

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi statement on Pahalgam attack

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India will identify, track and punish every terrorist, their handlers and their backers.

We will pursue them to the ends of the earth.

India's spirit will never be broken by terrorism.

PM Modi in Madhubani, Bihar, 24th April 2025

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Terrorism will not go unpunished. Every effort will be made to ensure that justice is done.

The entire nation is firm in this resolve.

Everyone who believes in humanity is with us.

I thank the people of various countries and their leaders, who have stood with us in these times.

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The Prime Minister of Croatia statement on Pahalgam attack



Statement by Foreign Secretary on the decision of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) met this evening under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. The CCS was briefed in detail on the terrorist attack on 22 April 2025 in Pahalgam, in which 25 Indians and one Nepali citizen were killed. A number of others sustained injuries. The CCS condemned the attack in the strongest terms and expressed its deepest condolences to the families of the victims and hoped for the early recovery of the injured.

Strong expressions of support and solidarity have been received from many Governments around the world, which have unequivocally condemned this terror attack. The CCS recorded its appreciation for such sentiments, which reflect zero tolerance for terrorism.

In the briefing to the CCS, the cross-border linkages of the terrorist attack were brought out. It was noted that this attack came in the wake of the successful holding of elections in the Union Territory and its steady progress towards economic growth and development.

Recognizing the seriousness of this terrorist attack, the CCS decided upon the following measures:

(i) The Indus Waters Treaty of 1960 will be held in abeyance with immediate effect, until Pakistan credibly and irrevocably abjures its support for cross-border terrorism.

(ii) The Integrated Check Post Attari will be closed with immediate effect. Those who have crossed over with valid endorsements may return through that route before 01 May 2025.

(iii) Pakistani nationals will not be permitted to travel to India under the SAARC Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) visas. Any SVES visas issued in the past to Pakistani nationals are deemed cancelled. Any Pakistani national currently in India under SVES visa has 48 hours to leave India.

(iv) The Defence/Military, Naval and Air Advisors in the Pakistani High Commission in New Delhi are declared Persona Non Grata. They have a week to leave India. India will be withdrawing its own Defence/Navy/Air Advisors from the Indian High Commission in Islamabad. These posts in the respective High Commissions are deemed annulled. Five support staff of the Service Advisors will also be withdrawn from both High Commissions.

(v) The overall strength of the High Commissions will be brought down to 30 from the present 55 through further reductions, to be effected by 01 May 2025.

The CCS reviewed the overall security situation and directed all forces to maintain high vigil. It resolved that the perpetrators of the attack will be brought to justice and their sponsors held to account. As with the recent extradition of Tahawwur Rana, India will be unrelenting in the pursuit of those who have committed acts of terror or conspired to make them possible.

Ministry of External Affairs, GOI
New Delhi
April 23, 2025

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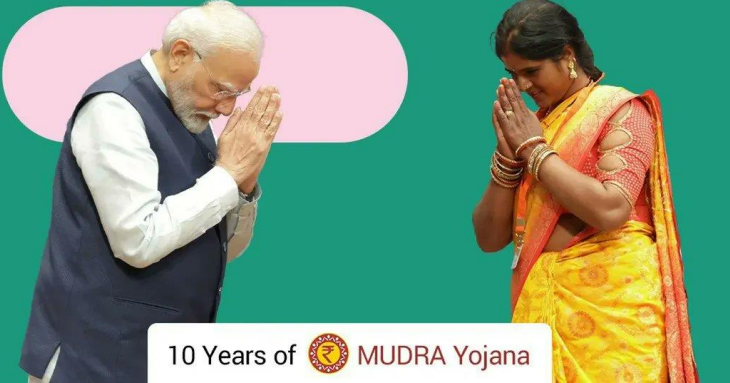
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Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

Engineering goods exports hit record high in FY25 despite global challenges

Engineering exports surged to US\$116.67 billion in FY25, led by strong demand from the US and other key markets, even as global trade faces mounting disruptions. The US remained the top export destination, with shipments rising 8.7% to US\$19.15 billion. The share of engineering goods in total merchandise exports rose to 26.67% from 25.01% the previous year. Significant growth was also recorded in the UAE, Singapore, Nepal, Japan, and France, according to the Engineering Exports Promotion Council (EEPC) India.

India offers growth and stability amid global tariff risks: RBI Governor

Amid uncertainties major global economies face due to tariff-related risks, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra said India offers strong growth and stability to investors seeking long-term value and opportunity. Malhotra highlighted that India's strong domestic demand — contributing about 90% to GDP — and relatively lower dependence on exports insulate the economy from external shocks. In contrast, merchandise exports account for only around 12% of India's GDP, much lower than in peer economies. He highlighted that the Indian economy had shown remarkable resilience and dynamism, posting an average annual growth rate of 8.2% between 2021-22 and 2024-25. He said growth in FY2026 is expected to remain robust at 6.5%. "Although this rate is lower than recent years and falls short of India's aspirations, it remains broadly in line with historical trends and is the highest among major economies," he added.

Apple to shift all US-bound iPhone production to India by 2026

Apple plans to relocate the assembly of all iPhones destined for the United States to India as early as next year, as escalating US-China trade tensions prompt the tech giant to fast-track its supply chain diversification, the Financial Times reported, citing sources familiar with the matter. The move aims to completely shift the production of over 60 million iPhones annually sold in the US to Indian factories by the end of 2026.

This development marks Apple's most significant manufacturing shift in decades and builds on its recent investments in India. Apple is not the only tech company considering India a manufacturing hub. Media reports suggest Samsung is evaluating moving smartphone production from Vietnam to India following a steep 46 per cent tariff on Vietnamese imports. Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc., is reportedly in talks with manufacturing partners such as Dixon Technologies and Foxconn to relocate part of its Pixel smartphone production from Vietnam to India.


India climbs to 36th in global frontier tech readiness, ranks high in AI R&D

India has advanced to 36th place out of 170 nations on the UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD) 'Readiness for Frontier Technologies' index, marking a notable improvement from 48th in 2022. The 2025 Technology and Innovation Report outlines this progress as a reflection of India's growing preparedness for AI and other cutting-edge technologies. The index evaluates five key dimensions: ICT deployment, skills, research and development (R&D) activity, industrial capacity, and access to finance. India holds a high rank in R&D (3rd globally) and industrial capacity (10th), while remaining behind on ICT deployment (99th), **skills (113th), and access to finance (70th).**





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Ayodhya- Ram Mandir, Hanuman Garhi, Kanak Bhawan, Aarti at Saryu River

Patna- Buddha Smriti Park, Patna Saheb Gurudwara

Gaya- Vishnupad Temple, Mahabodhi Temple, 80 ft Buddha Statue

Varanasi- Sarnath, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Evening aarti at River Ganges

Mahabalipuram- Shore Temples

Rameshwaram- Dhanuskodi & Ramanathaswamy Temple

Madurai- Meenakshi Temple

Cochin- Old Churches in Fort Area, Chinese fishing net, evening cruise ride on Cochin Harbor

Goa- North & South Goa tour, The Basilica of Bom Jesus

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Engagements of Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal in Croatia

During his visit to Croatia, Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal met Mr. Zdenko Luci , State-Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs in Zagreb on 22nd April, 2025, strengthening India-Croatia bilateral trade ties and exploring investment opportunities. Team India and Croatia engaged in fruitful discussions during the meeting.



Deepening India–Croatia Economic Cooperation Across Multiple Sectors! On April 22, 2025, Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal and Joint Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Government of India, Shri Saket Kumar, held a productive meeting with Mr. Ivo Milati , State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia. The discussions focused on enhancing bilateral economic cooperation across a range of sectors, reinforcing the commitment of both nations to expand trade, investment, and technological collaboration.



Building Bridges of Trade and Innovation

On April 23, 2025, H.E. Shri Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, Commerce Secretary Shri Sunil Barthwal, and Joint Secretary Shri Saket Kumar, engaged with key industry leaders at the Hrvatska Gospodarska Komora (Croatian Chamber of Economy) in Zagreb.



The dialogue focused on exploring synergies between India's scale and Croatia's technological strengths. A presentation by Croatian representatives highlighted progressive sectors such as Defense, IT, Pharmaceuticals, Automotive, and Renewable Energy, setting the stage for future collaboration and investment.



Visit of Shri Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, to the Republic of Croatia (April 22-23, 2025)

Shri Sunil Barthwal, Commerce Secretary, paid an official visit to the Republic of Croatia on 22–23 April 2025.

2. During the visit, Commerce Secretary held bilateral talks with Mr. Zdenko Lucić, State Secretary for Foreign Trade and Development, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. The discussions focused on taking forward the EU-India FTA and strengthening bilateral trade relations. Commerce Secretary mentioned about the visit of EU President and 27 Commissioners to India as the first visit of the College of Commissioners outside the European continent since the start of their new mandate and also the first such visit in the history of India-EU bilateral ties. Commerce Secretary mentioned about the areas of collaboration between the two countries like Railways, Global Capability Centers, Electric Vehicles, IT etc. Croatian side apprised about their interest of investment in Defence sector (about flagship products of India), solar cells production, food processing technology, Automobiles, knowledge sharing amongst other sectors.

3. In the meeting of Commerce Secretary with Mr. Ivo Milatić, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, discussion was focused on promoting investment flows, and enhancing cooperation across key sectors including Healthcare, Education, Tourism, Entertainment (mentioned about WAVES summit), Supply-Chain integration, Logistics, Transports, Pharmaceuticals, Digital Technology, Renewable Energy and Manufacturing. For the 3rd Session of Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation which is due, both sides exchanged their views on improving the work of the commission with more frequent meetings and directly connecting the entrepreneurs of both the countries for a stronger and faster progress.

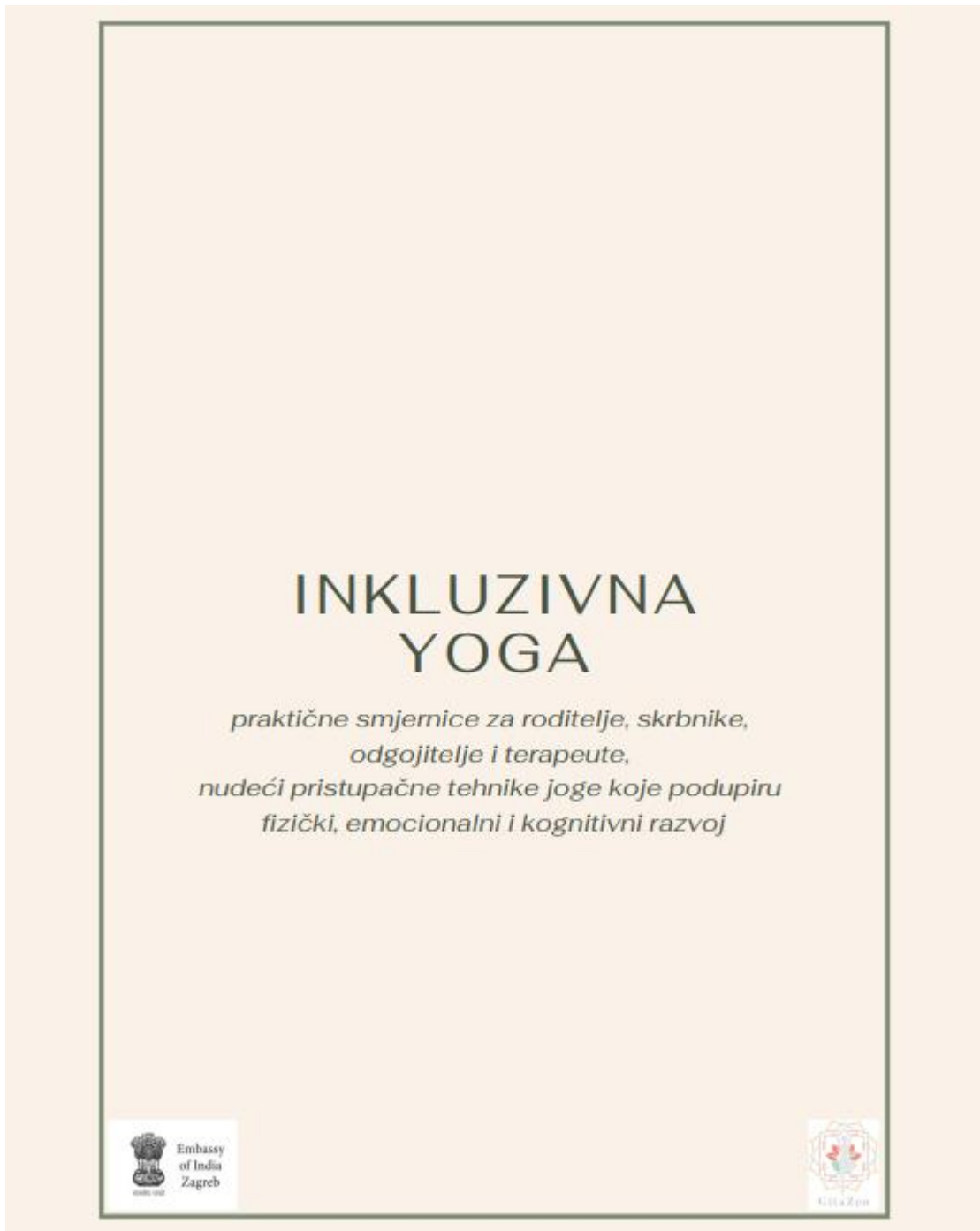
4. The Commerce Secretary also participated in a business interaction event “Exploring Economic Cooperation Opportunities between India and Croatia” organized by the Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE), where he met with the heads of various industry associations and leading Croatian business representatives. A presentation on the Croatian Economy, the trade and investment relations between India and Croatia and Industries potential on key sectors of mutual interest was shown. The event provided a platform to explore opportunities for collaboration, address trade facilitation measures, and promote mutual business interests. Successful business cases of Croatian Companies in the Indian Market were also presented.

5. The visit underlines India’s continued engagement with the Central European region and highlights the mutual interest in expanding commercial partnerships between Indian and Croatian enterprises. The Embassy of India extends its appreciation to the Government of Croatia and the Croatian Chamber of Economy for the warm hospitality and productive engagements during the visit.

Zagreb
April 24, 2025

**AYUSH Cell of the Embassy of India, Zagreb:
Inclusive Yoga: Practical Guidelines for Parents, Caregivers, Educators, and Therapists**

This guide offers accessible and easy-to-use yoga techniques designed to support the physical, emotional, and cognitive development of children. Ideal for anyone seeking a mindful and inclusive approach to fostering growth through movement, breath, and awareness. The development of the Inclusive Yoga handbook, along with the outreach and education of individuals caring for children, youth, and adults with developmental challenges and diverse abilities, was made possible with the support of the Embassy of India in Zagreb and the GitaZen Holistic Centre. The project aims to empower parents, caregivers, educators, and therapists through accessible yoga techniques that promote holistic development and inclusion. Download the handbook [here](#).





India is geographically diverse and offers a variety of cultures that come with its own experiences, making it one of the leading countries in terms of international tourism expenditure. As per IBEF's report on Growth of Tourism and Hospitality Industry, Travel and tourism are two of the largest industries in India, with a total contribution of about US\$ 178 billion to the country's GDP. The country's big coastline is dotted with several attractive beaches. With this, the travel market in India is projected to reach US \$125 Billion by Financial Year 2027. International Tourist arrival is expected to reach 30.5 million by 2028. As in several other sectors, Indian companies have been leveraging technology as a critical enabler of growth for the sector for over a decade now. From search engines and global distribution system (GDS) services to online travel agencies, the travel industry has witnessed significant innovation, and there is scope for more. A primary driver of tech-oriented growth for travel and hospitality companies is their adoption of cloud solutions and the development of Software as a Service (SaaS) technologies.

India is a large market for travel and tourism. It offers a diverse portfolio of niche tourism products - cruises, adventure, medical, wellness, sports, MICE, eco-tourism, film, rural and religious tourism. India has been recognized as a destination for spiritual tourism for domestic and international tourists. India ranked 34 in the Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Report 2019 published by the World Economic Forum.

Find out more at the following [link](#).

Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Starmer welcome the conclusion of a mutually beneficial India -UK Free Trade Agreement and the Double Contribution Convention



Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, highlighted the need for investments in emerging technologies such as robotics, automation, machine learning, 3D manufacturing, and next-generation factories at the inaugural ceremony of the second edition of Startup Mahakumbh in Delhi today. Shri Goyal, said these innovations are essential for realizing the vision of 'Viksit Bharat 2047' and establishing India as a global leader in industry and innovation.

India's position as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, attributing this achievement to the country's dynamic entrepreneurial spirit and technological advancements. Speaking at the event which will run from April 3-5. He also underscored the evolving role of startups in driving India's economic and technological growth.

Encouraging Indian investors to support the domestic startup ecosystem, Shri Goyal reiterated the government's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. He assured that the government will handhold and support those who face challenges in their startup journey, encouraging them to persevere and try again. He also stressed the need for increasing domestic capital investments, stating that a strong foundation of indigenous investment is crucial to reducing dependency on foreign capital and ensuring long-term economic resilience.

Shri Goyal emphasised the need to attract more domestic investors to strengthen India's capital base and ensure self-reliance. He expressed confidence that with collective efforts, India's startup ecosystem will continue to thrive and significantly contribute to the nation's prosperity. He urged domestic investors to invest in the country's startups.



Shri Goyal lauded the organizing committee, sponsors, and participants for their contributions and efforts in making the event a grand success. He commended the growth of the Startup Mahakumbh since its inception, calling it a reflection of India's changing mindset and expanding innovation ecosystem.

Highlighting India's economic trajectory, Shri Goyal noted that the country, currently the world's fifth-largest GDP, is on track to become the fourth-largest by the end of 2025 and the third-largest by 2027, surpassing Japan and Germany. He credited this growth to India's robust startup ecosystem, rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, semiconductor manufacturing, and deep-tech innovations.

Shri Goyal expressed his aspiration to make the next Startup Mahakumbh even bigger, targeting participation from all 770 districts of India. He proposed launching a nationwide competition to identify young innovators from colleges and incubators, ensuring widespread representation and participation in future editions.

Source: [Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India](#)

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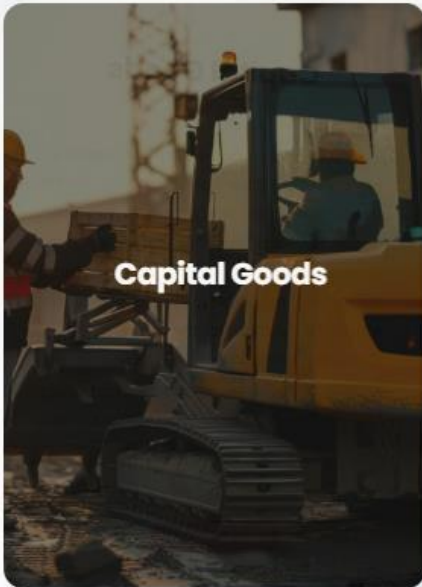
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As we approach this year's **International Day of Yoga (IDY)**, we are excited to share that celebrations will take place across Croatia from **May 31 to June 21**, culminating in the **main event in Zagreb**.

The **Embassy of India in the Republic of Croatia** is proud to support this initiative by hosting **50 yoga events nationwide**, offering **free yoga sessions** to communities across the country.

We warmly invite your **organisation or community** to participate in this nationwide celebration of wellness, unity, and inner peace.

To join the IDY 2025 program, please complete the registration form at the link below **by May 15**:

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Let's come together to celebrate the spirit of yoga across Croatia!

The Embassy of India, Zagreb has been organising International Day of Yoga since its inception in 2015. In IDY-2024, a total of 65 yoga events were held all over Croatia between 1-21 June, 2024.



**In this century we realise that Yoga has united the world
-PM Narendra Modi**

An invaluable gift of ancient Indian tradition, Yoga has emerged as one of the most trusted means to boost physical and mental well-being. The word "Yoga" is derived from the Sanskrit root yuj, meaning "to join", "to yoke" or "to unite", symbolizing the unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment, harmony between human and nature, and a holistic approach to health and well-being.

Due to Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi's relentless efforts, June 21 was declared as the International Yoga Day by the United Nations General Assembly. In its resolution, the UNGA endorsed that "Yoga provides a holistic approach to health and well-being apart from striking a balance between all aspects of life. The wider dissemination of information about the benefits of practising Yoga would be beneficial for the health of the world population." This infused an era of holistic health revolution in which attention was given more to prevention rather than the cure.

Centuries ago, one of the most popular Sanskrit poets Bhartrhari, while highlighting the specialty of Yoga, said:

धैर्यं यस्य पिता क्षमा च जननी शान्तिश्चिरं गेहिनी
सत्यं सूनुरयं दया च भगिनी भ्राता मनः संयमः।
शय्या भूमितलं दिशोऽपि वसनं ज्ञानामृतं भोजनं
एते यस्य कुटिम्बिनः वद सखे कस्माद् भयं योगिनः॥

Meaning that by regularly practising Yoga, a person can imbibe some very good qualities like courage which protects like a father, forgiveness as possessed by a mother & mental peace which becomes a permanent friend. Through regular practise of Yoga truth becomes our child, mercy our sister, self-control our brother, the earth becomes our bed & knowledge satiates our hunger.

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19th Indian Fashion Jewellery and Accessories Show (IFJAS)

Date and Venue: India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR, 04-06 July 2025

Website: www.ifjas.in

The Indian Fashion Jewellery & Accessories Show (IFJAS) is an internationally acknowledged annual sourcing fair showcasing both traditional and contemporary fashion jewellery and accessories. Around 200 Indian companies will display a broad range of products, such as jewellery, scarves, bags and accessories, fabrics, footwear, apparels, eyewear, watches, cosmetics, perfumery and many more.



World Food India 2025

Date and Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 25-28 September 2025

Website: www.worldfoodindia.gov.in

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is organizing the 4th edition of World Food India 2025. The flagship event has been scheduled to take place from 25th to 28th September 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. With the objective of introducing the world to rich Indian food culture as well as promoting investments in the diverse food processing sector of the country, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries launched the first edition of World Food India in 2017.



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