

International Developments

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Bilateral/Multilateral Engagements



Visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to the United Arab Emirates: The visit saw Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi engaging in fruitful discussions with President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, encompassing a wide array of topics aimed at enhancing cooperation and partnership. Talks ranged from reviewing the existing bilateral partnership to exploring new avenues of collaboration across various sectors including trade and investment, digital infrastructure, fintech, energy, infrastructure, culture, and people-to-people ties. Both leaders expressed their commitment to further strengthening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between their countries...

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visit to Qatar: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met the Amir of Qatar, His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani at Amiri Palace in Doha. Both sides held delegation-level and restricted talks. The discussions covered a wide array of topics including economic cooperation, investments, energy partnership, space collaboration, urban infrastructure, cultural bonds and people-to-people ties. The two leaders also exchanged views on regional and global issues...

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PM Modi Met Madagascar President at Dubai: On the sidelines of the World Governments Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met the President of Madagascar, Andry Rajoelina. This marks the first encounter between the two leaders, highlighting the importance of this diplomatic exchange. During their discussion, Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's commitment to enhancing the partnership with Madagascar, particularly through initiatives like Vision SAGAR - Security and Growth for All in the Region. Recognizing Madagascar as a fellow developing country in the Indian Ocean Region, India affirmed its support for Madagascar's developmental endeavors...

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World Governments Summit 2024: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had attended the World Governments Summit 2024 as Guest of Honour. The theme of the World Governments Summit was "Shaping Future Governments", with a focus on anticipating future opportunities and challenges while addressing pressing global issues. The summit covered six main themes through 15 global forums and over 110 interactive dialogues and sessions. The summit provided a platform for exchanging ideas among leaders from different fields and backgrounds. It also equipped the next generation of governments to adopt innovative approaches to address the challenges of the 21st century...

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State Visit of H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of French Republic, to India:

Prime Minister Modi and President Macron reaffirmed their shared vision for bilateral cooperation and international partnership, outlined in Horizon 2047 and other documents from the July 2023 Summit. Prime Minister Modi and President Macron reaffirmed their vision that the India-France Strategic Partnership can help build prosperity and resilience in their economies, advance their countries' security, and a more sustainable and healthier future for the planet, seek solutions for global challenges, reinvigorate multilateralism and help build a stable international order and a more cohesive and united world...

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India's Engagements with International Organisations

Government of India and ADB sign USD 200 million loan to tackle flood and erosion risk along Brahmaputra river: The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a USD 200 million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management along the 650 kilometres (km) long main stem of the Brahmaputra river in the state of Assam. The project interventions will contribute to broader stabilisation of the Brahmaputra river in high-priority flood- and erosion-prone areas and build the state's disaster resilience...

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NDB Sign three Loan Agreements with India to Boost Transport and Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: The Bank signed three loan agreements amounting to nearly US USD 700 million to develop rural roads in Gujarat, rejuvenate Manipur's Lamphelpat water body and develop an integrated sewage system in the capital city of Imphal. The partnership between India and NDB exemplifies a shared commitment to advancing sustainable development, fostering economic growth, and improving the lives of millions of people in India through inclusive and green infrastructure...

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ADB approves USD 23 million loan to boost fintech education, research in Gujarat: The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently said that it has approved a USD 23 million loan to enhance access to quality fintech education, research, and innovation at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT) in India. ADB's assistance will help strengthen the country's fintech education to ensure that digital and financial services become more efficient and accessible in the future.

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Trade and Investment

3rd Meeting of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) Joint Committee:

The 3rd meeting of AITIGA Joint Committee for undertaking the review of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) was hosted by India in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. The Joint Committee in its 3rd meeting held detailed discussions and took stock of the progress in the negotiations. The Sub-Committees reported the progress and outcome of their discussions related to market access, Rules of Origin and Standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures to the Joint Committee...

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India and Peru Trade Agreement negotiations: The 6th round of India -Peru negotiations for a Trade Agreement was held from February 12 to 14, 2024, in Lima, Peru, to continue the work that started in 2017 when the negotiation process was formally announced. In this round, nine working groups held in-person meetings: Trade in Goods, Rules of Origin, Trade in Services, Movement of Natural Persons, Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation, Dispute Settlement, Initial Provisions and General Definitions, Final Provisions and Legal and Institutional Issues...

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Indian Toy Makers receive huge orders at Germany's Nuremberg International Toy Fair: Indian toy makers, who participated in the five-day international toy fair in Nuremberg, Germany, held from January 30, 2024 to February 3, 2024 have received huge orders worth more than USD 10 million as they had showcased high-quality products. According to the toy exporters, buyers from countries such as the US, UK, South Africa, and Germany showed interest in their products and placed a good number of orders...

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India Signs Agreement for Lithium Exploration & Mining Project in Argentina: This is the first ever lithium exploration and mining project by a Government Company of India. This strategic move not only strengthens the bilateral ties between India and Argentina but also contributes to the sustainable development of the mining sector, ensuring a resilient and diversified supply chain for critical and strategic minerals essential for various industries...

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Japan commits Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of Japanese Yen (JPY) 232.209 billion for nine projects in various sectors in India: The Govt. of Japan has committed Official Development Assistance loan of an amount of JPY 232.209 billion for nine (09) projects in various sectors. The road network connectivity projects aim to improve infrastructure development in India's North East region, while the Chennai peripheral ring road project aims to alleviate traffic congestion and strengthen connections to the southern part of the state...

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