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Founder President's Note

Dear Readers,

As we step into September 2025, the global economic and geopolitical landscape is undergoing profound transformation. Shifts in global alliances, realignments in supply chains, and the emergence of new trade corridors are shaping a new world order. These changes, while complex, also open unprecedented opportunities for nations like India to position themselves as a bridge between East and West.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits and high-level bilateral meetings with world leaders have further cemented India's role as a trusted partner in the evolving global framework. The agreements and collaborations emerging from these engagements are expected to create new avenues of cooperation in technology, energy, healthcare, and infrastructure—sectors where India has strong capabilities and a proven record of partnership.

For Indian businesses, particularly importers, the current moment presents promising opportunities in Russia. With changing trade dynamics, Russia is looking to India as a reliable partner to meet its diverse import needs—ranging from pharmaceuticals and agricultural products to machinery and consumer goods. GTTCI is actively working to facilitate these connections, ensuring smoother entry for Indian enterprises into this growing market.

As we embrace these exciting times, I am delighted to share that GTTCI's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and our flagship **Global Diplomacy Gala 2025** are around the corner. These landmark events will bring together diplomats, policymakers, business leaders, and investors from across the world to deliberate on the future of trade and technology partnerships. I warmly invite all stakeholders to join us in these gatherings, which promise to be both insightful and impactful.

At GTTCI, we remain committed to fostering global connections, enabling Indian businesses to leverage new opportunities, and building bridges of trust and prosperity across borders.

Warm regards,



Dr. Gaurav Gupta
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"Building
bridges of
trust, trade,
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Chairperson's Note



Dr. Rashmi Saluja
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"Turning
global
changes into
opportunities
for shared
prosperity."

Dear Readers,

The month of August 2025 brings with it a renewed sense of optimism and responsibility as we navigate a rapidly evolving global environment. The changing geopolitical situation has created both challenges and fresh opportunities for collaboration. At such a juncture, India's growing role as a stabilising force and an engine of economic growth is both timely and significant.

This year also marks a historic milestone as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) completes 100 years of its journey. Over the last century, the RSS has played an important role in nation building, social service, and strengthening India's cultural fabric. This centenary is not only a celebration of the past but also an inspiration for a new era of Indian growth—where our country steps forward with confidence, combining its cultural values with modern aspirations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visits and bilateral engagements have further strengthened India's global partnerships. These interactions are not merely symbolic but have translated into concrete initiatives that enhance cooperation in critical sectors including renewable energy, education, healthcare, and advanced technology. For Indian businesses, these diplomatic strides mean greater access to markets, enhanced investor confidence, and deeper integration into global value chains.

One area of particular promise lies in new opportunities for Indian importers in Russia. The evolving trade corridors with Russia offer exciting prospects across a diverse spectrum of products and services. GTTCI is closely engaging with stakeholders on both sides to ensure that our members and partners can effectively participate in this growing trade relationship.

Looking ahead, GTTCI is preparing for two of its most important annual milestones—our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the Global Diplomacy Gala 2025. These events will not only showcase our vision for the future but also serve as a platform to bring together diplomats, policymakers, investors, and industry leaders. With dialogues on global investment funds, healthcare, tourism & hospitality, education, infrastructure, and technology, these gatherings will highlight India's readiness to lead in the new global order.

As Chairperson of GTTCI, I extend a heartfelt invitation to our members, partners, and well-wishers to join us in these transformative forums. Together, we can turn global changes into meaningful opportunities, fostering prosperity not just for India but for our shared world.

Warm regards,

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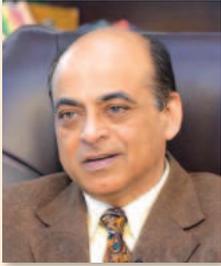


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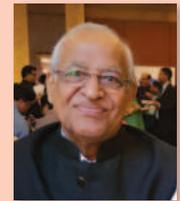
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India – Uruguay: A South–South Partnership for Sustainable Growth



India and Uruguay share a warm and steadily growing relationship rooted in mutual respect, shared democratic values, and a commitment to sustainable development. While geographically distant, both countries see each other as reliable partners in expanding trade horizons, promoting investment, and deepening people-to-people connections.



Economic Landscape

Uruguay, with its stable economy, high per capita income, and diversified sectors such as agriculture, services, and manufacturing, stands as one of Latin America’s most progressive markets. India’s robust GDP growth, driven by technology, manufacturing, services, and innovation, positions it as a natural partner for Uruguay’s vision of global economic integration. The complementarity between the two economies creates fertile ground for collaboration.

Trade and Investment Relations

India and Uruguay have fostered a dynamic trade partnership over the years, with exchanges spanning pharmaceuticals, textiles, chemicals, automobiles, and agro-based products. Uruguay’s strategic location as a gateway to the MERCOSUR bloc makes it an attractive hub for Indian exporters and

investors. Meanwhile, Indian expertise in IT, renewable energy, and infrastructure development offers significant opportunities for Uruguay’s economic advancement.

Shared Global Agenda

Both nations actively engage in multilateral platforms, advocating for equitable global trade rules, climate action, and sustainable growth. They support South–South cooperation, emphasize innovation-driven development, and promote reforms in global institutions to ensure fair representation for emerging economies.

Future Prospects

With ongoing high-level exchanges, sector-specific partnerships, and cultural collaborations, the India–Uruguay relationship is poised for greater diversification and resilience. By combining Uruguay’s strategic market access with India’s manufacturing and technological prowess, both nations are charting a path toward inclusive growth and long-term prosperity.

This partnership is not just about commerce—it reflects a shared vision for a connected, equitable, and sustainable global future.

India–Mongolia: From Spiritual Neighbours to Strategic Partners

India and Mongolia share a unique bond built on historical ties, cultural connections, and shared democratic values. Known as “spiritual neighbours” due to centuries-old Buddhist links, the two nations have transformed this cultural heritage into a modern partnership encompassing trade, investment, technology, and strategic collaboration.

Economic Landscape

Mongolia, with its resource-rich economy driven by mining, agriculture, and emerging industries, is steadily diversifying its markets and strengthening economic stability. India’s robust GDP growth, fuelled by industrial expansion, services, and innovation, positions it as a valuable partner in Mongolia’s journey toward sustainable and inclusive development. Together, they complement each other’s strengths—Mongolia’s natural resources and India’s manufacturing, services, and technological capabilities.

Trade and Investment Relations

Trade between India and Mongolia is evolving to include sectors like mining, energy, pharmaceuticals, IT, infrastructure, and education. India’s expertise in



renewable energy, healthcare, and digital solutions aligns with Mongolia’s economic diversification goals. Meanwhile, Mongolia offers India opportunities in strategic minerals, agricultural exports, and partnerships in infrastructure development.

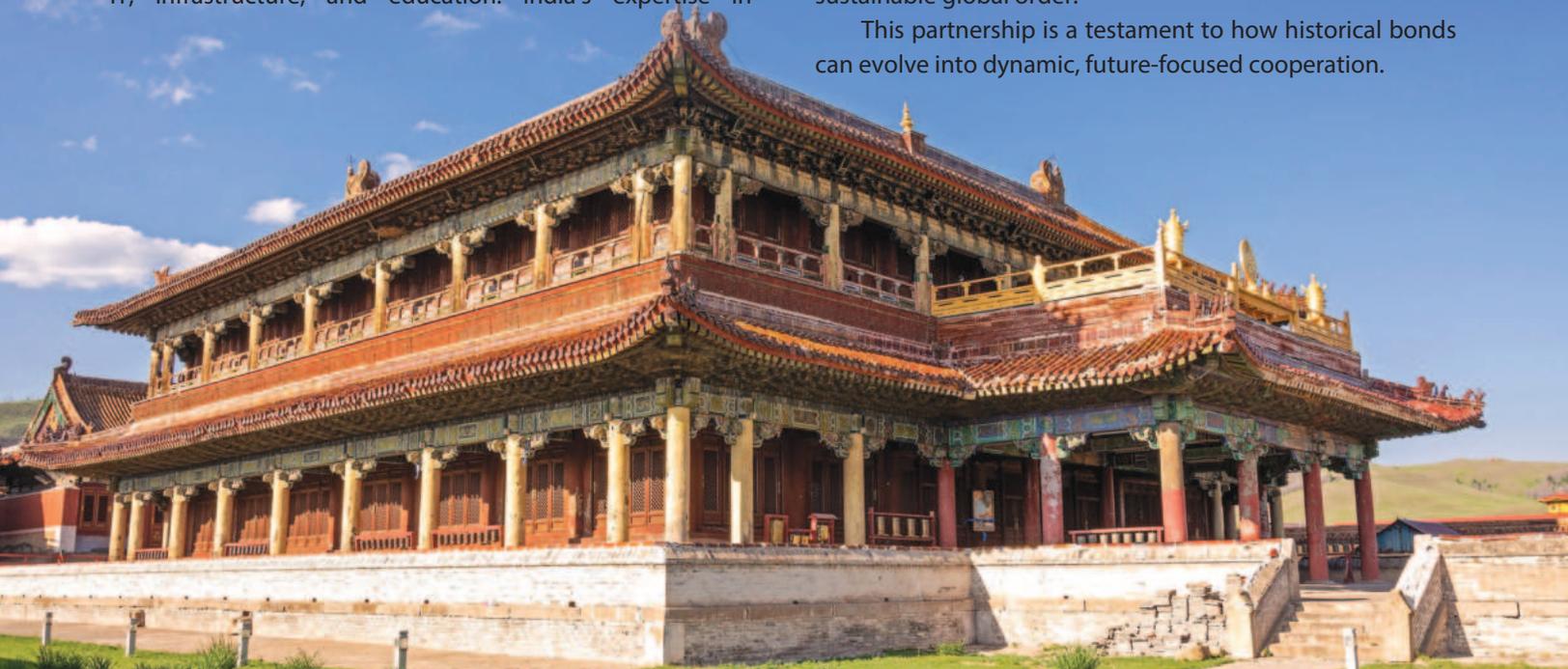
Shared Global Agenda

Both countries actively collaborate in multilateral forums, advocating for sustainable growth, climate action, and equitable global trade practices. As like-minded democracies, they support reforms in global governance institutions to ensure fair representation for emerging and developing nations. Their cooperation also extends to regional peace, stability, and connectivity initiatives.

Future Prospects

With increasing high-level engagements, new trade agreements, and cultural exchanges, India–Mongolia relations are poised for deeper integration. By combining resources, innovation, and shared vision, both nations aim to create a resilient partnership that not only benefits their economies but also contributes to a more balanced and sustainable global order.

This partnership is a testament to how historical bonds can evolve into dynamic, future-focused cooperation.





Expanding Horizons: India–Mauritius Cooperation in Trade and Investment

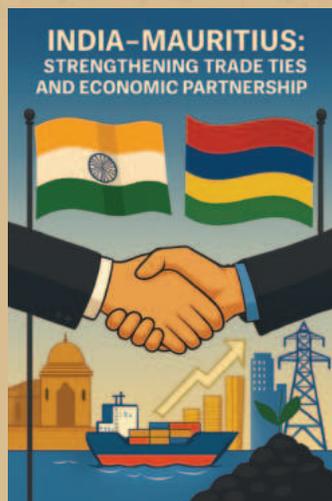
India and Mauritius share a long-standing bond rooted in cultural affinity, historical connections, and strategic cooperation. Over the years, this relationship has evolved into a robust economic partnership, with both nations working closely to promote bilateral trade, investment, and sustainable growth.

Trade and Investment Cooperation

Mauritius has been a preferred partner for India in the Indian Ocean region, serving as a gateway for trade with Africa and beyond. Both countries have signed several agreements to enhance trade facilitation, investment flows, and ease of doing business. The India–Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) further strengthens market access, encourages entrepreneurship, and fosters collaboration in emerging sectors such as financial services, information technology, renewable energy, and healthcare.

GDP and Economic Synergy

While Mauritius is a high-income economy with a strong service sector, India's rapidly growing GDP and diversified industrial base complement Mauritius' strengths. This



economic synergy allows for mutually beneficial partnerships — India provides expertise, skilled manpower, and technological support, while Mauritius offers a strategic location, business-friendly policies, and access to African markets.

Global Agenda and Strategic Alignment

Both nations share a commitment to sustainable development, climate action, and blue economy initiatives. They also collaborate closely in multilateral forums such as the United Nations, the Commonwealth, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). By aligning their strategies with global

trade and investment trends, India and Mauritius are well-positioned to drive regional prosperity and contribute to global economic stability.

Looking Ahead

With shared values, complementary strengths, and a forward-looking approach, India and Mauritius continue to deepen their economic ties. This enduring partnership not only boosts bilateral prosperity but also reinforces their roles as influential players in the global trade network.



India–Fiji: A Partnership Rooted in History

India and Fiji share deep cultural, historical, and people-to-people ties, strengthened by a significant Indian diaspora in Fiji. Over the years, these connections have evolved into a dynamic economic partnership, with both nations focusing on expanding trade, investment, and strategic cooperation across diverse sectors.

Trade and Economic Cooperation

Fiji, with its strategic location in the South Pacific, serves as a vital hub for trade with Pacific Island nations. India’s diversified industrial base, growing GDP, and expertise in manufacturing, technology, and services complement Fiji’s strengths in agriculture, tourism, and natural resources. Bilateral trade focuses on enhancing market access, developing infrastructure, and promoting investment in renewable energy, healthcare, and capacity building.

GDP and Economic Synergy

While Fiji’s economy is driven by tourism, agriculture, and fisheries, India’s rapidly growing GDP and technological



advancements offer opportunities for collaboration in areas such as ICT, pharmaceuticals, education, and skill development. This synergy supports mutual growth—India benefits from Fiji’s geographic advantage and resources, while Fiji gains access to Indian expertise, innovation, and affordable technology.

Shared Global Vision

India and Fiji cooperate closely in global forums such as the United Nations, the Commonwealth, and the International Solar Alliance, advocating for sustainable development, climate action, and the interests of small island developing states. Both nations share a commitment to promoting clean energy, ocean conservation, and resilient economic growth.

Towards a Stronger Future

As both countries strengthen their economic and strategic ties, the India–Fiji partnership is poised to play a significant role in advancing trade, innovation, and sustainable development in the Indo-Pacific region.



From Diplomacy to Development: India–Suriname Ties in Focus

Economic Foundations and GDP Insights

India and Suriname share vibrant economic foundations, each with unique GDP characteristics. India’s diverse and rapidly growing economy brings robust industrial, services, and technology sectors to the table, whereas Suriname offers rich natural resources and developing market potential that complement India’s strengths.



platforms to advocate sustainable development, equitable economic growth, and environmental protection. India’s development expertise and infrastructure capabilities offer partnership opportunities, while Suriname benefits from technical cooperation and capacity-building initiatives.

Bilateral Trade Dynamics

Over the years, trade between India and Suriname has seen notable improvements, driven by mutual interest in key sectors. Suriname provides vital commodities and raw materials aligning with India’s import needs, while India exports pharmaceuticals, machinery, and consumer goods that support Surinamese market growth. This balanced exchange fosters economic interdependence and paves the way for broader cooperation. Importantly, Suriname’s recently discovered offshore oil reserves present a new frontier for energy collaboration, offering opportunities to strengthen trade and investment ties with India.

Strategic Collaboration and Global Agenda

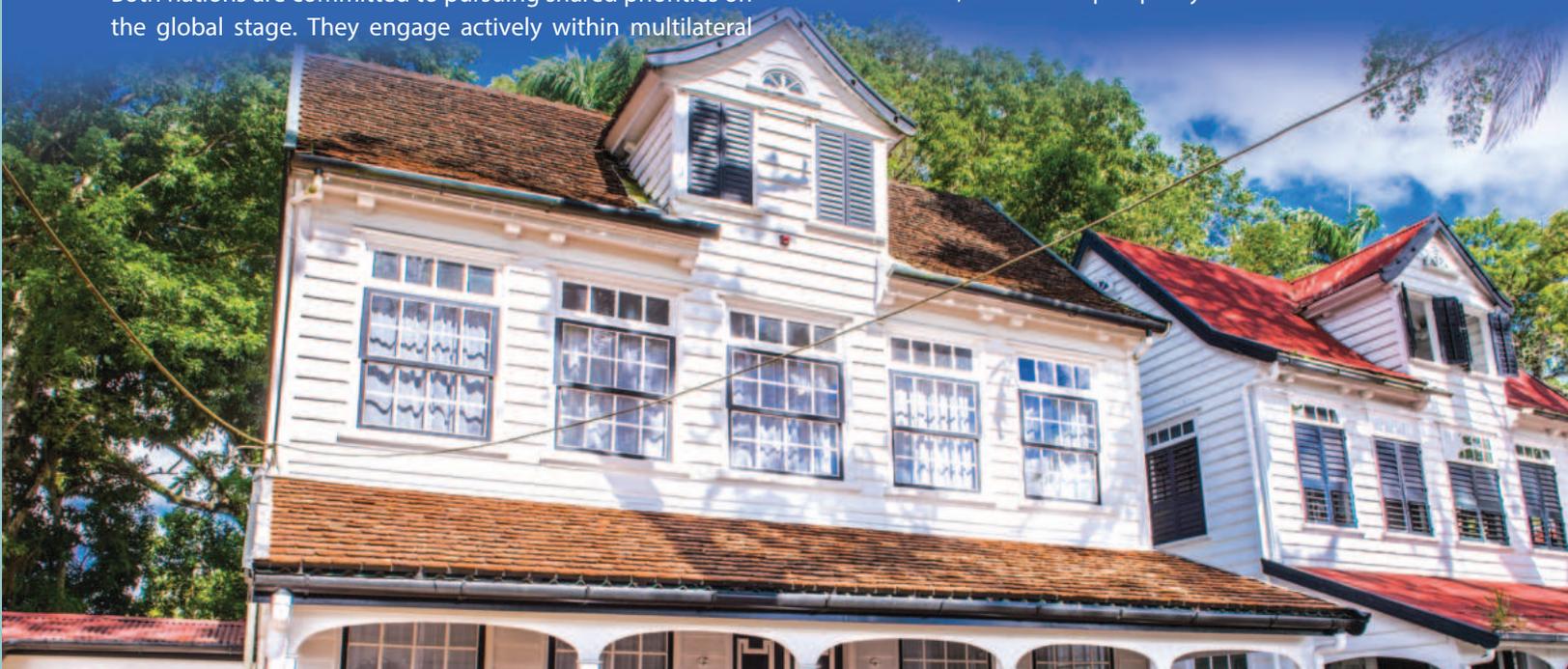
Both nations are committed to pursuing shared priorities on the global stage. They engage actively within multilateral

Cultural and Diplomatic Bridges

Beyond economics, India and Suriname enjoy rich cultural links and longstanding diplomatic goodwill. Cultural exchanges and diaspora connections act as bridges that deepen trust and understanding. Joint celebrations, educational collaborations, and people-to-people initiatives further enhance relations and pave the way for future cooperation.

Looking Ahead

As both countries diversify and modernize their economies, the India–Suriname partnership is poised for greater dynamism. Aligned global priorities, complementary economic strengths, and strong diplomatic channels—now reinforced by prospects in energy cooperation—suggest a promising future underscored by mutual growth, sustainable collaboration, and shared prosperity.





From Commerce to Cooperation: The India–Ethiopia Connection

India and Ethiopia stand on distinct but complementary economic foundations. India's vast and multifaceted economy—spanning industry, services, agriculture, and innovation—aligns well with Ethiopia's dynamic, rapidly growing economy marked by a rising industrial base and a predominantly young population. Both nations share evolving GDP landscapes driven by modernization, infrastructure building, and human capital development.



shared histories—such as the Non-Aligned Movement. Diplomatic dialogue continues to reinforce efforts around sustainable growth, digital integration, and mutual capacity building.

People-to-People Connections and Cultural Bonds

Rich cultural exchanges, educational partnerships, and diaspora networks underscore the enduring ties between India and Ethiopia. Joint academic programs, training initiatives, and cultural showcases foster shared understanding and reinforce collaboration across generations. Enhanced air connectivity further strengthens people-to-people contact, catalyzing trade, tourism, and knowledge-sharing.

Trade Relations and Investment Partnerships

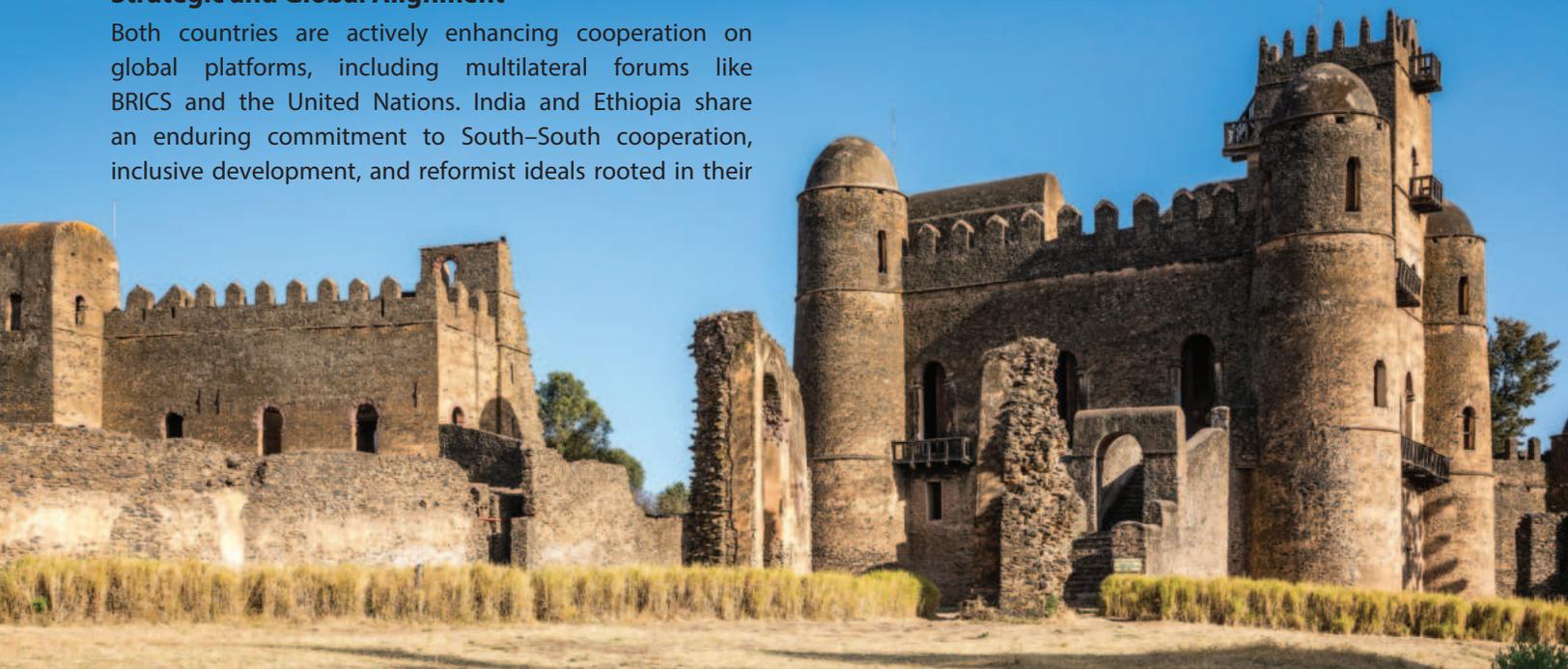
Trade between India and Ethiopia reflects a steadily strengthening exchange of goods, services, and investment partnerships. India exports pharmaceuticals, machinery, metals, textiles, and engineering essentials, while Ethiopia supplies agricultural produce, raw materials, and emerging industrial goods. Indian businesses are among the top foreign investors in Ethiopia, engaging in sectors ranging from agriculture and manufacturing to infrastructure and healthcare. Collaborative dialogues continue to broaden the trade basket and deepen investment opportunities.

Strategic and Global Alignment

Both countries are actively enhancing cooperation on global platforms, including multilateral forums like BRICS and the United Nations. India and Ethiopia share an enduring commitment to South–South cooperation, inclusive development, and reformist ideals rooted in their

Looking Ahead

As both nations pursue economic diversification and global integration, their partnership exhibits strong promise. Bolstered by aligned developmental priorities, complementary economic strengths, and a reinforced global agenda, India–Ethiopia trade relations are well-positioned to evolve into a resilient and mutually beneficial collaboration.





Bridging Economies, Building Futures: India and Myanmar's Trade Relations

India and Myanmar share deep historical, cultural, and geographical linkages, which naturally extend into their economic and trade relations. As Myanmar works towards building a resilient economy and India pursues its vision of becoming a global growth engine, both nations see immense potential in aligning their developmental strategies. The growth trajectories of their GDPs highlight opportunities for collaboration in trade, infrastructure, and regional connectivity.

Expanding Trade Relations

The trade partnership between India and Myanmar is marked by complementary strengths. India's growing industrial base and service sector align well with Myanmar's resource potential and emerging market opportunities. Cross-border trade has further been enhanced by shared boundaries, enabling cooperation in agriculture, energy, pharmaceuticals, and small-scale industries. Enhanced connectivity through land, air, and sea routes strengthens their trade channels, creating a win-win situation for businesses on both sides.



Global and Regional Agenda

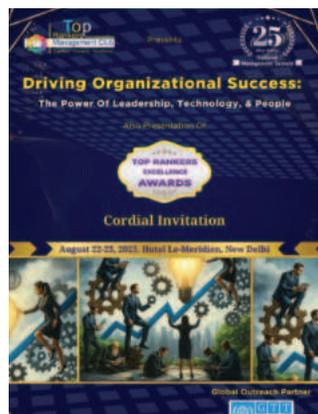
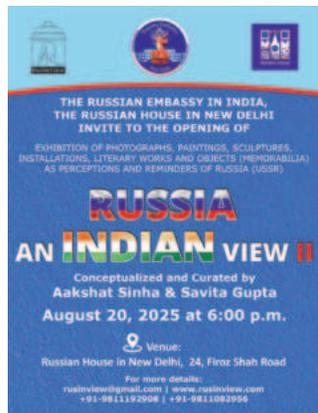
India's "Act East Policy" and Myanmar's role as a bridge between South Asia and Southeast Asia give their partnership a strategic edge. Both countries are active participants in regional forums such as BIMSTEC and ASEAN-led initiatives, which provide platforms for advancing trade, investment, and sustainable development. Their joint focus on

regional integration, energy cooperation, and digital connectivity supports not only bilateral prosperity but also wider regional growth.

Towards a Shared Future

With shared goals of sustainable growth, inclusive development, and regional stability, India and Myanmar are working together to harness their economic potential. Their strengthening trade relations, backed by complementary GDP growth patterns and common global agendas, stand as a testament to their commitment to shaping a prosperous future for both nations and the region.

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GTTCI Unveils Kokand University & 7Saber in India – A Dual Vision for Medical Excellence and Sporting Aspirations

13th July 2025, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi



In a landmark initiative that strengthens India-Uzbekistan relations in education, healthcare, and sports innovation, **Kokand University, Andijan** and Uzbekistan’s premium sportswear brand **7Saber** were officially unveiled in India at a grand ceremony hosted by the **Global Trade & Technology Council (India)** at Zora – Delhi Convention Centre, New Delhi.

The event was graced by **H.E. Mr. Sardor M. Rustambaev**, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to India, who emphasized the vision of the Hon’ble President of Uzbekistan, **H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev**, to make Uzbekistan a **global**

hub for medical education and healthcare excellence. He highlighted how the launch of Kokand University in India represents a vital milestone toward that ambition, offering Indian students a credible, affordable, and culturally familiar option for pursuing MBBS education abroad.

“The leadership of Uzbekistan is fully committed to ensuring Indian students feel at home—safe, supported, and well-trained under Indian academic guidance,” said the Ambassador. “At the same time, through **7Saber**, we bring to India a new standard of athletic excellence. Already gaining attention in **Moscow, Azerbaijan, and Kyrgyzstan**, **7Saber** is more than a brand—it’s a movement. **7Saber – Time to Win. It’s India’s time to win now.**”

Kokand University is set to establish a **55-acre Indian Medical City** in Andijan, exclusively designed for Indian students. The curriculum follows **India’s National Medical Commission (NMC)** guidelines and will feature prominent Indian faculty, particularly from **Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.**

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, stated, “This partnership is a reflection of our commitment to provide Indian students with access to world-class



Warmly Welcome
Rashmi Saluja
Chairperson-GTTCI

Our leader has been building strong partnerships
with diagnostics, pharmaceuticals, and
global



opportunities. It is not just a university but an environment that nurtures India's future medical leaders in a setting that feels like home—built with Indian values, systems, and safety in mind. We are proud to lead the initiative that will make Kokand University the **most preferred destination in Central Asia for Indian MBBS aspirants**. We are also excited about the aspirational sports brand 7Saber coming to India, providing best sportswear and equipment."

A special highlight of the event was the message conveyed on behalf of **Dr. Ajay Swaroop**, Chairman, Board

of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. His official note read:

"India and Sir Ganga Ram Hospital stand firmly committed to supporting this transformative journey. We are proud to be partners in this shared vision to build a world-class academic and healthcare infrastructure that will not only empower students from India but also enhance the quality of life for the people of Uzbekistan. Together, we shall strive to create a model that reflects the highest standards of medical education, patient care, and innovation."





The launch also featured the debut of **7Saber** in the Indian market. As the **official merchandise partner for the Olympic Team of Uzbekistan**, 7Saber is now set to make its mark among India's sporting community. With a bold identity and a rising international profile, the brand promises quality athletic wear that blends performance with style—perfectly aligning with India's dynamic youth demographic.

Through this powerful dual unveiling, **GTTCI** once again demonstrates its commitment to fostering impactful international collaborations that unlock educational pathways, promote global trade, and champion emerging innovations.



GTTCI Facilitates Visit of Iraq's Head of Mission to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for Strategic Healthcare Collaboration

19th July 2025, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi



The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) - GTTCI successfully facilitated a high-level visit of H.E. Mr. Nazar Mirjan Al-Assadi, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of the Republic of Iraq, along with the Health Attaché of the Embassy, to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) on July 19th, 2025.

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, renowned for its state-of-the-art infrastructure and world-class medical expertise, stands as one of India's leading multi-specialty hospitals, serving top decision-makers, heads of state, and patients from across the globe. The visit aimed to explore direct institutional partnerships that can make India a preferred destination for medical tourism from Iraq, eliminating the involvement of intermediaries and ensuring transparent, ethical, and affordable healthcare access.

During the visit, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, introduced the delegation to Dr. Ajay Swaroop, Chairman, Board of Management, SGRH. GTTCI Founder President Dr. Gaurav Gupta highlighted the immense potential for structured collaboration, noting that over 3,000 Iraqi patients already travel to India annually but often through





unregulated channels. Dr. Saluja proposed that GTTCI act as a dedicated healthcare facilitator between the Ministry of Health of Iraq and SGRH, ensuring direct government-to-hospital coordination.



H.E. Mr. Al-Assadi expressed deep appreciation for India's advanced medical infrastructure and expertise, acknowledging its potential to meet Iraq's growing healthcare needs, particularly in critical and tertiary care. The discussions covered a broad range of collaborative initiatives, including:

- Direct facilitation of treatment for Iraqi patients requiring unavoidable surgeries and advanced care.
- Introduction of telemedicine-based OPD services for underserved regions in Iraq.





- Establishment of diagnostic centres and pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution hubs in Iraq.
- Capacity-building programs for Iraqi doctors, nurses, and paramedics in India, with a focus on super-specialty disciplines.

This collaboration marks a significant step towards building an ethical, transparent, and mutually beneficial healthcare partnership between India and Iraq, aimed at enhancing patient care, medical education, diagnostics, and pharmaceutical cooperation.

GTTCI Facilitates Strategic Medical Collaboration – Sir Ganga Ram Hospital Delegation Visit to Kokand University, Uzbekistan

22nd–25th July 2025, Kokand & Andijan, Uzbekistan



The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) (GTTCI) successfully facilitated a landmark visit of the senior leadership of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH), New Delhi, to Kokand University, Uzbekistan, from 22nd to 25th July 2025. This significant initiative was led by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI**, and reflected GTTCI’s mission of fostering international collaboration in healthcare, education, and medical tourism.



A High-Level Delegation of Medical Leaders

The distinguished delegation included **Dr. Ajay Swaroop, Chairman of the Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital**, and **Dr. Satendra Katoch, Director Medical, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital**. Their visit was aimed at exploring avenues of academic, clinical, and institutional cooperation with Kokand University and identifying opportunities to strengthen Indo-Uzbek engagement in the field of medical education.

Comprehensive University Visits

The program commenced at the **Kokand branch of Kokand University**, where the delegation received an







extensive overview of the university's modern infrastructure, laboratories, and academic environment. This was followed by a visit to the Andijan branch, which serves as the main centre for MBBS education and is increasingly attracting Indian students who aspire to pursue medical studies abroad. The delegation observed how the institution is positioning itself as a centre of excellence in Central Asia, combining global exposure with academic rigour.

Recognition at Graduation Ceremony

A special highlight of the visit was the invitation extended to the delegation as **Guests of Honour at Kokand University's graduation ceremony**. The event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including the **Mayor of Kokand** and the **Deputy Governor of Fergana Region**, and was a reflection of the





importance accorded to Indo-Uzbek ties. The SGRH leaders congratulated the graduating students and commended Kokand University's vision of developing a globally benchmarked medical education system, positioning it as a key hub for nurturing future-ready doctors.

Engagements in Andijan

Beyond university interactions, the delegation visited a range of medical and allied institutions in **Andijan**, including the Pediatric Hospital, MedCity Hospital, the Pharma Institute, a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, the MedCity Wellness Centre, and the upcoming academic block dedicated to the **Indian Medical City initiative**. These engagements offered deep insights into Uzbekistan's healthcare ecosystem and opened conversations on partnerships in medical tourism, pharmaceutical research, and healthcare innovation.

Strategic Discussions and Roadmap

Detailed deliberations were held between the leadership of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Kokand University authorities, and GTTCI representatives to chalk out an action plan for future collaboration. The discussions focused on enhancing **faculty development**, recruiting qualified **Indian faculty members**, and aligning the university's **curriculum with the guidelines of India's National Medical Commission (NMC)**. Consideration was also given to building a framework that balances regulatory compliance with international exposure, while creating a sustainable model of excellence in education, healthcare, and research.







Optimism for the Future

The visiting doctors expressed their confidence in the potential of Kokand University to become a centre for world-class medical education in Central Asia, particularly for Indian students. They highlighted that the combination of Kokand University's infrastructure and the expertise of India's medical fraternity could serve as a catalyst for new partnerships in healthcare delivery, clinical training, and pharmaceutical collaboration.



Reflecting on the significance of the visit, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja** remarked, "With the advanced infrastructure provided by Kokand University, Andijan, and the renowned capabilities of Indian medical professionals, this collaboration presents a first-of-its-kind opportunity in Central Asia. It has the potential to redefine medical education for Indian aspirants, offering a global learning environment with Indian standards of excellence."



GTTCI's Continued Commitment

This visit marked a milestone in GTTCI's ongoing efforts to build bridges between India and Central Asia in healthcare and education. By facilitating such meaningful partnerships, GTTCI continues to create transformative opportunities for the **Indian medical diaspora** while advancing its mission of promoting global trade, technology, and academic cooperation.

GTTCI Advances Indo-Russian Partnerships with Strategic Engagements in Moscow

July 29th – August 1st 2025, Moscow, Russia



The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) (GTTCI) has once again reaffirmed its pivotal role in shaping the future of Indo-Russian economic cooperation. Following its impactful participation at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) 2025, a high-level GTTCI delegation led by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, accompanied by Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, and Mr. Rakesh Asthana, Chief Advisor, embarked on an official visit to Moscow to strengthen institutional, financial, and technological linkages between the two nations.

This visit has resulted in tangible outcomes, with GTTCI taking concrete steps to bring transformative projects in finance, healthcare, digital trade, and energy to India, thereby reinforcing its reputation as a bridge-builder in international trade and investment.

Forging New Pathways in Finance with VTB Bank

A highlight of the visit was GTTCI's meeting with Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board, VTB Bank. VTB Bank, one of Russia's largest financial institutions, has identified India as a priority market, and through GTTCI's facilitation, preparations are underway to establish a robust presence in the Indian

financial landscape.

The collaboration focuses on affordable housing finance, healthcare and infrastructure funding, agricultural credit, and insurance solutions. Particular emphasis is being placed on extending services to Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities, ensuring that the benefits of international cooperation reach beyond metropolitan India.

By combining VTB's expertise with GTTCI's on-ground insights and networks, this partnership will pave the way for inclusive, secure, and innovation-driven financial services tailored to Indian needs. GTTCI has assumed the leadership role in preparing the framework for this collaboration, ensuring that VTB's entry into India aligns with the country's regulatory, economic, and social priorities.

Expanding SBER Bank's Footprint in India

GTTCI's discussions with SBER Bank resulted in a wide-ranging set of initiatives that will significantly expand SBER's footprint in India. SBER, globally recognised for its technological innovation, is now proposed to partner with Indian industry through GTTCI in three critical domains: finance, healthcare, and digital platforms.

The collaboration includes:

- **State-Level Roadshows** – GTTCI will work with SBER to organize business and investment roadshows across India, beginning with Uttar Pradesh, a state emerging as a hub for defence and aerospace industries. These events will bring together Russian and Indian companies, fostering industrial linkages at the grassroots level.
- **Healthcare Collaborations** – SBER and GTTCI may join forces to establish world-class healthcare facilities in India, integrating Russian medical technology with



Indian healthcare expertise. This includes potential joint ventures with leading hospitals such as Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, aimed at creating affordable yet cutting-edge healthcare models.

- **Digital Networking Platform** – A pioneering digital platform is being developed to connect over 80,000 Indian and Russian enterprises, particularly MSMEs, thereby enabling faster trade facilitation, matchmaking, and investment opportunities.
- **State & Sector-Specific MoUs** – GTTCI and SBER may also collaborate on exclusive agreements with select Indian states in areas such as digital infrastructure, artificial intelligence, healthcare, and technology-driven projects.

These initiatives will allow Indian businesses to directly benefit from Russian expertise while simultaneously giving SBER a strong and sustained presence in India’s expanding economic ecosystem.

Launching the India–Russia Buyer-Seller Platform with ETP-GPB

Another cornerstone of the visit was GTTCI’s engagement with Ms. Angelina Morgun, Head of International Department, ETP-GPB. Together, GTTCI and ETP-GPB are bringing to life a Buyer-Seller Digital Platform designed to revolutionise bilateral trade between India and Russia.

This platform will serve as a strategic marketplace, enabling exporters, importers, and MSMEs from both countries to engage seamlessly. By strengthening supply



chains and creating direct access to markets, the platform will provide Indian businesses with unprecedented opportunities to connect with Russian counterparts across multiple sectors, from agriculture and technology to energy and manufacturing.

With operational groundwork already underway, the platform will soon emerge as a gateway for enhanced cross-border business partnerships, aligning with GTTCI’s mission to facilitate global trade connectivity.

Advancing Technology and Energy Synergies with Rosoboronexport

GTTCI’s delegation also engaged with Rosoboronexport, Russia’s leading state intermediary agency for defence and advanced technologies, to explore cooperation in thorium-powered nuclear reactors.

This dialogue represents a forward-looking collaboration in sustainable nuclear energy, positioning India at the forefront of next-generation energy technologies. By connecting Indian stakeholders with Russian expertise, GTTCI is paving the way for partnerships that align with India’s long-term goals of clean energy, innovation, and energy security.

Strengthening GTTCI’s Presence in Russia

The delegation’s engagements were facilitated by Mr. Igor Malyshkov, GTTCI’s Representative in Russia, whose



contribution was central to coordinating high-level meetings and ensuring the strategic alignment of GTTCI's initiatives with Russian priorities. His role strengthens GTTCI's commitment to maintaining a sustained and credible presence in Russia, ensuring continuity in bilateral projects.

A Shared Vision for the Future

Reflecting on the outcomes of the visit, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, stated:

"India and Russia stand at a historic juncture, where economic and technological cooperation can redefine our partnership for the future. Through GTTCI's initiatives, we are not only opening new avenues for trade and investment but also ensuring that these opportunities translate into real progress for businesses and communities in India."

The Moscow visit marks a decisive step in GTTCI's broader strategy of building transformational partnerships that bring tangible benefits across critical sectors. By facilitating projects that combine financial innovation, healthcare excellence, digital connectivity, and sustainable energy, GTTCI continues to strengthen the bridge of trust and opportunity between India and Russia.

National Business Achiever Summit & Awards 2025 Showcases India's Vision for Viksit Bharat 2047

7th August 2025, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi



The National Business Achiever Summit & Awards 2025 was held at the iconic Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, bringing together leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs to celebrate excellence, success, and innovation under the theme *Viksit Bharat 2047*. The event served as a powerful platform for collaboration, recognition, and the exchange of transformative ideas for India's growth journey.





The summit was organised by *Connecting Business Achievers, with the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI)* as the Global Outreach Partner, reflecting the organisation's commitment to fostering business growth and international cooperation.

The event was graced by Sh. Chirag Paswan, Honourable Central Minister for Food Processing Industries of India, as the Chief Guest, whose presence underscored the government's focus on promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, and sustainable growth in India's business ecosystem.

Renowned actress and former Member of Parliament Jaya Prada also graced the occasion, felicitating achievers and adding a touch of glamour and inspiration to the celebration of excellence.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson – GTTCI, and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President – GTTCI, delivered a special keynote address, highlighting the importance of strategic partnerships, innovation-driven growth, and global market integration in realising the vision of a developed India by 2047.

The occasion was further enriched by the presence of distinguished GTTCI members – Mr. Kapil Khandelwal, Mr. S.L. Tank, Dr. Parmeet Singh Chadha, and Dr. Sandeep Marwah,



and K.L. Ganju, Hon. Consul General – Union of Comoros & President – HCCD India, also honoured the event with their presence.

The *National Business Achiever Summit & Awards 2025* stood as a vibrant celebration of Indian enterprise, fostering meaningful dialogues and partnerships that will contribute to shaping a prosperous, innovation-led future for the nation.

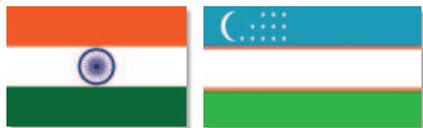


each contributing significantly to their respective industries.

Adding an international dimension, Abdirisak Seid Nur, Commercial Attaché – Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia, along with Mohanud Ali, First Secretary of Somalia,

A New Dawn for Indian Medical Aspirants: MedEd 2025 Showcases Kokand University's Global Vision

10th August 2025, Holiday Inn, New Delhi



MedEd 2025, organised by the Global Trade & Technology Council India (GTTCI) in collaboration with Kokand University, Uzbekistan and powered by Investors Clinic, marked a defining moment in the transformation of global medical education and healthcare partnerships. The conclave was graced by the presence of **Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi**, Former Union Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology, and brought together eminent leaders from healthcare, academia, policy, and diplomacy to explore cross-border collaborations for nurturing a future-ready medical workforce.

Inaugural Session: Setting the Vision

The evening commenced with Ganapati and Saraswati





Vandana, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting which added a traditional and auspicious beginning. Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of GTTCI, extended a warm welcome to dignitaries and participants and outlined the mission of GTTCI in fostering global collaboration. Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, further elaborated on GTTCI's vision of strengthening international partnerships in trade, technology, and education.

Dr. Ajay Swaroop, Chairman, Board of Management at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, then presented the institution's vision and highlighted its emphasis on advancing medical capacity building, particularly through international collaboration. A





special address showcased Kokand University as a promising destination for Indian medical aspirants, emphasizing its English-medium curriculum, modern infrastructure, Indian cuisine, and cultural familiarity which together make it a true “home away from home.”

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and Kokand University: A Landmark Collaboration

One of the most significant announcements of the evening was the partnership between **Sir Ganga Ram Hospital** and **Kokand University**. This collaboration focuses on advancing faculty development, academic exchange, and resource building. By blending Uzbekistan’s academic infrastructure with India’s clinical excellence, the partnership promises

to create a holistic training ecosystem where students gain exposure to both rigorous academics and advanced healthcare practices.

Keynote by Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi: Trust and Cultural Synergy

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi praised the Indo-Uzbekistan partnership in education, emphasizing the safety, hospitality, and cultural closeness of Uzbekistan that make it particularly suitable for Indian students. He underlined the importance of preparing ethical, globally competent doctors who are rooted in humanitarian values and well equipped to serve a rapidly evolving world.





Panel Discussion I: Redefining Global Medical Education and Healthcare

The first panel discussion, moderated by **Mr. Rakesh Asthana**, Chief Advisor – GTTCI, was centered on the theme “Redefining Global Medical Education and Healthcare: Indo-Uzbekistan Collaboration for a Future-Ready Healthcare Workforce.”

This high-level dialogue featured **Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi**, **Dr. Ajay Swaroop**, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, and **Dr.**

Chandrashekhar, who shared diverse perspectives on aligning medical education with global healthcare trends. Discussions highlighted the necessity of bridging academic theory with clinical practice, ensuring medical graduates are not only technically proficient but also socially responsible. The panelists emphasized that India and Uzbekistan can together create a model that replicates the Indian medical education system abroad while integrating international best practices.





**Panel Discussion II:
Policy, Regulation, and
Roadmap for Indo-
Uzbekistan Education**

The second panel, moderated by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, focused on “*Shaping the Future of Cross-Border Medical Education: Policy, Regulation and the Indo-Uzbekistan Roadmap.*”

Panelists included **Dr. Satendra Katoch**, Director Medical – Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, **Dr. Ashok Kumar Grover**, Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology – Sir Ganga



Ram Hospital, **Dr. Yogendra Malik**, Member EMRB, National Medical Commission (2020–2024), a representative from the **Embassy of Uzbekistan**, and **Mr. Ravi Kumar Koul**, an education mentor.

This panel addressed critical concerns of Indian medical aspirants such as the National Medical Commission guidelines, cross-border recognition of degrees, and the need for



continuous policy dialogue to ensure seamless integration between Indian regulatory requirements and international academic offerings. Experts also stressed on the value of

cultural adaptation, mental well-being of students, and the necessity for long-term Indo-Uzbek collaboration to strengthen medical workforce mobility.

Unveiling of Sardar Patel Institute of Medical Sciences

A highlight of the conclave was the unveiling of the upcoming **Sardar Patel Institute of Medical Sciences** in Andijan, Uzbekistan. Spread over 55 acres, this world-class medical city is designed exclusively for Indian students and will house academic blocks, teaching hospitals, research centres, hostels, wellness facilities, and recreational zones. The institute reflects the shared vision of creating a global hub of excellence in medical education and healthcare delivery.

Celebrating Collaboration and Future Initiatives

The event also honoured distinguished doctors and diplomats for their contributions to healthcare and medical education. The felicitation ceremony recognized



ambassadors and leading specialists from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Amrita Hospitals, and Yatharth Hospitals for their service in advancing healthcare. The formal proceedings concluded with the unveiling of a collaborative brochure outlining future Indo-Uzbekistan initiatives in medical education and healthcare.

Way forward

MedEd 2025 was not merely a conference but a declaration

of intent. It heralded a new era in global medical education where Indian students are offered world-class academic opportunities, cultural comfort, and career pathways that extend beyond borders. By combining India's teaching excellence with Uzbekistan's infrastructure and support, the conclave set the stage for shaping the next generation of globally competent doctors who are prepared to serve with skill, compassion, and integrity.



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- * Received Rashtri Padma Bhushan Samman Award by Ministry of Corporate Affairs Govt. of India, New Delhi on 29 March 2024
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In today's world the role of college's has undergone a lot of transformation. Along with perusing academic excellence, today's college's also have to motivate and empower the students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers & productive members of an ever-changing global society. Our college must try to provide the students with an atmosphere for multifaceted development, where students are encouraged to channelize their potential by providing them with a platform to think, express & exhibits their skills with the teacher being a facilitator. Education is the cornerstone of our society and key to unlock individual potential. Within the magazine's pages, we honor the life-changing potential of education and its tremendous influence on our communities and ourselves. Our goal at Th. H.N. Singh Group of College is to create a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere for learning that encourages critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and lifelong learning. By means of inventive teaching methods, demanding curricula, and hands-on learning experiences, we enable our pupils to prosper in a dynamic global environment. My warm wishes to the teachers, staff, parents & students for the continued success of all their future endeavours.

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In its latest stride toward international expansion, Gopal's 56 has now incorporated a new corporation in Ontario, Canada, as part of its North American presence and scaling strategy. The brand has already completed pilot production in the United States and complies with FDA, kosher, and organic standards.



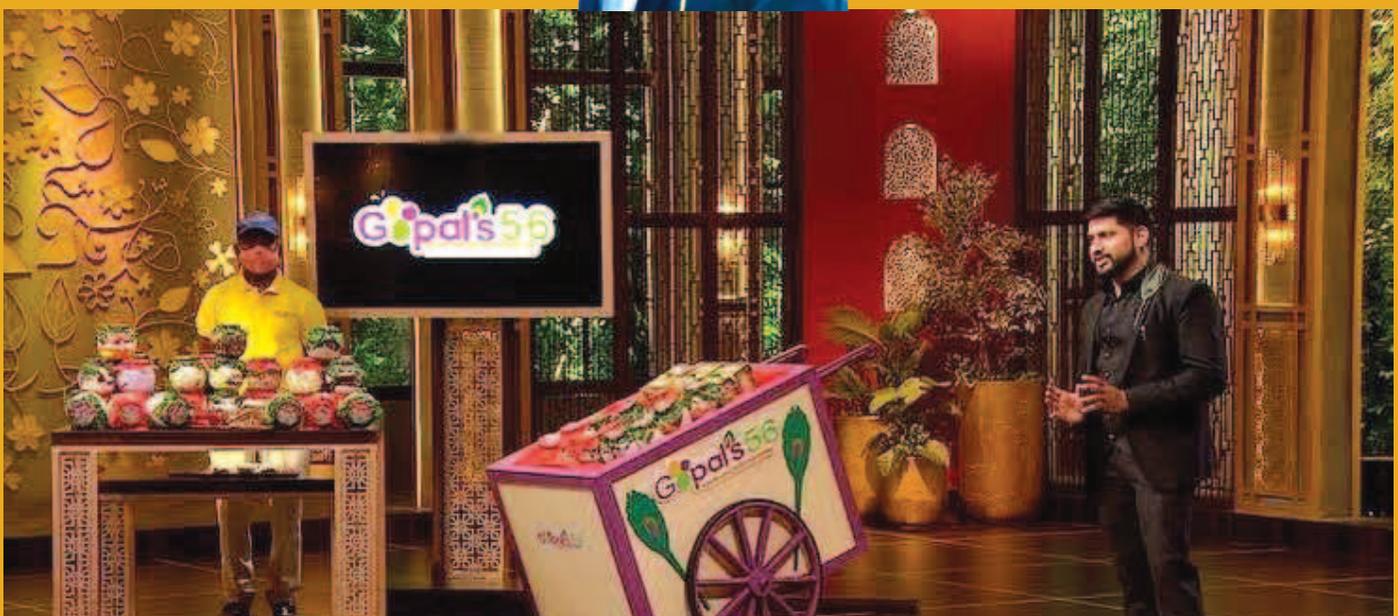
Dr. Goyal is also a respected member of various global and national organizations, including the India New Zealand Business Council and MSME associations, reflecting his commitment to bilateral trade and entrepreneurship.

The brand rose to public attention when it appeared in the first season of Shark Tank India, where it made a historical investment ask. Although no deal was finalized, the exposure catapulted Gopal's 56 into a new growth orbit — attracting customers, partners, and collaborators from across the globe.

Since then, the brand has only grown stronger — expanding its franchise network, developing smart inventory systems, and forging relationships with embassies, air force canteens, and retail chains.

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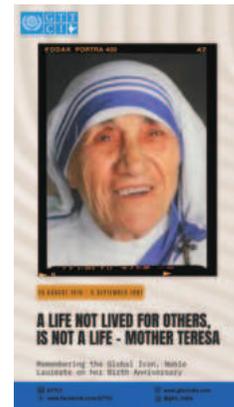
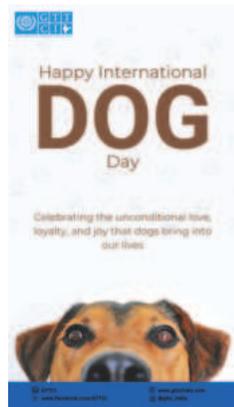
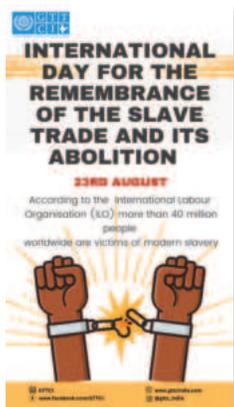
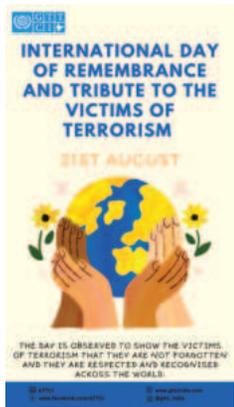
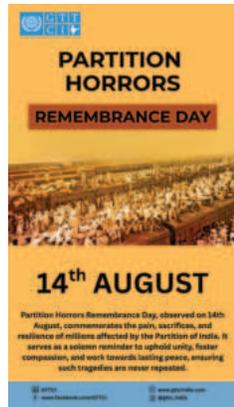
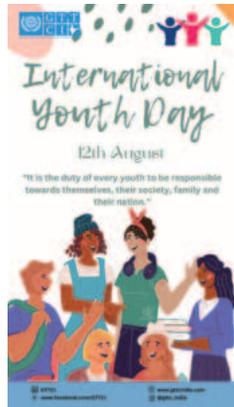
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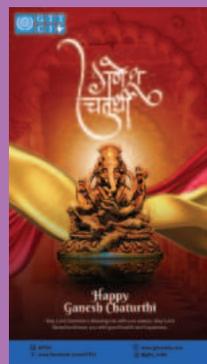
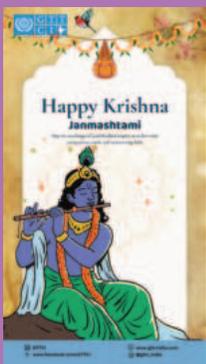
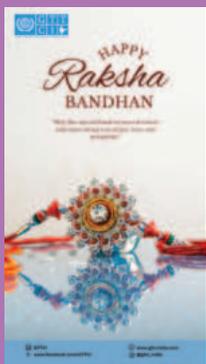


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President Marcos Jr. in India

A Strategic Lift for India–Philippines Ties

A milestone state visit (August 4–8, 2025)

Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. paid a five-day State Visit to India from August 4 to 8, 2025, accompanied by First Lady Louise Araneta Marcos and a high-level ministerial and business delegation. The programme included a wreath-laying at Rajghat, bilateral talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Hyderabad House, calls on President Droupadi Murmu and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and an outreach leg in Bengaluru—framing the visit as both ceremonial and purpose-driven. The trip coincided with the 75th anniversary of India–Philippines diplomatic relations, underlining the long arc of engagement between the two democracies.

From ‘Act East’ to Strategic Partners

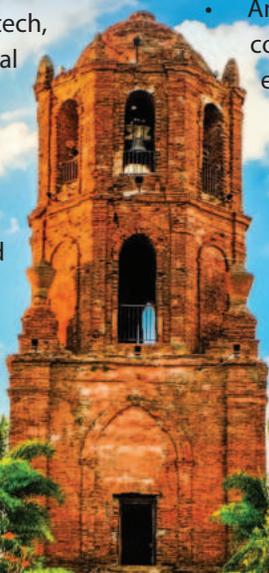
The headline outcome was the formal elevation of the relationship to a **Strategic Partnership** on August 5, 2025. This step aligns closely with India’s Act East Policy and Vision MAHASAGAR, and reflects the broadening convergence across political, security, economic, and people-to-people domains. The upgraded partnership is set to drive cooperation in defence and maritime security, trade and investment, healthcare and pharmaceuticals, science and technology, space, digital economy, fintech, connectivity, tourism, culture, and multilateral coordination.

What was signed: a practical roadmap

Alongside the declaration, the two sides released a **Plan of Action (2025–29)** to convert ambition into deliverables. A suite of instruments created new channels for steady cooperation:



- **Terms of Reference for Air Staff Talks** (Indian Air Force–Philippine Air Force) and Army-to-Army Staff Talks (institutionalising regular dialogue and training pathways).
- An **Implementation Programme in Tourism (2025–2028)** to deepen visitor flows and destination collaboration.
- A **Programme of Cooperation in Science & Technology (2025–2028)** to seed joint R&D and innovation links.
- An **MoU on Digital Technologies** to expand collaboration across digital public infrastructure and emerging tech.
- A **Statement of Intent** between **ISRO** and the **Philippine Space Agency** on peaceful uses of outer space.
- **Enhanced Maritime Cooperation** Terms of Reference between the **Indian Coast Guard** and the **Philippine Coast Guard**, strengthening coordination on safety, surveillance, and capacity building.



Security at sea: signalling interoperability and trust

The regional security dimension was visible even beyond New Delhi. As the visit got underway, the **Indian and Philippine navies conducted their first-ever joint sail in the South China Sea**, underscoring growing maritime coordination and shared interest in a stable, rules-based Indo-Pacific. This operational signal complemented the new diplomatic architecture and showcased practical steps toward interoperability and maritime domain awareness.



Economic, technology and people links

While security cooperation drew the spotlight, the visit also widened economic and social bridges. Leaders highlighted the intent to boost **trade and investment**, tap complementarities in **healthcare and pharmaceuticals**, and scale collaboration in **digital economy and fintech**—areas where India's public digital platforms and innovation ecosystem can offer tangible partnership models. Tourism and science–technology programmes add near-term avenues for exchanges, joint projects, and knowledge transfer, while the space cooperation intent opens possibilities in remote sensing, disaster management, and satellite applications beneficial to an archipelagic country.



Why this matters now

The Strategic Partnership marks a qualitative reset in a relationship that has quietly gathered momentum. For India, the Philippines' geography and role in Southeast Asia make it a pivotal partner in **eastward engagement** and regional connectivity; for Manila, diversified security and economic ties with major Indo-Pacific players support resilience and opportunity. The timing—75 years after establishing ties in 1949—adds historical gravitas while setting a forward-looking agenda anchored in practical mechanisms and a multi-year plan.



The road ahead

With structures now in place—from staff talks and coast-guard coordination to technology MoUs and a 2025–29 action plan—the next phase is about **execution**: regular exercises and exchanges, faster project pipelines, deeper industry-to-industry links, and seamless people mobility. If sustained, these steps can translate the diplomatic upgrade into everyday cooperation across defence, digital, health, tourism and space—building a durable India–Philippines partnership that contributes to peace, stability, and shared prosperity across the Indo-Pacific.





PREM SINGH DHINGRA

Mr. Prem Singh Dhingra embarked on a diverse journey spanning engineering, entrepreneurship, spirituality, and extensive social contributions.

Beginning his career with the Public Works Department in Himachal Pradesh, he later ventured into business, specializing in construction both in India and abroad for five decades.

His shift towards spirituality and astrology commenced in 1980 when he was initiated into Transcendental Meditation. Later he embraced other techniques of Meditation, including Pranic Healing, advancing to become an Arhatic Yogi, Level-2.

Simultaneously, his commitment to social welfare flourished through roles such as President in Rotary and subsequently Assistant Governor in Rotary District 3011. His contributions to Rotary International made him Major Donor Level-3. He is President of Indian Council for Human Relations, Senior Vice President of Age-Care India and also Vice President of Rajasthani Academy.

As Chairman and Founder Trustee of Humanity Infinite, a Public Trust established in 2020, his focus is on uplifting underprivileged individuals irrespective of age, gender, or caste. Notably, in association with PHD Chamber of Commerce, he facilitated the construction of two water check dams in District Pali, Rajasthan, aimed at sustainable water management and community development.

His authorship includes the recent books "How to be Happy with the People", "My Mind My Enemy – How to Make it Friend", "Journey to Perfection" and "The Power of Prayer" addressing psychological insights into interpersonal dynamics. He is continuing his passion as book writing and few more titles are on the way. He is also a poet and a Shayar. The first book "Meri Nazar, Meri Kalam" is under press.

His recent addition in socialite direction is associating with Guruji Bhikkhu Sanghasena in Ladakh to improve Mensural Hygiene in Girls and Women in whole of Ladakh.

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South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun's Visit to India: Strategic Depth at the 10-Year Mark



South Korean Foreign Minister Cho Hyun paid a bilateral visit to New Delhi from **August 15–17, 2025**, his first since taking office. The trip came immediately after **India's Independence Day and Korea's National Liberation Day**, underscoring the political salience both sides attach to ties as they mark **10 years of the India–Republic of Korea (RoK) Special Strategic Partnership**.

A Broad, Forward-Leaning Agenda

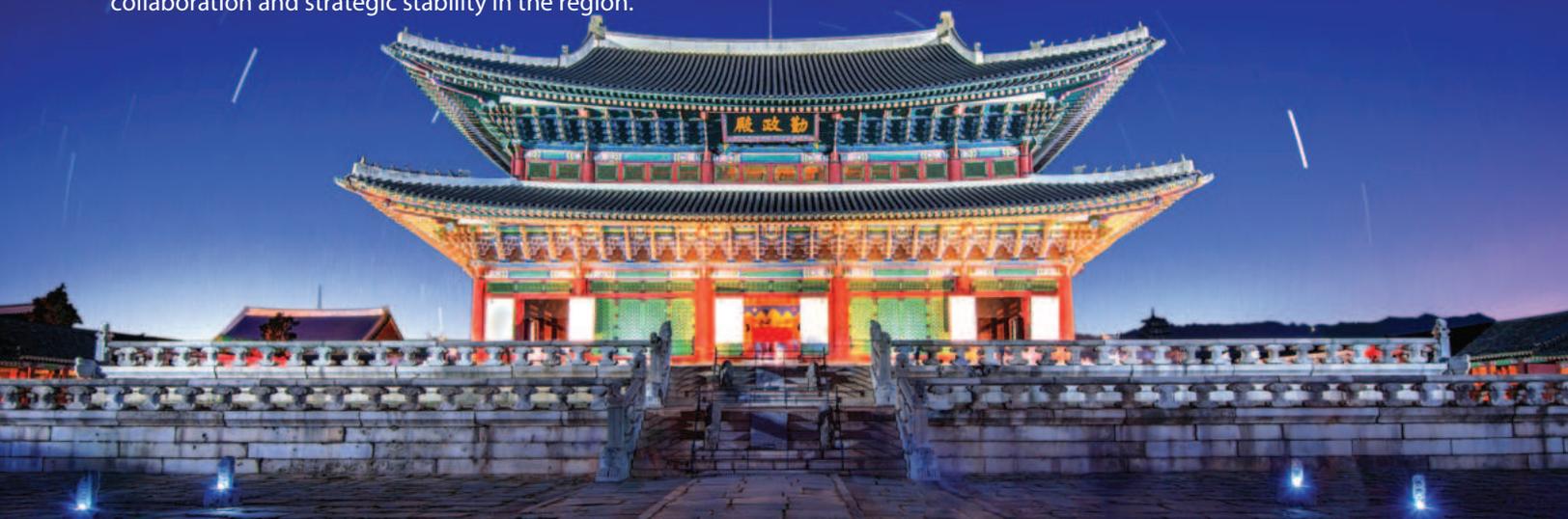
External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and FM Cho held what both sides described as productive discussions aimed at expanding cooperation in **trade, manufacturing, maritime links, and people-to-people exchanges**, while opening new frontiers in **semiconductors, artificial intelligence, clean energy, and defence**. They also **exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific** and current global developments—areas where New Delhi and Seoul have steadily increased policy coordination. The talks explicitly framed the next phase of cooperation around resilient supply chains, high-technology collaboration and strategic stability in the region.

Security Convergence and Condemnation of Terror

The visit was also marked by a clear **security alignment**. Cho Hyun **condemned the Pahalgam terror attack** and expressed solidarity with the Indian government and people, reiterating Seoul's firm opposition to terrorism in all forms. New Delhi, in turn, welcomed this stance and noted Korea's supportive engagement with Indian parliamentary outreach in the recent past. The mutual messaging signals continuity in **counter-terrorism cooperation** and a widening comfort level on hard-security conversations alongside economic and technological ties.

Technology, Energy and Defence: The Next Big Push

Among the most significant deliverables of the engagement was the **focus on next-generation industries**. By prioritising **AI and semiconductor ecosystems**, both sides set the tone for deeper **industry-to-industry partnerships**, potential **co-development** opportunities, and greater integration



of Korean manufacturing strengths with India's market scale and digital capacity. **Clean energy** featured prominently as well, with an emphasis on accelerating collaborations that can reduce carbon intensity and expand green technologies. On **defence**, the ministers discussed ways to enhance ties—complementing existing industrial linkages and ongoing conversations around maritime security in the wider Indo-Pacific.



the pace and direction of reform and growth. His familiarity with India's policy landscape—and his early return to New Delhi scarcely weeks into his new role—added a note of **continuity and momentum** to the diplomatic choreography.

Why This Visit Matters

Three elements make this visit consequential. First, it **bookends a decade** of the Special Strategic Partnership with a **forward-looking**

agenda that shifts the centre of gravity to **technology, clean energy, and defence**, while sustaining the traditional engines of **trade and manufacturing**. Second, it strengthens **strategic alignment** on the **Indo-Pacific** and **counter-terrorism**, areas where policy convergences are increasingly vital. Third, it recognises that **soft power**—from cultural exchange to creative industries—will be a force multiplier, deepening public support and commercial possibilities alike.

Culture and People-to-People Ties: A Growing Soft-Power Bridge

Beyond strategy and commerce, Cho Hyun spotlighted the **cultural tailwinds** propelling the relationship. He noted the **surging interest among Korean youth in Indian culture** and a parallel uptick in Indian enthusiasm for Korean culture—from cinema and music to cuisine. The minister floated **joint film production** as a tangible avenue to harness this momentum, reflecting a broader belief that cultural industries can underpin long-term trust and understanding between the two societies. The remarks also echoed **longstanding civilisational links**, often cited as an enduring bedrock for modern engagement.

A Personal Continuity Note

Cho Hyun drew on his **prior tenure as Korea's Ambassador to India (2015–2017)**, observing that **India has undergone significant changes over the past decade**, and praising

The Road Ahead

With the milestone **10-year anniversary** as both context and catalyst, New Delhi and Seoul have signalled intent to **institutionalise high-tech collaboration, expand maritime and defence coordination, and scale people-centric exchanges**. If translated into concrete projects—especially in **chips, AI, green technologies, and cultural co-production**—the visit could mark the start of a more **comprehensive, innovation-driven phase** in India–Korea relations.



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A milestone at Kartavya Path

On 6 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan at Kartavya Path in New Delhi, marking the rollout of India's Common Central Secretariat (CCS). He inspected the new complex with Housing & Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and later addressed a public programme at the venue. The event signalled a decisive shift from a scattered ministerial estate to an integrated, technology-forward centre for governance.

What is Kartavya Bhavan?

Also known as Central Secretariat Building-3, Kartavya Bhavan is the first of a planned set of CCS buildings under the Central Vista redevelopment. It consolidates key ministries that have long operated from ageing structures such as Shastri, Krishi, Udyog and Nirman Bhawans. The complex spans about 1.5 lakh sq m across two basements and seven floors, and is designed to streamline inter-ministerial coordination, speed up decision-making and reduce the government's logistical footprint.

Who will sit here?

The building will host the Ministries/Departments of Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Personnel & Training (DoPT), Petroleum & Natural Gas, and the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser. Co-locating these portfolios—spanning internal security, foreign policy, rural development, enterprise, human resources for governance, energy and science—creates a cluster with wide policy synergy and daily operational interdependence.

Built for the 21st century

Kartavya Bhavan has been conceived as a secure, IT-enabled workplace. Features include ID-card based access, integrated electronic surveillance, a central command system, and digital-ready work halls and meeting suites. The administrative core is complemented by modern conference facilities and flexible workspaces intended to support multi-agency teams and rapid policy cycles.

Sustainability by design

The project targets a GRIHA-4 green rating and embeds a suite of sustainability measures: double-glazed façades, advanced HVAC, motion-sensor LED lighting, smart lifts, and an energy management system that together aim to cut energy use by around 30%. Rooftop solar is expected to generate more than 5.34 lakh units of electricity annually, while solar water heaters will meet over a quarter of daily hot water needs. A zero-discharge approach integrates wastewater treatment and solid-waste processing, with EV charging and recycled construction materials further reducing the environmental footprint.

Why this matters

For decades, ministries operated from buildings erected in the 1950s–70s—costly to maintain and sub-optimal for modern workflows. By bringing major portfolios under one roof, the CCS model promises faster file movement, shorter decision chains and shared digital infrastructure. It also addresses fiscal prudence: the government has flagged significant recurring outlays on hired space for dispersed offices; consolidating functions within the CCS is expected to curb those costs and improve asset utilisation.

Part of the Central Vista blueprint

Kartavya Bhavan sits within a broader plan to co-locate and modernise central government offices. The CCS is envisaged as a campus of around ten buildings by the latter 2020s, with subsequent phases intended to bring virtually all ministries within a unified precinct; an Executive Enclave is planned to follow. At present, many ministries are spread across and beyond the Vista—consolidation aims to anchor them in an integrated complex aligned to contemporary standards of security, sustainability and efficiency.

The Prime Minister's message

In his address, the Prime Minister framed Kartavya Bhavan as an institution that will help set the direction of a developed India—an emblem of duty-driven governance and efficient service delivery during the “Amrit Kaal.” He linked the building’s capabilities to national goals, stressing that modern, citizen-centric administration rests on robust infrastructure, seamless coordination and smart, sustainable systems.



The road ahead

With the first CCS building operational, the next task is execution: phased movement of ministries, onboarding of common digital platforms, and rigorous commissioning of the building’s green and security systems. If implemented with discipline, Kartavya Bhavan can translate architectural ambition into everyday administrative gains—faster policy formulation, tighter programme monitoring and a better citizen experience—while setting benchmarks for future government infrastructure.



India–China Relations Enter a New Phase with Wang Yi’s Delhi Visit



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi’s two-day visit to New Delhi on August 18–19, 2025, marked the most substantive engagement between India and China since their border crisis erupted in 2020. The trip combined high-level political meetings with a structured round of boundary talks, producing a rare set of concrete outcomes and a noticeably warmer tone from both sides.

High-Level Meetings: PM, NSA and EAM

Wang met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Adviser Ajit Doval. Modi underlined that “stable, predictable, constructive” ties would benefit regional and global peace, and he conveyed his acceptance of President Xi Jinping’s invitation to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin later this month. Jaishankar’s talks focused on preventing differences from becoming disputes, while Doval co-chaired boundary discussions under the Special Representatives (SR) mechanism.

Boundary Talks: A Ten-Point Consensus

The centrepiece of the visit was the 24th round of SR-level talks on the boundary question, where both sides endorsed a ten-point consensus. Key elements included: acknowledging border calm since the previous round; reaffirming the 2005 Political Parameters and Guiding Principles as the framework for a “fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable” settlement; creating an expert group to explore “early harvest” delimitation in appropriate sectors; setting up a new working group on effective border management; expanding General-Level Mechanisms to the eastern and middle sectors; discussing de-escalation principles and modalities; enhancing cooperation on trans-border rivers with emergency hydrological data-sharing; reopening three traditional border trading markets



(Renqinggang-Changgu, Pulan-Gunji and Jiuba-Namgya); and holding the 25th round in China in 2026.

Tone and Optics: “Borders Have Been Quiet”

Public messaging reflected a tentative thaw. Doval said engagements have shown an “upward trend,” noting that “borders have been quiet” in recent months—language that India has used sparingly since 2020. Wang Yi, for his part, called the moment an “important opportunity” to improve relations and pledged to work towards specific boundary goals while creating conditions for broader normalization.

Economic and Practical Steps

Beyond the boundary file, discussions covered trade, connectivity and people-to-people exchanges. Indian readouts highlighted conversations on economic and trade issues, pilgrimages, river data-sharing, border trade and connectivity. Reporting in India also indicated Chinese assurances to address three Indian concerns—access to rare earths, fertilisers and tunnel-boring machines—areas where supply constraints have hampered infrastructure and industry. Separately, international coverage noted progress on resuming direct flights and processing journalist visas, practical steps that would re-knit disrupted ties.

Multilateral Context: SCO as the Next Test

The timing of the visit was calibrated to upcoming multilateral engagements. Wang conveyed Xi’s invitation for Modi to attend the SCO summit in Tianjin, and Modi’s acceptance signals political will to keep the channel open. Beijing-based commentary framed the visit as part of a broader stabilization effort, with both sides expected to coordinate positions in the SCO and other forums, even as



differences persist. The summit will offer a visible next milestone to test whether the New Delhi consensus can translate into sustained de-escalation and incremental economic reopening.

What Changed—and What Hasn’t

Three shifts stand out. First, the boundary dialogue moved from crisis management to a structured agenda with new mechanisms (expert and working groups) and sector-specific confidence-building steps, including reopening border markets. Second, political top-cover returned: the prime ministerial engagement and SCO optics restore leader-level signaling absent in earlier years. Third, both sides are again discussing trade facilitation and mobility, a prerequisite for any durable normalization. Yet, fundamentals remain delicate: neither

side announced verified troop reductions or a sectoral settlement; de-escalation is still at the level of “principles and modalities,” and mutual mistrust around patrol rights and infrastructure near the Line of Actual Control persists.

Outlook: Managed Competition with Guardrails

If implemented, the ten-point agenda could reduce friction by clarifying protocols, reviving local commerce, and insulating civilian ties from periodic flare-ups. Success will hinge on steady military-to-military engagement, transparent river data-sharing during emergencies, and the credibility of any “early harvest” delimitation effort. With both governments publicly framing ties as stabilizing—and markets and ministries signaling targeted cooperation—India and China appear to be edging toward managed competition with thicker guardrails. The weeks around the SCO summit will reveal whether that trajectory holds.



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PM Modi's Independence Day Address: Reform, Self-Reliance, and National Recognition



On the 79th Independence Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a wide-ranging address from the Red Fort, combining **administrative ambition with cultural symbolism**. While much of the speech focused on reforms, self-reliance, and economic transformation, it also carried a historic acknowledgment: a salute to the **Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)** on its centenary. By balancing policy commitments with a tribute to one of India's most influential civic organisations, Modi presented a vision of a Viksit Bharat rooted both in modern governance and cultural continuity.

Salute to the RSS at 100 Years

In one of the most significant moments of his speech, PM Modi praised the RSS, calling it the **“world's biggest NGO”** and honouring its **100-year journey of service to the nation**. He lauded the organisation's contributions in fields such as rural development, social cohesion, cultural preservation, and humanitarian relief, emphasising that the RSS has inspired generations of Indians to dedicate themselves to voluntary service.

By placing this recognition at the heart of his address, Modi elevated the RSS centenary into a **national milestone**. It marked one of the strongest acknowledgments of the Sangh from the Red Fort, underscoring its role in shaping India's civic and social identity.

Analysts viewed this gesture as both symbolic and

strategic. For supporters, it was a proud moment of recognition for a century of grassroots mobilisation. For political observers, it reflected Modi's intent to integrate cultural and ideological affirmation with his governance narrative. The salute to the RSS stood as a reminder that **India's progress is not only measured by economic reform but also by institutions that strengthen its social fabric**.

Simplifying Laws and Governance

Beyond symbolism, the Prime Minister set out a strong reform agenda. He noted that in recent years:

- Over **40,000 unnecessary compliances** have been abolished.
- More than **1,500 outdated laws** have been repealed.
- Around **280 provisions** were removed in the latest parliamentary session.

These steps, Modi explained, were not just bureaucratic exercises but part of a larger mission to make governance **simpler, faster, and more accessible**. Reform, he said, is about changing how citizens experience the state in their daily lives.

Fiscal and Judicial Reforms

The speech highlighted reforms that directly touch citizens:

- **Income Tax Reform and Faceless Assessment** to improve transparency.
- **Zero tax for annual income up to ₹12 lakh**, offering

relief to the middle class.

- **Replacement of outdated criminal laws with the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita**, simplifying justice and legal processes.

Together, these reforms project a government that is shifting from control to facilitation, ensuring governance works for the people.

Empowering Entrepreneurs and MSMEs

The Prime Minister stressed that reducing compliance burdens is critical for **startups, small businesses, and MSMEs**. Simplification of rules, protection from arbitrary legal actions, and reduced compliance costs are meant to encourage innovation, economic self-reliance, and competitiveness.

Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms

Modi announced the creation of a **Task Force for Next-Generation Reforms** with a clear mandate to:

- Review laws governing economic activities.
- Reduce compliance costs across industries.
- Safeguard entrepreneurs from outdated legal provisions.
- Streamline regulations for ease of doing business.

This body will work within strict timelines, reflecting the government's urgency to institutionalise reforms and sustain momentum.

Next-Generation GST Reforms

Among the most awaited announcements was Modi's pledge to introduce **Next-Generation GST reforms by Diwali**. These reforms will reduce taxes on daily-use items, described by the Prime Minister as a "**Diwali gift**" to citizens. The move is aimed at easing the burden on households while



stimulating broader economic activity.

Vision for the Future

In his concluding remarks, Modi urged India to focus not on the limitations of others but on **expanding its own line of progress**. In an era of rising economic self-interest globally, he stressed that India must build resilience, create opportunities, and empower its citizens to lead the way towards a **Viksit Bharat**.

Outlook: Reform with Cultural Roots

This year's Independence Day address was distinctive for blending **hard policy measures with cultural recognition**. The reform announcements—including GST changes, legal simplifications, and institutional mechanisms like the Task Force—demonstrated administrative ambition. At the same time, the salute to the RSS on its 100th year placed cultural institutions at the centre of the national narrative.

If implemented effectively, the reforms can deliver tangible ease for citizens and businesses alike. And by acknowledging the RSS, Modi signaled that India's journey of transformation draws not only from governance innovations but also from the strength of long-standing social movements.

PM Modi's address projected a dual vision: **a modern, reform-driven India and a**

nation anchored in civic traditions. By honouring the RSS alongside announcing sweeping economic and governance changes, the Prime Minister underscored that building a Viksit Bharat requires both **structural reform and cultural recognition**. The success of this vision will depend on turning promises into action while ensuring inclusivity in India's march forward.

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We live in a world where everything is connected. A mobile phone may be designed in the U.S., built in China, and powered by lithium from Africa. This means conflicts in one country can disrupt businesses globally.

Take the Russia-Ukraine war. Russia is a key energy supplier, while Ukraine exports wheat, corn, and fertilizers. When the war began, farms shut down, ports closed, and shipments stopped. Food prices soared worldwide. The war also disrupted computer chip supplies, delaying production of cars, laptops, and electronics. That's when I realized wars are not limited to battlefields—they ripple into boardrooms, factories, and store shelves.

Yet, some businesses turned crisis into strength. They had already diversified suppliers, invested in renewable energy, and built reliable partnerships. Planning ahead helped them stay resilient.

Geopolitics also affects shipping. The Middle East's Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz are vital routes. When tensions rise, ships are rerouted around Africa, adding

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ten days and nearly a million dollars in fuel. Since 20% of global oil passes through Hormuz, any disruption can spike prices worldwide. To reduce risks, companies are now adopting multi-route logistics and AI-driven predictive systems.

Another shift is "friendshoring"—working with politically stable countries even if costs are higher. At the same time, industries like cybersecurity, defense tech, renewable energy, and rare-earth materials are growing as

governments and businesses prepare for uncertainty.

From these events, I've learned five lessons as an entrepreneur:

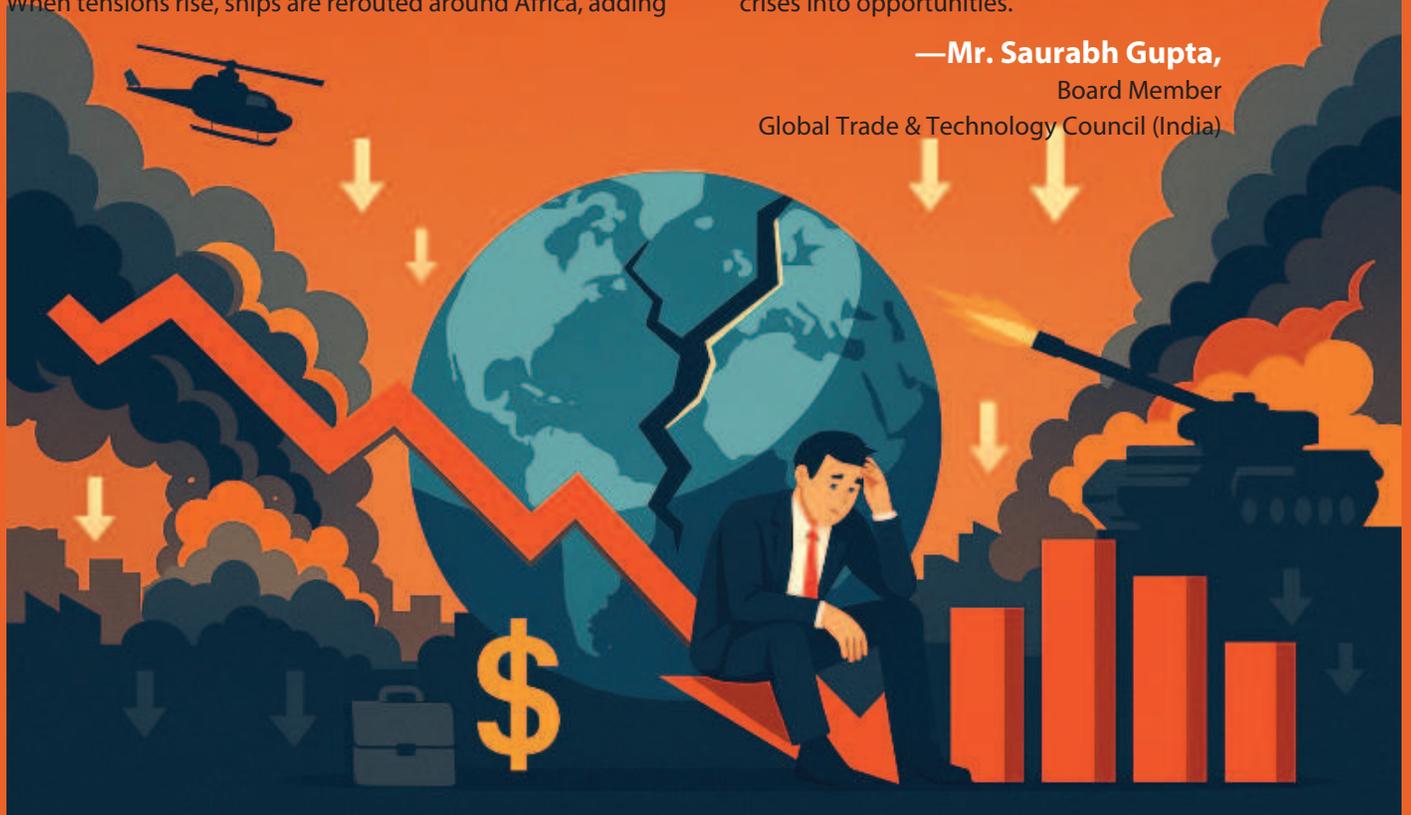
1. Diversify suppliers and markets.
2. Stay updated on world news.
3. Plan for worst-case scenarios.
4. Use technology to stay agile.
5. Build resilience and flexibility.

Final Thoughts: The Future Belongs to the Bold - War reshapes business. The future will belong to companies that adapt, think ahead, and turn crises into opportunities.

—Mr. Saurabh Gupta,

Board Member

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Time to Stand Tall

Strong powers have always tried to bully newcomers, but history shows the underdog always rises. Today, India faces sanctions and pressures from the United States, but our time has come. With 1.4 billion people, unmatched talent, and growing economic strength, India cannot be shaken.

Sanctions are not a sign of strength, but of fear. The world sees India as the fastest-growing major economy, a hub of innovation, and a voice for the global south. No external pressure can halt our progress.

As the Bhagavad Gita says, "Stand up and fight for your duty, O Arjuna."

The Bible reminds us, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

And Guru Granth Sahib Ji guides, "Nanak naam chardi kala, tere bhaane sarbat da bhala" — through faith and resilience, all will prosper.

What Must Be Done

- **Government of India:** Stand firm against sanctions, deepen ties with friendly nations, and invest in self-reliance.
- **Businesses:** Prioritize Indian supply chains, invest in local talent, and adopt "Vocal for Local" as a mission.



- **Citizens:** Support Indian products, Indian services, and Indian innovation.

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Sanctions can't shake a nation of 1.4 billion dreams. India's time has come — and we will not be bullied.

—**Dr. Parmeet Singh Chadha,**
Founder Board Member
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Fiji PM Rabuka's India Visit: *Turning Friendship Into a Concrete Partnership*

Fiji's Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka paid his first official visit to India from August 24–26, 2025, culminating in a joint statement themed “Partnership in the spirit of Veilomani Dosti.” The three-day agenda blended symbolism with substance: commemorating deep historical ties while unveiling a modern cooperation slate across defense, health, climate, trade, and people-to-people links.

Defence and maritime security: from intent to action

Security cooperation took center stage. The leaders welcomed outcomes from the inaugural Joint Working Group on Defence, covering UN peacekeeping, military medicine, white-shipping information exchange, and capacity-building for Fiji's forces. India will establish a defence wing at its High Commission in Suva, gift two ambulances to Fiji's military, stand up a Cyber Security Training Cell, and schedule an Indian Naval Ship port call—steps that anchor day-to-day interoperability and maritime domain awareness in Fiji's EEZ.

Business-facing coverage underscored the same theme: both sides are strengthening defence ties and maritime security cooperation, aligning practical training and equipment support with Fiji's island security priorities.

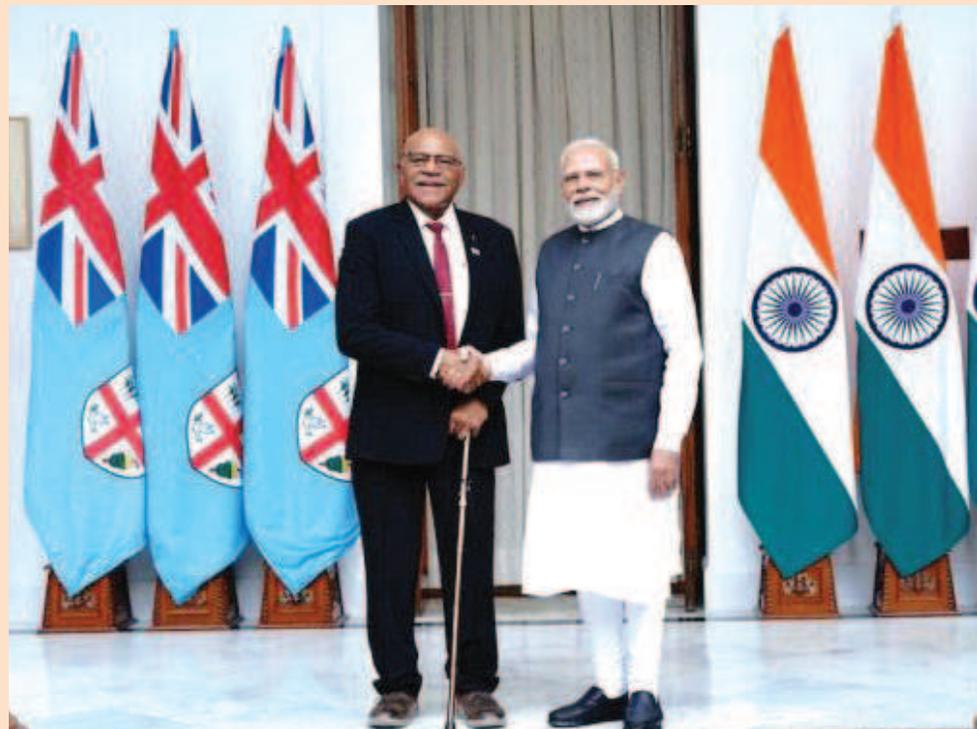
Health and human development: a flagship hospital for Suva

The visit delivered a marquee project: an MoU to design, construct, commission, operate, and maintain a 100-bed Super Specialty Hospital in Suva—India's largest grant-in-aid health project in the Pacific. Complementing brick-and-mortar care, the package includes integration with e-Sanjeevani telemedicine, support for Jan Aushadhi (People's Pharmacies) to widen access to affordable generics, a second Jaipur Foot camp, and specialized care in India for up to 10 Fijians

under the “Heal in India” program. Together, these measures address both acute capacity gaps and long-run system resilience.

Economy, agriculture, and trade: seeding resilience

Both governments noted untapped potential in bilateral trade, which has hovered around US\$80 million in recent years, and moved to diversify the portfolio. Fiji granted market access to Indian ghee, while New Delhi announced 12 agricultural drones and two mobile soil-testing laboratories to boost productivity—especially in the sugar



sector—alongside an ITEC expert for the Fiji Sugar Corporation and targeted training. The development partnership track advanced with a Quick Impact Project for clean drinking water in Tubalevu. Business linkages widened via MoUs among FDB–NABARD (rural finance), BIS–DNTMS (standards), NIELIT–Pacific Polytechnic (digital skills), CII–FCEF (business chambers), and HLL Lifecare (Jan Aushadhi supply).

People-to-people and culture: mobility, language, heritage

A new Declaration of Intent on Migration and Mobility will streamline movement for professionals and students. India will depute a Hindi-cum-Sanskrit teacher to the University of Fiji and support training for Fijian pundits, with an International Geeta Mahotsav also slated in Fiji—measures that reinforce living cultural links. These initiatives sit atop a unique social foundation: Indo-Fijians—descendants of the Girmitiyas who arrived between 1879 and 1916—constitute roughly 38% of Fiji’s population, sustaining enduring educational, cultural, and commercial connections with India.

Climate and the Indo-Pacific: aligning blue-economy priorities

On climate and resilience, both sides reaffirmed cooperation through India’s Mission Life, the International Solar Alliance (including an upcoming STAR Centre at Fiji National University), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, and the Global Biofuels Alliance. Strategically, Fiji signaled



interest in joining the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, and the leaders stressed a free, open, secure, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Multilaterally, Fiji reaffirmed support for India’s permanent seat in a reformed UN Security Council and for India’s 2028–29 UNSC non-permanent bid.

Counter-terrorism and regional stability

The joint statement condemned terrorism unequivocally, including this year’s Pahalgam attack, and committed to cooperation against radicalization, terror finance, and misuse of emerging technologies. The security plank complements maritime and cyber initiatives, creating a whole-of-government framework for stability.

Why this visit matters

Rabuka’s Delhi trip moves India–Fiji ties from warm sentiment to operational partnerships. Health infrastructure and telemedicine target everyday welfare; drones, soil labs, and rural finance agreements speak to food security and climate

resilience; defense and cyber measures sharpen maritime and homeland security; and the mobility, language, and heritage tracks deepen people-to-people trust. With deliverables now mapped and timelines implied by MoUs and planned deployments, the relationship gains a repeatable mechanism—working groups, training pipelines, and port calls—that can be scaled or adapted as needs evolve across the Blue Pacific. If both sides sustain this cadence, Veilomani Dosti will read less like a motto and more like a measurable, annual program of action.

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Ethiopia to Host Climate Summit: A Call for Global Action

Ethiopia, a nation with over 3,000 years of civilisation and home to more than 80 ethnic groups, is often referred to as the "Land of Origins" owing to its status as the cradle of human ancestry. The country is set to host the second Africa Climate Summit (ACS2) from September 8 to 10, 2025, in its capital, Addis Ababa. As the second most populous and geostrategic Country in Africa, Ethiopia plays a significant role on the continent.

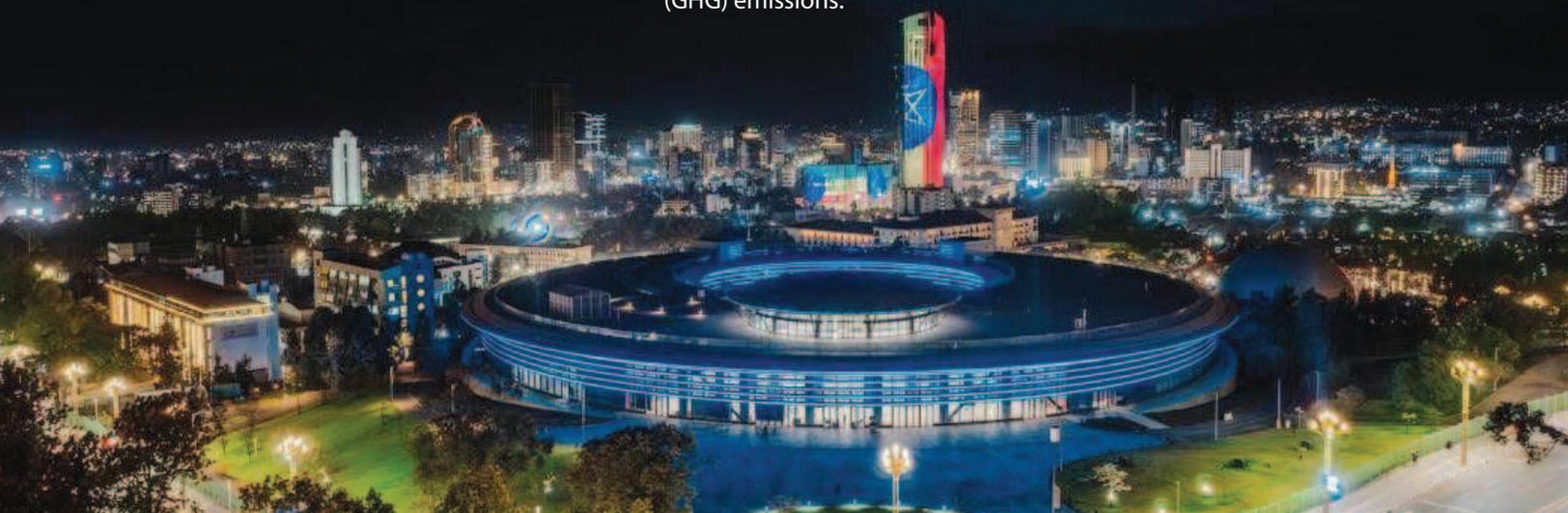
Addis Ababa is emerging as an important diplomatic hub, frequently hosting various international conferences and summits. This trend is enhancing the city's reputation as a centre for global dialogue and collaboration.

In recent years, the growing concern over climate trends and their potential impacts on both the environment and the socio-economic fabric of societies has positioned climate change as a critical topic of global discourse. Before delving into the causes, evidence, potential impacts, and adaptations related to climate change, it is essential to first understand what climate change entails.

Climate change is a pervasive global threat that has been unfolding over an extended period, with its manifestations posing significant risks to the stability of societies, as well as to natural and managed ecosystems. The rise in ambient temperatures and the alteration of related environmental processes are directly linked to increasing concentrations of anthropogenic greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere.

While climate change can result from natural internal processes or external forces, its persistent anthropogenic influences have become increasingly evident. In the 21st century, issues such as migration, terrorism, and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction have emerged as critical challenges that transcend national borders. Among these, climate change stands out as one of the most formidable challenges humanity faces in its relationship with nature. The complexity of climate issues necessitates a collective global response, emphasizing the urgent need for international collaboration and action to address this pressing crisis.

As a nation committed to addressing the pressing of climate change, Ethiopia has aligned its efforts with the Paris Agreement's goals of limiting the global average temperature increase to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels, and striving to limit the increase to 1.5 °C. The Ethiopian government recognizes the devastating impacts of climate change on its people, environment, and economy, and is committed to taking immediate global action to enhance climate resilience and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.





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Ethiopia's long-term low emissions development strategy (LT-LEDS) aims for net-zero emissions by 2050, setting an ambitious example for others to follow. This strategy complements Ethiopia's Climate Resilience and Green Economy strategy, which was outlined in the Ten-Year Development Plan: A Pathway to Prosperity (2021-2030). This plan aims for an annual economic growth rate of 10.2% while prioritizing the establishment of a climate-resilient green economy. It includes specific targets to enhance Ethiopia's capacity for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from 92.7 MtCO₂e to 162.3 MtCO₂e by 2030.

Despite these ambitious goals, current projections indicate that emissions may rise to between 197-220 MtCO₂e by 2030, representing a 62-81% increase compared to 2010 levels. In response to this challenge, Ethiopia has taken significant steps under leadership of PM Abiy Ahimed (PhD) such as green legacy initiatives planting billion of trees every year, a large-scale reforestation program targeting 700 million trees in 2025. banning the import of all internal combustion engine vehicles in 2024, becoming the first country to do so. Additionally, policies have been introduced to incentivize electric vehicle (EV) adoption, including tax exemptions and reduced import tariffs for locally assembled EVs.

The forthcoming ACS2 will be co-convened by the Ethiopian government and the African Union Commission under the theme "Accelerating Global Climate Solutions: Financing for Africa's Resilient and Green Development." The summit will showcase Africa-led climate solutions and focus on unlocking climate finance, positioning the continent as a key player in the global climate response.

The urgency of the climate crisis cannot be overstated; 2024 is projected to be the hottest year on record, with 2025 likely to surpass it. African nations, despite contributing less than 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions, are disproportionately affected by climate change, often spending over 5% of their

GDP on climate-related responses. This diverts critical resources from essential development sectors such as health and education.

The ACS2 aims to bring together 45+ African heads of state, policy makers, scholars and different stake holders, to spotlight Africa's leadership and innovation in combating the climate crisis. It seeks to establish a united African voice ahead of COP30, emphasizing principles of multilateralism, equity, and respect for international rights frameworks. The summit will champion partnerships that promote nature-centred investments, innovative solutions, and sustainable practices.

Ethiopia calls upon the international community to support Africa in creating green energy solutions and building climate-resilient economies. The ACS2 will serve as a platform for mobilizing political and financial action to address the climate crisis, advocating for reforms in the global financial system that reflect Africa's realities and priorities, particularly in renewable energy access and climate adaptation.

In conclusion, the ACS2 represents a pivotal opportunity for African nations to assert their leadership in global climate governance, fostering a future that prioritizes sustainability, resilience, and equitable development.

ACS2 will also deepen South-South cooperation and foster a new era of global partnerships rooted in equity, innovation, and African-led solutions. The long-term impact will be a strengthened continental position that not only influences COP30 but also institutionalizes Africa's leadership in global climate governance, through collective efforts and international support, Africa can catalyse transformative change in the global response to climate change.

Climate change has no borders our solution should not either.

—Mr. Atiklit Atnafu Naramo

Second Secretary, Embassy of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, New Delhi



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- 2. IMF Upgrades India’s Growth Forecast** – India projected to remain the world’s fastest-growing major economy through 2026.
- 3. India–US Defense Ties Strengthen** – New defense technology sharing agreements announced under the iCET initiative.
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- 5. BRICS Expansion Talks Continue** – Discussions on including more members, with India emphasizing balanced representation.
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- 8. G20 Engagements Spotlight India’s Role** – India actively shaping discussions on global financial stability.
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- 10. India–Africa Ties Strengthened** – Major investments announced in healthcare, digital, and agriculture sectors.
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- 12. Global Climate Talks Highlight India’s Leadership** – India pushing for climate finance commitments at preparatory summits.
- 13. India–ASEAN Strategic Dialogue Advances** – Expanded cooperation in digital economy and renewable energy.
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- 15. UN Reports Highlight India’s Poverty Reduction Achievements** – India cited as a model for social inclusion.
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- 3. IMF warns of major downside risks from tariff escalation and geopolitical tensions** – Rising uncertainty could undermine confidence and stability.
- 4. Emerging and developing economies set to grow 4.1 % in 2025, easing to 4.0 % in 2026** – Driven by resilience in Asia but vulnerable to fading front-loading effects.
- 5. IMF raises U.S. 2025 growth projection to 1.9 %** – Boosted by recent fiscal stimulus measures.
- 6. Euro-area forecast nudged to 1.0 % in 2025 and 1.2 % in 2026** – Supported by exceptional export performance in Ireland.
- 7. Chinese growth forecast upgraded to 4.8 % in 2025 and 4.2 % in 2026** – Stronger first-half performance and tariff relief underpin outlook.
- 8. India's growth forecast set at 6.4 % for both 2025 and 2026** – Revised upward on improved external conditions.
- 9. IMF revises world trade growth upward for 2025 but cuts 2026 forecast** – Short-term gains offset by weaker medium-term trajectory.
- 10. World Bank downgrades global growth forecast to 2.3 % for 2025** – Slowest pace since 2008 outside recessions.
- 11. World Bank reports growth nearly 0.5 points below early-year expectations** – Reflects impact of accumulating trade barriers.
- 12. Global trade growth projected at only 1.8 % in 2025** – Markedly below long-term averages due to protectionist policies.
- 13. Projected global inflation at 2.9 % in 2025, above pre-pandemic norms** – Persistent tariffs and labor costs drive inflationary pressures.
- 14. World Bank warns developing economies risk becoming "development-free zones"** – Deceleration threatens progress in poverty reduction.
- 15. Low-income countries forecast to grow 5.3 % in 2025** – Slightly below earlier projections, limiting poverty alleviation capacity.
- 16. Regional growth outlook: South Asia projected at 5.8 %, Sub-Saharan Africa at 3.7 %** – Moderate expansion expected, with gradual rebound in 2026.
- 17. World Bank underscores need for fiscal resilience and diversified trade partnerships** – Advises reforms to strengthen economic buffers.
- 18. Halving existing trade tariffs could boost global growth by 0.2 points in 2025–26** – Highlighted as a potential quick win for stability.
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- 22. Weaker U.S. dollar cited as easing global financial conditions** – Provides short-term relief from tariff shocks.
- 23. IMF urges structural reforms and fiscal buffers to restore confidence** – Emphasizes predictability and long-term sustainability.
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- 26. IMF's July 2025 update titled "Tenuous Resilience amid Persistent Uncertainty"** – Highlights fragility and uneven performance.
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OTHER INITIATIVE

Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): The second edition of the SCO Young Authors' Conference is scheduled to be held on 25-26 September 2025 in New Delhi with NBT as the Implementing Agency.



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