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Bilateral/Multilateral Engagements



State Visit of the President of Angola to India: President On 3 May 2025, H.E. Mr. Joao Manuel Goncalves Lourenco, President of the Republic of Angola, was received by President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Furthermore, President Lourenço and his delegation was also welcomed by the Indian Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. It is worth nothing that after 38 years, the President of Angola is visiting India. In addition to providing India-Angola relations with fresh impetus and direction, this visit will fortify the alliance between India and Africa.

Key Outcomes of the State Visit of President of Angola to India include:

- **MoU and Agreements:** MoU between on cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other Traditional Systems of Medicine; MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture; and Cooperation Programme in the Domain of Culture for the period 2025-29.
- **International Frameworks:** Angola signed the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement and became the 123rd member of the ISA.
- **Defence Cooperation:** India approved a \$200 million defence credit line for the modernization of Angola's armed forces.
- **Technology and Development:** India will share capabilities with Angola in Digital Public Infrastructure, Space Technology, and Capacity Building.
- **Sectoral Ties:** India aims to deepen collaboration in healthcare, diamond processing, fertilizers, and critical minerals.
- **Cultural Ties:** A Youth Exchange Programme for building people-to-people relations.
- **Counterterrorism:** Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to combating terrorism, with Angola expressing solidarity over the recent attack in Pahalgam, India...

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Trade and Investment

India - UK FTA Finalised: India and the UK have finalised the India-UK Free Trade Agreement and the Double Contribution Convention. It is a historic milestone in the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and had potential for enhancing trade, investment, innovation, and employment. The agreement is set to deepen economic ties, raise living standards, and boost global competitiveness. The FTA, holding a potential to enhance bilateral trade, also offers new avenues for joint development of products and services for international markets...

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India Leads Call for Inclusive Energy Governance at BRICS Energy Ministers' Meet in Brazil: At the BRICS Energy Ministers' Meet in Brazil on 19 May 2025, India's Union Minister for Power and Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal stressed energy security, equitable access, and cleaner fossil fuel technologies. He reiterated India's strong dedication to creating a sustainable and inclusive energy future and praised Brazil's leadership on this theme, 'Strengthening Global South Cooperation for More Inclusive and Sustainable Governance.'...

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Visit of Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles to New Zealand and Fiji: Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, officially visited New Zealand and Fiji from 8-12 May 2025. During his visit, MoS (PM) delivered the Keynote Address as Guest of Honour at the INZBC Dialogue 2025. He witnessed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Pharmacopeial Cooperation between India and Fiji. MoS (PM) also held a bilateral meeting with Hon. Winston Peters, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, discussing the full spectrum of India-New Zealand relations...

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India Set to Lead Global Land Reform Talks from 5th to 8th May 2025 at World Bank Headquarters in Washington, DC: India will present its SVAMITVA Scheme and Gram Manchitra platform at the World Bank Land Conference 2025 in Washington, D.C., from May 5-8. Led by Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), the delegation will showcase SVAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) Scheme at two key sessions. The SVAMITVA Scheme will be highlighted as a groundbreaking approach to rural empowerment...

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India and EU Reaffirm Commitment to Conclude Ambitious FTA by the End of 2025, Deepen Strategic Trade Ties: India and the EU have reaffirmed their commitment to conclude the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) by the end of 2025. In a meeting between Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industries of India, and Mr. Maroš Šefčovič, European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security, both sides emphasized the strategic importance of a balanced, fair, and mutually beneficial trade partnership...

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