

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Prime pitches for dialogue and diplomacy to restore peace in West Asia



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Spoke with President Dr. Masoud Pezeshkian and conveyed Eid and Nowruz greetings. We expressed hope that this festive season brings peace, stability and prosperity to West Asia.

Condemned attacks on critical infrastructure in the region, which threaten regional stability and disrupt global supply chains.

Reiterated the importance of safeguarding freedom of navigation and ensuring that shipping lanes remain open and secure.

Appreciated Iran's continued support for the safety and security of Indian nationals in Iran.



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Had a fruitful discussion with the King of Bahrain, His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa. Conveyed warm greetings on the occasion of Eid al-Fitr to him and the people of Bahrain.

We discussed the current situation in the West Asian region. Condemned attacks on the energy and civilian infrastructure in the region, underscoring their adverse impact on global food, fuel and fertilizer security.

Reiterated the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation and keeping shipping lines open and secure.

Thanked His Majesty for his continued support for the well-being of the Indian community in Bahrain.

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Spoke with my brother, H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, the Amir of Qatar, and conveyed warm Eid greetings to him and the people of Qatar.

Reiterated that we stand in solidarity with Qatar and strongly condemn the attacks on the region's energy infrastructure.

Expressed gratitude for the care and support provided to the Indian community and hoped for peace and stability to prevail in the region.

We stand for safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz.



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Spoke with my dear friend, President Emmanuel Macron, on the situation in West Asia and the urgent need for de-escalation, as well as a return to dialogue and diplomacy.

We look forward to continuing our close coordination to advance peace and stability in the region and beyond.



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Conveyed advance Eid wishes to my brother, His Majesty King Abdullah II, the King of Jordan, over phone.

We expressed concern at the evolving situation in West Asia and highlighted the need for dialogue and diplomacy for the early restoration of peace, security and stability in the region. Attacks on energy infrastructure in West Asia are condemnable and can lead to avoidable escalation.

India and Jordan stand in support of unhindered transit of goods and energy.

Deeply appreciated Jordan's efforts in facilitating the safe return of Indians stranded in the region.



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Spoke with my friend, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia, and conveyed warm greetings to him and the people of Malaysia on the occasion of the upcoming festival of Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

We also discussed the deeply concerning situation in West Asia and reaffirmed our shared commitment to de-escalation and the early restoration of peace and stability through dialogue and diplomacy.



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Had a productive conversation with my brother Sultan Haitham bin Tariq and conveyed advance Eid greetings to the people of Oman.

We agreed on the need to prioritize dialogue and diplomacy for de-escalation and subsequent restoration of peace and stability.

Reiterated India's condemnation of the violation of Oman's sovereignty and territorial integrity and appreciated Oman's efforts to facilitate the safe return of thousands of people, including Indian nationals.

India and Oman stand for safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz.



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Spoke with HH Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Crown Prince of Kuwait and conveyed greetings on the upcoming festival of Eid.

We exchanged views on the evolving situation in West Asia and shared concerns over recent developments. Reiterated India's condemnation of attacks on Kuwait's sovereignty and territorial integrity. Ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz remains our foremost priority.

We agreed that sustained diplomatic engagement remains essential for regional peace and stability.

I thanked him for continued support for the safety and wellbeing of the Indian community in Kuwait.



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Spoke with my brother HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and conveyed advance Eid greetings.

We discussed the current situation in West Asia. Reiterated India's strong condemnation of all attacks on the UAE that have resulted in loss of innocent lives and damage to civilian infrastructure.

We agreed on the importance of ensuring safe and free navigation through the Strait of Hormuz.

Indian Technical and Economical Cooperation Programme (ITEC) at the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agronomy

On 23rd March, 2026, Embassy of India, Zagreb had the pleasure of organising the ITEC Day in collaboration with the University of Zagreb Faculty of Agriculture. The event opened with welcome remarks by Prof. Aleksandar Mešić, PhD, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, followed by remarks from H.E. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia.



The event brought together distinguished guests, including Jakša Petrić, Head of Sector for EU Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.



Through training programmes, scholarships, and professional exchanges, ITEC provides opportunities for professionals from partner countries to enhance their skills and exchange knowledge. Professionals from Croatia have participated in several ITEC training programmes in India in fields such as agriculture, technology, governance, and development. We then heard from inspiring ITEC alumni who shared their experiences and insights:

- Sanja Gavrančić, Professor of Pedagogy and Philosophy
- Ivan Miškulin, Faculty of Medicine Osijek, University of Osijek
- prof. dr. sc. Marko Petek, professor from the Faculty of Agriculture on their visit to India.



As part of the event, a photography exhibition titled “India Through the Lens: Maha Kumbh Mela – Inside the 45 Day City” by Petar Santini was also set up in the Council Hall of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb.



Donation of books on India National & University Library in Zagreb



Ambassador Arun Goel visited the National and University Library in Zagreb, where he met with Director General Ivanka Stričević. On this occasion, a valuable donation of books on India was presented, further strengthening cultural ties between the two countries. During a guided tour of the Library, His Excellency was introduced to some of its most treasured collections, including the first printed Sanskrit grammar by Vezdin – a remarkable symbol of the long-standing cultural connections between Croatia and India.



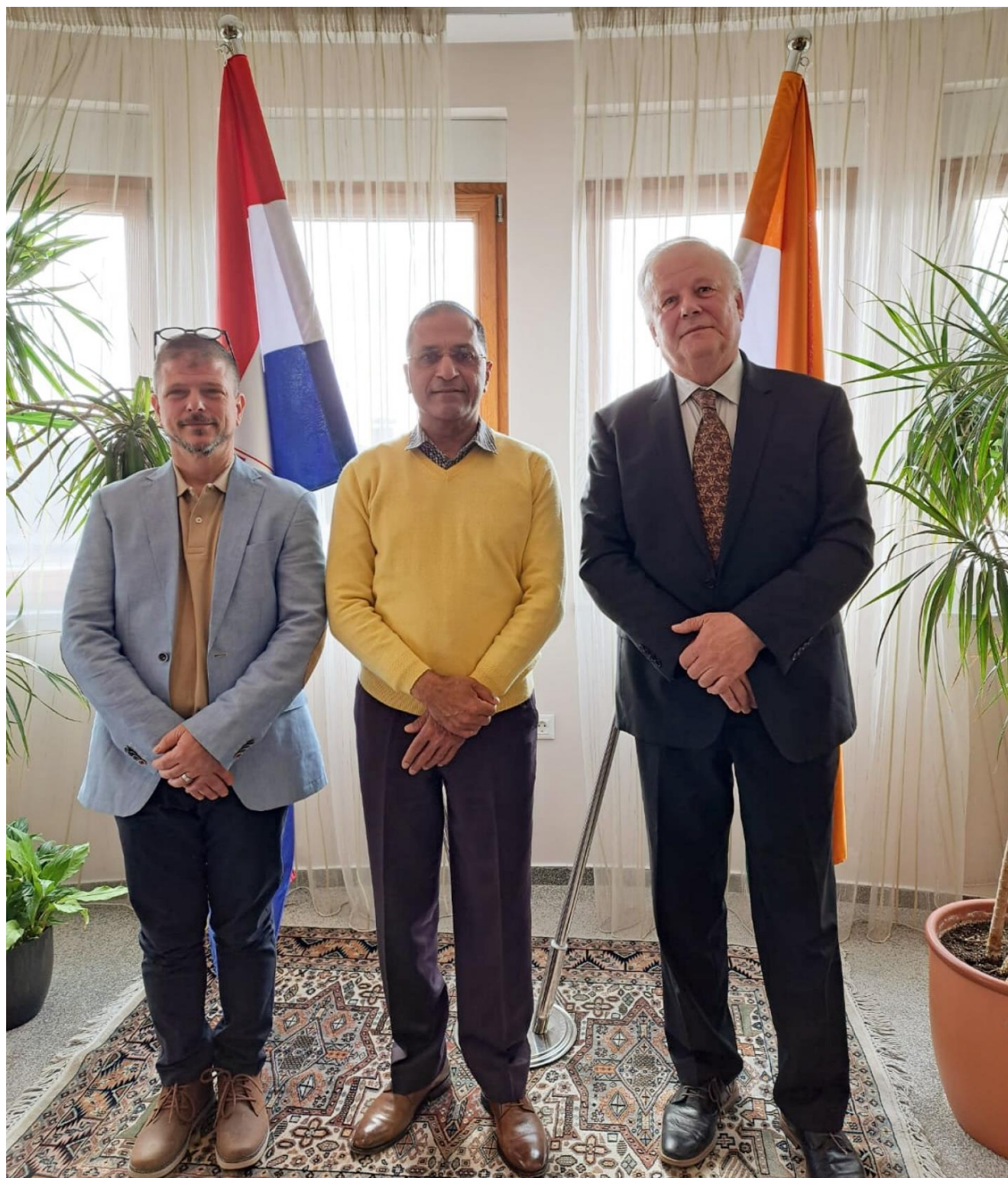
Ambassador of India interaction with Ambassador of the Czech Republic

A meaningful diplomatic exchange took place in Zagreb as H.E. Arun Goel, Ambassador of India to Croatia, met with H.E. Mr. Petr Gandalovič, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Croatia, during a courtesy call. The meeting highlighted the importance of continued dialogue and cooperation between India and the Czech Republic within the framework of their respective mandates in Croatia.



Ambassador of India interaction

Prof. Dr. Sc. Đani Benčić, professor from the Faculty of Agriculture, and his associate Mr. Matko Štambuk, met with the H.E. Ambassador of India to present a project proposal titled “Extra virgin olive oil of two-millennium quality and two-millennium tradition of its marketing in India”, aiming to renew the ancient Istrian tradition of trading the world’s highest-quality olive oil.



REVERSE BUYER–SELLER MEETS (RBSMS)

26.4. to 28.4. / Mumbai, India

1.5. to 3.5. / Visakhapatnam, India

India SME Forum is organizing **two Reverse Buyer–Seller Meets (RBSMs)** under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) **Program of the Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.**

The first RBSM is scheduled for 26–28 April in Mumbai, in association with the Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC), Government of Maharashtra.

The second will take place from 1–3 May 2026 in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation, Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Both programs aim to facilitate structured B2B engagements between curated Indian MSMEs and credible international buyers, fostering long-term sourcing partnerships and stronger trade linkages.

The organizers also offer subsidized travel, accommodation and entry costs for selected participants.

Register at: <https://www.indiasmeforum.org/itd/register-as-buyer>

Podcast: India x Croatia Dialogues: Croatia, India and a New Phase of Strategic Cooperation

India x Croatia: Dialogues



In this episode, we focus on relations between Croatia and India at a time when cooperation is entering a more ambitious phase, driven by the new trade agreement between the European Union and India. Our guest is a Member of Parliament from the Most party and a member of the Croatia–India Parliamentary Friendship Group.

We discuss political & economic cooperation, investment, infrastructure & the future of bilateral relations.



Watch the episode of Podcast: India x Croatia Dialogues [here](#).

Indian Economy on the Transformational Paths

India's Pharma Industry Surges Globally, Exports Hit \$30.5 Billion as Market Set to Double by 2030

India's pharmaceutical sector has emerged as a major global force, ranking third worldwide by volume and 11th by value, supported by more than 3,000 companies and over 10,500 manufacturing units. The domestic market, currently valued at about USD 60 billion, is projected to more than double to USD 130 billion by 2030. The country is the world's largest supplier of generic medicines, contributing roughly 20% of global supply and producing around 60,000 generic brands across 60 therapeutic categories. India has also strengthened its global health role by expanding access to affordable HIV treatments and becoming a key supplier of low-cost vaccines. Approximately 500 manufacturers operate in the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) segment, representing nearly 8% of the global API industry. Pharmaceutical exports reached USD 30.5 billion in 2024–25, marking a nearly 16-fold increase from USD 1.9 billion in 2000–01, underscoring the sector's rapid growth and expanding global footprint.



India's Bioeconomy surges from \$10 billion to \$195 billion in a decade


Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, and MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India's bioeconomy has expanded from about USD 10 billion in 2014 to over USD 195 billion in 2025, reflecting a massive growth trajectory over the past decade. He said the sector has recorded an annual growth of around 17–18 percent in the last year alone, rising from approximately USD 165 billion to USD 195 billion, marking India's emergence as a major global biotechnology hub. The Union Minister said biotechnology is now central to India's future growth story, driving advancements in healthcare, agriculture, climate solutions, and sustainable manufacturing. He said that India is steadily moving towards its target of a USD 300 billion bioeconomy by 2030, supported by a strong base of scientists, entrepreneurs, and startups. India's bioeconomy has reached USD 195.3 billion in 2025, contributing around 4.8 percent to the national GDP, with a strong CAGR of nearly 18 percent. The sector has more than doubled in size since 2020 and is supported by over 11,800 biotech startups across the country.



India's Total Exports Rise to USD 714.73 Billion in FY 2025–26 (Apr–Jan)


India's trade performance has remained robust and resilient, with exports recording a steady upward trajectory both in the current fiscal year (FY 2025–26, Apr–Jan) and over the longer term (FY 2021–25). Despite persistent global uncertainty, supply chain disruptions, and volatile commodity prices, India's exports have continued to expand in a broad-based manner. During Apr–Jan of FY 2025–26, total exports of merchandise and services rose by USD 36 billion, registering a growth of 5.26% from USD 679.02 billion in FY 2024–25 (Apr–Jan) to USD 714.73 billion. Over the period 2021–22 to 2024–25, exports achieved a compound annual growth rate of 6.9%, with values increasing sharply from USD 497.90 billion in 2020–21 to USD 828.25 billion in 2024–25.





INDIA'S SEMICONDUCTOR Moment Is Here

How is India Powering an **end-to-end semiconductor ecosystem** >>>



DESIGN

The Intelligence Layer



For A Fact

India has unveiled its first indigenous **32-bit microprocessor, Vikram-32 (Vikram 3201)**



What India Is Actually Doing?



In a breakthrough, a telecom system powered by **Made In India chips** has received **TEC certification**

India is bringing in private capital, with **₹430 crore** in VC funding already attracted

TALENT

The Human Capital Layer



For A Fact

India is home to nearly **20% of the world's chip design engineers**



What India Is Actually Doing?

Building the future chip workforce targeting **85,000 skilled professionals** in VLSI design and mfg

Fixing the education pipeline with **AICTE-mandated new courses** in VLSI Design and IC Mfg



FAB

The Manufacturing Layer



For A Fact

India is building first major commercial semiconductor fab in **Dholera, Gujarat** with an investment exceeding **₹91,000 crore**



What India Is Actually Doing?

Focusing on **28nm segment** which powers a massive chunk of the world's electronics in automotive, telecom, power sectors

₹900 Crore allocated to upgrade SCL Mohali into a research-led commercial Lab



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crore countrymen
will sail us through
these difficult times**

Highlights from PM Modi's 132nd Episode of Mann Ki Baat



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for nation-building, it
provides immense
support

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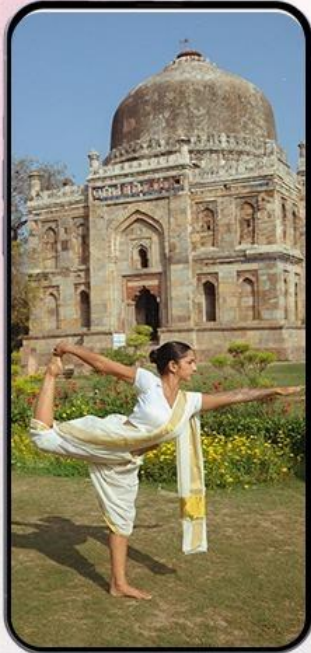




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iPHEX

Date: 07-09 September 2026

Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Website: <https://iphex-india.com/>

The 12th edition of iPHEX will be held from 7–9 September 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The exhibition will bring together more than 900 Indian companies from across the pharma and healthcare sector and is expected to attract over 50,000 domestic visitors. A hallmark of iPHEX is its focused B2B sessions, which have consistently distinguished it from other trade shows worldwide by enabling meaningful partnerships and business opportunities.



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17th PRINTPACK INDIA

Date: 30 January – 03 February 2027

Venue: India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR

Website: <https://www.ipama.org/#>

IPAMA, established in 1988 with the objective of promoting the Indian printing and packaging industry on national and international platforms, is organising the 17th PRINTPACK INDIA – International Exhibition at the India Expo Centre, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR, from January 30 to February 3, 2027. The exhibition will cover an area of 100,000 sqm. Already, 428 Indian and overseas companies have reserved their space. The exhibition profile includes printing presses; in-press and post-press equipment; finishing and converting solutions; digital and signage technologies; packaging machinery and materials; corrugation; printing and publishing solutions; paper and paper products; logistics and transportation; measuring and testing equipment; and related segments.



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