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Founder President's Note

Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to present the October–December 2025 Special Edition of GTTC Insights, highlighting three months of focused progress, strategic partnerships, and impactful engagement by the Global Trade & Technology Council (India). This quarter has been particularly significant, marked by notable achievements across diplomacy, trade, culture, and global cooperation.

One of the most prestigious highlights of this period is GTTCI's invitation to serve as the India Partner for the forthcoming India–Russia Forum in New Delhi, held alongside the official visit of H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation. Addressed by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President Putin, the forum represents a historic step in strengthening India–Russia strategic and economic relations, with GTTCI playing a key facilitative role.

Between October and December 2025, GTTCI actively participated in major international observances and platforms, including the International Day of Peace, World Atomic Week 2025, Africa Energy Week, World Tourism Day, and World Food Expo 2025, reaffirming our commitment to sustainability, innovation, and inclusive growth.

During this quarter, GTTCI signed several strategic MoUs with esteemed partners such as VTB Med, VTB Bank, UNICAP, TENEX, Al Dana Consultancy (Bahrain), the Government of Suriname, and the Government of Telangana. In Telangana, two landmark MoUs are underway—one for the development of an International Sports City of Excellence and another focused on advancing thorium-based clean energy initiatives—reflecting a shared vision for innovation, sustainability, and global competitiveness.

Another important milestone was the MoU signed in Moscow between the Curling Federation of India and the Russian Curling Federation, strengthening India's growing role in international sports diplomacy.

The quarter also witnessed the successful 3rd Global Diplomacy Gala Night 2025, with participation from over 40 foreign missions, along with cultural engagements such as Echoes of Tradition – Indian Cultural Dance Evening, Diwali Dazzle Night, and a reception honouring Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt. GTTCI also commemorated Christmas and the Birth Anniversary of former Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji, reflecting the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and his legacy of harmony and statesmanship.

With continued engagement at global platforms and sustained dialogue with governments and partners, GTTCI remains well-positioned to facilitate transformative investments across energy, defence, healthcare, sports, and clean technologies. I extend my sincere gratitude to our diplomatic partners, corporate members, and dedicated team for their unwavering support as we move forward together.

With warm regards,



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Chairperson's Note



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Dear Readers,

The October–December 2025 Special AGM Edition of GTTC Insights reflects a quarter of sustained engagement, focused execution, and forward-looking collaboration by the Global Trade & Technology Council (India). During this period, GTTCI remained committed to strengthening partnerships, deepening institutional dialogue, and translating strategic intent into measurable progress across both global and domestic platforms.

A defining highlight of this quarter was GTTCI's involvement at the highest level of international engagement. We were invited by Roscongress and the Office of the President of the Russian Federation to serve as the India Partner for the India–Russia Forum held in New Delhi during the official visit of H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation. Addressed by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President Putin, the forum provided a robust platform to advance bilateral trade and investment dialogue, with GTTCI actively facilitating structured interactions among government, industry, and institutional stakeholders.

From October to December 2025, GTTCI focused on building strong, outcome-oriented collaborations through the signing of strategic MoUs with VTB Med, VTB Bank,

UNICAP, TENEX, AI Dana Consultancy (Bahrain), and the Government of Suriname. These partnerships are progressing toward implementation across key sectors including healthcare, project financing, nuclear and clean energy, trade facilitation, natural resources, mining, infrastructure, sports, and IT & technology. In parallel, GTTCI supported the MoU between the Curling Federation of India and the Russian Curling Federation, further strengthening India's footprint in international sports diplomacy.

At the state level, GTTCI entered into two landmark MoUs with the Government of Telangana, focusing on the development of the International Sports City of Excellence and the advancement of thorium-based clean energy initiatives. These collaborations align global expertise with India's long-term sustainability and innovation priorities.

During this quarter, GTTCI also engaged across major international platforms including Africa Energy Week, World Atomic Week, World Tourism Day, World Food Expo, and the International Sports Forum in Samara, enabling meaningful engagement with global partners and project-driven discussions.

Alongside policy and business initiatives, GTTCI continued to strengthen diplomatic and cultural ties through the 3rd Global Diplomacy Gala Night 2025, attended by over 40 foreign missions, as well as cultural and commemorative events celebrating Indian heritage and leadership.

As we move forward, GTTCI remains focused on execution, impact, and sustainable value creation for our members and partners.

With warm regards,

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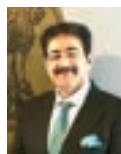
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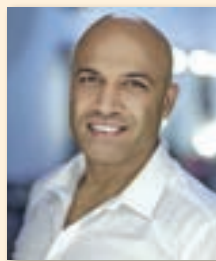


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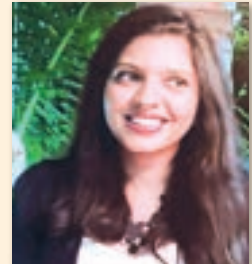
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India–Uruguay Trade Relations: Strengthening Ties in a Global Context

Alignment with Global Agendas

The India-Uruguay partnership aligns with broader global priorities, including sustainable development, climate action, and digital transformation. Uruguay's expertise in renewable energy and agriculture complements India's focus on clean energy, food security, and green supply chains. Collaboration in IT services and technological infrastructure demonstrates the countries' commitment to digital innovation and global competitiveness.

Future Outlook

While challenges remain, such as regulatory barriers and identifying new export sectors, both governments are actively addressing these through trade agreements, technical cooperation, and continuous diplomatic dialogue. The focus on diversification, sustainability, and innovation positions the India-Uruguay partnership for long-term growth.

Conclusion

India and Uruguay continue to build a dynamic and forward-looking relationship rooted in shared priorities and complementary strengths. With expanding cooperation across technology, agriculture, energy, and health, this partnership reflects a commitment to sustainable development and global collaboration.

Expanding Bilateral Cooperation

India and Uruguay have steadily nurtured their economic and diplomatic relationship, exploring opportunities across multiple sectors. Their collaboration spans areas such as information and communication technology, health and pharmaceuticals, agriculture, renewable energy, railways, and cultural exchanges. Both countries are committed to leveraging their respective strengths to create mutually beneficial partnerships.

Recent Diplomatic Engagements

High-level consultations between India and Uruguay have strengthened the foundation for dialogue and collaboration. Agreements on technical



cooperation, diplomatic engagements, and employment frameworks for diplomats' families underscore the commitment to closer ties. Meetings at international forums have further facilitated discussions on expanding trade agreements, digital collaboration, and people-to-people linkages, reflecting a shared vision for deeper engagement.

India and Mongolia: Building Bonds Beyond Borders

A Historic Partnership

India and Mongolia share a long-standing relationship built on mutual respect, democratic values, and cultural affinity. Over the past decade, their ties have evolved into a strategic partnership encompassing trade, energy, defense, and people-to-people connections. The recent state visit of Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa to India highlighted the commitment of both nations to deepen cooperation across multiple sectors and celebrate decades of diplomatic engagement.

Expanding Economic Cooperation

Economic collaboration forms a key pillar of India-Mongolia relations. Both countries are exploring



joint ventures in energy, infrastructure, and industrial development. Initiatives to strengthen Mongolia's energy independence, enhance trade flows, and support industrial projects demonstrate India's role as a development partner. Efforts are also underway to identify new avenues for bilateral trade, focusing on complementing each country's strengths and promoting sustainable economic growth.

Defense and Security Collaboration

The strategic partnership extends to defense and security. India's support in training Mongolian security forces and enhancing military cooperation underscores the

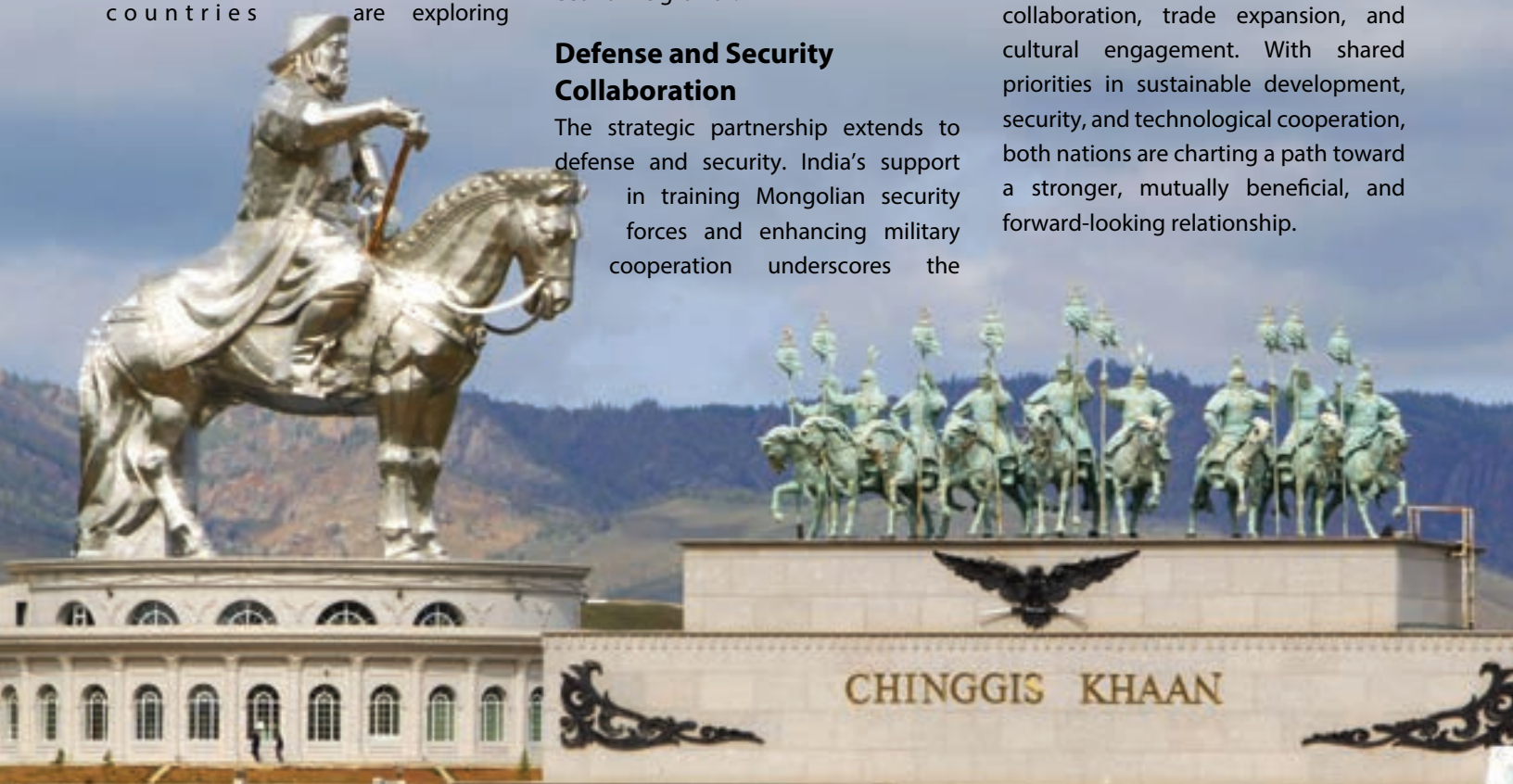
mutual interest in regional stability. Establishing closer defense ties ensures both nations can collaborate on shared security concerns, contributing to peace and stability in the region.

Cultural and People-to-People Links

Cultural and spiritual bonds remain central to India-Mongolia relations. Visits to important cultural and religious sites in India by Mongolian leaders reinforce this connection, while educational and cultural exchanges continue to foster mutual understanding and goodwill between the peoples of both countries.

Looking Ahead

The India-Mongolia partnership is poised for growth, focusing on strategic collaboration, trade expansion, and cultural engagement. With shared priorities in sustainable development, security, and technological cooperation, both nations are charting a path toward a stronger, mutually beneficial, and forward-looking relationship.





India and Mauritius: Deepening Bonds for a Sustainable Tomorrow

A Longstanding Friendship

India and Mauritius share a deep-rooted historical, cultural, and diplomatic relationship. With strong people-to-people ties, shared democratic values, and cultural affinities, the two nations have consistently nurtured collaboration in trade, investment, and regional cooperation. High-level visits and continuous diplomatic engagement have reinforced their longstanding friendship.

Expanding Economic and Trade Cooperation

Trade and investment form a cornerstone of India-Mauritius relations. Both countries have actively pursued initiatives to enhance bilateral trade, investment in key sectors, and industrial collaboration. Mauritius serves as a gateway for Indian investments into Africa, while India's support in infrastructure, information technology, and financial services has strengthened Mauritius' economic landscape. Efforts to align trade and investment with



sustainable development and green growth goals highlight their shared commitment to global agendas.

Recent Diplomatic Engagements

Recent high-level meetings between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam have further strengthened bilateral ties. Their meetings in March 2025 in Mauritius and September 2025 in India focused on expanding trade agreements, investment opportunities, and cooperation in technology, energy, and

healthcare, and maritime security. These discussions paved the way for new memoranda of understanding and deepened collaboration in renewable energy, digital infrastructure, and capacity-building initiatives, reinforcing the strategic partnership.

Cultural and People-to-People Connections

Beyond trade and diplomacy, cultural exchanges, tourism, and education continue to deepen the bond between India and Mauritius. Shared heritage and active collaboration in cultural programs promote mutual understanding and goodwill, reflecting the broader vision of holistic partnership.

Looking Ahead

India and Mauritius are committed to further strengthening their trade, investment, and strategic collaboration. With a shared focus on sustainable development, innovation, and regional cooperation, both nations are shaping a prosperous and forward-looking partnership.



India and Fiji: Navigating Trade, Trust, and Shared Prosperity

India and Fiji share a relationship grounded in a long history, notably through the legacy of Indo-Fijians, cultural exchange, shared values, and democratic traditions. This foundation has underpinned many diplomatic, educational, and people-to-people initiatives between the two countries, reinforcing trust and mutual respect.

Recent Diplomatic Engagements

In August 2025, Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka visited India and held delegation-level talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Their meetings resulted in several new agreements covering healthcare, defence, climate action, trade, and cultural cooperation. Prior to that, in July 2025, the two countries held the 6th Foreign Office Consultations in Suva, where senior officials reviewed their partnership across sectors like education, trade, climate, and security. These engagements reaffirmed both nations' commitment to strengthening their cooperation.

Expanding Trade, Health, and Infrastructure Cooperation

A standout outcome of recent talks is the agreement to build a super-specialty hospital in Fiji, reflecting India's growing role in supporting Pacific healthcare



infrastructure. There are also steps to enhance pharmaceutical cooperation, including efforts under the Jan Aushadhi scheme for affordable medicines. On trade and commerce, Fiji granted market access to some Indian goods like ghee, and both sides committed to boosting economic diversification, standards harmonization, and supply chain resilience.

Alignment with Global Agendas

India and Fiji are aligning their bilateral cooperation with global priorities such as sustainable development, climate resilience, clean energy, and health equity. Fiji has joined regional and thematic initiatives like the Global Biofuels Alliance, and collaborative projects benefit from India's capacity in solarisation, disaster resilience, and technology-based public health solutions.

Looking Ahead

Going forward, India-Fiji ties are expected to grow in depth and breadth. With active cooperation in trade, defence, health, and climate, and mutual interest in more resilient and inclusive development, both countries seem poised to build a partnership that responds to local needs while contributing to regional and global stability.





Crossing Continents, Building Futures: The India–Suriname Connection

Historical and Cultural Foundations

India and Suriname share deep-rooted historical and cultural ties, anchored by the significant Indo-Surinamese community. This vibrant community has been instrumental in nurturing strong people-to-people connections, fostering mutual understanding, and reinforcing the social and cultural linkages between the two nations.

Diplomatic Engagements and High-Level Visits

High-level diplomatic engagements have played a key role in strengthening India–Suriname relations. Visits by Indian and Surinamese leaders, including the Indian President, have focused on enhancing bilateral cooperation across sectors such as trade, technology, education, and culture. These visits have provided opportunities to discuss strategic collaboration and reaffirm



the commitment of both countries to a long-term partnership.

Economic and Trade Cooperation

India and Suriname are actively exploring avenues to expand trade and investment. Priority areas include agriculture, renewable energy, digital technologies, education, and tourism. Both nations aim to enhance economic collaboration in ways that promote sustainable development and create

mutually beneficial opportunities for growth.

Alignment with Global Agendas

Bilateral cooperation is closely aligned with global priorities, including climate action, sustainable development, and digital transformation. Collaborative initiatives reflect the shared commitment of India and Suriname to address global challenges while promoting inclusive growth and regional stability.

Looking Ahead

The India–Suriname partnership continues to strengthen, with an emphasis on strategic collaboration, economic cooperation, and cultural exchange. Through sustained diplomatic engagement and alignment with global agendas, both nations are poised to deepen their ties and work together toward a prosperous and forward-looking future.





Trade, Technology, and Trust: India and Ethiopia Deepen Bilateral Ties



Historical and Diplomatic Foundations

India and Ethiopia share a long-standing relationship rooted in centuries of trade and cultural exchange. From historical trade connections in the Axumite era to modern diplomatic ties established in the mid-20th century, both nations have cultivated mutual respect, cooperation, and a shared commitment to democratic values and regional stability.

Expanding Trade and Investment

Trade and investment form a key pillar of India–Ethiopia relations. India exports a wide range of goods including pharmaceuticals, machinery, and technology solutions, while Ethiopia contributes agricultural products, raw materials, and commodities to the bilateral trade basket. Beyond commerce, India has supported Ethiopia's infrastructure and industrial development, helping strengthen sectors such as agriculture, manufacturing, and technology.

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Initiatives focus on promoting sustainable trade practices and aligning economic cooperation with global development goals.

Recent Diplomatic Engagements

High-level visits and consultations have reinforced the strategic partnership. Leaders and senior officials from both nations have engaged in dialogue on expanding trade agreements, investment opportunities, defense cooperation, and collaboration in health, technology, and renewable

energy. These interactions have resulted in agreements and MoUs that enhance bilateral cooperation and deepen institutional links.

Alignment with Global Agendas

India and Ethiopia work together in alignment with global priorities such as sustainable development, climate action, clean energy, and digital innovation. Collaborative projects leverage India's expertise in technology and infrastructure, supporting Ethiopia's development while contributing to regional stability and resilience.

Looking Ahead

The India–Ethiopia partnership continues to grow in depth and breadth. With shared focus on trade, strategic cooperation, and sustainable development, both nations are positioned to strengthen their ties, foster regional progress, and contribute meaningfully to global agendas.



India–Myanmar Relations: From Cultural Ties to Strategic Collaboration

Historical and Cultural Ties

India and Myanmar share deep-rooted historical and cultural connections, with longstanding people-to-people links and shared heritage. These ties have laid a strong foundation for diplomatic and economic cooperation between the two nations.

Diplomatic Engagements and High-Level Visits

Recent diplomatic engagements have further strengthened the bilateral relationship. In 2025, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Myanmar's Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks in Tianjin, China, focusing on enhancing cooperation in areas such as trade, connectivity, energy, rare earth mining, and security. These discussions underscored the mutual interest in expanding bilateral ties and addressing regional challenges collaboratively.

Economic and Trade Cooperation

India and Myanmar are actively working

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to bolster economic and trade relations. Efforts are underway to enhance connectivity through infrastructure projects like the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, which aims to improve trade routes between India's northeastern region and Myanmar. Additionally, both countries are exploring opportunities in sectors such as energy, agriculture, and digital technologies to promote sustainable economic growth.

Regional and Global Cooperation

Both India and Myanmar are committed to regional cooperation through platforms like the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) program, which aims to improve cross-border connectivity and trade among member countries. Their collaboration also aligns with global agendas, including sustainable development and climate action, reflecting a shared commitment to addressing global challenges.

Looking Ahead

The India–Myanmar partnership continues to evolve, with a focus on strengthening strategic ties, enhancing economic cooperation, and addressing regional and global challenges collaboratively. Through sustained diplomatic engagement and shared initiatives, both nations are poised to contribute to regional stability and prosperity.

A photograph of four individuals standing in a formal, ornate room with wood-paneled walls and arched doorways. From left to right: a man in a dark vest over a white shirt, a man in a dark suit and tie, a man in a white kurta and dark vest holding a cup, and a woman in a black dress with a patterned shawl. They are all smiling at the camera.

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya's Visit to India Strengthens a Shared Vision for Regional Progress

18th October 2025

The visit of the Honourable Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Ms. Harini Amarasuriya, to India marked an important milestone in the longstanding and multifaceted partnership between the two neighbours. Her engagements in New Delhi reflected a renewed commitment to cooperation grounded in shared history, mutual respect, and a collective aspiration for regional development.

A key highlight of the visit was her meeting with the Honourable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, at his official residence. The discussions between the two leaders spanned a broad spectrum of areas, including education, women's empowerment, innovation, development cooperation,

and the welfare of fisher communities along both coastlines. Prime Minister Modi expressed his delight in welcoming Ms. Amarasuriya, emphasising that "as close neighbours, our cooperation holds immense importance for the prosperity of our two peoples as well as the shared region." His remarks reaffirmed India's consistent commitment to supporting Sri Lanka's developmental priorities and advancing collaborative initiatives that benefit both societies.

The Sri Lankan side, too, conveyed deep appreciation for India's role in the region. The Ambassador of Sri Lanka to India noted that Sri Lanka has been studying the Gujarat model of development for insights on governance, public administration, and

service delivery. He highlighted that India's experiences in infrastructure growth, entrepreneurship, and social welfare continue to serve as valuable reference points for Sri Lanka as it pursues economic reforms and long-term stability.

During her visit, Prime Minister Amarasuriya also interacted with several distinguished members of India's diplomatic and economic community. Among these engagements was a meeting with the leadership of the Global Trade & Technology Council (India) on the sidelines of a forum in New Delhi. Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, and Mr. Rakesh Asthana, Chief Advisor, had the privilege of meeting



The note from the Sri Lankan Ambassador further underscored the depth of goodwill that defines contemporary India–Sri Lanka ties. He expressed confidence that the Prime Minister’s visit would not only strengthen bilateral frameworks but also inspire wider engagement between institutions, industry bodies, and communities across both countries.

Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya’s visit thus stands as a reaffirmation of the timeless friendship between the two nations. The sincerity and warmth that characterised her interactions in New Delhi highlight a shared determination to expand economic opportunity, preserve cultural bonds, and advance a peaceful and prosperous regional future. As India and Sri Lanka continue to enhance cooperation across multiple fronts, this visit has set a positive and constructive tone for the next chapter of their partnership.

her and exchanging perspectives on strengthening cooperation in trade, technology, tourism, healthcare, and investment facilitation. The interaction provided an encouraging foundation for expanding collaborative opportunities between Indian and Sri Lankan stakeholders.

Dr. Saluja’s remarks on India–Sri Lanka relations reflect a deep understanding of the enduring ties between the two nations. She observes that the relationship is not solely grounded in diplomatic engagement but is shaped by centuries of civilisational connection—through cultural exchange, shared spiritual traditions, and longstanding maritime linkages. According to her, India and Sri Lanka have consistently demonstrated an ability to support each other during both challenging and transformative phases, embodying a partnership built on goodwill, trust, and shared aspirations. Dr. Saluja also believes that in an era of regional change, cooperation in areas such as education, healthcare innovation, women-led development, and sustainable economic growth will play an essential role in reinforcing stability across South Asia.





GTTCI Commemorates International Peace Day 2025



20th September 2025, The Host, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) (GTTCI) organized a special gathering today to commemorate International Day of Peace, bringing together eminent

personalities, thought leaders, and members of the diplomatic community.

The occasion was graced by Acharya Lokesh Muni Ji, spiritual leader and peace ambassador; Dr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, Former CBI Director and distinguished public servant; Mr. Kapil Khanna, renowned entrepreneur and social contributor; Mr. K. L. Ganju, Hon. Consul General of the Union of Comoros; Mr. Geshan, senior representative from the High Commission of Sri Lanka; and Ms. Livea, journalist from Cuba.

The program was led by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, who addressed the distinguished gathering. Dr. Saluja

emphasized the significance of dialogue, cooperation, and inclusivity in today's global landscape, while Dr. Gupta highlighted GTTCI's mission of building bridges between nations through trade, technology, and cultural diplomacy.

Speaking on the occasion, the distinguished guests underscored the importance of peace, collaboration, and mutual respect in fostering stronger relations between nations. The event served as a platform for exchanging ideas and reinforcing the values of harmony, global partnership, and sustainable development. This meaningful commemoration reaffirmed GTTCI's commitment to fostering international cooperation, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting dialogue among nations.





GTTCI Trade Chamber Signs MoU with VTB Med to Advance Healthcare Cooperation between India and Russia



24th September 2025, Moscow, Russia

The Global Trade & Technology Council India (GTTCI) has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with VTB Med LLC, Russia, marking a significant step in strengthening healthcare cooperation between India and the Russian Federation. The MoU was formally signed in Moscow by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, and Mr. S. J. Nechaev, General Director of VTB Med.

The collaboration aims to establish a framework for strategic partnership in healthcare, medical tourism, and allied services. Under this agreement, GTTCI and VTB Med will jointly work to:

- Promote Russian medical services among Indian and South Asian patients, especially in advanced fields such as reproductive medicine, oncology, organ transplants, cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, and telemedicine.

- Develop patient outreach programs, awareness campaigns, and networking opportunities across India.
- Facilitate cooperation between medical organizations of Russia and India.
- Explore collaborations in medical technologies, health insurance, and telehealth solutions.
- Conduct joint participation in roadshows, conferences, expos, seminars, CME programs, and publications, including GTTC Insights, GTTCI's monthly newsletter with a wide international reach.

The MoU is guided by the principles of equality, reciprocity, transparency, confidentiality, and compliance with international standards, and will remain valid for five years, with the possibility of extension.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Rashmi Saluja stated:

"This partnership with VTB Med

represents a proud step forward in delivering cutting-edge healthcare services and world-class medical expertise to international patients. By combining the strengths of the Russian healthcare





system with GTTCI's extensive global outreach, we aim to create new avenues for medical collaboration and patient care with excellence and compassion."

This MoU builds upon GTTCI's commitment to fostering global partnerships across diverse sectors and reflects its growing role in facilitating

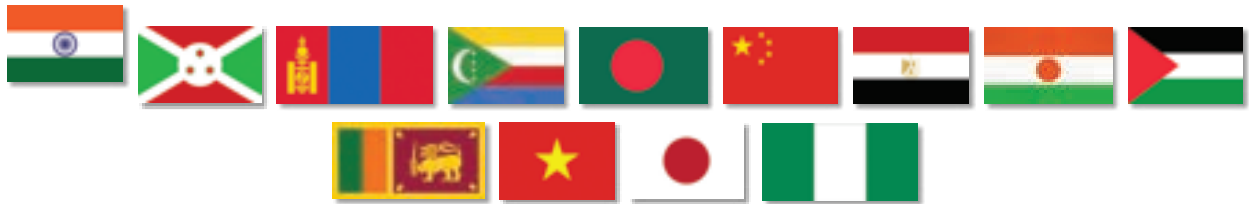
cross-border trade, technology, and healthcare collaborations.





Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, graced the Dussehra celebrations 2025 at the historic Red Fort as the esteemed Chief Guest.

World Tourism Day 2025 Commemorated at Shri Dharmic Leela Committee & GTTCI



25th September 2025, Red Fort, Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI), in collaboration with the Shri Dharmic Leela Committee, proudly commemorated World Tourism Day on 25 September at the historic Red Fort Grounds, Delhi. This year's global theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," underscored the event's focus on the transformative power of tourism as a driver of sustainable development and cross-cultural understanding. The

evening brought together an esteemed gathering of ambassadors, diplomats, business delegates and distinguished guests in a celebration that combined global awareness with India's timeless cultural heritage.

The event witnessed the gracious presence of H.E. Mr. Aloys Bizindavyi, Ambassador of Burundi; H.E. Mr. Ganbold Dambajav, Ambassador of Mongolia; H.E. Mr. K.L. Ganju, Consul General of the Union of Comoros; representatives and diplomats from the Embassies of Bangladesh, China,

Egypt, Niger, Palestine, Sri Lanka and Vietnam; along with 25 visiting business delegates from Vietnam. The evening was further enriched by the participation of expatriates from Sri Lanka, Japan and Nigeria, reflecting the diverse international representation. Each of these dignitaries conveyed their deep appreciation for the remarkable efforts of the Shri Dharmic Leela Committee in preserving and promoting India's cultural traditions.

In his address, H.E. Mr. Ganbold Dambajav expressed his admiration for





exemplary leadership and dedication. Dr. Gaurav Gupta, President of GTTCI, presented mementos to the visiting dignitaries as a gesture of gratitude for their support and participation. Shri Dhiraj Dhar Gupta, General Secretary of the Shri Dharmic Leela Committee, extended heartfelt thanks to the ambassadors, diplomats, business delegates and distinguished guests, reaffirming the committee's resolve to continue its work with renewed zeal. Secretary Pradeep Sharan welcomed the gathering with warmth and honored the excellencies with a traditional Patka, while Shri Atul Gupta and Vice President

the Ramleela tradition, emphasizing the significance of its continuity over more than a century. He noted that witnessing this timeless narrative of Lord Rama against the majestic backdrop of the Red Fort not only showcased India's living heritage but also reflected the universal values of devotion, perseverance and cultural unity. The confluence of World Tourism Day's global theme with the 102-year-old Ramleela of Lord Rama created a unique platform for intercultural dialogue, reflection and appreciation.

On this occasion, GTTCI honored key individuals for their outstanding contributions. Shri Suresh Goyal, Chairman of the Shri Dharmic Leela Committee, was recognized for his



Vinay Sharma were acknowledged for their relentless contributions to the cause.

The evening was further graced by the presence of special guests Dr. Kaarthikeyan, Advisor to GTTCI, and Acharya Lokesh Muni Ji, whose words of wisdom and blessings lent deeper meaning to the celebration.





Vietnam and India Share Green Food Processing Models at World Food Expo India 2025



26th September 2025, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Within the framework of the World Food Expo India 2025 (WFI) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, Vietnam – as a Key Country – hosted a high-level discussion on “Sustainable Food Processing and Carbon Balance”, highlighting collaborative approaches to green production and environmentally responsible food processing.

The session focused on promoting sustainable production models, expanding biotechnology applications, encouraging cross-border investment, and shaping an eco-friendly food processing industry.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Bui Trung Thuong, Commercial Counselor of the Vietnamese Embassy in India, emphasized the urgency for countries and businesses to strengthen cooperation to reduce emissions and develop sustainable production practices. He also highlighted that this topic aligns with WFI 2025’s vision, where the business community and international organizations share experiences, seek connections, and create initiatives to contribute to the global supply chain.

The discussion featured insightful presentations from both Vietnamese and Indian experts on innovative food processing models aligned with carbon

balance commitments, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and responsible value chain development. Business representatives from both countries explored collaboration in technology transfer, sustainable packaging, renewable energy applications, and bilateral supply chain development, and proposed a regular policy dialogue mechanism involving governments, associations, and businesses.

Notably, Mr. Phan Thanh Loc, Founder and Chairman of Vietnam Food Joint Stock Company (VNF), presented his pioneering model “Turning Waste into Wealth”, which focuses on recycling shrimp by-products through a circular





economy approach. This model not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions but also creates a new value chain for the seafood industry and other sectors. Mr. Phan highlighted that Vietnam and India, as leading shrimp-exporting nations, face the challenge of processing hundreds of thousands of tons of shrimp heads and shells annually. His model provides a sustainable solution that optimizes value while reducing environmental impact, and offers potential for collaboration with Indian partners to accelerate technology adoption.

The discussion also featured distinguished Indian speakers, including Mr. Amarendra Khatua, IFS (Retd.), Secretary (Special Assignment), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and Former Director General of ICCR, and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, Global Trade & Technology Council (India). Their participation underscored the growing India-Vietnam collaboration on sustainable food processing and net-zero initiatives.

The session reinforced the potential for bilateral cooperation in the food processing sector, addressing shared challenges in sustainability, climate change, and responsible consumption. Initiatives from the discussion and WFI 2025 are expected to strengthen India-Vietnam relations, encourage investment, and inspire collaborative solutions for a resilient and sustainable food ecosystem in Asia and globally.





GTTCI Strengthens India–Africa Energy Ties at Africa Energy Week 2025



*29th September - 3rd October 2025,
Cape Town, South Africa*

The Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) marked a significant milestone in strengthening India–Africa cooperation as **Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson – GTTCI**, participated as a *Special Delegate from India* at **Africa Energy Week (AEW) 2025**, held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The summit concluded after five days of intensive deliberations, large-scale business engagements and visible climate demonstrations, all converging toward the pressing question of who will shape Africa’s energy future and under what terms. With nearly 7,000 delegates and project opportunities valued at USD 13.4 billion showcased in Premier Invest’s Deal Room, AEW 2025 reflected the continent’s dual pursuit of hydrocarbon expansion and renewable energy advancement, while climate

activists, including Greenpeace, staged vocal protests demanding greater responsibility from global oil and gas majors.

GTTCI’s Presence: Strengthening India–Africa Energy Engagement

Representing India’s commitment to deepening its engagement with Africa’s evolving energy ecosystem, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja** held significant meetings and participated in high-level discussions throughout the summit. Her engagements emphasised India’s potential to contribute meaningfully to Africa’s clean energy transition, hydrocarbon development, and emerging collaborative avenues in non-defence nuclear energy. As thousands of stakeholders from across the globe

gathered to shape the future energy map of the continent, GTTCI’s presence reaffirmed India’s growing role as a dependable partner in Africa’s long-term energy strategy.

Strategic Meeting with Africa Energy Chamber

During AEW 2025, Dr. Saluja held an extensive interaction with **Mr. NJ Ayuk, Chairman of the Africa Energy Chamber**, where both leaders exchanged insights on Africa’s long-term energy roadmap and the importance of strengthening India–Africa cooperation. They discussed India’s strategic participation in clean energy expansion, the scope for introducing non-defence nuclear technologies to support Africa’s future power needs, and the mutual priorities that could shape coordinated engagement between GTTCI and the Africa Energy Chamber in upcoming



editions of the summit. The meeting underscored the enormous potential for collaborative innovation, investment and institutional partnership.

Engagement with City Leadership in Cape Town

Dr. Saluja also met **Mr. Alderman JP Smith, Mayoral Committee Member for Safety and Security for the City of Cape Town**, where discussions centred on understanding the city's governance



model, its approach to public safety, and the growing relevance of technology-driven systems in building resilient cities. The meeting opened avenues for cooperation in areas such as smart-city solutions, emergency response mechanisms, public safety technology and integrated urban resilience frameworks—domains where India's expertise can contribute substantially to South Africa's urban development goals.

Exploration of Technology & Collaboration Proposals

Throughout the five-day summit, Dr. Saluja engaged with global innovators, energy companies, technology experts, investment institutions and policymakers. Her interactions included exploratory discussions on renewable energy technologies suited for African markets, new-age solutions for grid stability and storage, emerging opportunities in green hydrogen, collaborative possibilities in non-defence nuclear energy, and pathways to foster deeper startup-level exchanges between India and Africa. These engagements reflected GTTCI's ongoing commitment to promoting knowledge



exchange, advancing technology-driven growth and building bridges between international stakeholders.

Post-Event Diplomatic Briefing in New Delhi

Following her return to India, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, along with **Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President – GTTCI**, held an important review meeting with **H.E. Prof. Anil Sooklal, High Commissioner of South Africa to India**. During this meeting, they provided a detailed briefing on the outcomes of Africa Energy Week and discussed South Africa's emerging priorities within the broader continental energy agenda. The conversation focused on evaluating the collaborative opportunities identified at the summit and designing a structured multi-stage action plan to advance India–Africa cooperation in energy and technology. The discussion reaffirmed GTTCI's belief in building lasting, impactful and forward-looking partnerships.





International Cultural, Scientific & Economic Exchange Forum 2025 Announced by GTTCI Vietnam



11th October 2025, Ha Noi Vietnam

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) – GTTCI Vietnam hosted a special event in Hanoi to officially announce the upcoming International Cultural, Scientific & Economic Exchange Forum 2025, which will be held in New Delhi, India, from 10th to 15th December 2025, under the theme “Together for Development & Prosperity.”

The forum, jointly organized by GTTCI VN, and key international partners, aims to enhance multilateral cooperation across trade, science, education, technology, and culture. The event is expected to welcome senior government officials, diplomats, scientists, entrepreneurs, and global thought leaders, providing a high-level platform for B2B and B2G interactions, MOU signings, and strategic dialogue to promote sustainable and inclusive global development.

During the ceremony, GTTCI Vietnam had the honour of welcoming Professor, Honorary Doctor, and World Record Holder Trần Văn Mười as a



Board Member of GTTCI. A respected figure in both business and culture, Professor Mười's inclusion on the Board symbolizes the shared vision of Vietnam and India in promoting cultural diplomacy, education, and international cooperation. His appointment reflects GTTCI's broader mission of integrating business excellence with cultural and humanitarian values.

Addressing the gathering, on behalf of Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of GTTCI, Mr. Joseph emphasized that the upcoming Forum 2025 will “serve as a bridge between nations, creating meaningful partnerships in trade, science, and culture, while advancing the shared goal of global prosperity.” The forum is being spearheaded by Chief Representative of GTTCI in Vietnam – Ms. Dang Hoai Thanh

The announcement event in Hanoi marks an important milestone in the growing collaboration between India and Vietnam, reaffirming GTTCI's commitment to fostering cooperation, innovation, and cultural exchange between the two nations and the international community.



GTTCI's Global Diplomacy Gala 2025 Unites the World Under One Roof: "Together Towards Transforming Tomorrow"



12th October 2025, Radisson Blu Marina Hotel, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] successfully hosted the **3rd edition of the Global Diplomacy Gala Night 2025**, an evening dedicated to celebrating global friendship, international collaboration, and the strengthening

of trade diplomacy across continents. The gathering brought together an extraordinary spectrum of Ambassadors, Diplomats, High-Net-Worth Individuals, policy leaders, and business personalities from around the world, making the event a distinguished milestone in GTTCI's expanding journey of fostering meaningful global partnerships.

With its central vision of "*bridging cultures and building partnerships*," the gala encapsulated GTTCI's commitment to serving as a platform for nations to come together and explore avenues of cooperation in trade, investment, technology, culture, and development. The evening reinforced GTTCI's role as a trusted facilitator of diplomacy—



one that connects diverse countries, institutions, and stakeholders to exchange ideas, deepen cooperation, and build long-term relationships.

The Chief Guest for the evening, **Hon'ble Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Former Party President – BJP Former Minister of HRD and Science & Technology** added great prestige to the occasion through his insightful presence. His participation symbolized the importance of dialogue between thought leaders, policymakers, and the diplomatic community. Dr. Joshi's message on the deeper meaning of Diwali created a profound sense of unity, portraying the festival as a symbol of enlightenment, prosperity, and the triumph of collective progress.

Highlights of the Diplomatic Convergence

The gala commenced with a dignified welcome address by **Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of GTTCI**, who introduced the evening's theme, *"Together Towards Transforming Tomorrow."* He emphasized GTTCI's unwavering commitment to nurturing global partnerships that promote inclusive progress and innovation. His remarks reflected the belief that true advancement emerges when countries collaborate with openness, trust, and mutual respect.

This was followed by an inspiring keynote address delivered by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI**, who spoke about the organisation's expanding international footprint. She highlighted GTTCI's engagements in Russia, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Cambodia,

Iraq, and several other nations—each initiative reflecting a deep commitment to building bridges of cooperation. Dr. Saluja also invited ambassadors to share their insights and messages of togetherness, underlining the significance of collective engagement in shaping the global future.

The evening witnessed a remarkable presence of Ambassadors from **Bhutan, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Fiji, Gabon, Nepal, South Africa, Suriname, Timor Leste, and Uzbekistan**. Diplomats representing **Angola, Belarus, Canada, China, Djibouti, Iraq, Italy, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, Russia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Thailand, Turkey, USA, and Vietnam** also joined the celebrations. A representative from the **World Bank** further enriched the event with perspectives on international development, making the gathering a comprehensive convergence of



diplomacy, enterprise, and cultural exchange.

Several prominent personalities from varied sectors graced the evening, adding multidimensional significance. Among them were **Dr. Ashwani Mehta**, **Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt**, Olympic medalist and Executive Member of the Indian Olympic Association; **Mr. Kapil Khanna**; **Dr. Harsha Jauhari**, Chairman of Reach Out by Sir Ganga Ram Hospital; **Mr. Honeyy Katiyal**, leading real estate entrepreneur; **Mr. Dhiraj Dhar Gupta**; **Mr. Suresh Goyal**; **Mr. Sanjay Kaushik**; and celebrity chef **Chef Rakesh Sethi**. Their participation highlighted the convergence of industry, healthcare, sports, and culture that GTTCI continues to champion through its global initiatives.

In keeping with India's timeless tradition of hospitality, GTTCI presented **Swadeshi gifts** to all dignitaries, symbolizing gratitude, cultural pride, and India's ethos of self-reliance. The event was supported by "**Reach Out**" by **Sir Ganga Ram Hospital** and **PCU**, whose partnership significantly contributed to the success and spirit of the gala.

South Africa as the Focus Country: A Celebration of Partnership

One of the central highlights of the gala was the recognition of **South Africa as the Focus Country of the Year**, marking an important step in strengthening India-South Africa ties. This special focus not only celebrated the longstanding friendship between the two nations but also encouraged deeper engagement across sectors such as trade,

tourism, culture, energy, education, and manufacturing.

Guests were treated to a thoughtfully curated **South African-themed culinary experience**, featuring authentic dishes and a premium selection of South African wines. This immersive gastronomic showcase reflected the richness of South Africa's food heritage while also promoting bilateral trade in wine, agriculture, and hospitality sectors.

The focus on South Africa symbolised GTTCI's commitment to highlighting

countries that share strong ties with India and demonstrate a willingness to collaborate for future development. The recognition provided a platform for

enhanced sector-specific cooperation and encouraged dialogue on potential opportunities for mutual growth.



Unveiling the Book: Showcasing India's Emerging Regional Powerhouses

Another defining moment of the evening was the official release of the book **"The Power of Tier 3 and Tier 4 Cities of India,"** authored by **Mr. Kunal Awasthy** and **Mr. Sabrjit S. Puri**. The publication brings to light the immense potential of India's emerging regional cities—centres that are increasingly influencing the nation's economic growth, entrepreneurial vibrancy, and innovation landscape.

The book launch added intellectual depth to the gala, offering insights into India's evolving development pathways. It underscored the importance of empowering smaller cities and integrating them into global markets—an objective that resonates strongly with GTTCI's vision of inclusive economic expansion. The authors' focus on

untapped opportunities in Tier 3 and Tier 4 cities serves as an important reminder that the future of India's growth story extends far beyond its metropolitan hubs.

The **3rd Global Diplomacy Gala Night 2025** concluded with renewed optimism and strengthened resolve among all participants. The evening reaffirmed GTTCI's role as a catalyst for international cooperation—one that promotes economic partnerships, celebrates cultural harmony, and reinforces India's leadership in global trade diplomacy.



3RD GLOBAL DIPLOMACY GALA NIGHT '25



H.E. Maj. General Vetsop Namgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan



H.E. Mr. Jagannath Sami, High Commissioner of Fiji



H.E. Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal



H.E. Mr. Karlito Nunes, Ambassador of Timor Leste



H.E. Mr. Sardor Rustambaev, Ambassador of Uzbekistan



H.E. Mrs. Ildjima Badda Mallot, Ambassador of Chad



H.E. Mr. Juan Rolando Angulo Monsalve, Ambassador of Chile



H.E. Prof Anil Sooklal, High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa



H.E. Mr. Arunkoemar Hardien, Ambassador of Suriname



CDA from Embassy of Iraq



H.E. Mr. K. L. Ganju, Consul General (Hony.), Union of the Comoros

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Diplomat from Embassy of Belarus



Diplomat from Embassy of Djibouti



CDA from Embassy of Gabon



Diplomat from Embassy of Niger



Diplomat from Embassy of Nigeria



Trade Commissioner from Canada



Diplomat from Embassy of China



Diplomat from Embassy of Italy



Diplomat from Embassy of Madagascar



Diplomat from Embassy of Russia



Diplomat from Embassy of Somalia



Diplomat from Embassy of South Africa



Diplomat from Embassy of Sri Lanka



Diplomat from Embassy of Thailand



Diplomat from Embassy of Turkey



Diplomat from Embassy of Russia



Representative from the World Bank



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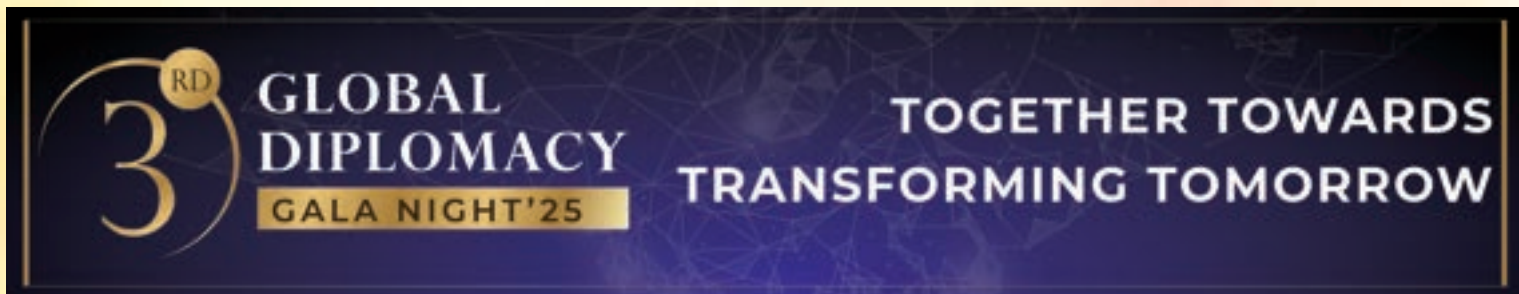
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Diplomat from Embassy of Vietnam





Cultural Showcase “Echoes of Tradition” Celebrates Indian Dance and Indo-Russian Friendship at Russian House



13th October 2025, Russian House, New Delhi

The Russian House in New Delhi hosted a captivating cultural evening titled “Echoes of Tradition: Indian Cultural Dance Evening”, celebrating the beauty of Indian classical and traditional dance forms. The event was graced by a distinguished audience that included the High Commissioner of Guyana and diplomats from the Embassies of Iraq, Madagascar, Russia, Somalia, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam, reflecting the spirit of cultural harmony and international friendship.

The evening commenced with warm opening remarks by Ms. Elena Remizova, Head of the Russian House, who highlighted the enduring cultural bond between India and Russia, and the role of such events in strengthening people-to-people ties and marked the occasion of 60 years of Russian Science & Cultural Centre in India.

A mesmerizing series of

performances followed, presented by artists from the Rajasthani Academy, who enthralled the audience with their graceful depictions of India’s vibrant dance traditions.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, felicitated the performers along with Ms. Olga Krushkina and appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Russian House and the Rajasthani Academy in showcasing India’s artistic heritage on an international platform.

The event, supported by the Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI], concluded with an interactive Hi-Tea, providing an opportunity for dignitaries and guests to engage in meaningful cultural dialogue.

Such cultural exchanges continue to serve as a bridge between nations, promoting mutual understanding, friendship, and goodwill through the universal language of art and culture.





Global Envoys Grace GTTCI's Diwali Evening at the Chairperson's Residence



16th October 2025, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) hosted a distinguished Diwali celebration on 16th October 2025 at the residence of the Chairperson, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, who graciously welcomed esteemed guests from the diplomatic community and the business fraternity. Her warm hospitality and thoughtful curation of the evening created an atmosphere of togetherness, cultural appreciation, and shared goodwill.

The celebration witnessed a remarkable gathering of eminent personalities, including respected

national leader **Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi**, whose presence added exceptional significance to the occasion.

The evening was further enriched by the participation of senior members of the diplomatic corps, including:

- **H.E. Mr. Sardor Rustambaev**, Ambassador of Uzbekistan
- **H.E. Prof. Anil Sooklal**, Ambassador of South Africa
- Diplomats representing **China, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Sri Lanka, and the United States of America**

Founder President **Dr. Gaurav Gupta** also joined the celebration, extending his warm wishes to all







dignitaries. He underscored the role of cultural exchanges in strengthening international cooperation and reaffirmed GTTCI's commitment to fostering platforms that bring together global partners for deeper collaboration.

The gathering offered an excellent opportunity for meaningful dialogue between diplomats, industry leaders, and GTTCI associates, reinforcing the value of cultural diplomacy in enhancing bilateral and multilateral engagement.

GTTCI conveys heartfelt appreciation to all dignitaries and attendees whose presence illuminated the celebration and embodied the spirit of harmony and friendship that Diwali represents.





GTTCI Celebrates 'Diwali Dazzle Night 2025' with Global Dignitaries



October 19, 2025, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) — GTTCI, in association with Lions Club Delhi Veg, celebrated

the spirit of Diwali with grandeur and global camaraderie at the residence of Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI. The event, titled "Diwali Dazzle Night 2025," witnessed a vibrant gathering

of diplomats, dignitaries, and members from the international community.

The evening began with a warm welcome by Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of GTTCI, who along with







members of GTTCI and Lions Club Delhi Veg, extended festive greetings to all guests. Dr. Rashmi Saluja shared a heartfelt Diwali message emphasizing light, unity, and global friendship — values that resonate deeply with GTTCI's mission of connecting nations through trade, culture, and goodwill.

The celebration was graced by the presence of Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, esteemed academician and statesman, who conveyed his blessings and

Lion President Sanjay Aggarwal and his dedicated team applauded the evening's cultural performances, highlighting the beauty of India's traditions through captivating dance presentations and festive decor.

The gala evening saw the participation of Ambassadors from Sri Lanka, Nepal, Fiji, Malaysia, Eritrea, Comoros, the Arab region, and Palestine, along with diplomats from Turkey, Belarus, Tajikistan, China, Vietnam, Iraq, Niger, Lesotho, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and Madagascar.

Adding to the multicultural spirit of the evening, expatriates from Russia, Iran, Syria, and Romania also joined the celebration, making it a truly global Diwali gathering.

The Diwali Dazzle Night 2025 stood as a shining example of India's soft diplomacy in action — celebrating the Festival of Lights as a bridge of friendship between nations and fostering harmony through shared joy and culture.

GTTCI and Lions Club Delhi Veg extend their heartfelt gratitude to all guests for making the evening memorable and reaffirming the spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" — One World, One Family.





GTTCI Celebrates Former Indian PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's Birth Anniversary with Christmas Luncheon Reflecting Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam



25th December 2025, Poly Fibre World, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) (GTTCI), in association with Poly Fibre World, organised a dignified and warm commemoration of the birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 25 December 2025 at the

Poly Fibre World Farm, New Delhi. The observance was thoughtfully aligned with a Christmas luncheon, symbolising India's inclusive ethos and the timeless spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—the world as one family.

The gathering harmoniously celebrated the legacy of Atal Ji alongside the joy of Christmas. Guests were

treated to a curated selection of Old Delhi delicacies—fondly remembered as among Atal Ji's favourites—adding a personal and cultural resonance to the occasion. The Poly Fibre gazebos and cottages, set amid serene surroundings, were widely admired for their charm and hospitality.

The commemoration was graced





by Ambassadors and diplomats from Comoros, Madagascar, Libya, Djibouti, and Venezuela, along with distinguished guests including Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt, Chief Advisor Rakesh Asthana, Dr. Ashwani Mehta, Shri Navratan Aggarwal, and Dr. Harsha Jauhari, among others.

In her address, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, reflected on the essence of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and India's tradition of welcoming all faiths and celebrating all festivals together. She paid heartfelt tribute to Atal Ji, describing him as "a Santa to India," whose generous vision and statesmanship gave immeasurably to the nation.

Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, expressed sincere gratitude to all dignitaries and guests for their presence, noting that their participation made the occasion truly cheerful and meaningful. Dr. Ashwani Mehta and Shri Yogeshwar Dutt also shared messages of harmony and togetherness, offering respectful tributes to Atal Ji's enduring legacy.

The host for the day, Mr. Ankur Khandelwal, Chairman, Poly Fibre World, was warmly thanked by all attendees for his gracious hospitality and for creating a setting that beautifully complemented the spirit of the celebration.

The event stood as a poignant reminder of India's pluralistic values, honouring a great statesman while celebrating unity, compassion, and shared joy across cultures and traditions.



Historic GTTCI–VTB MoU Paves the Way for Stronger Indo–Russian Financial Cooperation



24th October 2025, New Delhi

Signed on 24th October at VTB's India Office, the partnership strengthens B2G engagement, rupee–ruble trade facilitation, and VTB's deeper integration into the Indian market.

The GTTCI Trade Chamber and VTB Bank, one of Russia's largest state-owned financial institutions, have entered into a historic partnership aimed at advancing financial, trade, and investment cooperation between India and Russia. The



Memorandum of Understanding was formally signed on 24th October 2025 at VTB's India Office, ahead of its official inauguration during the upcoming visit of President Vladimir Putin to India.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, and Ms. Elena Komarova, CEO of VTB India, in the esteemed presence of Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of GTTCI. The signing marks a significant moment in the evolving relationship between the two nations, as it sets the stage for deeper economic collaboration across multiple sectors.

Under this partnership, VTB Bank and GTTCI will work closely to strengthen institutional and financial linkages, enhance bilateral trade mechanisms, and create new pathways for investment-led cooperation.

The MoU positions VTB to expand its presence in India through a structured engagement framework that connects the bank with central and state governments, regulatory bodies, public institutions, and private enterprises.

A key component of the cooperation is the development of rupee-ruble trade facilitation, including a dedicated settlement platform designed to support smoother, more transparent bilateral trade transactions. Additionally, the partnership envisions coordinated efforts to assist VTB in navigating India's diverse financial ecosystem, particularly

through collaborations with NBFCs, cooperative banks, and MSME-focused institutions.

The agreement also reinforces the growing importance of Business-to-Government (B2G) engagement. Through GTTCI's strong institutional network, VTB will gain enhanced access to policy dialogues, industrial consultations, and state-driven development initiatives, enabling the bank to participate in upcoming infrastructure, technology, healthcare, agriculture, and logistics projects across the country.



The signing of this MoU comes at a pivotal moment in Indo-Russian relations. As both countries explore innovative financial and trade pathways, the GTTCI-VTB partnership symbolizes a forward-looking approach to economic diplomacy—one that blends cooperation, innovation, and strategic vision. With this milestone, GTTCI and VTB Bank have laid the foundation for a new era of collaboration, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening the economic bridge between India and Russia.

An advertisement for 'GTTCI Insights' on the 'MAGZTER' platform. The top half features the text 'DIGITAL OUTREACH OF OVER 85 MILLION USERS ON MAGZTER' in bold, with '85 MILLION' in large red letters. Below this, several digital devices (laptop, tablet, smartphone) display the 'GTTCI INSIGHTS' magazine cover. To the right, it says 'AVAILABLE ON' followed by logos for Apple, Google Play, Windows, Amazon, and a fifth circular logo. The bottom of the ad shows a row of physical books on a shelf.



GTTCI Organises VTB Bank Delegation to India, Strengthening India–Russia Economic and Financial Cooperation



18th November 2025, New Delhi

Advancing Rupee–Ruble Trade, Strategic Investments, and Long-Term Partnerships

The **Global Trade & Technology Council (India)** - GTTCI organised and facilitated the visit of a **high-level delegation from VTB Bank** to India on 18th November 2025, marking an important milestone in strengthening **India–Russia economic and financial cooperation**. The visit built upon the strong institutional framework established through the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** earlier

signed between GTTCI and VTB Bank, aimed at promoting structured collaboration in trade facilitation, financial mechanisms, and long-term investment partnerships.

The engagement reflected the shared commitment of India and Russia to deepen bilateral cooperation, particularly in the areas of **Rupee–Ruble trade settlements, reinvestment of ruble earnings, and joint ventures across key Indian sectors**. It took place against the backdrop of a rapidly evolving global economic environment, where both nations continue to pursue resilient and mutually beneficial economic partnerships rooted in trust and long-standing diplomatic ties.

Strengthening the Rupee–Ruble Trade Framework

A central focus of the discussions was the advancement of **Rupee–Ruble trade mechanisms**, which have emerged as a vital tool for facilitating bilateral trade. Deliberations emphasized improving settlement efficiency, expanding trade volumes, and strengthening financial channels that allow businesses from both countries to transact smoothly using national currencies.

The Rupee–Ruble framework was highlighted as an important instrument for enhancing financial resilience by reducing reliance on third-country currencies. The delegation explored



ways to streamline banking processes, improve liquidity management, and address operational challenges, with the objective of encouraging broader participation from Indian and Russian enterprises.

Reinvestment of Ruble Proceeds into the Indian Economy

Another key agenda item was the **reinvestment of ruble proceeds** generated through bilateral trade into the Indian economy. With GTTCI's facilitation, discussions focused on identifying structured pathways to channel these funds into productive investments across multiple sectors in India.

Such reinvestments are expected to create a virtuous cycle of trade and investment, supporting long-term economic cooperation. By reinvesting ruble earnings into Indian projects, both sides aim to strengthen capital flows, foster industrial growth, generate employment, and enhance economic interdependence.

Promoting Joint Ventures Across Strategic Sectors

The visit highlighted strong interest in **joint ventures across a wide spectrum of Indian sectors**, including **energy, defence, healthcare, sports, fintech, and the broader finance ecosystem**. These discussions reflected the expanding and diversified nature of India–Russia economic engagement.

In the energy sector, conversations focused on cooperation in conventional and emerging domains, including infrastructure development and technology exchange. Defence collaboration centred on long-standing partnerships, co-production, and innovation-led initiatives. Healthcare emerged as a priority area, with potential joint initiatives in medical technology, pharmaceuticals,

and wellness infrastructure. Fintech and financial services discussions explored opportunities in digital payments, financial inclusion, and cross-border financial technologies, while sports cooperation highlighted growing people-centric and commercial engagement.

Role of VTB Bank and GTTCI in Bilateral Engagement

VTB Bank's engagement underscored its commitment to facilitating cross-border trade and investment between India and Russia by enabling access to tailored financial solutions and long-term investment opportunities. In partnership with GTTCI, the focus remains on building stable financial mechanisms that support joint ventures, infrastructure financing, and sector-specific collaboration aligned with shared development priorities.

Strengthening Engagement Through Informal Dialogue

Complementing formal meetings, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, Chairperson of GTTCI, hosted an exclusive **dinner meeting at her residence with Mr. Rafael Gimalov**. The informal interaction provided a meaningful platform for candid dialogue on strengthening trust, exploring long-term collaboration opportunities, and reinforcing people-to-people connections as a foundation for sustained international cooperation.

Looking Ahead

The GTTCI-organised VTB Bank delegation visit marked a significant step in advancing **India–Russia economic diplomacy**. By strengthening Rupee–Ruble trade mechanisms, promoting reinvestment frameworks, encouraging joint ventures, and reinforcing institutional and personal engagement, the visit laid a strong foundation for deeper and more diversified bilateral cooperation.

As discussions progress toward concrete initiatives, the engagement is expected to further strengthen trade, investment flows, and long-term economic collaboration between India and Russia.





VTB Bank and GTTCI Leadership Engage with Delhi Chief Minister on State-Level Collaboration

Following the VTB Bank delegation's visit to India, **Ms. Olga Basha**, Member of the Board, VTB Bank, Russia, and **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, Chairperson, Global Trade & Technology Council (India), paid a courtesy visit to the **Chief Minister of Delhi** to explore avenues for state-level collaboration and economic engagement. The interaction marked an important step in extending **India–Russia cooperation** from the national framework to focused partnerships at the state level.

The discussions were described as insightful and forward-looking, with emphasis on leveraging **Delhi's position as a major economic, technological, governance, and tourism hub**. Conversations focused on identifying opportunities where international financial expertise and institutional collaboration could align with Delhi's development priorities and long-term growth ambitions.

Key areas of engagement included **urban infrastructure development, urban mobility, healthcare, digital innovation, fintech, sustainable**

solutions, and tourism promotion, where Delhi continues to play a leading role among Indian states. The dialogue highlighted the potential for collaboration in **tourism infrastructure, cultural engagement, and visitor-driven services**, alongside investment facilitation, technology exchange, and joint initiatives that support inclusive and innovation-led growth.

Ms. Olga Basha highlighted VTB Bank's interest in supporting **structured financial cooperation and long-term partnerships** that enable regional development and investment-led growth. Dr. Rashmi Saluja underscored **GTTCI's role as a bridge** between global institutions, policymakers, and Indian states to translate international cooperation into tangible, on-ground outcomes.

The engagement

with the Delhi Chief Minister reaffirmed a shared vision of fostering **practical, state-centric collaborations** that complement the broader India–Russia strategic partnership. By strengthening dialogue at the state level, the meeting reflected a commitment to advancing focused initiatives that contribute to **Delhi's economic progress, tourism development, and India's global engagement**.





VTB Bank and GTTCI Leadership Hold Strategic Discussions with Telangana Deputy Chief Minister on Sectoral Collaboration

Continuing their high-level engagements in India, Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board, VTB Bank, Russia, and Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, Global Trade & Technology Council (India), met Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister **Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Garu**, to explore avenues for strategic state-level cooperation and industrial collaboration.

The meeting focused on strengthening partnerships in priority sectors aligned with Telangana's development vision, with detailed discussions on energy, defence, sports, and industrial joint ventures. Telangana's progressive industrial policies, investor-friendly ecosystem, and strong infrastructure base were highlighted as key enablers for

attracting international collaboration and long-term investments.

In the energy sector, discussions covered cooperation in power generation, clean energy solutions, and energy infrastructure, supporting Telangana's emphasis on sustainable and resilient growth. The defence sector also emerged as a key area, with focus on industrial partnerships, manufacturing capabilities, and innovation-led collaboration aligned with India's broader defence ecosystem.

The dialogue further explored collaboration in sports development, including infrastructure creation, training ecosystems, and commercial opportunities linked to sports-related industries. Industrial joint ventures were identified as a critical pathway

for translating bilateral cooperation into tangible outcomes, generating employment, and strengthening regional manufacturing capacity.

Ms. Olga Basha emphasized VTB Bank's interest in facilitating financial frameworks and investment mechanisms that support long-term industrial partnerships at the state level. Dr. Rashmi Saluja highlighted GTTCI's role in connecting global institutions with Indian states to enable technology transfer, investment facilitation, and focused sectoral collaboration.

The meeting reaffirmed a shared commitment to building practical, sector-driven partnerships that complement the broader India-Russia strategic relationship, positioning Telangana as a key destination for global collaboration and industrial growth.





VTB Bank and GTTCI Leadership Meet Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to Strengthen Cultural and Tourism Cooperation

Concluding a series of high-level engagements in India, Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board, VTB Bank, Russia, and Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, Global Trade & Technology Council (India), met Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Tourism and Culture. The interaction was marked by warm appreciation for the Minister's visionary leadership in promoting India's cultural heritage and strengthening the tourism ecosystem.

The meeting focused on enhancing tourism and cultural collaboration as vital pillars of international engagement. Discussions highlighted India's rich and diverse cultural legacy, its growing

global tourism appeal, and the role of cultural diplomacy in deepening people-to-people connections. Ms. Olga Basha and Dr. Rashmi Saluja expressed admiration for initiatives positioning India as a world-class tourism and cultural hub.

Special appreciation was conveyed for the Ministry's efforts in heritage conservation, experiential tourism, and global cultural outreach. The dialogue also explored opportunities for international partnerships, investment facilitation, and collaborative initiatives to support tourism infrastructure, cultural exchange programs, and creative industries.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja reaffirmed GTTCI's commitment to advancing cross-border cooperation in culture-driven sectors and aligning global institutions with India's tourism and cultural vision. Ms. Olga Basha echoed these views, commending the Minister's leadership in creating an enabling environment for international collaboration.

The meeting concluded on a positive and forward-looking note, reaffirming cultural diplomacy as a powerful bridge between nations and reinforcing the broader framework of India-Russia engagement through heritage, creativity, and people-centric collaboration.

PM MODI AT SIXTH RAMNATH GOENKA LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS INDIA'S DEMOCRATIC STRENGTH AND VISION FOR A SELF-RELIANT FUTURE

On **17th November 2025**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** delivered the sixth **Ramnath Goenka Lecture** in New Delhi, honouring the legacy of Ramnath Goenka and underscoring India's progress. He highlighted India's resilience amid global challenges, its commitment to become developed and self-reliant, and termed the Indian growth model as a **"model of hope."**





GTTCI–Al Dana Consultancy MoU to Boost Cross-Border Growth in GCC's High-Potential Sectors



28th October 2025, Radisson Blu Marina Hotel, New Delhi

GTTCI Trade Chamber is pleased to announce the formal signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Al Dana Consultancy on 28th October 2025 in New Delhi, India. This strategic collaboration marks a significant step in GTTCI's continued global expansion and its commitment to enhancing cooperation across priority sectors that support economic growth and international engagement.

The MoU was signed by GTTCI

Chairperson, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, and Ms. Fatema Abdul Rahman Al Gaoud, Chief Executive Officer of Al Dana Consultancy. Dr. Saluja stated "This partnership reflects our shared commitment to fostering meaningful international cooperation across sectors of strategic importance. We are confident that this engagement will create impactful avenues for collaboration between India and the GCC region, benefitting businesses and communities alike."

The ceremony was witnessed by GTTCI's Founder President, Dr. Gaurav

Gupta, who conveyed his appreciation for this timely partnership. He remarked briefly that the agreement "opens important gateways for joint initiatives across key international markets and strengthens India's engagement with the GCC and broader MENA region." His remarks reinforced the significance of this collaboration in advancing cross-border opportunities.

This partnership is particularly meaningful as it aligns with GTTCI's mission to foster global linkages that support trade, technology, and



sustainable development. Both organizations bring considerable strengths to this collaboration. GTTCI's wide network of foreign missions, industry leaders, and policy institutions complements AI Dana Consultancy's strong presence across the GCC, MENA, Levant, Russia, and India, along with its expertise in multiple emerging and high-growth domains.

The MoU outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation across several major sectors, including renewable energy, healthcare, medicine, robotics, artificial intelligence, fintech, EV technologies, trading, hospitality, food and beverage, education, and sports development. The Parties have agreed to jointly explore new business opportunities, facilitate introductions to strategic partners, and evaluate mutually beneficial ventures. Additionally, the agreement enables collaboration on joint projects, knowledge-sharing, advisory support, and the development of sector-specific initiatives tailored to regional needs.

Beyond commercial prospects, the MoU establishes mechanisms for project-specific agreements, ensuring that each initiative is supported by a structured process covering responsibilities, commercial terms, and strategic objectives. The cooperation further emphasizes ethics, confidentiality, non-circumvention, and long-term trust, providing a solid foundation for future engagements.

This collaboration comes at a pivotal moment, as global demand for advanced healthcare solutions, technological innovation, renewable energy transitions, and high-quality sports development continues to grow. The combined expertise of GTTCI and AI Dana Consultancy positions both organizations to address these evolving needs while enabling



new pathways for investors, industry stakeholders, and government institutions.

In the months ahead, the partnership is expected to result in targeted business missions, investor outreach, delegations, joint promotional activities, and sector-focused programmes that will contribute to enhanced trade and economic ties. Through this MoU, GTTCI reaffirms its commitment to fostering global partnerships that contribute to shared progress, economic resilience, and sustainable development.

Both GTTCI and AI Dana Consultancy look forward to advancing this collaboration in a manner that brings meaningful value to all stakeholders and strengthens international cooperation across the regions they serve.



GTTCI & Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy: Shaping India's Next Generation of Global Athletes

The partnership between the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) and the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy (YDWA) marks a transformative milestone in India's sports ecosystem. This collaboration unites institutional leadership, grassroots training, and the inspiring vision of Padma Shri, Olympic medallist, and world champion Yogeshwar Dutt. Backed by GTTCI's commitment to youth development, alliance is creating pathways for young Indian athletes to gain the discipline, opportunity, and global exposure needed to become champions.

In recent years, GTTCI has broadened its outreach into sports diplomacy, athlete development, international partnerships, and youth empowerment. Appointing Yogeshwar Dutt as GTTCI's Brand Ambassador for Sports reinforced this agenda, signaling a decisive move to position India as a serious contender

on the global sporting stage through structured talent development and cooperation.

YDWA: A Vision Rooted in Purpose, Discipline & Opportunity

The Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy is a living embodiment of dedication and transformation. Founded on a once-abandoned engineering college campus in rural Haryana, it emerged from Yogeshwar Dutt's determination to provide opportunities he once lacked. Through personal investment and relentless effort, deserted classrooms and grounds became vibrant training halls, hostels, and practice arenas pulsing with discipline and hope.

YDWA's mission is direct and powerful: ensure no promising wrestler loses their chance due to lack of infrastructure or support. The academy

delivers professional wrestling training, nutrition, structured schooling, and life-skills development for children beginning their sporting journeys. Above all, YDWA instils a fearless belief to "Go for Gold," motivating students to dream big, aim high, and compete with the mindset of future champions.

Building Champions Beyond the Mat

YDWA's holistic approach sets it apart. Rigorous on-mat training is balanced with formal education, mental conditioning, and personality development. Recognizing the international nature of the sport, the academy emphasizes technical knowledge, exposure to global wrestling practices, and communication skills so athletes adapt confidently on the world stage.

Plans for expanded, gender-inclusive infrastructure reflect a



commitment to empower both boys and girls. By fostering confidence, discipline, and resilience, YDWA shapes not only athletes but responsible individuals ready to represent India with honour. Its long-term vision is to mould tomorrow's champions and nurture India's future Olympians, building a generation that elevates the nation's sporting stature.

GTTCI's Transformative Role: Leadership, Support & Vision

The cooperation MoU signed by GTTCI Chairperson Dr. Rashmi Saluja and Yogeshwar Dutt elevated the academy's mission to national and global levels. Dr. Saluja's personal involvement—providing institutional backing and strategic support—has been pivotal in expanding YDWA's reach and impact.

Together, GTTCI and YDWA aim to:

- develop a robust pipeline of world-class wrestlers



- strengthen India's global sporting presence through diplomacy
- support athletes with education, exposure, and skill development
- facilitate international training exchanges
- integrate youth empowerment with national development goals

A Powerful Synergy Creating a Lasting Legacy

The achievements across GTTCI's sports engagements reflect the extraordinary synergy between GTTCI and YDWA. With Yogeshwar Dutt as GTTCI's Brand Ambassador for Sports and Dr. Rashmi Saluja contributing directly to the

academy's growth, the collaboration has created a powerful ecosystem that supports athletes, fosters international sports diplomacy, and raises India's global profile.

From inspiring young athletes at home to building diplomatic connections abroad, and from celebrating national victories to fostering global partnerships, GTTCI's sports involvement is comprehensive and impactful. Together, GTTCI and YDWA are shaping a legacy for India's youth, inspiring future champions, and elevating the nation's sporting identity on the world stage.

Towards a Future Filled With Champions

Today, YDWA attracts aspiring wrestlers nationwide, drawn by trust in Yogeshwar Dutt's leadership and the academy's reputation. With GTTCI's support amplifying its vision, the academy is preparing athletes to represent India at continental and global competitions. What began on a quiet rural campus now stands as a vibrant hub of sporting excellence—building not just wrestlers but champions who will carry India's pride to the world.





GTTCI Delegation Meets The Ambassador of Bahrain: A Diplomatic Blessing For India's Youth Contingent

On **17th October 2025**, the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) undertook a significant diplomatic initiative by meeting **H.E. Ambassador Abdulrahman Mohammed Al Qaoud**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to India, at the Bahrain Embassy in New Delhi. The meeting symbolised a harmonious blend of sports diplomacy, intercultural goodwill, and India's international partnerships in the sports sector.

The delegation was led by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja**, Chairperson of GTTCI, who had the honour of formally introducing **Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt**, Chef de Mission of the Indian Youth contingent, to His Excellency. The Ambassador warmly welcomed the delegation and extended his heartfelt blessings to Team India. He expressed immense pride in Bahrain hosting the Asian Youth Games 2025 and assured full cooperation, hospitality, and

support for the Indian contingent.

Ambassador Al Qaoud's words of encouragement reflected the deep-rooted diplomatic ties between India and Bahrain, further strengthened by cultural exchanges, business collaborations, and now — the unifying platform of sports. His appreciation of India's growing presence in global sports resonated deeply with the delegation and reaffirmed the importance of such cross-country goodwill.

GTTCI's **Chief Advisor, Mr. Rakesh Asthana**, highlighted the institution's ongoing initiatives in sports development, youth empowerment, wellness, and cultural diplomacy. He shared GTTCI's vision of integrating sports into India's broader developmental goals, especially by fostering global partnerships that can uplift young athletes and provide them with international exposure.

Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder

President of GTTCI, extended his gratitude to His Excellency for the Embassy's continuous support toward GTTCI's activities. Dr. Gupta acknowledged Bahrain's warmth and





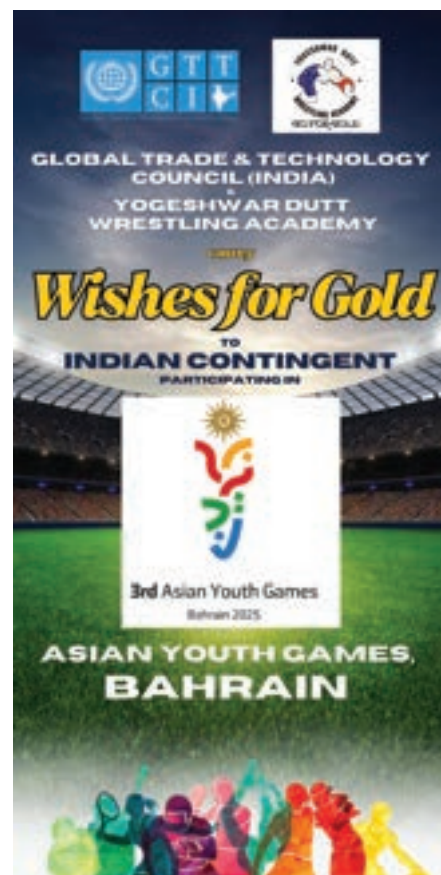
commitment to strengthening Indo-Bahraini relations. His appreciation extended beyond the realm of sports, recognising Bahrain's cooperation across trade, technology, culture, and education.

Complementing the diplomatic and sporting discussions, Dr. Tanu Singh, Co-Founder of Lifeyoga, and Mr. Amit Sharma, a senior Iyengar yoga teacher, highlighted yoga's essential role in athlete wellbeing. They noted that tailored yoga practices build mental resilience, sharpen concentration,

regulate stress, aid recovery, and reduce injury risk—advantages particularly vital for young competitors on the international stage. Their insights reinforced GTTCI's holistic athlete-development approach, which pairs athletic training with mental-health and recovery strategies to optimise performance and long-term wellbeing.

This high-level interaction highlighted GTTCI's emerging role as a major agent of sports diplomacy, where the objective goes beyond competitive achievements to building

bridges of goodwill, collaboration, and global cultural integration. The meeting also strengthened India's morale as it prepared to participate in the Asian Youth Games, sending a powerful message of unity and international friendship.





3rd Asian Youth Games
Bahrain 2025



Send off of Indian Contingent to Asian Youth Games 2025, Bahrain by IOA President, PT Usha & CDM Padmashri Yogeshwar Dutt



The “Vijayi Bhawa” programme, held on 12th October 2025 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center, Janpath, New Delhi, marked a significant moment in India’s youth sporting landscape. Conceptualised to honour and motivate the Indian contingent for the Asian Youth Games 2025 in Bahrain, the event brought together leading figures from Indian sports, government leadership, national bodies, and social organisations. Jointly coordinated with Krida Bharati and the M3M Foundation, the programme reflected their strong commitment to advancing India’s sporting ambitions. The presence of senior dignitaries underscored the event’s national importance. Shri Prasad Mahankar, National Organisation Minister of Krida Bharati, played a key

role in uniting stakeholders dedicated to strengthening India’s grassroots sports ecosystem. Shri Gaurav Gautam, Youth Sports Minister of Haryana, addressed the gathering with words of encouragement and highlighted Haryana’s crucial contribution to wrestling and youth sports.

One of the most honoured guests was Smt. P.T. Usha, President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Member of Parliament, and an iconic figure in Indian athletics. Her presence symbolised official endorsement and recognition of India’s rising sporting stars. GTTCI’s leadership was also acknowledged. Dr. Ashwani Mehta and Dr. Rashmi Saluja were honoured for their extensive contributions to supporting young athletes, promoting

sports excellence, and building partnerships that empower India’s emerging sporting talent. Dr. Gaurav Gupta along with other dignitaries extended best wishes to the athletes.

The event served as a grand send-off for India’s 223-member contingent—103 male and 120 female athletes—competing at the 3rd Asian Youth Games in Bahrain. Each athlete received blessings, warm wishes, and motivational support. The Hon’ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Shri Nayab Saini, sent a special message praising their determination. Memorable highlights included kit distribution and the felicitation of the Chef de Mission, Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt, whose leadership, humility, and dedication deeply inspired the young athletes.



Congratulations to Padmashri Yogeshwar Dutt **CHEF DE MISSION OF INDIAN CONTINGENT TO** **ASIAN YOUTH GAMES, BAHRAIN** **FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL AND HISTORIC PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN CONTINGENT BAGGING 48 MEDALS**

Sport	Gold (G)	Silver (S)	Bronze (B)	Total (TTL)
Athletics	0	5	4	9
Beach Wrestling	3	2	0	5
Boxing	4	2	1	7
Judo	0	1	1	2
Kabaddi	2	0	0	2
Kurash	0	1	2	3
MMA	0	1	1	2
Muay	0	0	1	1
Swimming	0	1	0	1
Table Tennis	0	0	1	1
Taekwondo	0	0	3	3
Weightlifting	1	3	1	5
Wrestling	3	2	2	7
Total	13	18	17	48

India Shines Bright at the Asian Youth Games 2025 in Bahrain – A Historic Performance Led by CDM Padmashri Yogeshwar Dutt

The **Asian Youth Games 2025**, held from **22nd to 31st October** in Manama, Bahrain, redefined India's standing in the world of youth sports. Under the stellar leadership of **Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt** as the **Chef de Mission**, India achieved its **best-ever medal tally**, securing **48 medals** — **13 Gold, 18 Silver, and 17 Bronze** — and finishing **6th overall** among the 45 participating nations.

This outstanding success is a testament not only to the hard work of the athletes but also to the leadership, mentorship, and moral guidance provided by Yogeshwar Dutt. His understanding of sport at the highest level, combined with his humility and ability to connect with young athletes, played a crucial role in motivating the contingent.

The Games marked a triumphant



return after a 12-year gap, bringing renewed enthusiasm and competition from across Asia. India's contingent of **222 athletes**, including a higher representation of women at **119**, showcased

remarkable versatility and dominance across twenty disciplines — from athletics and boxing to kabaddi, judo, kurash, swimming, wrestling, and weightlifting.

India's medal journey began with a



beautiful moment of promise. **Khushi**, a 15-year-old kurash athlete, secured India's first medal — a bronze in the 70kg category. This breakthrough was followed by **Ranjana Yadav's silver** in the 5000m race walk, signaling India's rising performance in athletics. Soon after, the **Girls' Kabaddi Team** clinched India's first gold medal, defeating Iran in an electrifying final — a moment that ignited national celebration.

A historic milestone came when **Priteesmita Bhoi**, a young weightlifting prodigy, captured India's first individual gold by setting a **world youth record** in the girls' 44kg clean and jerk category. Her performance not only showcased India's strength in weightlifting but also became a landmark moment in the Games.

The final day of the Games turned out to be one of the greatest in India's youth sports history. The contingent



secured **15 medals in a single day**, including **seven gold**, across boxing, beach wrestling, freestyle wrestling, kabaddi, and weightlifting. Among the standout gold medallists were boxers **Khushi Chand**, **Ahaana Sharma**, **Chandrika Pujari**, and **Anshika**; beach wrestlers **Anjali**, **Sani Fulmali**, and **Arjun Ruhil**; and freestyle wrestlers **Moni**, **Yashita**, and **Jaiveer Singh**.

India's performance in kabaddi remained unstoppable, with both the boys' and girls' teams securing gold and cementing the nation's continued dominance in this traditional sport. The overall performance reflected a deep talent base that has been steadily nurtured by India's sporting infrastructure — including institutions like the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy.





During the beach wrestling events, Chef de Mission Yogeshwar Dutt and GTTCI representative Dr. Rashmi Saluja had a meaningful engagement with Mr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Director General – Executive Board, Olympic Council of Asia. His insightful interactions and appreciation for India's performance added further encouragement to the contingent. Additionally, constructive engagement with key officials and referees of United World Wrestling helped strengthen India's global sporting relations and opened doors for deeper collaboration in the future.



GTTCI Chairperson **Dr. Rashmi Saluja** congratulated every athlete, praising their resilience, mental toughness, and discipline. She described India's performance as a "shining reflection of the passion, energy, and determination that define Indian youth," and credited the leadership of Yogeshwar Dutt for guiding the

contingent towards historic success.

This edition of the Asian Youth Games also served as a qualifier for the **Youth Olympics 2026 in Dakar**, making India's achievements even more significant. With rising stars emerging across multiple sports, India's future at international youth events now looks more promising than ever.





The Closing Ceremony: Celebrating Asia's Future Champions

The closing ceremony of the Asian Youth Games 2025 in Manama was a grand celebration that brought together the continent's emerging athletes, dignitaries, sports officials, and international leaders. The highlight of the event was the keynote address by **The Hon. Timothy Fok Tsun Ting, GBM, GBS, JP** — Vice President of the Olympic Council of Asia (East Asia) and President of the Hong Kong Olympic Committee. His powerful speech celebrated the spirit of youth, unity, resilience, and the transformative power of sport.

Mr. Fok emphasised the importance of nurturing young athletes and praised the Asian Youth Games as a platform that not only celebrates competition but also builds lasting friendships and intercultural understanding among nations.

As the Indian contingent stood proudly with their record-breaking tally of 48 medals, the atmosphere resonated with triumph and inspiration. Under the determined leadership of **Yogeshwar Dutt**, the Indian team showcased

commitment, teamwork, and exceptional sporting discipline — qualities that drew praise from officials across Asia.

On the sidelines of the closing ceremony, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja** engaged in a productive and insightful dialogue with Mr. Fok. Their discussion revolved around India's expanding sports ecosystem, opportunities to enhance sports diplomacy, collaborative development programs for youth, and the future of Asian sporting cooperation. Their meeting underscored GTTCI's rising profile in international sports collaborations and Dr. Saluja's personal dedication to championing India's sporting aspirations.





Uzbekistan's Remarkable Performance & Deepening India-Uzbekistan Sports Diplomacy

One of the standout achievements of the Asian Youth Games 2025 was the outstanding performance of Uzbekistan, which secured second place in the overall medal tally with an impressive **37 Gold, 16 Silver, and 28 Bronze** — a total of **81 medals**. The nation's athletes displayed extraordinary talent, determination, and technical excellence across multiple disciplines.

As Uzbekistan prepares to host the **Asian Youth Games 2029** in Tashkent, the success of 2025 served as a strong indicator of the nation's readiness, both in terms of athletic capability and organisational leadership. During the closing ceremony, **Mr. Umarov Otabek Muhammadaliyevich**, First Vice President of the National Olympic Committee of Uzbekistan and Vice

President of the Olympic Council of Asia, delivered an inspiring address celebrating his nation's success and outlining their vision for the 2029 Games.

On this occasion, Dr. Rashmi Saluja once again extended her heartfelt congratulations to the Uzbekistan contingent. She also engaged in strategic discussions with **Mr. Umarov**





and **Mr. Oybek Kasimov**, General Secretary of the Uzbekistan National Olympic Committee, exploring opportunities for sports diplomacy, collaborative training programs, athlete exchange initiatives, and bilateral sports development activities between India and Uzbekistan.

A special highlight connected to India-Uzbekistan sporting relations was

the collaboration with **7 Saber**, the official merchandise partner for Team Uzbekistan. Earlier in July 2025, **Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt** was officially appointed as the **Brand Ambassador of 7 Saber in India** during a ceremonial unveiling of the brand's official jacket. This partnership symbolised the growing bridge of sports exchanges between the two countries and highlighted the

mutual respect shared between India and Uzbekistan.

GTTCI expressed admiration for Uzbekistan's exceptional performance and reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening sports diplomacy across Central Asia. With the upcoming Tashkent 2029 Games, GTTCI sees new opportunities for cooperation, talent development, and cultural engagement.





GTTCI Hosts A Grand Felicitation Ceremony In Honour Of Chef De Mission Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt

On November 2, 2025, GTTCI hosted a magnificent reception at **Radisson Blu Marina**, New Delhi to honour **Padma Shri Yogeshwar Dutt** for leading India to its best-ever performance at the Asian Youth Games 2025. The event also served as a celebration of international sports friendships, sports diplomacy, and India's growing influence in global athletics.

The evening was organised in collaboration with prestigious partners including **Investors Clinic**, the **Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy**, **Kokand University (Andijan Branch)**, and **7Saber**. The venue was filled with senior diplomats, industry leaders, sports icons, GTTCI officials, and media representatives.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, in her address, praised Yogeshwar Dutt's exemplary leadership and the unwavering courage of India's young athletes. She expressed gratitude to the Ambassador of Bahrain, **H.E. Abdulrahman Mohammad Al-Qoud**, for extending his warm wishes to the Indian contingent and congratulated him on Bahrain's successful hosting of the Games. Dr. Saluja also congratulated the Ambassador of Uzbekistan, **H.E. Sardor M. Rustambayev**, for his nation's stellar sporting performance and upcoming role as host for the Asian Youth Games 2029 in Tashkent.

Yogeshwar Dutt, in his heartfelt speech, expressed deep gratitude to both Ambassadors and commended Bahrain's world-class execution of the Games. He remarked that Bahrain

exceeded expectations in its hospitality and organisational excellence. He also appreciated the Uzbek contingent for their outstanding performance and expressed confidence that Tashkent will host a historic Games in 2029.

Dr. Ashwani Mehta highlighted the exceptional performance of Indian wrestlers, noting that India won **6 out of its 13 gold medals in wrestling** and earned **12 medals overall in the sport** — a remarkable achievement owed significantly to the training ecosystem nurtured by the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy.

The event was attended by several prominent individuals including **Dr. Ajay Swaroop**, Chairman of the Board of Management of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital; renowned filmmaker **Mr.**





Boney Kapoor; Mr. Honey Katiyal, Founder of Investors Clinic; Advocate **Sapna Chauhan**; and **Mr. Shahid**, Editor of India Monitor. Their presence highlighted the broad impact of

GTTCI's sports initiatives, which have successfully bridged the worlds of sports, diplomacy, culture, and public leadership.

The felicitation ceremony was

a fitting tribute to an iconic sports leader and symbolized the synergy between GTTCI and the Yogeshwar Dutt Wrestling Academy — a partnership that continues to shape India's sporting future.



GTTCI Leads the Charge in Promoting Polo on the World Stage at KogniVera International Cup



25th October 2025, Jaipur Polo Grounds, New Delhi

The prestigious KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025 witnessed a magnificent confluence of athletic brilliance, global participation, and royal elegance as Team India clinched a thrilling 10–9 victory over Team Argentina at the iconic Jaipur Polo Ground, New Delhi. The Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) proudly served as the Global Outreach Partner for this landmark sporting event.

The tournament attracted a distinguished audience of over one thousand spectators, including Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Tourism, who graced the event as Chief Guest. The gathering also featured Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary



Affairs and Minister of Minority Affairs; Naveen Jindal, Chairman of Jindal Steel and Power and Member of Parliament; celebrated poet Dr. Kumar Vishwas; and Ambassadors and diplomats from more than 40 countries, reaffirming the event's truly international stature.

Cheered on by an electrifying crowd, Team India, led by Sawai Padmanabh Singh of Jaipur, delivered an exceptional performance against the formidable

Argentine side. With precision strikes, strategic teamwork, and impeccable skill, the match showcased the finest spirit of global polo—marked by passion, power, and partnership.

Speaking on the occasion, Kamlesh Sharma, CEO & MD, KogniVera IT Solutions, said, "Polo represents grace, grit, and global friendship—values that resonate deeply with KogniVera. Hosting and witnessing India's victory at the

KogniVera International Polo Cup has been truly special. It's heartening to see this sport unite people across cultures and inspire excellence on and off the field."

Adding her remarks, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, said,

"GTTCI is honoured to support a global sporting celebration that brings nations together through the spirit of competition and camaraderie. The KogniVera International Polo Cup reflects





India's rising leadership not only in trade and innovation but also in international sporting culture. Today's victory is a testament to India's growing excellence on the world stage."

Reflecting on the team's performance, Simran Singh Shergill, Captain of the Indian Polo Team, shared, "Winning against Argentina is an incredible moment for all of us. Every player gave their best, and the energy from the stands pushed us even further. It's a proud day for Indian polo."

Highlighting GTTCI's commitment, Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, said,

"GTTCI views sports as a powerful bridge between nations. Our association with the KogniVera International Polo Cup reflects our mission to enhance India's global presence across trade, culture, and sports. Supporting such events strengthens international collaboration and celebrates India's rising sporting excellence."

The evening concluded with a grand trophy presentation ceremony, celebrating not only India's victory but also the enduring spirit of international fellowship that defines the sport. The KogniVera International Polo Cup 2025 once again showcased India's growing prominence in the global polo arena and reaffirmed the timeless elegance and pride associated with the game.





GTTCI Participates in the Samara Sports Forum 2025: Promoting Sports Diplomacy Beyond Borders



5th-7th November 2025, Russia

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] proudly participated in the prestigious **Samara Sports Forum 2025**, held on **November 5, 2025**, at the **Solidarity Samara**

Arena, Russia. The international gathering brought together leading **sports ministers, federation heads, and global sports representatives** to deliberate on the growing role of sports in promoting **international cooperation, peace, and unity.**

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, President of the Curling Federation of India (CFI) and Chairperson of GTTCI, participated as a distinguished panelist in the session titled "Sport Beyond Borders: New Horizons of Interaction." The discussion emphasized sport's universal mission





to transcend borders, strengthen understanding among nations, and inspire youth worldwide.

Speaking at the session sports beyond borders, Dr Saluja advocated about sports being a neutral platform and a sportsman should never be denied to live the moment of his life for which he has prepared all his life. Sports is above politics and it's an industry so enormous that it should never be affected by geopolitics and judgements of people who knows nothing about sports. As the president of curling federation of india she extends full support to Russia and Belarus for being part of bigger sporting competitions. Thanks to Russia for giving more than just mighty spirit of sports but also great atheles and sporting infra to the world.

The session featured an eminent panel that included Mr. Mikhail Degtyarev, Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation; President, Russian Olympic Committee, Mr. Alexey Svirin, President, Russian Rowing Federation; Olympic Champion in Rowing, Mr. Zoran Gajic, Minister of Sports of the Republic of Serbia, Mr. Sergey Kovalchuk, Minister of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus, Mr. Vasily Konov, Deputy General Producer, Match TV, Mr. Alexey Zolotarev, President, Russian Padel Federation, Taras Khagba, Vice Prime Minister; Chairman of Committee for

Youth and Sport of the Republic of Abkhazia, Mr. Ilya Vdovin, President, Russian Skateboarding Federation, Mr. Joe Walchli, CEO, World Curling Tour, Patrick McQuaid, President, Union Cycliste Internationale (2005–2013); Member, International Olympic Committee (2009–2013), Mr. Thierry Siteny Randrianasoloniaiko, President, Madagascar Olympic Committee, Mr. Viktor Huszar, Co-Founder, International Teqball Federation, Mr. Soslan Gassiev, Commissioner on Youth Policy and Sports of the Republic of South Ossetia, Mr. Michel Dissake Mbarga, Inspector General, Ministry of Sports and Physical

Education of the Republic of Cameroon, Mr. Jocelin-Patrick Mandzela, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Congo in St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region; Mr. Daniel Perez Sequeira, Co-Director, Nicaraguan Institute of Sport, Mr. Anselem Sanyatwe, Minister of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture of the Republic of Zimbabwe, Mr. Anuu-Yirtole Roland Somda, Minister of Sports, Youth and Employment of Burkina Faso, Mr. Abdoul Kassim Ibrahim Fomba, Minister of Youth and Sports, Responsible for Civic Education and the Formation of Civic Consciousness in the Republic of Mali.





Also participating from India, **Mr. Shubham Gupta, Director of GTTCI** actively took part in the forum, engaging with global sports representatives to explore avenues for **collaboration and talent exchange**.



of the Russian Federation. She held insightful discussions with **H.E. Siarhei Kavalchuk** on strengthening **India-Belarus collaboration in sports training, cultural exchange, and youth engagement**, while also exploring **tri-nation cooperation between India, Russia, and Belarus** to promote sports diplomacy and shared growth.





At the reception hosted by the Governor of Samara, Mr. Vyacheslav Fedorishchev, Dr. Rashmi Saluja engaged in meaningful discussions with Duma Member and Paralympic Champion Ms. Rima Akberdinovna Batalova.



At the stage of the reception hosted by the Governor of Samara, Dr. Saluja also shared with world delegates the profound Indian message of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” — the world is one family, emphasizing India’s vision of unity, inclusivity, and global brotherhood through sports.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja also met several distinguished international sports leaders, including Ms. Julia Komleva, President of the Skating Union of Belarus; Mr. Patrik Mandzela, Honorary Consul of the Republic of the Congo; Mr. Alejandro Martín Owono Evuna Andeme, President of the National Olympic Committee of



On the sidelines of the forum, Dr. Rashmi Saluja met Ms. Svetlana Leksina, Head of sports department (Minister) of Magadan region along with Mr. Anton Batugin of the Russian Curling Federation and Mr. Joe Walkley from the World Curling Tour.

Equatorial Guinea; and Mr. Alfonso Pablo Orito Adjuti, Executive Member of the **Equatorial Guinea National Olympic Committee**. She had meaningful discussions with them on fostering sports diplomacy, cultural exchange, and cooperation in athletic development.



On the sidelines of the forum, Dr. Rashmi Saluja met Mr. Mankhanov Zorigto Sergeevich, President of the Russian Archery Federation, discussing prospects for sporting collaboration and exchange.



Meeting with Mr. Anton A. Kobyakov, Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation

India–Russia Collaboration Moves Forward



A special meeting was held on the sidelines with Mr. Anton A. Kobyakov, Adviser to the President of the Russian Federation, focusing on advancing a series of upcoming collaborative initiatives between India and Russia. The discussions were particularly insightful, as both sides reflected on the agenda and priorities for the forthcoming India–

Russia Forum and the anticipated visit of President Vladimir Putin. This exchange reaffirmed the value of high-level political engagement in sustaining diplomatic momentum and expanding the scope of future bilateral cooperation.

Key conversations explored new avenues for partnership, including enhanced sports cooperation — with particular emphasis on promoting curling — alongside broader collaboration across priority trade sectors such as energy, defence, finance, technology, and industry. These initiatives aim not only to deepen cooperation but also to contribute to a more balanced and mutually beneficial trade framework between the two nations. The meeting

further highlighted the dynamic, ongoing engagements of the Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] with Russian institutions, underscoring joint efforts to support innovation, cultural exchange, and long-term development strategies.

During her interaction with Mr. Kobyakov, Dr. Rashmi Saluja reiterated the importance of sustained dialogue, institutional cooperation, and people-to-people engagement in reinforcing the India–Russia partnership. Both sides acknowledged the significance of long-term strategic alignment and the shared vision that has historically shaped the relationship between India and Russia.

Dr. Saluja reaffirmed India's steadfast commitment to this enduring friendship, expressing that the people of India extend their full support to Russia. She emphasized that Russia remains a trusted friend, a reliable partner, and a nation with which India shares goodwill, mutual respect, and a collective aspiration for progress.

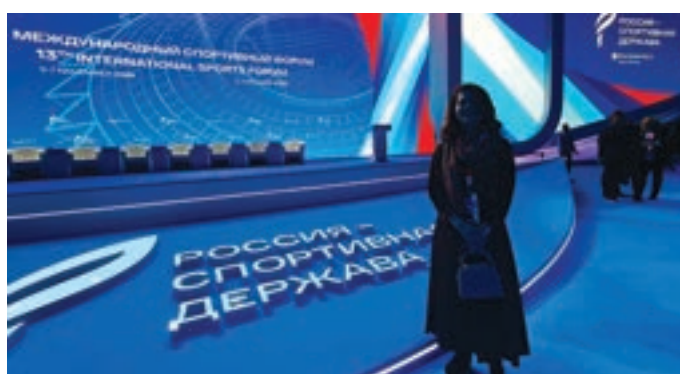


Plenary Session: International Sports Forum Samara 2025



Dr. Rashmi Saluja participated in the plenary session of the **13th International Sports Forum, "Russia: Country of Sports,"** held in Samara, highlighting the role of sports as a bridge for global unity and collaboration.

At the **13th International Sports Forum "Russia: Country of Sports"**, held in Samara, the **keynote address was delivered by President Vladimir Putin**, who emphasized the unifying power of sports and its vital role in strengthening international cooperation and youth engagement. The plenary session witnessed an





impressive lineup of global sports leaders and policymakers, who shared valuable insights on promoting sports diplomacy, innovation, and inclusivity in the global arena. Distinguished speakers included **Mr. Mikhail Degtyarev** (Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation; President of the Russian Olympic Committee), **Mr. Zoran Gajic** (Minister of Sports of the Republic of Serbia), **Mr. Sergei Kovalchuk** (Minister of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus), **Mr. Erbol Myrzabosynov** (Minister of Tourism and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan), **Mr. Anselm**

Sanyatwe (Minister of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture of the Republic of Zimbabwe), **Mr. Nasser Radan Thamer Al-Muteiri** (Secretary-General of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue), and **Mr. Alfred Foloko** (President of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Zambia).

Their discussions were insightful and forward-looking, focusing on how sport can serve as a bridge for peace, cultural understanding, and sustainable development. Each speaker brought a **unique perspective from their nation's**

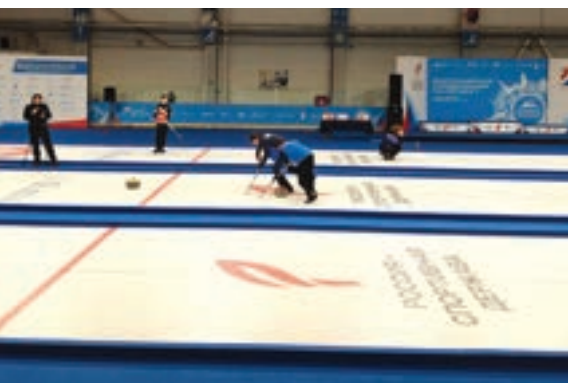
sporting landscape, contributing to a **dynamic and inspiring exchange of ideas** that highlighted the growing global commitment to fostering unity and progress through sports.

At the plenary session, Dr. Saluja had insightful discussions with Mr. Ghanim Alhajeri, Undersecretary – Ministry of Sports – UAE.

The Samara Sports Forum 2025 reinforced the importance of sports as a medium for diplomacy, unity, and progress — with GTTCI proudly contributing to India's growing presence on the international sports stage.



Prize Distribution Ceremony of Ice Curling Championship, Russia



At the **prize distribution ceremony of the Ice Curling Championship**, Dr. **Rashmi Saluja** addressed the gathering and applauded the participating teams for their remarkable display of **sportsmanship and determination**. She encouraged the athletes to **“go for gold”** and expressed her enthusiasm to soon see them compete at the **World Curling Championship**. Dr. Saluja also **awarded the winners with medals**, celebrating their dedication and excellence on the ice.





At the **Curling Championship**, Dr. Rashmi Saluja felicitated Mr. Dmitry Svishchev, President of the Russian Curling Federation, for his remarkable leadership and contribution to the sport.



During the event, Dr. Rashmi Saluja also felicitated Mr. Alexey Chernyaev, Vice Minister of Sport in Samara Region, Mr. Anton Batugin, Executive Member of the Russian Curling Federation and Mr. Joe Walkley, President of the World Curling Tour, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of curling at the global level.



India and Russia Strengthen Sports Diplomacy: CFI and Russian Curling Federation Sign MoU in Moscow



10th November 2025, Russia

In a significant stride towards advancing sports diplomacy between India and Russia, the Curling Federation of India (CFI) and the Russian Curling Federation (RCF) officially signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on 10th November 2025 in Moscow, Russia.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, President of the Curling Federation of India, and Mr. Dmitry Svishchev, President of the Russian Curling Federation. The landmark signing aims to foster bilateral collaboration in curling, wheelchair curling, and floor curling, building a structured pathway for athlete exchanges, technical expertise, and inclusive sports development.

The signing of this MoU was a key outcome of the International Sports Forum held in Samara under the leadership of President Vladimir Putin. During the Forum, he addressed the plenary session attended by distinguished ministers, ambassadors and senior officials from over 58 countries worldwide. At the same time, the Memorandum of Understanding between the CFI and the Russian

Curling Federation in Moscow further showcased the commitment of both nations to sports diplomacy—creating pathways for joint training, exchange programs and collaborative events that strengthen Indo-Russian ties beyond traditional sectors.

The MoU lays out a comprehensive framework that includes joint training camps, coaching certification programs, infrastructure development, youth promotion, and cultural exchange initiatives. A key highlight of the cooperation is the proposed

establishment of an Indo-Russian Curling Academy in India, which will serve as a premier hub for ice and floor curling training across Asia.

Both federations have also agreed to launch the India–Russia Curling Friendship Cup, an annual tournament featuring multiple categories including wheelchair and floor curling. Additionally, a dedicated corpus fund will be established to support prize incentives, athlete grants, and the long-term sustainability of curling leagues and championships.





On the occasion, Dr. Saluja emphasized that this collaboration not only promotes athletic excellence but also deepens India–Russia people-to-people ties through sports diplomacy. The initiative is further expected to

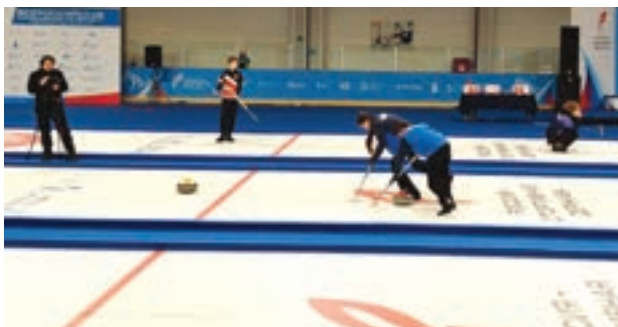
boost grassroots participation and inclusivity by introducing wheelchair and floor curling in Indian schools and communities.

This cooperation comes at a pivotal time, ahead of President Vladimir

Putin's forthcoming visit to India, symbolizing the growing momentum in Indo-Russian relations that now extend beyond trade and energy into the dynamic realm of sports and culture.



Engagements with Mr. Beau Welling, President - World Curling, Colin Grahams Law, Secretary General at World Curling and Mr. P. N. Raju (International Curling Athlete) during the World Curling Congress 2025, held from 5th–8th September at Gold Coast, Australia.





MoU with Telangana Government for International Sports City of Excellence



8th December 2025, Telangana

The GTTCI Trade Chamber marked a significant milestone at the prestigious **Telangana Global Rising Summit**, where a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally signed with the Government of Telangana for the development of a world-class **International Sports City of Excellence**. This initiative stands as one of India's most transformative ventures in the sphere of global sports infrastructure and innovation.

The MoU was signed by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI**, and the **Principal Secretary, Government of Telangana**, in the esteemed presence of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister Anumula**

Revanth Reddy and **Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Garu**. Their gracious blessings and unequivocal assurance of full government support have set a strong foundation for the successful execution of this visionary project.

A Vision for Global Sporting Excellence

As outlined in the MoU, the Sports City will be developed across a minimum of **500 acres**, integrating world-class stadiums, high-performance training academies, international event arenas, green mobility solutions, Paralympic manufacturing clusters, cutting-edge sports technology hubs, and advanced

sports medicine and rehabilitation centres.

The initiative aligns with Telangana's forward-looking vision to position the State as a global destination for elite sports, sports-tech innovation, and international tournaments, while catalysing economic growth and employment generation.

Government's Commitment and Leadership Support

The Hon'ble Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister extended their blessings and full support to the project, reaffirming the government's commitment to providing land, facilitation of clearances,



enabling infrastructure, and policy-based incentives to ensure seamless implementation and long-term success.

Their presence at the signing ceremony underscores the State's dedication to fostering a new era of sports-led development and global collaboration.

GTTCI Leadership and Delegation at the Ceremony

Participation of **Ms. Jeeva Bhat**, Head – Corporate Affairs, **Mr. Manav Jaini**, Head – Sports Business Innovation & Strategic Alliances, **Mr. Sanjay Kaushik**, Global Advisor – Investment & Hospitality, **Mr. Shubham Gupta**, Director reaffirmed GTTCI's comprehensive commitment to delivering global partnerships, investment mobilisation, world-class execution, and long-term strategic vision for the project.

A Project of National and International Significance

The Sports City of Excellence, with an estimated project quantum of INR **10,000 Crores**, will:

1. Bring global sports science and AI-

driven performance technologies to India

2. Create state-of-the-art academies for Olympic and emerging sports
3. Establish a first-of-its-kind manufacturing hub for sports equipment and Paralympic technologies
4. Provide infrastructure capable

of hosting mega international events—including future Commonwealth-aligned capabilities

5. Develop a sports-led economic cluster with innovation, training, healthcare, and industrial linkages

A Transformative Partnership for the Future

GTTCI expresses deep gratitude to the Government of Telangana for its trust and partnership. This collaboration stands as a powerful example of how forward-looking governance and global institutional expertise can come together to create models of excellence for India and the world.

With this MoU, GTTCI and the Government of Telangana have embarked on a shared mission to redefine the global sports landscape and establish Telangana as a premier international hub for sports, innovation, and human performance.





GTTCI Trade Chamber and Telesto Company, LLC Sign MoU for Joint Indo-Russian Feature Film



19th December 2025, Mumbai

A Collaborative Cinematic Project Strengthening Cultural Ties Between India and Russia

The GTTCI Trade Chamber (GTTCI) and Telesto Company, LLC have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 19th December 2025 to jointly produce a feature film titled "Namaste, Alice!", marking a significant step in Indo-Russian cultural cooperation.

Founded in 2004, Telesto Production Company is a well-established Russian film and television production house known for creating high-quality, contemporary, and positive cinema. Having begun with television projects, Telesto has successfully expanded into all major formats of modern filmmaking, including television films, series, short films, and feature films, earning recognition for its strong storytelling and production excellence.

The company is led by Ms. Elena Glikman, a graduate of the Faculty of Journalism at Moscow State University, who also completed advanced training in screenwriting

and film direction. Since 1991, she has co-headed the acclaimed Reporter TV Studio with Mr. Mikhail Degtyar, a studio honoured with multiple TEFI Awards and international accolades. Notable Telesto productions include The Elephant, On the Edge, White Road, and The Gulls.

Under the agreement, GTTCI Chairperson Dr. Rashmi Saluja and Telesto Company, LLC General Director E. I. Glikman formalized the partnership to develop and release the film. Based on a script by Ms. Elena Zhuravleva, the project will be an adventure/romantic-comedy, presented in Russian, Hindi, and English, with an approximate runtime of 120 minutes.

The film “Namaste, Alice!” is envisioned as a truly collaborative Indo-Russian cinematic endeavour, with principal shooting scheduled across iconic locations in both India and Russia. By showcasing the cultural richness, landscapes, and everyday life of both nations, the film aims to present an authentic and engaging narrative that resonates with audiences across borders. The project will feature a blend of actors, creative professionals, and technical crew from India and Russia, ensuring meaningful participation and representation from both countries throughout the filmmaking process.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the esteemed presence of renowned Russian documentary filmmaker and director Mr. Mikhail Degtyar, acclaimed Russian director and actor Mr. Kirill Degtyar, and Mr. Vladimir Finov, whose presence further underscored the importance of this initiative.

Rooted in the long-standing India–Russia cultural relationship, the film draws inspiration from the historic popularity of Bollywood in Russia, particularly the timeless legacy of Raj Kapoor, whose cinema once captivated Russian audiences. By rekindling this golden era of cinematic exchange, the project seeks to revive shared nostalgia,

foster people-to-people connections, and further strengthen the cultural bonds and mutual goodwill between the two nations.

This joint production is expected to serve as a powerful platform for strengthening people-to-people ties between India and Russia. Cinema, as a universal language, has long played a vital role in fostering mutual understanding and emotional connect, and this project seeks to build upon that legacy. By bringing together artists, technicians, and storytellers from both nations, the film will encourage cultural exchange, professional collaboration, and deeper interpersonal bonds, thereby contributing positively to the broader framework of bilateral relations.

Beyond its artistic and entertainment value, “Namaste, Alice!” represents a significant soft diplomacy initiative, reinforcing cultural diplomacy as an essential pillar of the India–Russia strategic partnership. Such collaborations not only revive historical cultural affinities but also align with contemporary diplomatic efforts to strengthen engagement at the societal level, particularly among younger generations.

Representing GTTCI, Mr. Shubham Gupta, Director – GTTCI, was also present during the signing, reflecting



the Council’s strong institutional commitment to promoting cross-cultural collaboration and international creative partnerships.

Both parties will now proceed to finalize the detailed production agreement and initiate pre-production activities for “Namaste, Alice!”, a film envisioned to deepen cultural understanding and celebrate the enduring friendship between India and Russia. Through this landmark project, GTTCI and Telesto Company, LLC reaffirm their shared vision of using cinema as a bridge between nations, celebrating friendship, cultural harmony, and the enduring bonds between the people of India and Russia.





GTTCI Leads Diplomatic Delegation at AIMA INDEX 2025, Strengthening Global Outreach and Investment Engagement in Nashik



28th November – 1st December 2025, Nashik

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] played a significant role as the Global Outreach Partner at AIMA INDEX 2025 – Investment Maha Kumbh, held from 28th November to 1st December 2025 at Thakkar Dome, Nashik, Maharashtra. Organised by the Ambad Industries & Manufacturers' Association (AIMA) with the support of the Government of Maharashtra, the event emerged as a landmark platform for fostering industrial growth, investment

facilitation, and global business engagement.

As part of its global mandate, GTTCI led and facilitated a distinguished diplomatic delegation to the event, reinforcing its commitment to connecting Indian industry with international markets, institutions, and policymakers. The inauguration ceremony was graced by H.E. Mr. Anil Sooklal, Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa to India, lending strong diplomatic significance to the Investment Maha Kumbh and highlighting India's growing role as a global investment destination.

Global Diplomatic Participation Facilitated by GTTCI

As Global Outreach Partner, GTTCI enabled the participation of eminent ambassadors and diplomats, further enhancing the international character of the event. The distinguished global representatives included Ms. Capaya Rodriguez Gonzalez, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Juan Goldnick, Minister Counsellor, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr. Metsing Ediel Lemphane, Counsellor, High Commission of the Kingdom of Lesotho, and Mr.

Abdirisak Seid Nur, Commercial Attaché, Embassy of Somalia. Their presence reflected growing international interest in India's regional industrial ecosystems and investment opportunities.

The Ambassador of Venezuela, Ms. Capaya Rodriguez Gonzalez, actively participated in key sessions, engaging with Indian industry leaders and stakeholders on avenues for trade, investment, and industrial cooperation, further strengthening people-to-people and business-to-business engagement.

A Platform for Industry, Innovation, and Investment

AIMA INDEX 2025 brought together international and domestic participants, offering a dynamic platform to engage with buyers, suppliers, investors, and policymakers from across the globe. The event featured industry-specific pavilions showcasing priority sectors such as manufacturing, electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy, and emerging industrial technologies, reflecting India's evolving industrial landscape.

The exhibition was complemented by structured B2B meetings and networking sessions, enabling meaningful connections with decision-makers and potential partners. Live demonstrations and product launches provided companies an opportunity to showcase innovations to a targeted audience, while knowledge sessions and panel discussions brought together experts to deliberate on industry trends, policy frameworks, and future growth roadmaps.

GTTCI Leadership Contributions

A key highlight of the event was the presentation delivered by Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, who addressed global opportunities, international market access, and the role of institutional collaboration in expanding India's industrial footprint worldwide. His insights underscored the importance of global partnerships, export-led growth, and strategic engagement with international stakeholders.

In recognition of his contribution and leadership, Dr. Gaurav Gupta was honoured by AIMA officials, acknowledging GTTCI's sustained efforts in promoting global trade, technology exchange, and international cooperation.

Strengthening Maharashtra's Global Engagement

Through its participation, GTTCI reaffirmed its focus on strengthening Maharashtra's position as a hub for global investment and industrial collaboration. The presence of diplomatic representatives and international institutions provided regional industries with direct access to global perspectives, markets, and partnerships, supporting long-term economic growth.

The event also highlighted the active role of GTTCI Maharashtra members, including Ms. Yashashree

J. Pawar, Director, Yash Abratech Pvt. Ltd. and Founder, Yashashree Jewels, Ms. Neha Awasthi, Managing Director, Awasthi Pipe, whose engagement reflected the growing participation of regional entrepreneurs in global trade and investment platforms.

A Step Forward in Global Industrial Collaboration

AIMA INDEX 2025 – Investment Maha Kumbh successfully demonstrated how regional industry platforms can serve as gateways for international collaboration. GTTCI's role as Global Outreach Partner, combined with diplomatic participation and industry-driven dialogue, reinforced the event's significance as a catalyst for investment, innovation, and global connectivity.



GTTCI Signs MoU with UNICAP to Foster Sustainable Development and Investment Cooperation



10th November 2025, Russia

In a landmark step towards advancing sustainable development and international collaboration, GTTCI Trade Chamber signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Innovation Capital (UNICAP) – International PPP-Investment Fund on 8th November 2025 in Moscow, Russia. The physical copy of the MoU, along with an action plan, was formally signed by Mr. Dmitry Sadykov, Founder of UNICAP, Co-Founder & CEO of VODPROM, and Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of Global Trade & Technology Council (India).

The MoU establishes a strategic consortium between GTTCI and UNICAP aimed at implementing innovative and impactful projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. UNICAP, a global PPP-focused investment

fund managing €200 million with a €1.7 billion project portfolio, specializes in socially significant sectors such as water management, housing, healthcare, and infrastructure, guided by ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) principles.

Through this partnership, GTTCI and UNICAP will jointly develop a digital platform for integrated water

resource management in India and Uzbekistan, marking a transformative initiative towards efficient water governance and sustainability. This

collaboration seeks to promote sustainable investment ecosystems, enhance infrastructure innovation, and encourage cross-border partnerships for shared growth and resilience.

The initiative aligns closely with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly emphasizing clean water and sanitation (SDG 6), industry and innovation (SDG 9), sustainable cities (SDG 11), and climate action (SDG 13). Guided by these global principles, the GTTCI–UNICAP partnership underscores a shared vision of building an inclusive, green, and economically vibrant future.

With this MoU, GTTCI continues to strengthen its commitment to fostering global trade, technology cooperation, and sustainable progress, reinforcing India's role as a key partner in advancing environmentally responsible international collaborations.



GTTCI Trade Chamber Signs Landmark MoU with TENEX JSC (Rosatom) in Moscow



10th November 2025, Russia

In a significant stride towards strengthening India–Russia economic and technological cooperation, the GTTCI Trade Chamber has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TENEX JSC, a management company of the “Sales and Trading” Division of the State Atomic Energy Corporation ROSATOM, at TENEX’s headquarter in Moscow on November 10, 2025.

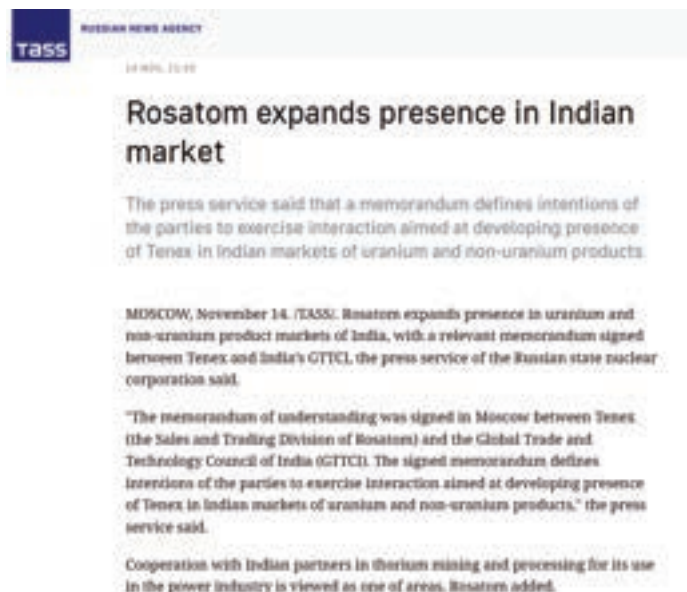
The MoU was signed by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson GTTCI Trade Chamber, and Mr. Andrey Tovstenko, First Deputy General Director for Strategy, TENEX JSC, in the presence of senior representatives from both sides.

The MoU establishes a framework for cooperation aimed at supporting TENEX in developing long-term collaboration with local partners in India’s uranium and non uranium markets.

The MoU also involves mutual intentions in the area of thorium-based energy solutions development—a field where India holds one of the largest global reserves. The Parties plan to work out a roadmap for thorium mining and

processing, contributing to India’s long-term energy sustainability goals.

On the occasion, Dr. Rashmi Saluja stated, “This partnership signifies a new era of Indo-Russian collaboration in clean and advanced energy domains. Through our cooperation with TENEX and Rosatom, we look forward to facilitating sustainable innovation and industrial growth that will benefit both our nations.”





State-Level Leadership: GTTCI Drives Nuclear Dialogue in Telangana

GTTCI's influence extends beyond international agreements into state-level policy and execution, ensuring that nuclear cooperation translates into regional development.

As part of high-level engagements in India, Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board, VTB Bank, Russia, and Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, met Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Garu to explore

strategic state-level cooperation and industrial collaboration.

The discussions reflected GTTCI's unique strength in connecting global institutions with progressive Indian states, aligning international technology with local policy frameworks. Energy emerged as a core focus, with in-depth dialogue on power generation, clean-energy infrastructure, SMRs, and thorium-based nuclear solutions,

reinforcing Telangana's vision for sustainable and resilient growth.

Senior officials from the Government of Telangana, including Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS; Mr. Navin Mittal, IAS; Mr. Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS; and Mr. D. Krishna Bhaskar, IAS, participated in the meeting—highlighting the seriousness and institutional depth of the engagement led by GTTCI.





Government of Telangana and GTTCI Trade Chamber Sign Strategic MoU to Advance Thorium-Based Clean Energy in Telangana



9th December 2025, Telangana

A Major Collaboration Announced at Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025

The Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, held at Bharat Future City, marked a landmark moment in India's clean-energy transformation with the signing of a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of Telangana and GTTCI Trade Chamber. Signed on 9 December 2025, the MoU outlines a comprehensive framework to develop thorium-based clean-energy technologies and associated industrial ecosystems in Telangana.

This landmark MoU was signed in

the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu Garu, whose gracious blessings and insightful guidance elevated the significance of the occasion. Both leaders reaffirmed the Government of Telangana's complete support for the successful execution of this transformative clean-energy initiative, reflecting the State's commitment to fostering innovation-driven, future-ready development.

TGREDCO, the state's nodal agency for renewable energy, E-Mobility, and energy conservation initiatives, was represented by Smt. Anila Vavilla, VC & Managing Director. GTTCI Trade Chamber, a prominent trade and technology facilitation body working with global partners and committed to accelerating the global shift towards

net-zero emissions, was represented by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson.

The execution of this MoU will be undertaken under the guidance and supervision of Mr. Navin Mittal, IAS, Principal Secretary – Energy, ensuring coordinated implementation across all relevant departments.

Driving a New Era of Clean-Energy Innovation

The MoU focuses on developing Thorium Mining and Resource Development, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), Thorium-Based Advanced Clean Energy Technologies, and the creation of related industrial, technical, and knowledge ecosystems in Telangana. These initiatives align directly with the Telangana Clean and Green

By leveraging thorium — a promising, efficient, and safer alternative to traditional nuclear fuel — the partnership aims to accelerate innovation, strengthen clean-energy capacity, and establish Telangana as a frontrunner in next-generation energy technologies.

GTTCI Trade Chamber

- Lead the development of thorium-based and SMR-focused clean-energy ecosystems.
- Coordinate with International partner for scientific and technological cooperation.
- Facilitate feasibility studies, techno-economic assessments, and capacity-building programmes.

- Mobilise global investments and strategic partnerships to support project execution.
- Provide advisory input across regulatory, financial, and planning aspects.
- Ensure adherence to technical, environmental, and safety standards.
- Engage national and global experts for comprehensive project structuring.

- Facilitate approvals for thorium mining, SMRs, and related clean-energy infrastructure.
- Extend incentives and benefits under the Telangana Clean and Green Energy Policy 2025.
- Support all required permits, clearances, and infrastructure allotments.

The collaboration promises far-reaching benefits, including:

- Investment potential of nearly INR 50,000 crores
- Creation of nearly 5,000 direct and indirect jobs
- Substantial reduction in carbon emissions, enhancing environmental sustainability
- Strengthening Telangana's leadership in India's renewable and clean-energy ecosystem

This collaboration marks a significant step toward accelerating thorium-based clean-energy initiatives, supporting Telangana's journey toward a greener, more resilient, and future-ready energy landscape.





SHANTI Bill: Policy Reform Powering India's Nuclear Transformation

India stands at a defining juncture in its clean-energy transition, where nuclear power—anchored in thorium-based technologies and Small Modular Reactors (SMRs)—is emerging as a cornerstone of long-term energy security. The passage of the **Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Bill**, under the leadership of **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, marks a decisive structural reform by enabling private sector participation in the nuclear domain while preserving stringent safety and safeguard mechanisms.

This landmark policy reform creates

an enabling ecosystem that aligns seamlessly with initiatives already conceptualised and advanced by the **Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI)**. By formally recognising nuclear energy as a dependable 24x7 power source, the SHANTI Bill complements renewable energy efforts and reinforces industrial resilience, grid stability, and long-term decarbonisation goals.

GTTCI's early and sustained focus on **SMRs, thorium-based nuclear innovation, and international nuclear collaboration** positions the institution as one that anticipated policy evolution and proactively

prepared the groundwork well ahead of legislative momentum. Through global engagement, technology dialogue, and institutional frameworks, GTTCI has played a catalytic role in shaping a credible and collaborative nuclear ecosystem.

As the SHANTI Bill unlocks new pathways for investment, innovation, and partnership, GTTCI stands at the intersection of policy alignment and implementation readiness—driving collaboration, advancing clean nuclear growth, and supporting India's vision of a safer, cleaner, and energy-secure future.



Opening of Rosatom office in India





India–Russia Forum: Advancing Strategic Economic Partnership

4th–5th December 2025, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Held Alongside President Vladimir Putin’s India Visit

The India–Russia Forum emerged as a pivotal platform reinforcing the depth and continuity of the India–Russia strategic partnership. Held alongside the official India visit of Russian President H.E. Vladimir Putin, the Forum brought together senior policymakers, business

leaders, financial institutions, and industry stakeholders from both nations to advance economic diplomacy and long-term cooperation.

The Forum focused on translating political trust and strategic alignment into tangible economic outcomes. Discussions were structured around strengthening bilateral trade, facilitating investments, enhancing institutional collaboration, and identifying future-ready sectors for cooperation. The engagement reflected the shared commitment of India and Russia to build resilient economic frameworks amid

evolving global dynamics.

GTTCI’s Active Participation and Institutional Leadership

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] actively participated in the Forum, reinforcing its role as a key institutional bridge between Indian and Russian stakeholders.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson – GTTCI, Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President – GTTCI, and Mr. Shubham Gupta, Director – GTTCI actively

participated in high-level discussions, bilateral engagements, and strategic interactions throughout the Forum.

GTTCI's presence underscored its commitment to facilitating structured dialogue, enabling business-to-business collaboration, and supporting policy-aligned economic engagement. The Council emphasized the importance of institutional platforms in translating strategic intent into executable partnerships and sustainable outcomes.

Plenary Session: Strategic Vision for Trade Expansion

The Plenary Session formed the centerpiece of the Forum, outlining a forward-looking vision for bilateral economic growth. Both sides reaffirmed their shared ambition to scale India–Russia bilateral trade to USD 100 billion, emphasizing diversification of trade baskets, improved logistics, and smoother regulatory mechanisms.

Discussions highlighted the role of enhanced banking connectivity, national currency settlements, and institutional support in addressing operational challenges faced by businesses. The Plenary reflected a shared resolve to strengthen trade architecture and create enabling ecosystems for long-term cooperation.

Key Outcomes and Sectoral Priorities

The Forum generated meaningful outcomes across priority sectors including energy, infrastructure, manufacturing, technology, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, and digital innovation. Energy cooperation—covering hydrocarbons, renewables, and nuclear collaboration—remained a cornerstone of bilateral engagement.

Infrastructure development, joint ventures, and technology transfer were identified as critical enablers for sustaining trade growth. Participants

emphasized combining Russian technical expertise with India's execution capabilities to deliver scalable and sustainable projects.

Institutional Collaboration and Forward Outlook

The India–Russia Forum reaffirmed the importance of structured institutional collaboration in strengthening bilateral ties. GTTCI's active engagement reinforced the value of business-led platforms in bridging policy dialogue and commercial implementation.

Held alongside President Putin's visit, the Forum reaffirmed a shared commitment to long-term economic resilience, mutual benefit, and strategic trust, laying a strong foundation for the next phase of India–Russia economic cooperation.





Meeting with Mr. Andrey Kostin, President and Chairman of the Management Board of VTB Bank (PJSC) and Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board – VTB Bank Russia at Inauguration.

VTB Bank Inaugurates New Delhi Office, Celebrating 20 Years in India

Strengthening Indo-Russian Financial Ties Through GTTCI Partnership

The inauguration of VTB Bank's New Delhi office marked a significant milestone in the evolution of Indo-Russian financial cooperation, commemorating 20 years of VTB Bank's presence in India. The event was graced by Mr. Andrey Kostin, President and Chairman of the Management Board of VTB Bank (PJSC), Ms. Olga Basha, Member of the Board - VTB Bank Russia. The expansion reflects VTB's long-term commitment to supporting bilateral

trade, investment flows, and institutional banking engagement between the two countries.

Over the past two decades, VTB Bank has played a crucial role in facilitating trade finance, project financing, and banking services for Indian and Russian enterprises. The New Delhi office strengthens the bank's on-ground engagement with Indian corporates and institutions, enabling closer coordination and tailored financial solutions.

The initiative also reinforces financial connectivity aligned with the growing scale and complexity of India-Russia economic relations. Enhanced banking presence supports smoother trade settlements, institutional collaboration, and cross-border project financing.

The partnership with the Global Trade & Technology Council (India) has further strengthened this engagement. Through structured dialogue, policy alignment, and business facilitation, the GTTCI-VTB collaboration underscores the importance of trusted institutional platforms in advancing bilateral financial cooperation.

The expanded presence positions VTB Bank to support emerging opportunities across infrastructure, energy, manufacturing, logistics, and technology sectors. By aligning financial services with national development priorities, VTB continues to contribute to a stable and forward-looking Indo-Russian economic framework.

The inauguration symbolizes not only VTB Bank's enduring legacy in India but also renewed momentum in Indo-Russian financial engagement anchored in trust, institutional cooperation, and shared growth objectives.





Meeting with Shri Nitin Gadkari Strengthens Infrastructure Cooperation

Focus on Batteries, Grid Integration, North-South Freight Corridor, JVs, and Connectivity

A high-level meeting was held between Ms. Olga Basha, Mr. Andrey Kostin, President and Chairman of the Management Board of VTB Bank (PJSC) and Member of the Board – VTB Bank Russia, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson – GTTCI, Mr. Rakesh Asthana, Chief Advisor – GTTCI Trade Chamber, and Mr. Shubham Gupta, Director – GTTCI, with Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India.

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in advanced battery technologies, grid integration, and the development of joint ventures for infrastructure projects. Emphasis was placed on leveraging technological expertise, financial capability, and execution strengths to support India's sustainable infrastructure agenda.

A key highlight of the meeting was the dialogue on the North-South railway project, recognized as a strategic corridor for enhancing connectivity, reducing logistics costs, and facilitating efficient movement of goods. The project was viewed as a catalyst for regional integration and long-term trade growth.

The interaction highlighted the importance of close policy-industry collaboration and institutional facilitation in advancing complex infrastructure initiatives. GTTCI's role as a facilitator ensured structured dialogue and alignment between stakeholders.

The meeting laid the groundwork for continued engagement, feasibility assessments, and collaborative frameworks, reinforcing infrastructure as a core pillar of India-Russia economic cooperation.





Dr. Rashmi Saluja's Interaction with Mr. Alexander Shokhin at the India–Russia Forum 2025

Strengthening RSPP–GTTCI Institutional Synergy

During the India–Russia Forum 2025, Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson – GTTCI, held an insightful interaction with Mr. Alexander Shokhin, President of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (RSPP). The interaction took place alongside President Vladimir Putin's visit to India, adding strategic depth to the discussions.

The dialogue focused on strengthening institutional synergy between RSPP and GTTCI, with emphasis on enhancing business cooperation, industry linkages, and structured engagement mechanisms. Both sides highlighted the importance of business-led platforms in complementing government-to-government initiatives.

The RSPP, which brings together thousands of leading Russian companies and representatives from industrial, scientific, financial, and commercial

organizations across all regions of Russia as well as from abroad, was highlighted as a pivotal institutional partner in advancing private-sector collaboration.

Discussions explored opportunities in manufacturing, infrastructure, technology collaboration, and innovation ecosystems. The need for predictable frameworks, institutional trust, and sustained dialogue to support enterprises operating across borders was emphasized.

Dr. Saluja highlighted GTTCI's role in facilitating partnerships, enabling policy–industry alignment, and translating strategic intent into actionable outcomes. Mr. Shokhin reaffirmed RSPP's commitment to supporting Indian businesses and strengthening private-sector engagement between the two countries.

The interaction reinforced the value of institutional leadership in building resilient, future-oriented economic cooperation. By aligning RSPP and GTTCI priorities, the engagement contributed



to strengthening the foundation of the India–Russia strategic economic partnership.





GTTCI Trade Chamber Signs MoU with Embassy of the Republic of Suriname to Deepen Economic and Energy Cooperation



5th December 2025, Embassy of Republic of Suriname, New Delhi

The GTTCI Trade Chamber has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Embassy of the Republic of Suriname in New Delhi, marking a significant step towards strengthening India-Suriname economic engagement, with a focused emphasis on oil & gas, natural resources, and strategic energy cooperation. The MoU was signed on 5th December 2025 at the Embassy of Suriname.

This strategic partnership aims to

institutionalise collaboration across trade, investment, technology, and project facilitation, while positioning Suriname as a key investment destination for Indian and South Asian enterprises, particularly in the energy sector.

Strategic Importance of Suriname's Oil Reserves

Suriname has emerged as one of the most promising new oil frontiers in the world, with major offshore discoveries placing it among the fastest-growing energy prospects in

the Western Hemisphere. The country's significant offshore oil reserves, located in the Guyana-Suriname Basin, have attracted global attention and positioned Suriname as a future energy powerhouse in the Caribbean and South America.

Recognising this opportunity, the MoU places strong emphasis on oil & gas, mining, and natural resource development, aligning India's growing energy demand and technical expertise with Suriname's resource potential. GTTCI will play a catalytic role in mobilising Indian investors, energy companies, technology providers,

and **EPC players** to participate in Suriname's energy ecosystem.

Framework for Trade, Investment, and Project Facilitation

Under the MoU, GTTCI and the Embassy of Suriname have agreed to establish a structured framework to promote **bilateral and regional economic cooperation**. GTTCI will act as a **single-window facilitator**, supporting investor outreach, project scoping, feasibility studies, and regulatory guidance.

A key focus area is **project execution support** in priority sectors, including:

- Oil & Gas
- Mining and Minerals
- Energy (renewable and non-renewable)
- Infrastructure development
- Digital transformation and e-governance

This framework ensures that energy-led investments are supported not only at the engagement stage but also through **implementation and execution**, enhancing investor confidence.

Establishment of a Dedicated Suriname Trade & Investment Desk

A major outcome of the MoU is the agreement to establish a **dedicated Suriname Trade & Investment**



Chamber/Desk within GTTCI. This specialised institutional mechanism will function as a **nodal point for India-Suriname economic engagement**, with a particular mandate to promote Suriname's oil, gas, and natural resource investment pipeline.

The Desk will:

- Showcase Suriname's energy and resource opportunities to Indian and South Asian stakeholders
- Facilitate B2B engagements, delegations, and investor roadshows
- Provide sectoral insights and project-level support
- Strengthen Suriname's visibility as a **strategic gateway to the Caribbean energy market**

GTTCI's Role as an Aggregator and Execution Partner

GTTCI brings to this partnership its proven capability as an **aggregator, facilitator, and execution partner**, working with over **100 foreign missions** globally. Through its platforms, including **GTTC Insights**, GTTCI will highlight Suriname's oil reserves, investment-ready projects, and policy environment to a global audience.

The Chamber will also support the Embassy in organising **India-Suriname business forums**, sector-specific roundtables, and high-level delegations focused on

energy, infrastructure, and technology collaboration.

Strengthening India-Suriname Strategic Partnership

The MoU reflects the **deepening friendship between India and Suriname** and a shared commitment to long-term, mutually beneficial economic growth. For India, engagement with Suriname supports energy security diversification and access to emerging oil markets. For Suriname, India offers capital, technology, skilled manpower, and execution capabilities essential for sustainable resource development.

A **Joint Working Group (JWG)** will be constituted to oversee implementation, monitor progress, and identify new opportunities, ensuring that the partnership delivers tangible outcomes.

Looking Ahead

The signing of this MoU represents more than a formal agreement—it signals a **strategic convergence between India's global economic outreach and Suriname's emergence as a major energy destination**. With oil reserves at the core of this collaboration, the GTTCI-Suriname partnership is poised to unlock new investment flows, strengthen South-South cooperation, and create a robust platform for long-term economic engagement between the two nations.





Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 – Catalysing Investment and Global Partnerships

8th-9th December 2025, Telangana



The Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, held on December 8–9 in Hyderabad, marked a significant milestone in positioning Telangana as a future-ready global investment destination aligned with its Vision 2047. The summit was conceived as a high-impact international platform to attract global capital, foster innovation-led growth, and strengthen economic partnerships across sectors.

The Summit witnessed strong international participation, with delegates from over 40 countries, including ambassadors, senior diplomats, global investors,

polymakers, and industry leaders, alongside a large presence of domestic corporate stakeholders. More than 2,000 participants took part in the deliberations, reflecting Telangana's growing global relevance and investor confidence.

A key highlight of the Summit was the strong investment momentum. The state expected investment MoUs worth nearly ₹3 lakh crore, spanning sectors such as advanced manufacturing, green and clean energy, deep technology, infrastructure, pharmaceuticals, data centres, and innovation-driven industries. Leading Indian and global companies showcased expansion plans and expressed interest in long-term collaboration with the state.

The Summit featured 27 thematic sessions led by globally renowned thinkers, corporate leaders, economists, and Nobel laureates, focusing on industrial growth, technology leadership, sustainability, employment generation, and future infrastructure. These discussions reinforced Telangana's strategic roadmap to become a major economic engine contributing to India's long-term growth.

By bringing together corporate leaders, ambassadors, investors, and global institutions on one platform, the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 strengthened the state's positioning as a trusted, investment-friendly destination and laid a robust foundation for sustained global partnerships and inclusive economic development.





High-Level Consultations with State Leadership for JV and Project Collaboration with VTB Bank

In parallel with its strategic engagement during the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025, the Global Trade & Technology Council of India (GTTCI) facilitated focused discussions and coordination meetings with state ministers and senior administrative leadership to explore structured collaboration for joint ventures (JVs) and large-scale development projects, with VTB Bank positioned as the key financial partner. These engagements were aimed at translating policy vision into implementable investment frameworks.

The consultations were held with the participation of Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Marketing and Co-operation, Handlooms & Textiles, Government of Telangana, and Sh. Vakiti Srihari, Hon'ble Minister for Sports, Government of Telangana. The discussions focused on identifying priority sectors and project opportunities where international financing, advanced technology, and institutional partnerships could be aligned with state-level development objectives.

Emphasis was placed on structuring bankable JV models that leverage state

infrastructure readiness, regulatory facilitation, and execution capabilities, complemented by VTB Bank's financial strength and experience in supporting cross-border projects. Potential areas of cooperation included infrastructure development, energy, industrial manufacturing, technology-driven initiatives, agriculture-linked value chains, textiles, and sports-related infrastructure.

The meetings also witnessed the participation of senior state officials, highlighting the seriousness and institutional depth of the engagement led by GTTCI. Mr. Sanjay Kumar, IAS; Mr. Navin Mittal, IAS; Mr. Sandeep Kumar Sultania, IAS; and Mr. D. Krishna Bhaskar, IAS actively participated in the deliberations, enabling detailed discussions on policy alignment, project structuring, and inter-departmental coordination necessary for effective implementation.

Led by GTTCI, these high-level consultations reinforced a collaborative approach bringing together government leadership, international financial institutions, and industry stakeholders on a common platform.



The engagement marked a significant step toward building sustainable project pipelines, strengthening investor confidence, and accelerating project execution in Telangana.



GTTCI Hosts Farewell Ceremony in Honour of Ambassador of Suriname



10th December 2025, New Delhi

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI] had the honour of hosting a farewell ceremony in appreciation of the distinguished tenure of **H.E. Mr. Arun Koemar Hardien, Ambassador of the Republic of Suriname to India**. The evening was marked by warmth, camaraderie, and a shared spirit of international cooperation, reflecting the strong

bonds nurtured during his diplomatic assignment in India.

The ceremony was graciously attended by several ambassadors and members of the diplomatic corps, including the Ambassadors of **Suriname, Timor-Leste, Sudan, Nepal, and Fiji**, along with diplomats and representatives from **Zambia, UNESCO, Palestine, Comoros, Guyana, Turkey, Belarus, Russia, China, Iraq, Bangladesh, Lesotho,**

and the Brazil Chamber. The gathering was further enriched by the presence of eminent special guests, including **Dr. D.R. Kaarthikeyan**, among other distinguished personalities.

As a mark of appreciation and remembrance, **H.E. the Ambassador of Suriname was honoured with a special token**, presented jointly by **Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI**, and **Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI**, acknowledging his valuable





Addressing the gathering, **Dr. Rashmi Saluja** spoke warmly of the close and cordial relationship shared with H.E. the Ambassador, highlighting the strong prospects for deeper economic and institutional cooperation between India and Suriname. **Dr. Gaurav Gupta** reflected on the many occasions of working together and noted that it had been a distinct pleasure to travel across India with the Ambassador, further strengthening people-to-people and institutional ties.

The evening concluded on a note of goodwill and mutual respect, reaffirming GTTCI's continued commitment to fostering enduring international partnerships and advancing global trade and technology collaboration beyond individual tenures.



contributions to strengthening bilateral engagement between India and Suriname.

In his remarks, **H.E. Mr. Hardien** expressed his sincere gratitude to the GTTCI leadership for their constant support and collaboration. He fondly recalled his journey of working closely with GTTCI in India and conveyed optimism about the positive developments and opportunities that lie ahead in India-Suriname relations.

The farewell also reflected on the **recently signed Memorandum of Understanding between GTTCI and the Embassy of Suriname**, which aims to bring together the business communities of both nations to promote bilateral trade and investment. The MoU focuses on key sectors such as **oil and gas, natural resources, healthcare, and other areas of mutual economic interest**, underscoring a forward-looking partnership.



TIIF 2025: An Ocean of Opportunities — Plenary Session Charts Uzbekistan's Third Renaissance



The Tashkent International Investment Forum (TIIF) 2025, held from June 9–12, emerged as a powerful platform positioning Uzbekistan as Central Asia's leading investment and diplomacy hub. Drawing over 8,000 participants, including nearly 3,000 international delegates from 97 countries, the forum concluded with USD 30.5 billion in investment and trade agreements, reflecting a 14.6% year-on-year growth.

The high-level plenary session, inaugurated by President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, set the strategic direction for Uzbekistan's "Third Renaissance." In his keynote, the President addressed global geopolitical challenges, climate change, energy diversification, and regional trade integration, reaffirming Uzbekistan's commitment to peace, diplomacy, and sustainable development. He highlighted the nation's remarkable progress—doubling GDP over eight years, attracting USD 35 billion in FDI last year, and targeting a USD 200 billion economy by 2030.

Distinguished leaders including Bulgarian President Rumen Radev, Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico, and Kazakh Prime Minister Olzhas Bektenov emphasized Uzbekistan's pivotal role in the Eurasian corridor. The Middle Corridor, green energy investments worth USD 6 billion, digital economy expansion, AI-enabled exports, and the transformative China–Kyrgyzstan–Uzbekistan railway project featured prominently in discussions.

The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) actively participated, led by Chairperson Dr. Rashmi Saluja, along with Chief Advisor Mr. Rakesh Asthana and Director Mr. Shubham Gupta, exploring collaboration across healthcare, education, pharmaceuticals, textiles, diagnostics, and technology sectors. The forum also spotlighted Uzbekistan's advancing healthcare and higher education ecosystem, including visionary initiatives led by Dr. Mukhtorkhon.

TIIF 2025 reaffirmed Uzbekistan's readiness to lead Central Asia's next phase of inclusive, innovation-driven growth.

GTTCI Signs Strategic MoU with 7Saber to Unlock Global Value for Uzbek Brand



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In a strategic move to enhance cross-border branding and value creation, GTTCI signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Hayot LLC, the parent company behind Uzbekistan's premier sportswear brand—7Saber. The MoU was signed by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, and Mr. Makhmud, official representative of Urban Hayot, during TIIF 2025.

This collaboration is aimed at enabling 7Saber to unlock global value by entering new markets with a focus on India—the world's largest and most diverse consumer market along with gulf countries and Russia. GTTCI will support the brand in its journey through integrated trade facilitation, regulatory alignment, digital transformation, and strategic retail expansion. The Indian launch will be accompanied by brand positioning efforts that tap into the growing sportswear and activewear segments across metro cities and emerging regions.

7Saber, known for its high-performance gear and locally manufactured apparel, will benefit from GTTCI's deep networks across retail alliances, diplomatic outreach, and e-commerce platforms. The partnership envisions joint participation in international trade exhibitions, digital marketplace promotion, and collaborations with

Indian influencers to boost visibility.

Beyond business, the collaboration also reflects GTTCI's commitment to supporting promising brands from emerging economies to become global players. With India as the launchpad, the 7Saber-GTTCI partnership is poised to elevate Uzbekistan's entrepreneurial image on the international stage.





MoU Signed with Kokand University to Strengthen Medical Education Collaboration



The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) formalized a significant academic partnership with Kokand University, Uzbekistan, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at strengthening cooperation in medical education and healthcare capacity building. The MoU was signed between Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of GTTCI, and Dr. G. E. Zakhidov, Director of Kokand University's Andijan Branch.

Under this strategic agreement, GTTCI will play a pivotal role in supporting institutional collaboration, including facilitation of academic

processes, student support mechanisms, and integration frameworks. The partnership also focuses on enhancing medical education infrastructure through faculty exchange programs, curriculum development support, and clinical training initiatives aligned with

international standards.

Dr. Rashmi Saluja highlighted the long-term vision of positioning Kokand University as a regional knowledge hub for medical education, with structured academic linkages across CIS countries. The collaboration further envisions capacity-building initiatives, FMGE-oriented academic support, and steps toward bilateral accreditation to ensure global competitiveness of graduates.

This MoU marks an important step in building a sustainable India-Uzbekistan academic corridor, reinforcing shared commitments to quality education, institutional excellence, and cross-border knowledge exchange in the healthcare sector.



GTTCI Explores Investment Opportunities in Karakalpakstan



strategic value due to its abundant natural resources, including deposits of natural gas, oil, uranium, gold, phosphorites, and construction minerals, along with vast land resources supporting agriculture and agri-processing. Coupled with a growing skilled workforce, the region presents strong opportunities

across mining, healthcare, education, renewable energy, and value-added agro-industries.

Regional leadership reaffirmed their commitment to attracting Indian investments by extending comprehensive government support, including single-window clearances, land allocation, and robust investment protection mechanisms. Discussions highlighted interest in collaborations for diagnostic centers, specialty hospitals, higher education institutions, and mining-related infrastructure.

The visit underscored GTTCI's proactive role in connecting Indian enterprises with emerging investment destinations in Central Asia. By engaging with Karakalpakstan, GTTCI is enabling Indian investors to access resource-rich, high-growth regions and participate early in Uzbekistan's next phase of regional economic development.

As part of its strategic outreach to high-potential regions of Uzbekistan, the Global Trade & Technology Council (India) undertook an official visit to the autonomous Republic of Karakalpakstan. The GTTCI delegation, led by Chairperson Dr. Rashmi Saluja and Director Mr. Shubham Gupta, was received as state guests by Mr. Ermanov Farkhod Urazboevich, Chairman of the Council of the Republic of Karakalpakstan, and Mr. Orinbaev Amanbay Tleubaevich, Chairman of the Jokargy Kenes.

The delegation engaged in detailed interactions with regional authorities and business leaders, including dedicated plenary sessions focused on investment facilitation and regional development. Site visits to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and industrial clusters provided insight into Karakalpakstan's infrastructure readiness and policy support for foreign investors.

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India reaffirms commitment to international cooperation



New Delhi, Sep 23 (Prensa Latina) India's Global Trade and Technology Council (GTTCI) reaffirmed its commitment to fostering international cooperation, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting dialogue among nations, which is so necessary in the world today.

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New Delhi, 20th September 2025: The Global Trade & Technology Council (India) (GTTCI) organized a special gathering today to commemorate International Day of Peace, bringing together eminent personalities, thought leaders, and members of the diplomatic community.

The occasion was graced by Acharya Lokesh Muni ji, spiritual leader and peace ambassador; Dr. D. R. Kanchhikyan, Former CII Director and distinguished public servant; Mr. Kapil Khanna, renowned entrepreneur and social contributor; Mr. K. L. Ganju, Hon. Consul General of the Union of Comoros; Mr. Geshan, senior representative from the High Commission of Sri Lanka; and Ms. Livea, Journalist from Cuba.

The program was led by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson, GTTCI, and Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President, GTTCI, who addressed the distinguished gathering. Dr. Saluja emphasized the significance of dialogue, cooperation, and inclusivity in today's global landscape, while Dr. Gupta highlighted GTTCI's mission of building bridges between nations through trade, technology, and cultural diplomacy.

Speaking on the occasion, the distinguished guests underscored the importance of peace, collaboration, and mutual respect in fostering stronger relations between nations. The event served as a platform for exchanging ideas and reinforcing the values of harmony, global partnership, and sustainable development.

This meaningful commemoration reaffirmed GTTCI's commitment to fostering international cooperation, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting dialogue among nations.



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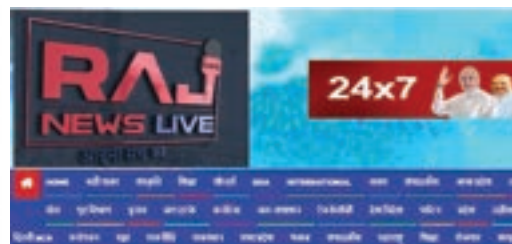
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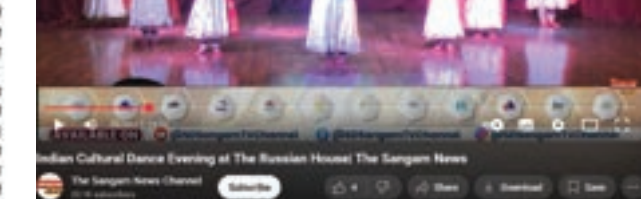
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Indian Cultural Dance Evening at The Russian House The Sangam News

Culture of Bharat in "Echoes of Tradition" Celebrates Indian Culture and Indo-Russian Friendship at Russian House



The Russian House in New Delhi recently hosted a cultural evening titled "Echoes of Tradition" to celebrate Indian culture and the friendship between India and Russia. The event was held at the Russian House, which is a prominent cultural center in the city. The evening featured a variety of Indian cultural performances, including dance, music, and art. The event was attended by a large number of guests, including members of the Indian and Russian communities in Delhi. The Russian House is a well-known institution that promotes cultural exchange and friendship between the two countries. This event was a testament to the strong ties between India and Russia, and the role of the Russian House in fostering such relationships.

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AIMA INDEX 2025

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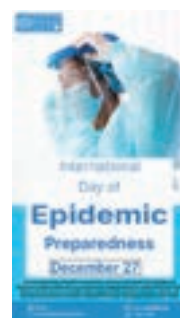
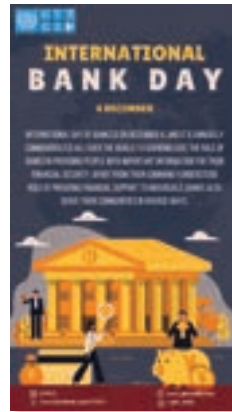
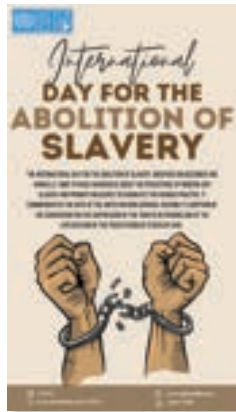
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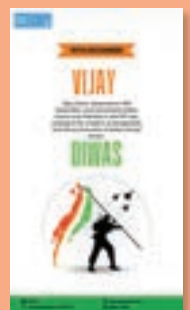
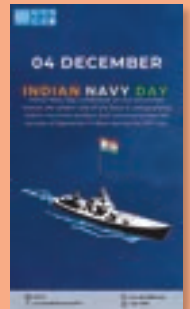
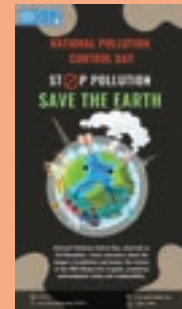
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From West Asia to Africa: PM Modi's Three-Nation Tour Reinforces India's Global Leadership



Prime Minister Narendra Modi successfully concluded a landmark diplomatic tour of Jordan, Ethiopia, and Oman from 15 to 18 December 2025, marking one of India's most significant foreign engagements of the year. Spanning West Asia and Africa, the visit deepened bilateral ties through major trade and investment agreements, high-level strategic dialogue, and prestigious honours conferred upon the Indian leader.

The tour underscored India's expanding global role in strengthening partnerships across strategically vital regions, advancing economic cooperation, reinforcing security collaboration, and promoting cultural and people-to-people links. Its outcomes are expected to have lasting implications for India's foreign policy, economic growth, and engagement with both the Global South and the Gulf.

Purpose and Agenda of the Visit

The three-nation tour was guided by key objectives: deepening diplomatic ties, expanding trade and investment, enhancing cooperation in energy, technology, defence, and security, elevating strategic partnerships, celebrating historic milestones, and promoting cultural engagement. The itinerary reflected India's broader strategy of fostering Global South cooperation and reinforcing its nuanced diplomatic presence.

Jordan: Strengthening 75 Years of Historic Relations

Prime Minister Modi's visit to Jordan, at the invitation of King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein, coincided with 75 years of diplomatic relations. In Amman, he held

extensive discussions with Jordanian leadership on regional peace, counter-terrorism, agriculture, energy, and technology, while also engaging with the Indian diaspora.

A major outcome was the signing of five Memorandums of Understanding covering renewable energy, water resource management, a cultural exchange programme (2025–2029), digital cooperation, and heritage twinning between Petra and Ellora. These agreements aim to strengthen sustainable development and technological collaboration.





Ethiopia: A New Strategic Partnership in Africa

In Addis Ababa, Prime Minister Modi held wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali, focusing on trade, infrastructure, education, technology, and peace and security cooperation. The visit reaffirmed India's commitment to Africa as a key development partner and advocate of inclusive growth.

A defining achievement was the elevation of bilateral ties to a Strategic Partnership, expanding cooperation across defence, health, agriculture, education, digital connectivity, and multilateral engagement. Agreements included UN peacekeeper training initiatives, educational partnerships, establishment of a data centre under Ethiopia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and cooperation on managing Ethiopia's international debt under the G20 Common Framework.

In recognition of his leadership, Prime Minister Modi was conferred Ethiopia's highest civilian honour, the "Great Honour Nishan of Ethiopia". A notable diplomatic gesture was Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed personally accompanying him to the airport, reflecting the warmth of bilateral relations.

Oman: Economic Breakthrough and Strategic Deepening

The final leg in Oman coincided with 70 years of diplomatic relations and featured a ceremonial welcome in Muscat. Prime Minister Modi highlighted the comprehensive strategic partnership with Oman and engaged with the Indian community.

A historic outcome was the signing



of the India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Under the agreement, Oman will grant duty-free access to over 98 percent of Indian exports, while India will liberalise tariffs on a significant share of Omani imports. The CEPA also enhances cooperation in services, investment, and professional mobility.

Prime Minister Modi was conferred

the "Order of Oman", the Sultanate's highest civilian honour, by Sultan Haitham bin Tarik, recognising his contribution to strengthening bilateral ties.

Broader Impact and Conclusion

The three-nation tour reinforced India's growing footprint across West Asia and Africa, delivering trade expansion, elevated strategic partnerships, and stronger security and cultural cooperation. It stands as a milestone in India's foreign policy, laying a strong foundation for shared prosperity, deeper economic integration, and long-term strategic collaboration.





UK PM Keir Starmer's First Official Visit to India

Strengthening Trade, Technology, and Strategic Ties

A New Chapter in India-UK Relations

United Kingdom Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer made his first official visit to India on October 8–9, 2025, marking a significant milestone in revitalizing the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The visit highlighted the shared ambition of both nations to enhance cooperation across trade, technology, defence, education, and sustainable growth, while shaping a progressive partnership under the long-term Vision 2035 framework.

The two-day engagement came amid renewed optimism in bilateral relations, following efforts by both governments to conclude a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and strengthen people-to-people ties. Starmer's visit underscored the UK's recognition of India as a key partner in promoting global economic stability, innovation-led growth, and shared prosperity.

Trade and Investment: Unlocking a New Economic Era

Trade formed the centerpiece of Starmer's mission. In discussions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, both leaders emphasized the importance of deepening economic integration and finalizing a fair and ambitious trade pact. The agreement aims to enhance market access, reduce tariffs, and encourage investment in emerging sectors such as green technology, digital finance, and manufacturing.

During the visit, the UK welcomed Indian investments worth nearly \$1.75 billion, reflecting confidence in India's economy and strengthening bilateral trade ties. The discussions also focused on creating jobs and opportunities in both countries through industrial collaboration and enhanced market linkages. Business leaders described the visit as a turning point capable of elevating India-UK cooperation to unprecedented levels.

Business and Industry: Delegation Diplomacy in Action

Prime Minister Starmer led a high-powered UK business delegation from sectors including fintech, clean energy, life sciences, and defence technology. The delegation participated in roundtables in New Delhi and Mumbai, fostering partnerships, joint ventures, and memoranda of understanding (MoUs) between companies from both countries.

The talks centred on leveraging India's digital ecosystem and the UK's global innovation



leadership, aiming to create synergies that enhance competitiveness. The visit reinforced that economic diplomacy remains a cornerstone of the India-UK relationship, promoting sustainable and resilient growth.

Technology and Education: Innovation as a Bridge

The visit highlighted growing cooperation in education, science, and technology. British institutions, including University College London (UCL), announced new collaborations with Indian universities and research centres to advance joint research in artificial intelligence, materials science, and climate technology. These initiatives aim to nurture talent, expand innovation pipelines, and build academic bridges between the two nations.

Both leaders agreed that education and knowledge exchange are vital pillars of the partnership, ensuring that future generations contribute to solving global challenges and empowering youth through cross-border learning.

Defence and Security: Towards a Stronger Strategic Bond

In discussions on defence and security, Prime Ministers Modi and Starmer reaffirmed their commitment to counterterrorism, cybersecurity, and protection of critical infrastructure. Both nations supported a free, open, and rules-based Indo-Pacific and emphasized joint

defence production, secure technology supply chains, and maritime cooperation. Strategic alignment complements economic and technological collaboration, creating a multidimensional partnership grounded in trust.

Innovation and Sustainable Growth: A Shared Future

Interactive sessions focused on digital innovation, renewable energy, and start-up ecosystems. Both sides acknowledged the potential of digital transformation and green initiatives as engines of growth. Starmer praised India's start-up ecosystem and clean energy projects, highlighting opportunities for collaboration in sustainable infrastructure, electric mobility, and climate resilience.

The leaders stressed that innovation-driven growth must be inclusive, people-centric, and environmentally responsible, offering a model for global partnerships in the 21st century.

Vision 2035: A Long-Term Roadmap

Central to the visit was the Vision 2035 framework, a roadmap to strengthen India-UK ties over the next decade.



It envisions higher trade volumes, expanded defence cooperation, broader education and research partnerships, and seamless investment flows. Both sides expressed optimism that this long-term vision will build a future-ready, enduring partnership anchored in mutual respect and shared values.

Conclusion

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's 2025 visit symbolized the evolving strength of India-UK relations. Highlighting economic growth, innovation, and democratic ideals, the engagement offered a tangible roadmap for collaboration across sectors. From trade and technology to education and defence, the visit reinforced the spirit of partnership that positions India and the UK to shape global prosperity and innovation in the years ahead.



BAHRAIN

A Double-Bankable Nation Shaping a Confident Future

Bahrain stands today as a shining example of a nation that has harmoniously blended vision, resilience, and disciplined economic strategy. Over the past few decades, the Kingdom has consistently demonstrated that true national progress is built on trust, institutional strength, and a steadfast commitment to public welfare. This evolution has made Bahrain not only prosperous but also distinctly double-bankable—a country that is financially robust and profoundly dependable as a long-term partner.

A Journey of Steady and Inclusive Progress

Bahrain's economic and social transformation has been guided by clarity of purpose and forward-thinking

leadership. From the early years of economic diversification to the modern era of digital innovation, the Kingdom has invested in creating an ecosystem that encourages sustainable growth and international engagement. Its regulatory environment is among the most mature in the region, its labour force is skilled and adaptable, and its business climate is internationally recognised for openness and predictability.

The last few decades have seen Bahrain enhance every major pillar of national development—education, finance, healthcare, logistics, services, and industrial competitiveness. This balanced progress is rooted in Bahraini society itself, known for its cosmopolitan character and tradition of welcoming global investors, entrepreneurs, and talent. Such societal harmony has given Bahrain a unique advantage: it is a place where collaboration thrives naturally.

Infrastructure that Reflects a Vision for the Future

Bahrain's rapid advancement in infrastructure is a testament to its determination to build for the long term. The Kingdom has created a seamless ecosystem for commerce through modern ports, a world-class airport, well-planned logistics corridors, and highly developed industrial and economic zones. Its digital landscape

is equally impressive, with strong ICT readiness and a national commitment to digital transformation.

During my recent visit to Bahrain for the Asian Youth Games, I had the opportunity to witness this infrastructural strength firsthand. The scale, sophistication, and efficiency of the facilities stood out immediately. Whether in the sporting arenas, transport networks, or hospitality arrangements, Bahrain demonstrated remarkable preparedness and capability. It was equally inspiring to see the sea of opportunities emerging across sectors—opportunities shaped





by stability, modernity, and a forward-looking national vision.

Every investment—whether in urban development, smart city planning, sustainability, or transport—speaks to Bahrain’s unwavering focus on building a reliable, future-ready economy.

A Financially Bankable and Trustworthy Nation

Bahrain’s reputation as a trusted financial centre has been earned through decades of disciplined regulation, strong institutions, and a pioneering role in regional banking. As the first Gulf nation to establish a globally recognised banking architecture, Bahrain continues to lead with integrity and innovation.



Its Central Bank remains one of the region’s most credible authorities, committed to transparency and stability. The Kingdom’s financial ecosystem—spanning both conventional and Islamic banking—is widely respected for its credibility and global integration. Investors continue to favour Bahrain because it honours commitments, upholds clarity in policy, and offers a dependable legal and regulatory framework.

This trust extends beyond finance. Bahrain is bankable in the broader sense—reliable, consistent, and steadfast in its partnerships. Its governance model reflects a maturity that global investors deeply value.

Setting a Benchmark: The Asian Youth Games

One of Bahrain’s most compelling demonstrations of excellence was its hosting of the Asian Youth Games. Despite the demanding timeline, the Kingdom delivered a world-class sporting event applauded by participants and observers alike. The venues, logistics, hospitality, and coordination showcased exceptional professionalism. Bahrain proved that it can deliver not only large-scale global events but also the spirit of unity, youth empowerment, and organisational finesse that such events demand.

The Games became a testament to Bahrain’s capability to rise to any occasion—another reason why



the world increasingly sees it as a dependable partner.

A Nation Ready for the Future

Today, Bahrain stands firmly as a double-bankable nation—financially sound and institutionally trustworthy. Its steady progress, world-class infrastructure, strong regulatory systems, and ability to deliver excellence under pressure inspire confidence across the global community.

As Bahrain advances on its development journey, it continues to offer unmatched opportunities for collaboration, investment, and innovation. It is a nation ready for the future—confident, capable, and committed to building pathways of prosperity for its people and its partners worldwide.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin visited India on **4th–5th December 2025** for a state visit and the **23rd India–Russia Annual Summit** with Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, reaffirming the enduring strength of the **Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership** between the two nations. The visit underscored the depth of bilateral ties and highlighted shared commitment to advancing cooperation across strategic, economic, and technological domains.

The summit coincided with **25 years of the India–Russia Strategic Partnership**, offering both sides an



Russian President Vladimir Putin's India Visit (4–5 December 2025) *Strengthening a Timeless Partnership*



opportunity to review achievements and chart an ambitious roadmap for the future. Discussions reflected mutual trust, respect for sovereignty, and convergence on key regional and global priorities.

Strategic Dialogue and Summit Outcomes

The two-day summit in New Delhi resulted in the signing of multiple agreements and joint frameworks aimed at strengthening institutional cooperation in defence, trade, energy, nuclear power, science, and culture. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to a multi-dimensional partnership capable of



adapting to evolving global realities.

Regular high-level political engagement and sustained strategic dialogue were emphasised as central pillars of the relationship, reinforcing India and Russia as reliable long-term partners.

Economic Cooperation and Trade Expansion

A major outcome of the summit was the adoption of

the Programme for the Development of Strategic Areas of India–Russia Economic Cooperation through 2030, which sets an ambitious target of increasing bilateral trade to USD 100 billion by 2030. The framework aims to diversify trade beyond traditional sectors and unlock new growth avenues.

Priority areas identified include pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, agriculture, chemicals, manufacturing, and digital services. Both sides agreed to enhance business-to-business engagement and encourage greater participation of small and medium enterprises in bilateral trade.

Discussions also focused on expanding the use of national currencies in trade settlements and strengthening financial connectivity. Progress was reviewed on advancing negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union, aimed at improving market access and reducing trade barriers.





Regional connectivity featured prominently, with renewed emphasis on the International North–South Transport Corridor (INSTC), the Chennai–Vladivostok maritime corridor, and the Northern Sea Route, all expected to enhance logistics efficiency and trade flows.

Energy and Nuclear Partnership

Energy cooperation remains a cornerstone of India–Russia relations. The leaders reviewed collaboration in oil, gas, and civil nuclear energy, reaffirming commitments to long-term energy cooperation and diversification.

In the nuclear sector, both sides agreed to continue cooperation across the entire nuclear fuel cycle, including fuel supply and lifecycle support for the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant. Discussions also explored cooperation in advanced nuclear technologies, such as small modular reactors and floating nuclear power solutions, aligned with India's clean energy goals.

Defence and Security Cooperation

Defence cooperation continues to be a central pillar of the bilateral partnership. The summit reviewed progress in joint research, development, and co-production of defence equipment, in alignment with India's Make in India initiative.

Both sides committed to

strengthening defence industrial collaboration, enhancing technology transfer, and expanding training and military exchanges. These efforts aim to deepen cooperation beyond procurement toward long-term industrial and technological partnerships.

A significant outcome was the ratification of the Reciprocal Exchange of Logistics Support (RELOS) agreement, enabling enhanced logistical cooperation between the armed forces of both countries and supporting greater operational coordination.

Science, Space, and People-to-People Ties

The leaders highlighted growing cooperation in science, technology, and space exploration, including collaboration between ISRO and Roscosmos in satellite systems, navigation, and future space missions.



Cultural, educational, and academic exchanges were also prioritised, with commitments to expand student mobility, research collaboration, and cultural programmes, strengthening people-to-people ties and mutual understanding.

Regional and Global Cooperation

India and Russia reaffirmed their shared commitment to multilateralism and coordination on global platforms. Russia reiterated support for India's permanent membership of the UN Security Council and expressed backing for India's BRICS Chairship in 2026.

Both sides underscored the importance of international cooperation in combating terrorism and promoting global peace, stability, and development.

Conclusion

President Vladimir Putin's visit to India for the 23rd India–Russia Annual Summit reaffirmed the continuity, strategic depth, and forward-looking nature of bilateral relations. With ambitious economic targets, expanding defence and energy cooperation, and sustained diplomatic engagement, the summit highlighted a partnership rooted in mutual respect, shared interests, and a long-term vision for regional and global cooperation.



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Dr. Rashmi Saluja Recognized for Outstanding Initiative of Netrakumbh

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of the Global Trade & Technology Council (India), has received special recognition from the General Secretary of RSS, Shri Dattatreya Hosabale, in the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Ministers Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Shri Bhupendra Yadav for her remarkable initiative, Netrakumbh. This recognition highlights Dr. Saluja's dedication, leadership, and pioneering efforts in the field of eye care and public health, marking a milestone in large-scale humanitarian healthcare initiatives in India.

Netrakumbh: A Monumental Eye Care Initiative

Netrakumbh is recognized as the largest eye care initiative organized during the

Kumbh Mela, one of the world's largest spiritual gatherings. The initiative is a monumental humanitarian effort, designed to provide comprehensive eye care services to pilgrims, devotees, and underprivileged individuals attending the event. Its core mission is to restore and protect the vision of thousands, offering services that combine medical excellence with spiritual support.

The initiative provided free eye check-ups, surgeries, and treatment facilities, ensuring accessibility to even the most marginalized populations. By integrating medical services with social responsibility, Netrakumbh exemplifies how large-scale healthcare programs can be effectively implemented in a culturally and spiritually significant environment.

A Unique Blend of Healthcare and Spiritual Service

What sets Netrakumbh apart is its holistic approach. Beyond offering cutting-edge medical interventions, the initiative emphasizes compassionate care and spiritual engagement. Patients not only received advanced ophthalmic services but also benefited from the nurturing environment created by the organizers. This synergy of healthcare and service underlines the vision of Dr. Saluja — that healthcare must be accessible, empathetic, and socially impactful.

The initiative employed a well-coordinated team of medical professionals, volunteers, and support staff, ensuring smooth operations and seamless service delivery during the high-pressure environment of





the Kumbh Mela. This organizational efficiency enabled the program to reach thousands of individuals without compromising quality.

Leadership of Dr. Rashmi Saluja

Dr. Rashmi Saluja's leadership has been instrumental in transforming Netrakumbh into a symbol of compassion and excellence. Her vision of combining medical expertise with large-scale humanitarian service has set new benchmarks in public health initiatives. Through meticulous planning, mobilization of resources, and community engagement, Dr. Saluja has ensured that Netrakumbh not only meets the medical needs of attendees but also inspires social change.

Her dedication to improving public health has been recognized

at the national level, reflecting her commitment to service, innovation, and leadership. Dr. Saluja's approach underscores the impact that visionary leadership can have in delivering high-quality healthcare on a massive scale.

Impact on Public Health and Society

The Netrakumbh initiative has had a transformative impact on thousands of lives. By providing free eye care services, including surgeries for cataracts and other ocular conditions, the program has restored vision for countless individuals, enabling them to return to daily life with renewed independence and dignity.

Additionally, the program has heightened awareness about eye health among attendees and the general public, emphasizing the importance

of early diagnosis, regular check-ups, and timely intervention. Through Netrakumbh, preventive healthcare and patient education have been integrated seamlessly into a large-scale service model, reinforcing the value of proactive public health initiatives.

Legacy of Service and Impact

Dr. Saluja's Netrakumbh has become a symbol of compassion, service, and public health excellence, showcasing how healthcare initiatives can be designed to meet the needs of large populations effectively. By blending medical care, volunteerism, and spiritual context, the initiative demonstrates that healthcare can transcend conventional hospital settings and reach communities at the grassroots level.

The success of Netrakumbh serves as a model for future public health programs, illustrating the potential for collaboration among medical professionals, volunteers, and community leaders. It sets a precedent for combining large-scale medical outreach with cultural and social engagement, ensuring accessibility, equity, and quality in healthcare delivery.

Through this initiative, Dr. Rashmi Saluja has demonstrated that leadership, innovation, and empathy can transform healthcare delivery, making it accessible to the underprivileged while setting a benchmark for future healthcare initiatives in India. Netrakumbh is more than an eye care program — it is a beacon of hope, service, and social responsibility on a monumental scale.





A Moment of Legacy and Leadership: BJP President Shri Nitin Nabin Seeks Blessings from Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi



After taking oath as the Hon'ble President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Shri Nitin Nabin paid a courtesy visit to GTTCI mentor Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, Former BJP President and Former Union Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology, to seek his blessings, wisdom, and guidance. The interaction reflected deep respect for senior leadership and underscored the continuity of leadership, values, and ideological commitment that have long defined the party's ethos.

Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi is widely regarded as one of the BJP's most respected intellectual and organisational pillars. His visionary contributions to national policy-making—especially in the fields of education reform, scientific advancement, and institution-building—have left a profound and enduring impact on India's governance and academic landscape. The meeting symbolised the BJP's time-honoured tradition of drawing inspiration from its senior statesmen while simultaneously nurturing a new generation of leaders rooted in experience, discipline, and vision.

Shri Nitin Nabin's elevation to the position of BJP President is a recognition of his exemplary leadership, tireless organisational work, and unwavering commitment to the party's core principles. Known for his strong grassroots connect, disciplined approach, and ability to mobilise cadres effectively, he has consistently demonstrated a capacity to strengthen party structures and engage meaningfully with citizens across diverse regions.

The exchange between the two leaders highlighted the enduring importance of guidance, institutional memory, and ideological clarity in steering a national organisation forward. It reaffirmed the BJP's emphasis on collective leadership, where experience and youthful dynamism work in harmony to address contemporary challenges, governance priorities, and evolving public aspirations.

This meeting stood as a meaningful and symbolic moment—reflecting respect for legacy, confidence in emerging leadership, and a shared commitment to public service, good governance, and nation-building for India's future generations.



Diplomatic Delegation Explores Medical Tourism Opportunities at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital



A high-level diplomatic interaction was held at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH), New Delhi, to explore opportunities for expanding medical tourism to India by leveraging the country's globally recognized healthcare excellence. Mr. Mahamoud Abdillahi Miguil, Charge d'Affaires / Counsellor of the Embassy of Djibouti; Mr. Lakshendra Geshan Dissanayake,

Minister Counsellor of the High Commission of Sri Lanka; and Mr. Metsing Ediel Lemphane, Counsellor of the High Commission of the Kingdom of Lesotho, met with Dr. Ajay Swaroop, Chairman – Board of Management, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. Dr. Gaurav Gupta, Founder President of the Global Trade & Technology Council (GTTTCI), was also present during the meeting.

The discussions focused on positioning India as a preferred global destination for medical tourism, benefiting from its advanced clinical expertise, highly skilled medical professionals, and world-class healthcare infrastructure. The visiting diplomats acknowledged India's growing reputation for delivering quality healthcare services that combine clinical excellence with affordability, making it an attractive option for international patients.

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital was highlighted as a flagship institution exemplifying India's healthcare leadership. As the largest postgraduate medical institution in the country, SGRH offers

comprehensive multi-specialty care supported by cutting-edge medical technologies, advanced diagnostics, and globally benchmarked standards. Its ability to provide world-class treatment at cost-effective prices presents a compelling solution for international medical tourism.

Dr. Ajay Swaroop emphasized the hospital's commitment to innovation, patient-centric care, and international collaboration. Dr. Gaurav Gupta highlighted the importance of institutional partnerships in strengthening cross-border healthcare access and promoting India's healthcare capabilities globally.

The meeting reaffirmed India's position as a leading global healthcare hub, with Sir Ganga Ram Hospital playing a pivotal role in advancing international medical tourism.





India and Russia share a relationship that is both historic and forward-looking, built on mutual trust, strategic depth, and an unwavering commitment to global stability. Over the decades, the partnership has steadily evolved—expanding from traditional sectors into new and dynamic areas of cooperation. Today, at a time when the world is experiencing significant geopolitical and economic shifts, India and Russia stand united with renewed purpose and a shared ambition to unlock greater economic and strategic opportunities together.

Strengthening Ties Through High-Level Engagements

During my recent visit to Moscow, I had the privilege of engaging in a significant dialogue with Mr. Anton Kobyakov, Advisor to the President of the

Russian Federation. The discussions were not only substantive but also deeply reaffirming. They underscored the enduring warmth between our nations and highlighted a shared vision to elevate bilateral cooperation to the next level. What emerged from these interactions was a clear understanding that India and Russia are poised to embark on a new chapter—one defined by greater economic integration, deeper institutional linkages, and sustained engagement across multiple sectors.

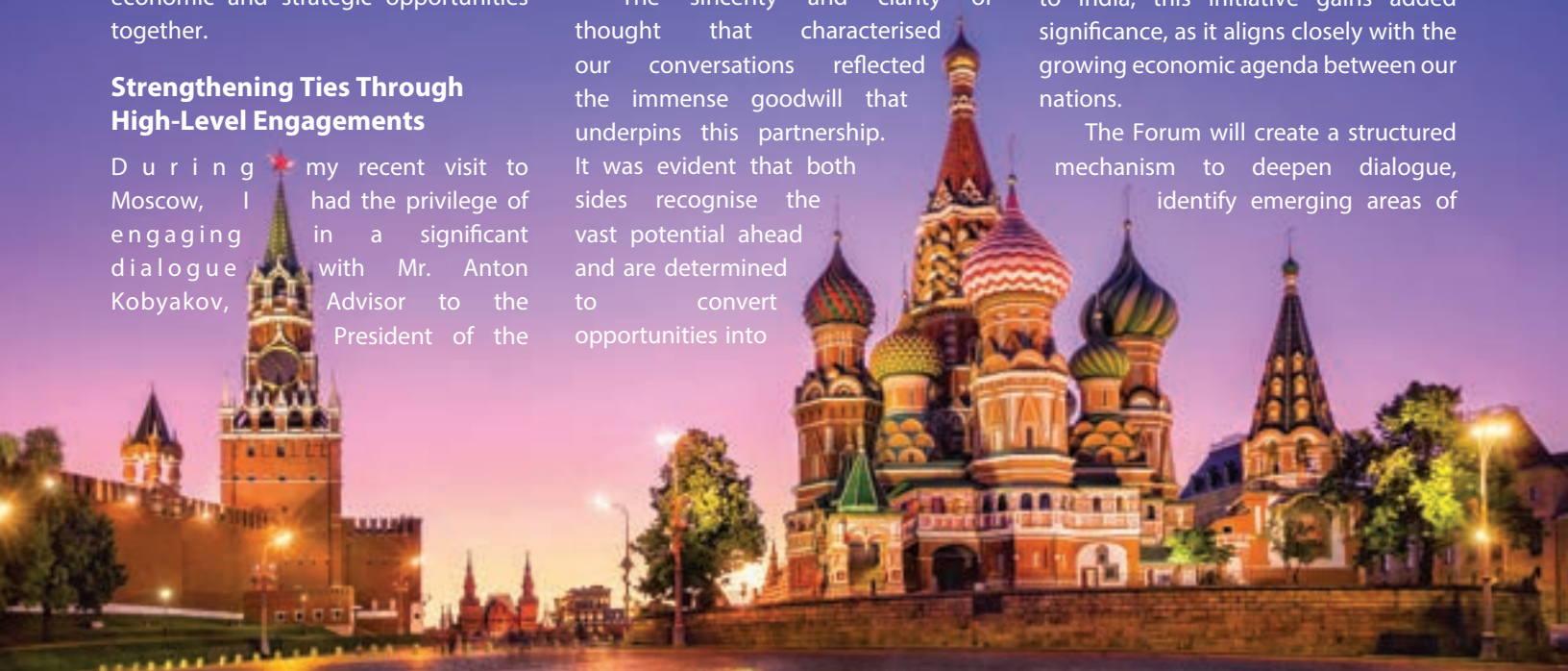
The sincerity and clarity of thought that characterised our conversations reflected the immense goodwill that underpins this partnership. It was evident that both sides recognise the vast potential ahead and are determined to convert opportunities into

meaningful outcomes for our citizens and industries.

India-Russia Forum: A Platform of Strategic Importance

The establishment of the India-Russia Forum comes at a pivotal moment for both countries. Designed as a platform to bring policymakers, industry leaders, innovators, and investors together, the Forum will serve as an engine for long-term collaboration. With President Vladimir Putin's forthcoming visit to India, this initiative gains added significance, as it aligns closely with the growing economic agenda between our nations.

The Forum will create a structured mechanism to deepen dialogue, identify emerging areas of





cooperation, and streamline business interactions. By encouraging direct engagement between sectors, institutions, and entrepreneurs, it will help both countries move beyond traditional areas of partnership and diversify into new fields of innovation, investment, and technology-driven growth. In many ways, the Forum represents the future of India–Russia relations—dynamic, collaborative, and rooted in shared aspirations.

Rupee–Ruble Trade: Strengthening Financial Stability

A central pillar of the evolving economic architecture is the enhancement of the rupee–ruble settlement mechanism. As global financial landscapes undergo rapid transformation, local currency trade becomes increasingly vital. Strengthening this framework will help stabilise transactions, reduce exposure

to external currency fluctuations, and provide businesses with greater confidence in cross-border commerce.

By reinforcing financial cooperation, India and Russia are taking an important step toward ensuring long-term stability and sustainability in bilateral trade. This mechanism has the potential to accelerate investments, support large-scale projects, and deepen institutional financial partnerships between the two countries.

Expanding Horizons Across Strategic Sectors

India and Russia are witnessing a surge in collaboration across multiple strategic sectors, each offering transformative potential. Civil nuclear cooperation with Rosatom continues to hold immense promise for India's clean energy aspirations, particularly in advanced reactor technologies, SMRs, and research partnerships. At the same time, both countries are exploring expanded collaboration in infrastructure development, which includes transport networks, logistics corridors, industrial hubs, and urban development projects.

In the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors, opportunities are rapidly expanding. Collaborative research, biotechnology innovation, and vaccine development stand out as areas where both nations can make significant contributions. Defence cooperation—

long considered the cornerstone of the partnership—is also evolving to include joint manufacturing, technological exchanges, and modernisation initiatives. Furthermore, the rise of new-age sectors such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, aerospace, and digital innovation presents fertile ground for cooperation between India's vibrant technology ecosystem and Russia's strong scientific and engineering capabilities.

These sectors collectively represent the direction in which India–Russia relations are headed—toward broader, deeper, and more diversified cooperation that addresses both economic and strategic priorities.

A Partnership Designed for the Future

The relationship between India and Russia has always been marked by trust, resilience, and shared objectives. Today, as both nations prepare to navigate a rapidly changing global environment, this partnership is being redefined with renewed energy and modern relevance. With visionary platforms such as the India–Russia Forum, strengthened financial mechanisms, and expanding cooperation across critical sectors, the bilateral relationship is advancing toward a future of greater stability and prosperity.

India and Russia are not merely sustaining a historic friendship—they are crafting a stronger, more adaptive, and more opportunity-driven partnership for the decades ahead. United by a shared vision, both nations stand ready to build together, innovate together, and progress together, reaffirming their commitment to a future defined by cooperation and mutual growth.

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In mid October 2025, Mongolian President **Khurelsukh Ukhnaa** made a state visit to India, reaffirming the historic and strategic partnership between the two nations. The visit yielded a flurry of high impact agreements across culture, energy, minerals, digital cooperation, and more — marking a new momentum in bilateral relations.

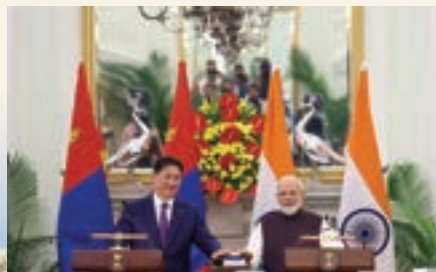
Milestones & Agreements: 10 MoUs Signed

During meetings in New Delhi, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Khurelsukh oversaw the signing of **10 memoranda of understanding (MoUs)** aimed at strengthening cooperation in diverse domains.

Key areas covered included:

- **Heritage and culture:** restoration of Mongolia's Winter Palace of Bogd Khaan, and exchanges of young cultural ambassadors.
- **Digital cooperation:** joint work on digital transformation, exchange of e governance solutions.
- **Minerals & geology:** agreements on geological surveys, resource exploration and knowledge sharing.
- **Immigration and mobility:** a pact between immigration agencies to share expertise and streamline processes.

India– Mongolia Deepen Ties During State Visit



- **Humanitarian aid & disaster relief:** collaboration in emergency response and community resilience.
- **Cooperative development:** promotion of cooperative investment, joint ventures, and technical capacity building.
- **Regional & local ties:** an MoU between Mongolia's Arkhangai Aimag and India's Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (Leh) for cultural and educational linkage.

Additionally, both leaders released commemorative stamps to mark **70 years of India–Mongolia relations**.

Energy & Industrial Cooperation: Refinery & Minerals

One of the most significant announcements was the Indian backed oil refinery project in Mongolia's Dornogobi region. Built using a **\$1.7 billion Indian line of credit**, this refinery is slated to begin operations by 2028 and will process up to 1.5 million tonnes of crude annually — about 30,000 barrels per day.

India is also exploring cooperation in minerals and energy sectors, including the possibility of importing **coking coal** from Mongolia — a move that could diversify India's supply chains and benefit its steel industry.

Moreover, discussions touched upon **uranium cooperation** and expanding supply chain linkages in critical minerals.



Defence, Security & Strategic Partnership

Beyond economics, the two nations reaffirmed their commitment to enhance strategic, defence, and security collaboration. India agreed to **train Mongolia's border security forces**, strengthening regional security and capacity building.

The visit also underscores the rising strategic convergence: India views Mongolia as part of its broader approach to Central Asia and the "Act East" connectivity narrative, while Mongolia pursues its "Third Neighbor" policy to balance its geopolitical position between Russia and China.

Analysts suggest the visit could "redefine the strategic partnership," shifting it from symbolism to operational cooperation across multiple fronts.

Cultural & People to People Bonds

The historic Buddhist connection remains central to the India–Mongolia relationship. Indian involvement in restoring monasteries, and the shared legacy of Nalanda University, were spotlighted during talks.

India also announced **free e-visas** for Mongolian citizens and pledged to sponsor annual visits of young cultural ambassadors.

A proposed air link between **Amritsar/Delhi and Mongolia** was floated to bolster tourism, business, and people-to-people contact.

Challenges & Opportunities Ahead

While the visit marked

significant goodwill and ambition, structural challenges remain:

- **Geographic constraints:** Mongolia is landlocked, making logistics and transport routes complex and expensive.
- **Scale of trade:** Bilateral trade has historically been limited, lagging far behind Mongolia's trade with China.
- **Implementation timeline:** Projects like the refinery and mineral partnerships need precise roadmaps to avoid delays and realize tangible benefits.

Still, the convergence of diplomatic will, strategic design, and mutual interests offers a rare opportunity to elevate this bilateral bond.

Conclusion

President Khurelsukh's 2025 visit to India was more than ceremonial — it was a strategic leap forward in India–Mongolia relations. With ten MoUs spanning culture, energy, digital cooperation, and defence, the visit showcased a shared vision of deeper integration.

As both nations commemorate 70 years of diplomatic ties, the challenge now is to convert lofty commitments into measurable outcomes. If



successful, this evolving partnership could become a model of how geography, history, and strategic foresight can align to build resilient, future oriented alliances.



Clean Energy and India's Strategic Future

Powering Growth Through Atomic Innovation

The global transition toward sustainable and resilient energy systems has placed atomic and nuclear technologies at the centre of international discourse. As digitalisation accelerates, AI becomes ubiquitous, and electronic consumption reaches unprecedented levels, the demand for stable, clean, and scalable energy has never been more urgent. For India, a rising economic powerhouse, achieving energy independence is not only an economic necessity but a strategic imperative. Nuclear energy—especially advanced reactors, Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), and thorium-based technologies—stands poised to be a defining force in shaping India's future.

The Rising Need for Clean, Reliable and Scalable Energy

India's rapid technological growth has transformed its energy landscape. Data centres, semiconductor fabrication, electric mobility, and AI-driven industries require uninterrupted, high-quality power. Traditional renewables, though essential, remain intermittent. Coal-based systems carry heavy environmental and geopolitical costs.

Nuclear energy offers the unique advantage of being carbon-free, continuously available, and capable of supporting large-scale industrial demands. With increasing digitisation, the pressure on national grids will intensify, and nuclear power—particularly next-generation reactor technologies—will play a decisive role in ensuring round-the-clock reliability.

SMRs, in particular, represent a profound shift. Compact, flexible, and far more efficient to deploy, SMRs can be integrated into industrial clusters, remote regions, or mining zones, allowing India to add clean power without the long lead times of traditional reactors. Meanwhile, thorium—one of India's greatest natural assets—offers long-term energy security. India holds one of the world's largest thorium reserves, and developing thorium-based reactors positions the nation as a pioneer in next-generation clean power.

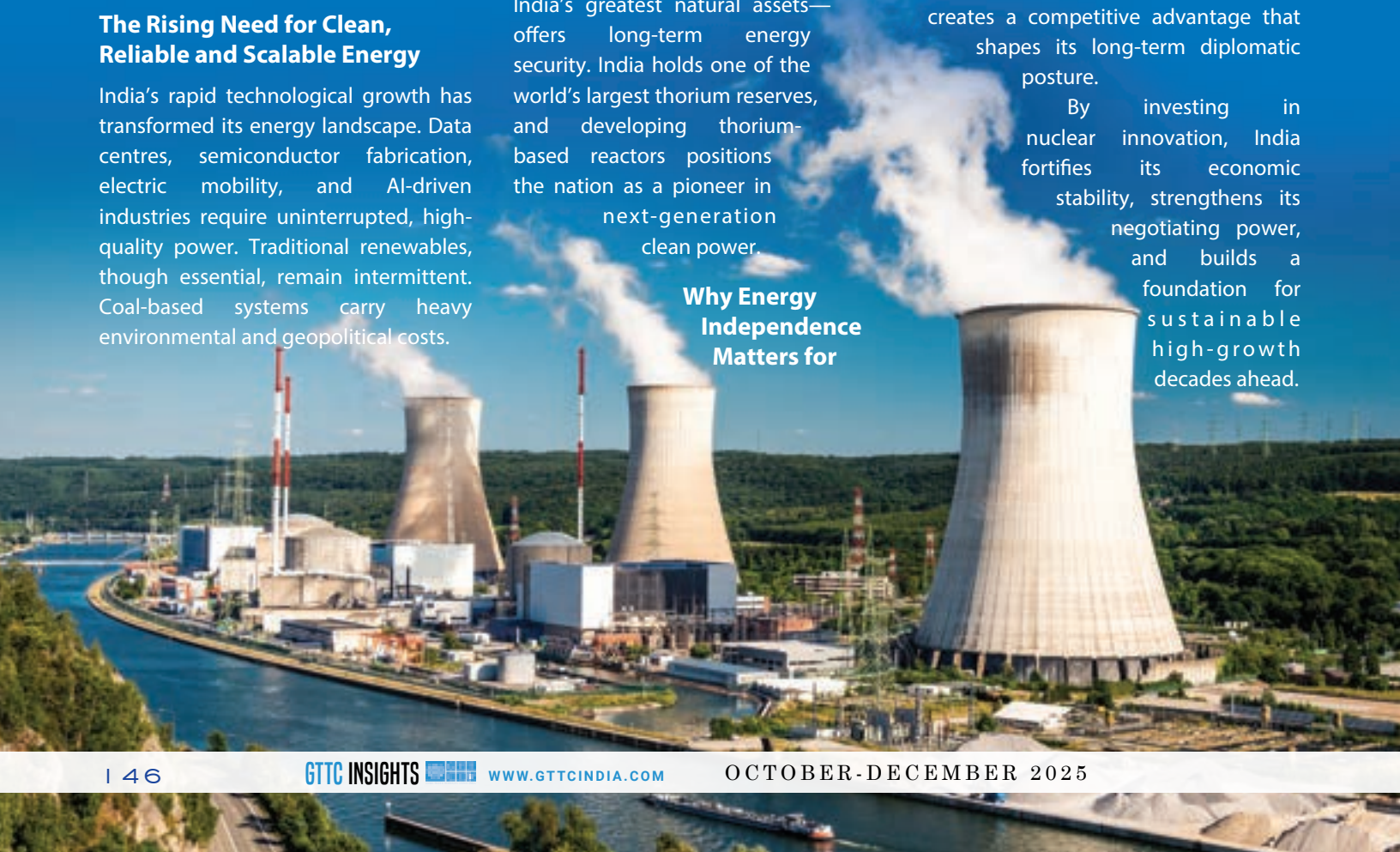
Why Energy Independence Matters for

India

Energy independence strengthens India's economic resilience and geopolitical autonomy. A reliable domestic energy supply protects the economy from global fuel price volatility and ensures uninterrupted industrial growth. It also enhances national security, reduces reliance on unstable supply chains, and supports India's aspirations for manufacturing leadership.

Geopolitically, countries that master advanced clean-energy technologies gain strategic leverage. For India, achieving self-reliance in nuclear energy—supported by its thorium reserves and global collaborations—creates a competitive advantage that shapes its long-term diplomatic posture.

By investing in nuclear innovation, India fortifies its economic stability, strengthens its negotiating power, and builds a foundation for sustainable high-growth decades ahead.





Russia: A Trusted Partner in India's Atomic Journey

India's civil nuclear partnership with Russia remains one of its most dependable and future-centric international collaborations. Through decades of cooperation, both nations have built a strong foundation of trust, technical expertise, and shared progress.

Russia's leadership in nuclear energy—spanning advanced reactors, SMRs, closed fuel cycles, and next-generation safety technologies—aligns deeply with India's long-term energy objectives. Rosatom, with its global experience and versatile technological capabilities, has been instrumental in shaping India's nuclear infrastructure.

As India expands into new nuclear territories—such as SMRs, thorium-based reactors, advanced materials, and

AI-integrated reactor management—Russia's partnership continues to offer unmatched value. The reliability demonstrated across joint projects reinforces why Russia remains a steadfast friend and strategic collaborator in India's clean-energy transition.

Business Opportunities in the Next Energy Era

The evolution of nuclear energy opens a wide spectrum of opportunities for Indian businesses, investors, and innovators. Infrastructure development, EPC contracts, localisation of components, manufacturing of modular reactor parts, and technology transfer agreements are emerging as high-value avenues.

As India explores thorium reactors and positions itself among global leaders in SMR deployment, new opportunities arise for joint research, safety systems development, AI-based monitoring, and supply-chain integration. Partnerships with Rosatom can catalyse joint ventures, co-production frameworks, and innovation exchanges—creating an ecosystem that attracts global investments and accelerates India's rise as an advanced clean-energy hub.

The business landscape around nuclear energy is expanding rapidly, offering long-term stability, high-value employment, and transformative industrial growth.

A Game-Changing Moment for India

The world is entering an era where artificial intelligence, digital industries, and climate resilience will shape national competitiveness. Clean, reliable, and scalable energy is at the core of this transformation. For India, nuclear energy—supported by the promise of SMRs and the potential of thorium—offers a decisive path to sustainable development, technological leadership, and strategic security.

With trusted partners like Russia, and with institutions such as Rosatom ready to deepen collaboration, India stands on the threshold of an energy future defined by confidence and independence. Nuclear innovation will not simply support India's growth—it will empower India to lead in the new global energy order.

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US Ambassador Sergio Gor's Visit to India

Strengthening Strategic and Economic Ties

New Delhi, October 2025 — Newly appointed U.S. Ambassador to India Sergio Gor conducted his inaugural official visit to New Delhi from October 9–14, 2025, underscoring renewed momentum in the India–U.S. partnership. The visit focused on deepening cooperation across trade, defense, clean energy, and emerging technologies while reaffirming shared commitments to regional stability and democratic values.

Diplomatic Engagements and Leadership Meetings

Ambassador Gor held substantive meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. Conversations emphasized strengthening strategic coordination under frameworks addressing critical and emerging technologies, clean energy transitions, and supply chain resilience. Leaders exchanged views on regional security, multilateral cooperation, and pathways to accelerate bilateral collaboration.

Trade and Economic Cooperation

Economic dialogue was central to the visit. Both sides discussed pathways to make bilateral trade more balanced and resilient, focusing on market access, tariff barriers, and enhanced investment



flows. Officials explored mechanisms to expedite negotiations toward a potential Bilateral Trade Agreement aimed at facilitating trade in high-growth sectors such as semiconductors, pharmaceuticals, digital services, and green technology. Conversations also underscored the importance of supply chain diversification and resilience, including logistics cooperation and targeted incentives to boost manufacturing. Business leaders signalled interest in joint ventures and technology partnerships that could spur job creation and export growth.

Energy and Clean Technology

Energy cooperation emerged as a priority, with discussions on

strengthening collaboration in renewables, green hydrogen, and energy storage. The United States expressed interest in supporting India's ambitions to scale clean energy manufacturing and develop resilient supply chains for critical minerals. Both sides highlighted opportunities for joint investment in green infrastructure that would advance decarbonization while creating jobs and technological capacity.

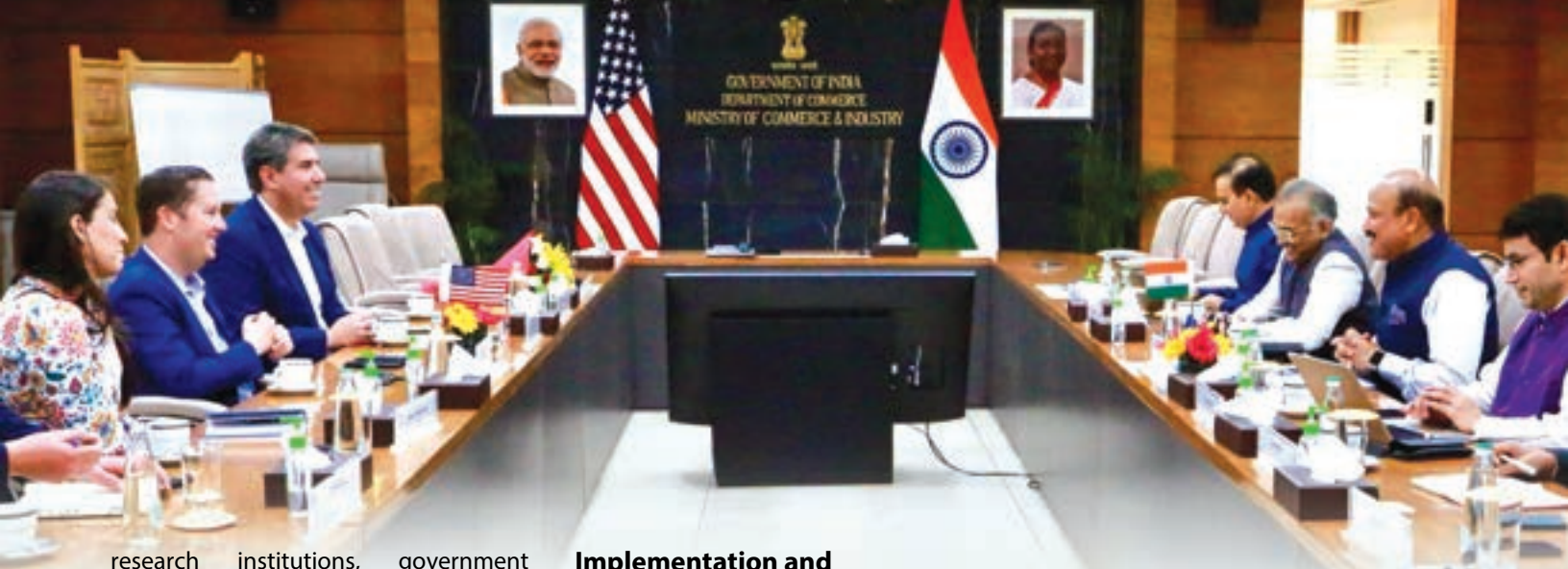
Defense, Security, and Strategic Trust

Defence and security cooperation remains a bedrock of bilateral relations. Meetings addressed defense technology transfers, joint production initiatives, and expanded maritime cooperation to ensure security in the Indo-Pacific. Cybersecurity, space collaboration, and intelligence sharing were also discussed as vital to countering emerging threats. Participants reaffirmed commitment to uphold a rules-based order and to coordinate within multilateral forums to foster regional stability.

Technology and Innovation Partnerships

Technology collaboration was a central theme, focused on artificial intelligence, quantum research, biotechnology, and semiconductor manufacturing. Ambassador Gor engaged with Indian





research institutions, government agencies, and private sector leaders to explore joint research, startup exchanges, and talent mobility. Both countries signaled intent to scale public-private partnerships that promote innovation-led growth and digital resilience.

People-to-People Ties and Educational Exchanges

Recognizing the significance of social and cultural bonds, the ambassador met students, entrepreneurs, and academics to highlight educational cooperation and the role of the diaspora as a bridge between the nations. Discussions emphasized expanding university partnerships, research collaborations, and exchange programs to nurture future leaders and strengthen long-term ties.

Economic Opportunities for SMEs and Startups

Ambassador Gor underscored opportunities for small and medium enterprises and startups to engage in transatlantic value chains. He highlighted channels for American venture capital to support Indian entrepreneurs, mentoring programs, and pilot initiatives to scale joint innovation projects. Such measures, officials noted, could democratize access to technology, spur regional entrepreneurship, and deepen commercial linkages beyond large corporations.

Implementation and Deliverables

Beyond rhetoric, the visit sought concrete deliverables: roadmaps for trade talks, timelines for cooperative projects in clean energy and critical minerals, and frameworks for defense-industrial collaboration. Officials agreed to follow up with technical working groups and ministerial dialogues to operationalize commitments and monitor progress.

Challenges and Forward Agenda

Officials acknowledged enduring challenges, including negotiation complexities in trade, technological sensitivities in defense and critical technologies, and the need to align regulatory frameworks. Both sides committed to pragmatic, step-by-step approaches to resolve differences while capitalizing on shared interests.

Conclusion

Ambassador Sergio Gor's maiden visit to India reinforced a forward-looking partnership anchored in mutual interests and shared democratic values. By combining diplomatic resolve with practical roadmaps in trade, energy, defense, and technology, the two nations signalled readiness to translate strategic intent into measurable cooperation. The visit set a constructive tone for upcoming negotiations and collaborative initiatives, underscoring that a robust India-U.S. partnership can advance regional stability, prosperity, and shared innovation. The visit demonstrated that pragmatic diplomacy, sustained engagement, and private sector collaboration are essential to realize the full potential of the bilateral agenda.





Sir Ganga Ram Hospital

A Benchmark of Excellence in Indian Healthcare

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH), New Delhi, stands as one of India's largest and most respected multi-specialty hospitals. With over 900 beds and more than 70 specialties, it delivers comprehensive, world-class healthcare — truly a “hospital under one roof.”

Academic Leadership & Medical Training

SGRH is recognized for hosting the largest number of DNB (post-graduate medical) seats in India, positioning it as a leading centre for advanced medical education. Its strong academic framework and rigorous training programs continue to shape highly skilled healthcare professionals for the nation.



Innovation, Research & Resource Building

The hospital is known for its pioneering research and innovative clinical practices. With significant contributions in genetic diagnostics, robotic surgery, and minimally invasive procedures, SGRH remains committed to strengthening India's healthcare innovation ecosystem and building critical medical resources.

Leadership of Dr. Ajay Swaroop

Under the visionary guidance of Dr. Ajay Swaroop, Chairman of the Board of Management, SGRH continues to advance its mission of patient-centric care, research excellence, and global service expansion. His leadership has been instrumental in elevating the hospital's national and international standing.

International Outreach & Medical Tourism

Recognizing India's expanding role in global medical tourism, SGRH has joined hands with the Global Trade & Technology Council India (GTTCI) to enhance its international outreach. This partnership streamlines medical tourism by offering seamless, end-to-end services for international patients. Through this collaboration, SGRH is committed to delivering world-class, best-in-class healthcare to global patients, reinforcing its status as a trusted destination for high-quality medical care.

Sir Ganga Ram Hospital remains a symbol of trust, excellence, and innovation — serving India and the world with compassion, expertise, and the highest standards of healthcare.



A Tribute of Compassion and Strength

Remembering the Mother of H.E. Mr. Nazar Mirjan Al-Asadi

The passing of the beloved mother of H.E. Mr. Nazar Mirjan Al-Asadi has left a deep sense of sorrow within all of us who have known him personally and professionally. It was a profoundly emotional moment to attend the condolence gathering, where the depth of his love, devotion, and respect for his mother was evident in every memory shared. In that solemn room, one could feel not only the weight of his loss but also the extraordinary strength with which he has carried his responsibilities during this difficult time.

What touched my heart most was learning about the journey he undertook in caring for her—done, as many would say, in a truly Indian way. With patience, tenderness, and unwavering duty, he ensured that she received the finest care, the warmest comfort, and the deepest affection. His commitment reflected values that transcend borders and cultures: the belief that caring for one's parents is among the highest honours in life.

It was equally heartwarming to

witness the diplomatic community come together to stand beside him, offering their prayers, solidarity, and warmth. Moments like these remind us that diplomacy is not only about nations and policies—it is also about humanity, shared emotions, and supporting one another through life's most challenging times. The unity shown by ambassadors, diplomats, and friends present that day was a beautiful testament to the strength of these bonds.

In H.E. Mr. Al-Asadi, we see a

devoted son, a dignified diplomat, and a remarkable human being who honoured his mother in every possible way. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may he and his family find strength in the love and prayers that surround them.

Our heartfelt condolences remain with him during this time of profound loss.

*by Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson
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(India)*





Union Health Minister JP Nadda Honours Dr. Rashmi Saluja for Exemplary Healthcare Contributions

A Prestigious Recognition at Pioneer of Medical Sciences India 2025

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of the **Global Trade & Technology Council (India) [GTTCI]**, was conferred with a prestigious honour for her outstanding contributions to India's healthcare sector at the **Pioneer of Medical Sciences India 2025**. The recognition was presented by **Shri J. P. Nadda**, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals & Fertilizers, on **27th November 2025**, acknowledging her visionary leadership and sustained commitment to strengthening India's healthcare and wellness ecosystem.

This distinguished honour reflects Dr. Saluja's enduring efforts in advancing medical innovation, fostering public-private collaboration, and supporting initiatives aligned with national priorities and global best practices.

Celebrating Leadership in Medical Innovation and Wellness

The Pioneer of Medical Sciences India platform brings together eminent leaders, policymakers, medical professionals, and innovators to celebrate excellence in healthcare and medical sciences. Dr. Saluja's recognition underscores her role as a catalyst in driving innovation-led growth. Her work focuses on bridging gaps between policy, industry, technology, and patient-centric care, contributing to a resilient healthcare ecosystem in India.

Role of GTTCI in Strengthening Healthcare Collaboration

As Chairperson of GTTCI, Dr. Saluja has positioned the Council as a key platform for cross-sectoral and cross-border collaboration in healthcare. Under her leadership, GTTCI supports cooperation in **medical tourism, pharmaceuticals,**

diagnostics, medical research and resource building, advanced medical devices, Tech and AI in health, genetics, digital health solutions, biotechnology, and wellness services, enhancing knowledge exchange, investment facilitation, and technology transfer.

Recognition by the Union Minister of Health

The honour presented by Shri J. P. Nadda highlighted Dr. Saluja's leadership and dedication to medical advancement, reaffirming the government's emphasis on innovation, research, and collaboration.

Looking Ahead

The recognition marks a significant milestone and reinforces the shared vision of building a healthier, resilient, and innovation-driven India.



Dr. Rashmi Saluja Appointed Convenor of Vishwa Hindi Parishad, New Delhi; Joins National Executive Board

Dr. Rashmi Saluja, Chairperson of the Global Trade & Technology Council (India), has been appointed as the Convenor of the Vishwa Hindi Parishad, New Delhi and inducted as a Member of its National Executive Board, marking a moment of pride for the cultural and intellectual fraternity. This prestigious responsibility reflects her outstanding leadership, deep-rooted commitment to Indian values, and her unwavering dedication to promoting India's linguistic and cultural heritage.

Dr. Saluja is widely admired for seamlessly integrating economic leadership with cultural diplomacy. Through her work at GTTCI, she has consistently elevated India's global presence while championing indigenous knowledge systems and cultural identity. Her association with the Vishwa Hindi Parishad strengthens its mission to promote Hindi as a language of unity, expression, and global dialogue.

The Vishwa Hindi Parishad has played a vital role in preserving, promoting, and expanding the reach of Hindi across India and internationally. It has been instrumental in nurturing linguistic pride, encouraging scholarly exchange, and connecting the global Hindi-speaking community. With Dr.

Saluja's induction into its National Executive Board, the Parishad gains a visionary leader known for her inclusive approach, strategic thinking, and people-centric leadership.

As Convenor, Dr. Saluja is expected to bring renewed energy to initiatives that encourage the use of Hindi in education, governance, culture, and international engagement. Her appointment is being widely appreciated as a significant step toward strengthening Hindi's role in contemporary and global discourse.

This recognition not only celebrates Dr. Rashmi Saluja's exemplary contributions but also heralds a promising new phase for the Vishwa Hindi Parishad in advancing Hindi as a global language of ideas, values, and cultural harmony.



Suriname Celebrates 50 Years of Independence

A Golden Jubilee of Reflection and Unity



As Suriname prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary of independence, the nation reflects on five decades of freedom, resilience, and shared progress. This golden jubilee, known as *Srefidensi*, is not only a commemoration of political sovereignty but also a moment of *Srefidenki* — reflection. The chosen theme, “*Srefidensi na Srefidenki*” (Independence through Reflection), captures the essence of this milestone, reminding every citizen that true independence is about the courage to

evolved into a diverse, culturally rich, and forward-looking nation. The 50th anniversary offers a chance to look back on the journey so far — the challenges overcome, the unity fostered, and the aspirations that continue to guide national progress.

The concept of *Srefidenki* invites every Surinamese to reflect deeply on what independence means today. It calls for renewed commitment to national responsibility, inclusiveness, and pride in the country’s achievements. True independence, as the theme



Suriname’s national poet Trefossa, who envisioned his homeland as “*a garden full of color and life.*” This metaphor beautifully reflects the country’s diversity — a society where different cultures, languages, and traditions come together to create harmony and beauty.

Just as a garden flourishes when nurtured, Suriname thrives when its



think, decide, and act for the nation’s collective good.

A Time for Reflection and Renewal

Since gaining independence on November 25, 1975, Suriname has

emphasizes, lies not only in political freedom but in the people’s ability to shape their destiny with wisdom, cooperation, and confidence.

Inspired by Trefossa’s Vision

The theme draws inspiration from

people work together, respecting and valuing each other’s contributions. The 50th anniversary thus becomes a celebration of unity in diversity — a reaffirmation that the strength of Suriname lies in its togetherness, creativity, and shared identity.

Meaning Behind the 50th Independence Logo

To symbolize this historic milestone, Suriname has unveiled a special 50th Independence logo, rich with meaning and national pride.



- Green signifies Suriname's vast forests and its global recognition as an *HFLD* (High Forest, Low Deforestation) nation committed to sustainability.
- Yellow stands for both the nation's mineral wealth and the golden jubilee celebration.
- Black represents petroleum and fertile land — the backbone of agricultural growth and economic strength.
- Red embodies the shared passion and unity of all Surinamese people working together for progress.

The number 5 and circle of stars symbolize 50 years of independence, while yellow stars stand for unity and sustainable development. The green stripe within the circle highlights Suriname's focus on environmentally conscious growth.

The fist at the center of the logo



represents strength, unity in diversity, and social upliftment. The ten stars represent the ten districts — each contributing unique culture, natural wealth, and potential. The national flag proudly displayed signifies Suriname's enduring spirit of independence, solidarity, and pride.

Independence Through Reflection

As Suriname celebrates this golden jubilee, the message of *Srefidenki* — reflection — resonates across the nation. The celebration serves as both a reminder of how far the country has come and an inspiration to continue building a stronger future.

It encourages every Surinamese to nurture the "seed of confidence" within — one that grows into a strong tree of national consciousness, rooted in reflection, nourished by unity, and blossoming with pride. Independence, therefore, is not a single achievement but a continuous journey of growth, guided by wisdom and togetherness.



Happy 50th Independence Anniversary, Suriname — celebrating reflection, unity, and pride in our shared journey!

Arunkoemar Hardien

Ambassador
Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary,
Republic of Suriname



Thailand's Foreign Minister Visits India: Strengthening Strategic Partnership



In a significant diplomatic engagement, **Thailand's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow**, paid an official visit to **India from November 30 to December 1, 2025, marking his first visit to India in this capacity**. The visit came at a crucial time amid evolving regional and global dynamics and provided a valuable platform to **further deepen the India-Thailand Strategic Partnership**. High-level interactions during the visit enabled both sides to review bilateral progress and outline future priorities across political, economic, security, and cultural domains.

Warm Welcome and Historic Ties

Mr. Phuangketkeow arrived in **New Delhi** to a warm reception from Indian officials, reflecting the **long-standing civilisational, cultural, and diplomatic ties** between the two countries. India and Thailand share centuries-old connections rooted in Buddhism, maritime trade, and people-to-people exchanges, which continue to shape their modern relationship.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson **Randhir Jaiswal** welcomed the Thai Foreign Minister,

describing the visit as an *"occasion to strengthen the strategic partnership and enduring civilisational ties."* External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** reaffirmed India's appreciation of Thailand as a **long-time friend and an important maritime neighbour** in Southeast Asia. He highlighted the strong convergence between India's **Act East Policy** and Thailand's **Look West Policy**, noting that this alignment provides a solid foundation for expanding cooperation in connectivity, trade, and regional engagement.

High-Level Bilateral Talks

A central highlight of the visit was the **delegation-level meeting** between Mr. Phuangketkeow and Dr. Jaishankar at **Hyderabad House**. The discussions covered the full **spectrum of bilateral relations**, including political dialogue, defence and security cooperation, trade and investment, digital technologies, connectivity, education,

healthcare, tourism, and cultural exchanges.

Both leaders expressed satisfaction with the steady momentum in bilateral ties and reaffirmed their commitment to sustaining regular high-level interactions. They also discussed strengthening institutional mechanisms and improving coordination between concerned ministries and agencies to ensure effective implementation of joint initiatives.

Focus on Security and Emerging Challenges

Security cooperation featured prominently during the visit. The Thai Foreign Minister also met **National Security Advisor Ajit Doval**, with discussions focusing on **maritime security, regional stability, and transnational threats**. Given their shared maritime interests, both sides underscored the importance of cooperation in safeguarding sea lanes of communication, ensuring maritime safety, and promoting stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

A key concern highlighted during the talks was the growing challenge





of **cybercrime and online scams**, which increasingly affect citizens across borders. India and Thailand agreed on the need for enhanced information sharing, capacity building, and coordinated responses to counter cyber-enabled crimes. The discussions reflected a shared recognition that non-traditional security threats require collaborative and technology-driven solutions.

Regional and Multilateral Cooperation

India and Thailand reaffirmed their commitment to close coordination in **regional and multilateral forums**, including ASEAN-led mechanisms, BIMSTEC, and broader Indo-Pacific initiatives. Both sides exchanged views on regional developments, including the situation in Myanmar, emphasising the importance of peace, stability, and inclusive dialogue.

The visit also reflected growing diplomatic alignment, with discussions on cooperation in global groupings and multilateral platforms. This convergence underscores the expanding strategic

understanding between India and Thailand on regional and international issues.

Economic, Connectivity, and Cultural Engagement

Economic cooperation formed an important pillar of the visit. Both sides stressed the need to **expand bilateral trade and investment**, strengthen business-to-business engagement, and promote collaboration in startups, innovation, science, and technology. The digital economy, space cooperation, and sustainable development were identified as promising areas for future partnership.

Connectivity—both physical



and digital—was highlighted as a catalyst for closer engagement. Improved connectivity between India and Southeast Asia, including India's northeastern region, was seen as vital for boosting trade, tourism, and people-to-people exchanges. Cultural diplomacy and people-to-people ties also received emphasis, with both sides agreeing to enhance cooperation in education, tourism, cultural heritage, and youth exchanges.



Strategic Significance and Way Forward

The visit builds on earlier high-level engagements, notably **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangkok in April 2025** for the 6th BIMSTEC Summit, when India and Thailand elevated their relationship to a **Strategic Partnership**. The current engagement reinforced that momentum and translated shared vision into actionable priorities.

Overall, the Thai Foreign Minister's visit reflects a **shared commitment to strengthening strategic trust, expanding economic engagement, and addressing common security challenges**. As both countries navigate an increasingly complex regional environment, the visit is expected to provide renewed impetus to bilateral relations and pave the way for deeper, future-oriented cooperation across diplomatic, economic, and security domains.





Showcases Nuclear's Future



The World Atomic Week (WAW), held from 25 to 28 September at Moscow's iconic All-Russia Exhibition Centre (VDNKh), brought global attention to the next century of nuclear innovation. Organised to mark the 80th anniversary of Russia's nuclear industry, the forum drew more than 20,000 participants from 118 countries, firmly establishing itself as the year's most significant global platform on atomic energy. Over four days, WAW explored how nuclear power—already positioned as a cornerstone of global decarbonisation—will evolve through advanced reactors, digitalisation, safety technologies and multidisciplinary applications.

The business programme was structured across thematic tracks such as clean energy, industrial innovation, ecology, advanced medicine, mobility, and digital transformation—showcasing the breadth of civilian nuclear technology. Discussions demonstrated how next-generation nuclear

systems are expected not only to meet rising power demand but also to shape future healthcare, transportation, climate action, and global industrial infrastructure. Round-table sessions examined issues including AI's role in industrial solutions, smart robotisation, raw material supply for nuclear reactors, the development of nuclear cities, and controlled thermonuclear fusion. Other panels explored electromobility, quantum technologies, the Northern Sea Route's long-term future, and advanced back-end solutions that

ensure long-term sustainability of the fuel cycle.

A major highlight was the impressive youth programme, including the grand finale of the Global HackAtom international student championship. Participants from 10 countries proposed cutting-edge concepts ranging from modular space reactors to nuclear-powered medical devices for astronauts. The event highlighted how nuclear innovation is fast becoming a frontier for young talent globally.

The opening ceremony, attended by President Vladimir Putin, IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi, Rosatom Director General Alexey Likhachev and other global leaders, underscored nuclear energy's growing strategic relevance. President Putin emphasised that nuclear demand could increase 2.5 times by the century's end, led largely by the Global South. He reiterated Russia's commitment to technological openness, non-colonial knowledge sharing, and long-term reliability in nuclear



partnerships. Several international agreements were signed during WAW, strengthening global collaboration in fuel cycle technologies, research reactors, nuclear training, and power plant development—reflecting the forum’s role as a catalyst for concrete global cooperation.

Amid this global convergence, **Dr Rashmi Saluja**, Chairperson of GTTCI (Global Trade & Technology Council of India), participated in the forum and engaged with key international stakeholders. She noted that WAW’s scale and vision reaffirm the critical role nuclear energy will play in balancing sustainability, energy security and economic growth. According to Dr Saluja, the forum’s extensive focus on digital transformation, next-generation reactors, and youth capacity-building resonates strongly with India’s long-term nuclear ambitions.

Dr Saluja also highlighted the unique potential of **India–Russia nuclear cooperation**, describing it as a partnership built on decades of trust and complementary strengths. India’s expanding civil nuclear programme—supported by Russia through landmark projects such as Kudankulam—stands to benefit from Russia’s advancements in small modular reactors, closed fuel cycle technologies, and specialised training. In parallel, India’s engineering capability, regulatory maturity and rapidly rising energy needs make it an ideal long-term collaborator.

She emphasised that deeper collaboration in areas such as fuel cycle innovation, safety systems, isotopes, and joint research facilities could accelerate both nations’ clean-energy transitions. As India expands its footprint in the Global South, the Indo-Russian partnership also offers opportunities for co-developing and co-exporting nuclear solutions to emerging markets, supporting global decarbonisation goals.

World Atomic Week 2025 thus not only



showcased the technological horizon of the nuclear sector but also strengthened global partnerships—illustrated by voices such as Dr Rashmi Saluja—affirming that the future of atomic energy will be defined by collaboration, innovation and shared progress.





India and Arab States Deepen Engagement at MEA-LAS Consultation Meeting

New Delhi, November 3, 2025 — The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) hosted a high-level consultation meeting between India and the League of Arab States (LAS) in New Delhi to explore new opportunities for collaboration across political, economic, and cultural domains. Chaired by Dr. Neena Malhotra, Secretary (South), the meeting brought together ambassadors of Arab nations, reaffirming India's commitment to strengthen its long-standing and multifaceted partnership with the Arab world.

Strengthening India-Arab Cooperation

The consultation formed part of India's ongoing diplomatic outreach to the Arab world, reflecting New Delhi's strategic interest in deepening engagement with a region that holds immense importance for its energy security, trade expansion, and diaspora welfare. The discussions centered on shared goals of peace, development, and mutual prosperity.

MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal noted that the meeting aimed to "further strengthen cooperation" between India

and the League of Arab States through sustained dialogue and actionable partnerships. Both sides underlined the importance of building upon historical goodwill and expanding collaboration across priority sectors.

KEY AREAS OF DISCUSSION

1. Trade and Economic Ties

Economic engagement remains the cornerstone of India-Arab relations. The consultation highlighted the need to diversify bilateral trade beyond hydrocarbons, focusing on new areas such as information technology, healthcare, renewable energy, and agriculture. The participants discussed ways to enhance business connectivity, streamline logistics, and facilitate investment opportunities.

Both sides recognized the potential of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) as engines of growth and encouraged institutional linkages between chambers of commerce to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.





2. Energy Cooperation and Green Transition

Energy continues to anchor India's partnership with Arab nations. While traditional hydrocarbon trade remains vital, the dialogue also emphasized emerging opportunities in renewable energy and clean technologies. Joint ventures in solar, wind, and hydrogen energy were identified as pathways for sustainable development.

The Arab countries' economic diversification strategies align with India's ambitious renewable energy goals, offering prospects for technology transfer, research collaboration, and capacity building.

3. Regional Peace and Security

The meeting reiterated India's support for stability and security in the Arab region, recognizing that peace is essential for global growth. Both sides emphasized the value of diplomacy, dialogue, and adherence to international law in resolving regional challenges. Cooperation in counterterrorism, maritime safety, and disaster response was discussed as part of shared security interests.

4. Cultural and People-to-People Links

Cultural exchange and human connectivity are integral to India-Arab relations. The

Indian diaspora, numbering over eight million across the Arab world, plays a significant role in strengthening social and economic ties. Delegates discussed measures to ensure the welfare of Indian workers, expand educational collaboration, and promote tourism and cultural festivals.

The meeting also underlined the importance of enhancing academic partnerships and youth exchange programmes to nurture cross-cultural understanding between future generations.

5. Multilateral Cooperation

India and the LAS reaffirmed their commitment to multilateralism and global cooperation. Both sides agreed to coordinate positions at international platforms on key global challenges such as climate change, food security, sustainable development, and digital transformation. The consultation also emphasized the need to promote equitable representation and inclusivity in global governance institutions.



Diplomatic and Strategic Significance

The MEA-LAS consultation reflects India's "Look West" policy, which seeks to build stronger strategic, economic, and cultural linkages with the Middle East and North Africa. The meeting reinforced that regular institutional dialogues are essential for aligning regional priorities and translating shared visions into tangible outcomes. For India, the Arab world remains indispensable — as a partner in energy security, a major trade hub, and home to millions of Indian expatriates. For the Arab League, India's growing global influence and technological strength make it a reliable partner in innovation, education, and sustainable development.

The Way Forward

Though the consultation did not announce specific agreements, it paved the way for new avenues of cooperation. Future engagements are expected to focus on expanding trade facilitation mechanisms, renewable energy collaboration, cultural partnerships, and educational exchanges. Both sides expressed confidence that continued dialogue will yield substantive outcomes beneficial to all member nations.

GLOBAL INSIGHTS: *India Perspective*

- 1. Indian economy remains resilient amid global headwinds** — GDP growth projected near 7% for FY26, supported by strong domestic demand and investment.
- 2. Economists upgrade India's growth forecast to 6.7% for FY26** — Better-than-expected Q1 performance and stable macro indicators drive upward revisions.
- 3. RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.5% with neutral stance** — Central bank maintains focus on growth while keeping inflation in check.
- 4. India diversifies export destinations amid US tariff pressures** — New markets in Africa, ASEAN, and Latin America reduce dependence on the US.
- 5. Finance Ministry highlights strong macro fundamentals** — September review notes steady inflation, healthy forex reserves, and robust consumption.
- 6. India's growth outlook for FY26 remains strong** — Government reports sustained investment and manufacturing expansion.
- 7. Energy and maritime sectors identified as key economic drivers** — India's infrastructure and energy initiatives anchor long-term growth potential.
- 8. India poised to become world's third-largest economy by 2027** — Services exports and domestic innovation power the country's ascent.
- 9. GST 2.0 reforms introduced to simplify tax structure** — The government rationalises slabs to boost consumption and compliance.
- 10. Festive campaign promotes GST awareness and local manufacturing** — States launch drives to encourage purchase of Indian-made products.
- 11. Fitch raises India's growth projection to 6.9% amid global slowdown** — India remains one of the few bright spots in the global economy.
- 12. IMF upgrades India's 2025-26 growth forecast to 6.6%** — Global institutions recognise India's resilience despite trade tensions.
- 13. Finance Minister warns against complacency amid strong growth** — The government commits to sustained capital spending and fiscal prudence.
- 14. RBI unveils major banking reforms to strengthen credit access** — Regulatory changes expected to deepen India's financial markets.
- 15. MSMEs remain the backbone of India's inclusive growth** — Focus on productivity, competitiveness, and digital access to credit continues.
- 16. India's current account deficit narrows to 0.2% of GDP** — Strong services exports and stable remittances improve external balance.
- 17. Retail inflation drops to 1.54% in September 2025** — Controlled food and energy prices provide room for policy flexibility.
- 18. Non-bank finance institutions see growing role in credit delivery** — Alternate lending channels bridge gaps for small enterprises.
- 19. Forex reserves remain robust above \$650 billion** — Ample buffers safeguard against global financial volatility.
- 20. Q1 FY26 GDP growth at 7.8% signals strong start to the fiscal year** — Investments, consumption, and government spending drive momentum.
- 21. Services exports offset softness in merchandise trade** — India's digital and IT exports continue to rise even as goods exports face headwinds.
- 22. EFTA-India trade pact takes effect, opening new European markets** — Agreement expected to attract investment and expand exports.
- 23. GST reforms boost festive consumption and economic optimism** — Simplified tax rates improve affordability and demand.
- 24. Maritime and shipbuilding sectors to contribute to India's blue economy** — Modernisation of ports and logistics corridors gathers pace.
- 25. Exports grow 3%, services up 6.1% in first half of FY26** — Balanced growth pattern underscores India's external resilience.
- 26. Festive season sparks surge in vehicle and FMCG sales** — Consumer confidence strengthens ahead of Diwali and New Year.
- 27. Budget and policy alignment sustain India's growth cycle** — Infrastructure investment, tax reform, and credit policy act in concert.
- 28. Inflation outlook remains stable with mild external risks** — Authorities flag caution on food, oil, and weather-related price pressures.
- 29. Financial markets deepen with increased non-bank participation** — India's evolving capital markets broaden access to business financing.
- 30. India enhances integration into global value chains** — Manufacturing, logistics, and services reforms aim to elevate export competitiveness.

GLOBAL INSIGHTS: *Finance*

1. Global real GDP growth projections for 2025–27 remain broadly unchanged but mask divergent national outcomes.
2. Developing economies increasingly issue debt in non-US-dollar currencies amid higher borrowing costs
3. Global adult account ownership reaches 79 %—up from 74 % in 2021—highlighting digital finance gains.
4. The International Monetary Fund estimates global growth to slow to 3.2 % in 2025 and 3.1 % in 2026 amid elevated risks.
5. The Organisation for Economic Co operation and Development warns global GDP growth may fall to 2.9 % in 2026 due to trade tensions and policy uncertainty.
6. The Federal Reserve is expected to cut interest rates by 25 basis points as U.S. data remain mixed.
7. Dollar strengthens as markets absorb U.S. trade developments and Fed expectations.
8. The IMF cautions that “uncertainty is the new normal” for the global economy amid plateauing growth and rising vulnerabilities.
9. Central banks should tread cautiously on rate cuts given persistent services inflation in advanced economies.
10. The World Bank Global Economic Prospects report flags growth weakening to 2.3 % in 2025 under heightened risks.
11. Markets navigate a delicate balance in September 2025 as growth slows, inflation remains sticky, and trade policy shifts.
12. The U.S. economy defies expectations as growth holds up despite rate cuts and recession fears.
13. Turkey’s central bank slows its easing cycle, cutting rates by 100 basis points to 39.5 % amid inflation at over 33 %.
14. Namibia’s central bank cuts its main interest rate by 25 bps to 6.50 % to support a weakening economy while managing currency link to the South African rand.
15. Major brokerages expect the Fed will deliver consecutive rate cuts during its upcoming meetings.
16. Markets foresee the end of quantitative-tightening (QT) by the Fed as liquidity conditions tighten.
17. Emerging markets show surface resilience even as underlying economic fragilities mount.
18. The global financial stability outlook highlights increased sovereign debt risk and weaker investor appetite for emerging market debt.
19. Global FX outlook for October points to a potential floor in the USD amid diverging central-bank strategies and resilient economic data
20. Institutional investors highlight geopolitical and trade-policy risks as major growth threats alongside inflation volatility.
21. Corporate mega-deals drive bank earnings as global debt surpasses 100% of GDP in many countries.
22. Central bank independence comes under pressure as emerging economies manage trade, debt and currency challenges.
23. The World Economic Outlook emphasises that policy frameworks and structural reforms will determine emerging-market resilience.
24. Emerging economies shift from USD-denominated borrowing to alternatives like the renminbi and Swiss franc.
25. Global markets are cautiously optimistic entering the final quarter of 2025, but fragmentation and uncertainty loom.
26. The Bank of Namibia revises inflation forecasts downward while maintaining growth forecasts amid global headwinds.
27. The IMF underscores fiscal vulnerabilities, labor-supply shocks and financial-market fragilities as risks to global growth.
28. The euro-area and China both face deceleration pressures, with tariffs and fiscal drag reducing momentum.
29. Equities advance in major markets supported by weaker dollar and stronger earnings, despite growth uncertainties.
30. The dollar’s strength, trade tensions and shifting liquidity combine to keep global financial markets on alert.



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