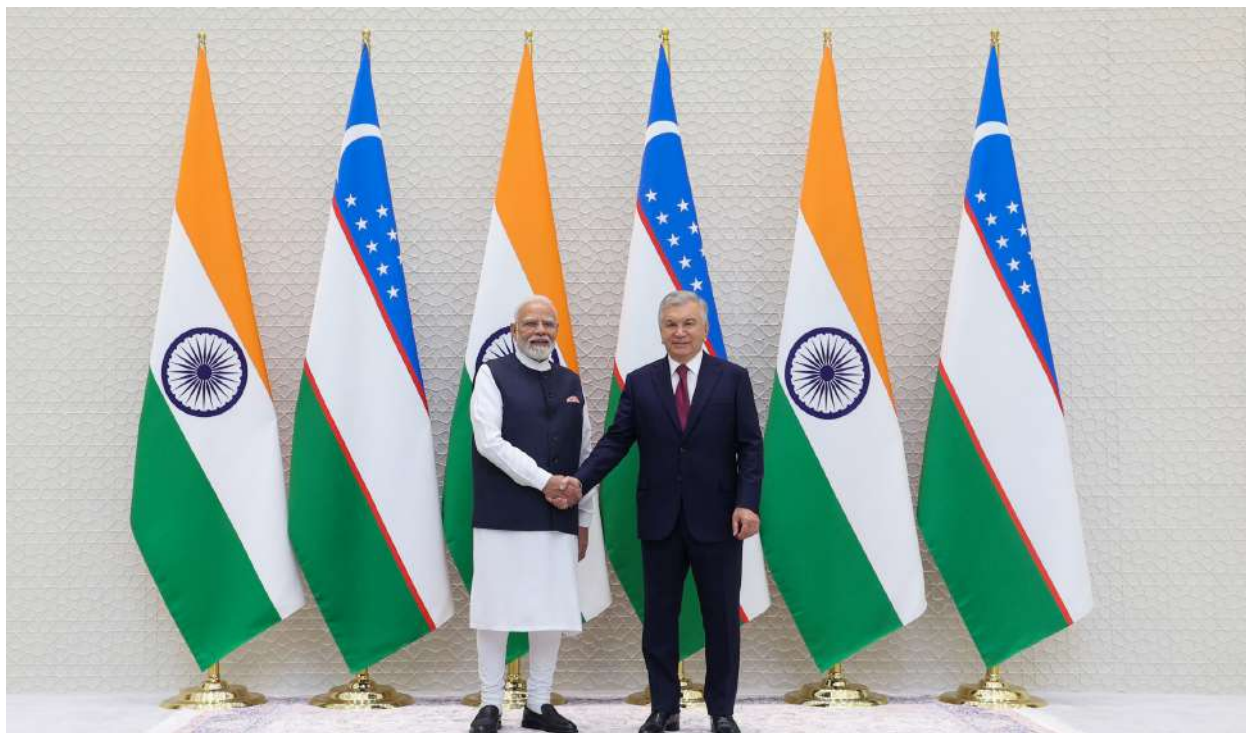
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India–Uzbekistan



A Comprehensive Strategic Partnership for a Shared Future

PM Modi's State Visit to Uzbekistan from 29-30 August 2026, at the invitation of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, marked a new chapter in India's engagement with Central Asia. The visit combined strategic cooperation with strong people-to-people, cultural and civilisational ties. President Mirziyoyev conferred Uzbekistan's highest honour for foreign leaders, the "Oliy Darajali Do'stlik" Order, on PM Modi for strengthening bilateral friendship.

Warmth of People-to-People Ties

PM Modi received a warm welcome from the Indian community in Tashkent, including a vibrant community of over 16,000 Indian students who serve as a living bridge between the two countries. He also witnessed a Yoga session hosted by the Yoga Federation of Uzbekistan, highlighting Yoga's growing appeal as a means of bringing people and cultures together.

He visited the **Mahatma Gandhi Centre at Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies** and interacted with Indologists and students, underscoring the depth of India–Uzbekistan cultural and intellectual exchanges.

From Strategic to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

On **30 August**, President Mirziyoyev accorded PM Modi a ceremonial welcome at the **Kuksaroy Presidential Palace**, followed by bilateral talks covering trade, investment, infrastructure, critical minerals, mining, defence and security, innovation, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, IT, digital public infrastructure and education.

The two leaders decided to elevate the bilateral Strategic Partnership to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. They also set a target of taking bilateral trade from over US\$1 billion to US\$5 billion by 2030, while advancing cooperation in digital public infrastructure, including UPI and digital payments.

Defence, Agriculture, Health and Youth

The two countries will promote direct linkages, co-production and co-development between their defence industries, alongside partnerships between cities and states. Uzbekistan's horticulture expertise will be combined with India's modern agricultural practices to strengthen food security, while cooperation in traditional medicine will connect Uzbekistan's medicinal herbs with India's Ayurveda expertise.

Youth exchanges, particularly among **students and professionals**, will receive greater priority, while sports cooperation will gain momentum through traditional sports such as **Kurash and Kabaddi**.





Shared Heritage & Sustainability

India and Uzbekistan agreed on a Letter of Intent for the restoration and conservation of the Buddhist sites of Fayaz Tepa and Kara Tepa, reflecting their shared civilisational heritage. The two sides also exchanged agreements and MoUs covering mining, culture, education, tourism, Ayurveda and other areas.

PM Modi and President Mirziyoyev jointly planted a tree under India's "**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam**" initiative and Uzbekistan's "**Yashil Makon**" green efforts, reaffirming their shared commitment to a greener future.



PM MODI IN BISHKEK

Advancing India's Strategic Partnerships at the 26th SCO Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic on 30 August 2026 to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Leadership Summit. The Summit brought together 10 Member States, 15 Partner countries and 2 Observer countries, providing a platform to advance dialogue and cooperation on key regional and global issues.

Strengthening India–Kyrgyz People-to-People Ties

During his visit, PM Modi interacted with members of the Indian community in Bishkek, appreciating

their energy, enthusiasm and valuable contributions towards strengthening the bonds of friendship between India and the Kyrgyz Republic.

He also engaged with the Friends of India in Bishkek, exchanging views on the longstanding bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries. Discussions focused on further strengthening people-to-people ties and expanding the multifaceted India–Kyrgyz partnership.

PM Modi also paid a floral tribute at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial in Bishkek, paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi and recalling his timeless message of peace, non-violence and harmony.

India–Kyrgyz Republic: Deepening Strategic Partnership

PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with President Sadyr Zhaparov of the Kyrgyz Republic. The two leaders reviewed the entire spectrum of bilateral relations and reaffirmed the close and longstanding ties between India and Kyrgyzstan.

Both sides agreed to further strengthen their Strategic Partnership, including cooperation in the economic and commercial spheres. PM Modi also congratulated President Zhaparov on Kyrgyzstan's successful chairship of the SCO for 2025–26.

India–Armenia: Expanding Bilateral Cooperation

PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan on the sidelines of the 26th SCO Summit in Bishkek. The two leaders discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation across key areas, including defence, economic relations, pharmaceuticals, science & technology, culture and education.

India–Iran: Dialogue for Peace and Stability

On the sidelines of the SCO Summit, PM Modi held a fruitful meeting with President Masoud Pezeshkian of Iran. The leaders discussed various aspects of bilateral ties and reviewed recent developments in the West Asia region. PM Modi reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. He also underlined the need for continued efforts to ensure peace and stability, while safeguarding freedom of navigation and commerce.

India–Russia: Strengthening the Special & Privileged Strategic Partnership



PM Modi met President Vladimir Putin on the margins of the 26th SCO Summit. The leaders reviewed bilateral cooperation and progress across several areas, including economic cooperation, defence, energy, space, mobility and people-to-people ties.

They also exchanged views on key regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the crisis in the Persian Gulf and the Black Sea, which has affected maritime trade and the safety and security of Indian seafarers. Both leaders agreed to remain engaged to further strengthen the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia.

Celebrating the Spirit of the World Nomad Games

PM Modi, along with other SCO leaders, participated in the official opening ceremony of the 6th World Nomad Games in Bishkek on 31 August 2026. The biennial event celebrates the rich sporting traditions, culture and heritage of nomadic civilisations, bringing countries together in a vibrant celebration of their shared cultural heritage.

INDIA'S VISION

for a Secure, Connected & Opportunity-Rich SCO



26th SCO Summit, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic September 1, 2026

At the 26th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Bishkek, Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlined India's vision for the SCO around three defining pillars: **Security, Connectivity and Opportunity**. The summit, being held from 31 August to 1 September 2026, also marks the 25th anniversary of the SCO.

A United Stand Against Terrorism

On security, PM Modi called for dismantling the entire ecosystem of terrorism, including its financing, recruitment, radicalisation and safe havens. He stressed that there must be **“no place for double standards on terrorism.”** India also reiterated that wars and conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

Connectivity for Trade and Development

India supports connectivity that connects markets, facilitates trade and opens new pathways for development, while respecting the **sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries.**



People at the Heart of Cooperation



For India, the SCO is a confluence of great civilisations, cultures and ideas. The Prime Minister called for placing **people-to-people ties at the centre of SCO cooperation for the next 25 years.** He highlighted India-led initiatives such as the Start-up Forum, Young Authors' Conclave and Young Scientists' Forum.

India's proposed **SCO Civilizational Dialogue Forum**, whose first session will be held in India this year, further reflects India's commitment to strengthening cultural and people-to-people ties across the SCO.

EK PED MA A KE NAAM

India's Green Diplomacy



PM Modi with the PM of Mauritius,
Dr. Navin Ramgoolam



PM Modi with President of the Republic of
Seychelles, Dr. Patrick Herminie



PM Modi with PM of Italy,
Giorgia Meloni



PM Modi with President of South Korea,
Lee Jae Myung



From a personal tribute to a global movement, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam has grown into a p
Prime Minister Narendra Modi in planting trees, the initiative carried India's message
commitment to a green



PM Modi with President of Maldives,
Mohamed Muizzu



PM Modi with President Shavkat
Mirziyoyev of Uzbekistan



PM Modi with the President of Guyana,
Dr. Irfaan Ali



PM Modi with His Majesty King
Charles III

powerful symbol of environmental stewardship. As leaders across the world joined
e of sustainability beyond borders—turning a simple act of planting into a shared
er, resilient future.

WHEN THE WORLD SLOWED DOWN, INDIA KEPT MOVING

Amid wars, trade uncertainty, energy pressures and fragile supply chains, India recorded **7.8% real GDP growth in Q1 FY 2026–27**, adding nearly **₹5.9 lakh crore** in real output over the same quarter last year.

BROAD-BASED, NOT ONE-DIMENSIONAL

Services grew **10.0%**, manufacturing **9.2%**, and agriculture & allied activities **3.6%**. The breadth matters: India's growth is increasingly supported by multiple sectors rather than a single growth engine.

EXPORTS SIGNAL GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

Goods and services exports surged **25.8%**, with transport equipment exports up **52.2%** and machinery and equipment **31.9%**. India is strengthening its role in global supply chains.

BUILDING RESILIENCE, NOT JUST OUTPUT

Forex reserves of **\$729.3 billion** provide an important external buffer. Meanwhile, fixed-asset investment grew **11.9%**, construction **7.7%**, and capital-goods production **15.2%**—signalling capacity creation alongside current growth.

THE POLICY TAKEAWAY

The significance of 7.8% lies not only in its scale, but in its **composition**: diversified growth, stronger exports, domestic demand and capacity building.

INDIA'S GROWTH STORY GAINS GLOBAL RECOGNITION

International institutions continue to recognise India's resilience and growth momentum. The **World Bank reported 7.6% growth in FY26**, making India the fastest-growing major economy, while the **IMF projects 6.4% growth in 2026**. Meanwhile, OECD data shows **India's merchandise exports surged 20.4% in Q2 2026**, reflecting strengthening global trade integration.



INDIA'S GOLDEN RUN

at Commonwealth Games 2026

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India delivered a memorable performance at the **Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow**, finishing fourth in the overall medal standings with an impressive **39 medals: 13 gold, 17 silver and 9 bronze**.

Indian athletes showcased exceptional strength across disciplines, with **boxing emerging as a standout success**. Indian boxers secured a record **eight gold medals and three silver medals**, the highest gold-medal haul by any nation in boxing at a single Commonwealth Games edition.

The athletics arena also witnessed remarkable performances, including **Neeraj Chopra's silver medal in javelin throw**. India further celebrated historic success in judo, with **Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh** winning gold medals.

From established champions to emerging talents, Team India's campaign reflected determination, resilience and sporting excellence. The 2026 Games once again highlighted India's growing strength across the Commonwealth sporting landscape and the inspiring potential of its next generation of athletes.

BRICS 2026:

INDIA'S CHAIRSHIP AT A DEFINING GLOBAL MOMENT

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Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

The countdown to the 18th BRICS Summit has begun. On 12–13 September 2026, leaders of BRICS Member and Partner Countries, along with Outreach Invitees, will converge at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, for a summit that comes as BRICS marks 20 years since its establishment. India, which assumed its fourth BRICS Chairship on 1 January 2026, has anchored the year under the theme “Building for Resilience, Innovation,

Cooperation and Sustainability”, reflecting a people-centric approach rooted in “Humanity First.”

A Chairship Across India

The Summit is the culmination of an intensive year of diplomacy. India has hosted 350+ meetings and high-level engagements across 25+ cities, spanning the three core pillars of BRICS cooperation—political and security; economic and financial; and cultural and people-to-people exchanges.

From Dialogue to Delivery



India's Chairship has pursued practical outcomes across sectors. The Jaipur Consensus advanced cooperation on MSME finance, market access and resilient global value chains, while BRICS Trade Ministers progressed work on the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2030.

Education cooperation produced the 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Declaration, strengthening academic collaboration, skills, mobility and traditional knowledge systems.



Innovation, Resilience and Sustainability



Across technology, energy, agriculture, health, environment, urbanisation and youth, India has used its Chairship to connect policy dialogue with development priorities. The emerging focus includes resilient supply chains, startups and innovation, green energy and stronger economic cooperation. A proposed BRICS framework on supply-chain cooperation is among the key outcomes expected to advance this agenda.

Towards a New Delhi Consensus

The September Summit will bring together the outcomes of this year-long engagement and provide leaders an opportunity to chart the next phase of BRICS cooperation. For India, the Chairship represents more than convening a major international forum—it is an opportunity to shape a development-oriented, inclusive and future-ready agenda for the Global South.

INDIA'S COMMITMENT TO UN'S SDG

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SDG 13: Climate Action — India's Green Transition

India is accelerating its transition towards a low-carbon economy. As of 31 July 2026, India had crossed 300 GW of installed non-fossil electricity capacity, reaching 300.50 GW—over 60% of its 2030 target of 500 GW. Solar capacity alone stood at 164.59 GW, making it the largest component of India's renewable-energy portfolio.

Driving the Green Hydrogen Economy

The National Green Hydrogen Mission, with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore, targets 5 MMT of green hydrogen production annually by 2030. By February 2026, around 8,000 tonnes per annum of production capacity had already been commissioned, while 18 companies had been awarded incentives for 8.62 lakh tonnes per annum of production capacity.

Building Climate Resilience

Through MISHTI, India is restoring vulnerable coastal ecosystems; 4,536 hectares of mangroves were restored in 2025, with 22,560 hectares identified for restoration across 13 States/UTs.

Climate Action with Global Leadership



Through the International Solar Alliance, India is advancing global cooperation on affordable solar energy. Alongside its Net Zero target by 2070, India's approach integrates energy security, climate resilience and inclusive development.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026

The World Celebrates India @ 80

As India marks 80 years of Independence, leaders from across the world extend their warm wishes and greetings to the people of India. Their messages reflect India's remarkable journey, growing global stature and enduring partnerships across nations.

Dr Mohamed Muizzu
@MMuizzu

I extend warmest greetings to Her Excellency President Droupadi Murmu, @rashtrapatiibhn, His Excellency Prime Minister @narendramodi, the Government and the friendly people of India on the joyous occasion of their 80th Independence Day.

Eight decades of Independence reflect the aspirations, resilience and enduring spirit of the Government and people of India. On this auspicious occasion, I reaffirm the commitment of the Government of Maldives to further advance our close partnership built upon mutual respect, shared prosperity and enduring friendship between our two peoples.



His Excellency
@IsraelPM

On behalf of the State of Israel, I warmly congratulate President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister @narendramodi, and the wonderful people of India on your 80th Independence Day!

Let us continue to strengthen the beautiful friendship between Israel and India.



...

Peter Pellegrini
@PellegriniP - Aug 15

My profound congratulations to President Droupadi Murmu @rashtrapatiibhn, Prime Minister @narendramodi, and the people of India on your 80th Independence Day.

It was an honor to meet President Murmu and welcome her on her ...

Rabi Lamichhane
@Ranorabi - Aug 15

On the auspicious occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings to PM Shri @narendramodi ji, the Government, and the people of India.

As close neighbors, our nations share not only deep-rooted ...



Emmanuel Macron
@EmmanuelMacron - Aug 15

Congratulations to the Indian people on your 80th Independence Day!

PMO
@PMO_Nepal - Aug 15

On the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to PM @narendramodi and the friendly people and Government of India.

May the deep historical ties, close people-to-people relations and cooperation between Nepal and India continue.

Nikhil Choudhary
@NikhilChoudhary - Aug 15

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister @narendramodi, the Government and the people of India on the occasion of India's 80th Independence Day.

Let us enjoy a strategic partnership rooted in shared principles and ...



President Dr. Ibrahim Ali
@PresidentIbrahimAli - Aug 15

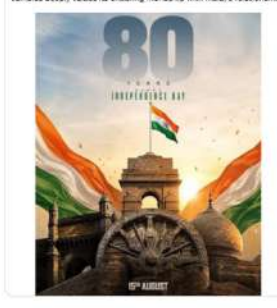
On behalf of the Government and people of Guyana, I extend warmest congratulations to the Government and people of the Republic of India as they proudly celebrate their 79th Independence Anniversary.

Over the past almost eight decades, India's remarkable journey has ...

Andrew Holmes
@AndrewHolmes88 - Aug 15

Today, I extend my warmest greetings to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and to the people of India as you celebrate your 80th Independence anniversary.

Jamaica deeply values its enduring friendship with India, a relationship ...



SURYAPATH TIRANGA: A Global Relay

Cultural Diplomacy



On 15th August 2026, the Suryapath Tiranga Global Relay marked India's Independence Day with the National Flag travelling across countries along the path of the rising sun. The relay connected 21 countries and Indian Missions and Posts across multiple time zones.

From Suva to Asia

The journey began at 1:30 AM in Suva, Fiji, with the hoisting of the Tiranga. It then moved through New Zealand, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and Myanmar.

Across South Asia

By 8 AM, the relay had reached Bangladesh, followed by Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The Tiranga was hoisted at each participating Indian Mission and Post.

Reaching West Asia

The relay continued through Uzbekistan and Oman, reaching the UAE at 9:45 AM IST and Qatar at 10:30 AM IST. In nine hours, the symbolic journey travelled from the Pacific to West Asia, following the movement of daylight across time zones.

INDIA'S HUMANITARIAN AID

Extending a helping hand to a Global South partner

India has dispatched 8 MT consignment of life-saving and essential medicines to Bolivia in support of its public healthcare capacity, advancing cooperation through solidarity and shared progress.



India Supports Afghanistan's Healthcare

India strengthens its enduring healthcare partnership with Afghanistan by delivering medicines and medical consumables to a Government Hospital in Kabul, supporting access to essential healthcare.



India Sends Relief to Nepal

Following the devastating flash floods in Nepal on 26 August 2026, India stepped up relief and rescue assistance. India first dispatched 10 tonnes of HADR assistance and essential medicines, followed by a second flight carrying 37.5 tonnes of HADR material, medicines and food packets. Third & fourth flight carried another 21 tonnes of humanitarian assistance, including portable generators, dignity kits, food packets and water-purification tablets, along with an 11-member team of doctors, paramedics and tunnel-rescue personnel. India also facilitated the return of 21 Tamil Nadu pilgrims rescued from the floods, reaffirming its support for Nepal's ongoing relief and rescue efforts.

IMPACT STORIES:

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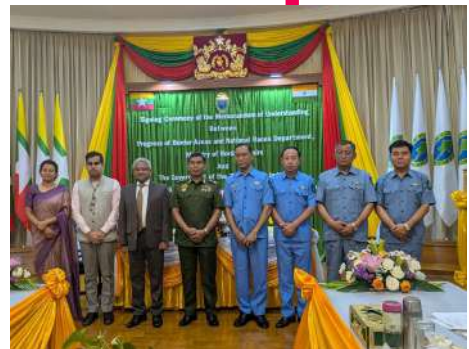
Glaw Lake becomes Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar Site, taking India's total to 101 and marking a proud milestone in the nation's conservation journey. This recognition reinforces India's commitment to protecting wetlands, preserving biodiversity, and building a sustainable future for generations to come.



A new Qatar–India remittance service powered by PosTransfer and UPI enables customers in Qatar to send funds directly to UPI-enabled bank accounts in India through Qatar Post outlets. The initiative combines Qatar's extensive postal network with India's Digital Public Infrastructure, offering an instant, secure and convenient channel for cross-border remittances—especially benefiting the large Indian community in Qatar and their families back home.



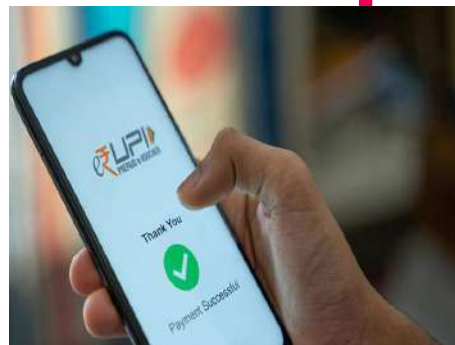
India's development partnership with Myanmar continues to advance with an MoU signed for a disaster relief materials warehouse in Dagon Township, Yangon, and the groundbreaking of a Pre-Primary/Primary School in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw.



Sarnath's inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List, taking India's tally to 45, is a landmark recognition of India's civilisational legacy. As the site of Buddha's first sermon, it strengthens India's cultural and spiritual connect with Buddhist communities across the world. The recognition reinforces India's cultural diplomacy, heritage conservation and global soft power.



From powering everyday transactions at home to enabling seamless cross-border payments, UPI is now operational across 11 countries, including France, Singapore, UAE, Greece and Mauritius. Its growing international footprint reflects India's leadership in digital public infrastructure, making fast, interoperable and accessible payments a global innovation story.



Participants of the 88th Know India Programme visited IIT Delhi and the All India Institute of Ayurveda, gaining first-hand insights into India's achievements in education, research, innovation and traditional systems of medicine. The visits offered a glimpse into how India is combining cutting-edge knowledge with its rich intellectual and traditional heritage.



Makhana is transforming from a traditional crop into a high-value global superfood, connecting farmers and rural enterprises with expanding international markets. With India producing over 80,000 MT annually and exports reaching 7,264.89 MT in 2025–26, the sector holds significant potential for value addition, rural employment and higher farmer incomes.



SEMICON 2.0:

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India's Next Leap in the Global Chip Race



From 17–19 September 2026, New Delhi will host SEMICON India 2026 at Yashobhoomi (India International Convention & Expo Centre). The three-day global conference and exhibition will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 17 September. Jointly organised by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and SEMI, it will bring together 500+ exhibitors, 243 international companies, 150+ speakers and delegates from 40+ countries.

From Silicon to Systems

Under the theme “Silicon to Systems: Building the Ecosystem,” the event will convene policymakers, industry leaders, investors, researchers, academia and startups across discussions on Semiconductor Design, manufacturing, Advanced packaging, AI, supply chains, sustainability, Skilling and workforce development. A dedicated Semicon 2.0

Policy session on the inaugural day, i.e. 17.09.2026 will provide a timely platform for India's next semiconductor policy phase.



Semicon 2.0: Building the Full Value Chain



The newly notified Semicon 2.0 spans six pillars: design; machines and materials; fabs; ATMP/OSAT; R&D; and talent development, with fiscal and infrastructure support aimed at strengthening technological capabilities and supply-chain resilience.



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Talent as Strategic Infrastructure



India has already developed 85,000 semiconductor engineers in four years, while students from Tier-II and Tier-III cities have designed more than 250 chips. The next target is another one lakh engineers, alongside an anticipated 50,000–60,000 direct and indirect jobs from the emerging ecosystem

With implementation already underway for Semicon 1.0 with 12 Approved Project & next phase i.e. Semicon 2.0, India is poised to move from being a semiconductor talent and design hub & to building a globally competitive, end-to-end chip ecosystem, strengthening technological Aatmanirbharta and powering the next phase of Viksit Bharat.

INDIA: GLOBAL TOURISM HUB



India's tourism sector is emerging as a powerful engine of growth, employment and regional development. Backed by its civilisational heritage, natural diversity, spiritual traditions and expanding infrastructure, India is moving beyond being a destination of attractions to building a globally competitive visitor economy.

The scale of this transformation is already visible. India recorded 2.9 billion domestic tourist visits in 2024, while international tourist arrivals reached around 2.02 crore in 2025. Tourism contributed ₹15.73 lakh crore to GDP in 2023-24, accounting for 5.22% of the economy, and supported 84.6 million jobs.

India's Diversity, the World's Destination

India's greatest tourism advantage is its extraordinary diversity. From ancient temples and heritage cities to Himalayan landscapes, wildlife reserves, beaches and islands, the country offers experiences for travellers across seasons and interests.

With 44 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 106 National Parks and 18 Biosphere Reserves, India has a vast tourism asset base. Spiritual and pilgrimage tourism, Buddhist circuits, heritage and cultural tourism, wellness and medical tourism, eco-tourism, rural tourism, MICE, cruise and adventure tourism are creating multiple avenues for growth.

Building World-Class Tourism Destinations



India's tourism strategy is increasingly shifting from developing individual attractions to creating integrated destination ecosystems.

Under Swadesh Darshan, 76 projects worth over ₹5,295 crore have been sanctioned, with 75 physically completed. Swadesh Darshan 2.0 has taken this further with a destination-centric approach, while the PRASHAD scheme is strengthening infrastructure at major pilgrimage and heritage destinations.

Connectivity That Brings India Closer

Tourism growth depends not only on what a destination offers, but also on how easily travellers can reach and experience it. Expanding highways, modern railway stations, Vande Bharat trains, airports and regional connectivity under UDAN are transforming accessibility.

The upcoming Viksit UDAN, with an outlay of over ₹28,840 crore, is expected to further strengthen connectivity to Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities and remote regions.

Digital, Inclusive and Sustainable Tourism

Technology is also reshaping the visitor journey. The NIDHI+ platform provides digital registration, recognition and classification of tourism service providers, helping improve transparency and ease of doing business. Tourism startups are further bringing innovation to travel-tech, homestays, rural experiences, smart mobility and AI-enabled travel planning.

At the same time, sustainable and community-led tourism is ensuring that growth reaches local households, artisans and entrepreneurs. Homestays, village experiences, handicrafts, local cuisine and eco-tourism are turning tourism into a source of direct livelihood and community empowerment.

Tourism as India's Soft Power

India's tourism transformation is ultimately about more than attracting visitors. It is about showcasing India's civilisation, culture, traditions and contemporary capabilities to the world while generating employment and strengthening local economies.

With infrastructure, connectivity, digital innovation and sustainability coming together, India is building a tourism ecosystem designed not merely to welcome more travellers, but to offer higher-value, longer-stay and more meaningful experiences.

The world is discovering India. And India is building the infrastructure, experiences and opportunities to welcome it.

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The Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, in Uttar Pradesh, India, has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 48th session of the World Heritage Committee



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