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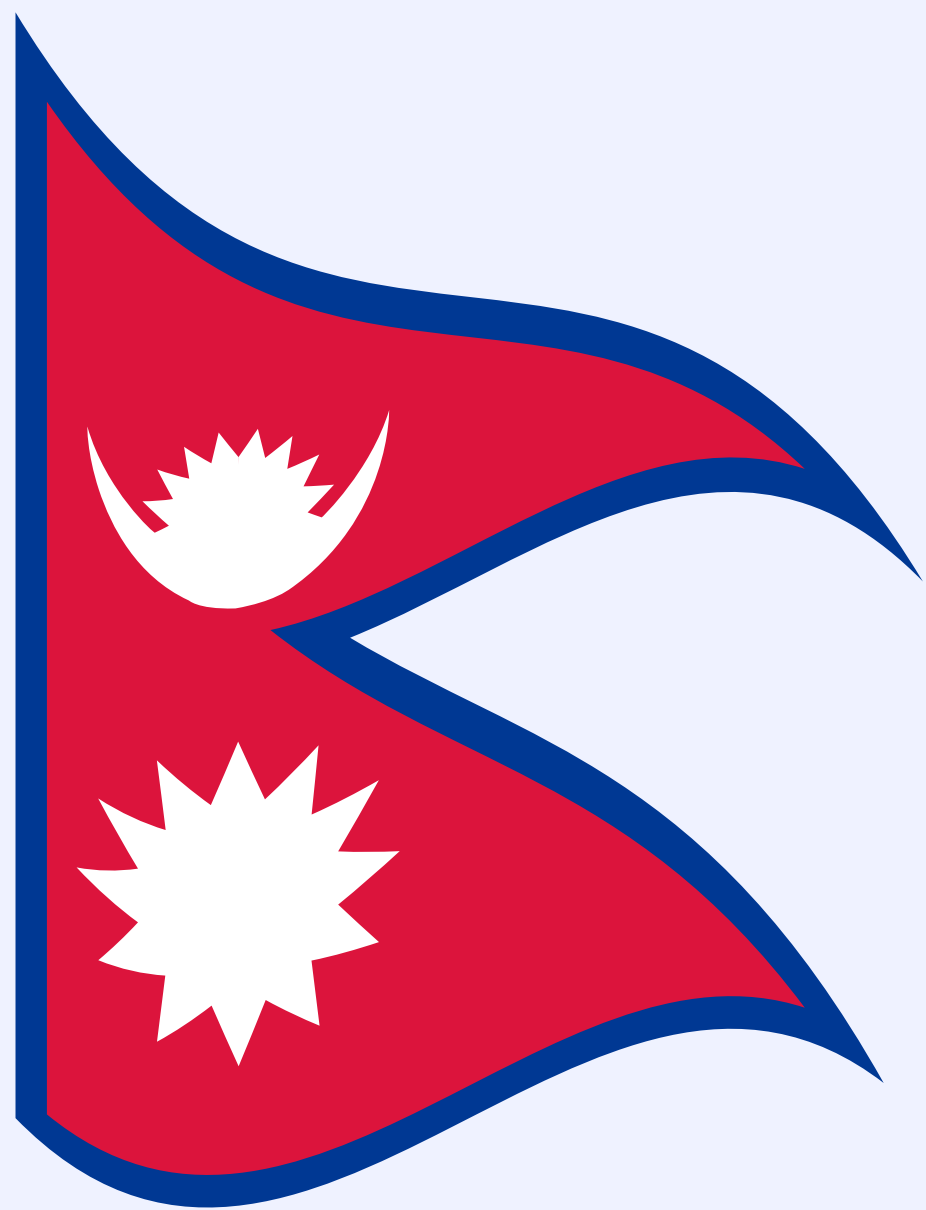
OPEN DEBATE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS IN UNSC

At the UNSC debate on Peacekeeping Operations, India reaffirmed its commitment to peacekeeping, stressing realistic, outcome-linked mandates, withdrawal of outdated missions and tech as a force-multiplier. India highlighted women peacekeepers, protection of personnel, and the need for UNSC reform, and pledged continued support for inclusive and effective peacekeeping.



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INDIA WELCOMES FORMATION OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT IN NEPAL



India has welcomed the formation of a new Interim Government in Nepal, led by Right Honourable Sushila Karki. In a statement, the External Affairs Ministry said that New Delhi is hopeful that this would help in fostering peace and stability. The Ministry further stated that as a close neighbour, a fellow democracy and a long-term development partner, India will continue to work closely with Nepal for the well-being and prosperity of the people of both countries.

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EAM JAISHANKAR URGES BRICS TO STABILISE GLOBAL ECONOMY, PUSH REFORMS

Representing Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BRICS Leaders' Summit, India's External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar voiced concerns over rising global instability stemming from conflicts, economic volatility, climate crises, and the slowing progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the virtual. He emphasised that BRICS should work towards stabilising the international economy, mitigating the impact of ongoing conflicts on the Global South, and proactively supporting reforms in multilateral institutions.



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INDIA, EU HOLD 15TH JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING ON COUNTER TERRORISM IN BRUSSELS



The European Union and India held their 15th Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism in Brussels. The EU reiterated its condolences to India on the loss of lives of innocent civilians. The two sides reiterated their strong condemnation of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including cross-border terrorism. They stressed the importance of cooperation in multilateral fora, such as the United Nations, the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) and the FATF.

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INDIA EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER ISRAELI STRIKES IN QATAR, CALLS FOR RESTRAINT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with Amir of the State of Qatar, H.H. Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani. PM expressed deep concern over the attacks in Doha and condemned the violation of the sovereignty of the State of Qatar. PM appreciated the role being played by Qatar in promoting regional peace and stability, including its mediation efforts in Gaza to achieve ceasefire and release of all hostages. Sheikh Tamim thanked Prime Minister Modi for the expression of solidarity with the people and the State of Qatar.

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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

FITCH REVISES INDIA'S GDP OUTLOOK FOR FY26 TO 6.9% FROM 6.5%



Global Rating Agency Fitch has upgraded India's FY26 growth outlook to 6.9% from 6.5%, citing strong domestic demand, rising real incomes, and supportive financial conditions. Growth hit 7.8% in Q2 of 2025, led by services and robust consumption, though momentum is expected to ease in the year's second half as the economy runs above potential. While low food prices have pushed inflation down to a multi-year low, external risks remain from tariffs on Indian imports

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GST ON DRONES SLASHED TO 5%

India's new GST reforms have slashed the tax on all drones to a uniform 5%, replacing the earlier 18-28% rates. This will cut costs, give clarity to manufacturers, and accelerate adoption across sectors like agriculture, infrastructure, logistics, energy, and defense. The move is expected to boost the drone ecosystem, supporting Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India) while enhancing industrial efficiency and public services.

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INDIA POSITIONED TO BENEFIT FROM SHIFTING GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS: FICCI-BCG REPORT



India is rapidly positioning itself as a key beneficiary in the realignment of global supply chains, according to a comprehensive report from the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) along with the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). The report stresses the importance of not only maintaining scale and efficiency but also embracing resilience, adaptability, and compliance amid evolving trade patterns.

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INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS

INDIA'S CRITICAL MINERAL MISSION- CHARTING A SELF-RELIANT GREEN FUTURE

India's National Critical Mineral Mission (2025-31), backed by US\$ 2 billion and major Public Sector investments, aims to secure minerals like lithium, cobalt, and rare earths vital for clean energy, EVs, defense, and digital tech. It emphasizes domestic exploration, overseas acquisitions, recycling, and innovation, with targets of 1,000 patents, new Centres of Excellence, and 70,000 jobs, strengthening supply chains.

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INDIA'S SEAFOOD EXPORT SECTOR GETS MAJOR BOOST: EU LISTS 102 NEW FISHERY ESTABLISHMENTS



The European Union (EU) has listed 102 new Indian fishery establishments for export from India to EU member countries. This expansion reflects the growing confidence in India's food safety and quality assurance systems and marks a major step forward in enhancing market access for Indian seafood products specially aquaculture shrimps and Cephalopods (Squid, Cuttle fish and Octopus). This move is expected to enhance India's seafood exports to the European Union, which is one of the most lucrative and quality-sensitive markets globally.

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FIVE YEARS OF BLUE REVOLUTION: INCLUSIVE GROWTH & SUSTAINABILITY IN FISHERIES

Launched in 2020 and extended to 2025-26, India's Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana - A scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector has raised fish production to 19.5 million tonnes, boosting exports, and creating livelihoods. With over US\$ 2.5 billion projects approved, strong infrastructure push, and digital support for millions of fishers, the scheme is making the sector sustainable, inclusive, and globally competitive.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

UK INDIA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING BRIDGE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS STRONG PROGRESS IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The UK India Infrastructure Financing Bridge (UKIIFB), a collaboration between India's NITI Aayog, and the City of London Corporation, released its Year 1 UKIIFB Report which highlighted progress in boosting investor confidence in India's infrastructure through a new Project Assessment Framework, stronger risk-sharing, and integration of climate and ESG goals. In Year 2, focus will expand to green hydrogen, offshore wind, and deeper investor partnerships to unlock further international funding.

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STATE-OF-THE-ART ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) TESTING FACILITY INAUGURATED

In line with India's mission to promote sustainable mobility and reduce carbon emissions, a state-of-the-art Electric Vehicle (EV) Testing Facility was inaugurated at Kolkata. Equipped with advanced infrastructure, the laboratory will conduct critical tests on EV batteries and components, including electrical safety, FCC/ISED compliance, functional safety, durability, climate tests (IP, UV, corrosion), and mechanical and material safety (flammability, glow wire, etc.).

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OVER US\$ 19 BILLION MOBILIZED FOR CLEAN AIR AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN 130 CITIES



India's Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav noted significant PM10 reductions across 103 cities in India, aided by EV adoption, greening, and waste management. Indore and Udaipur were also declared Ramsar Wetland Cities, reflecting India's broader environmental vision. He informed that over US\$ 19 billion has been mobilized for clean air and green infrastructure, reaffirming India's commitment to sustainable urban development.

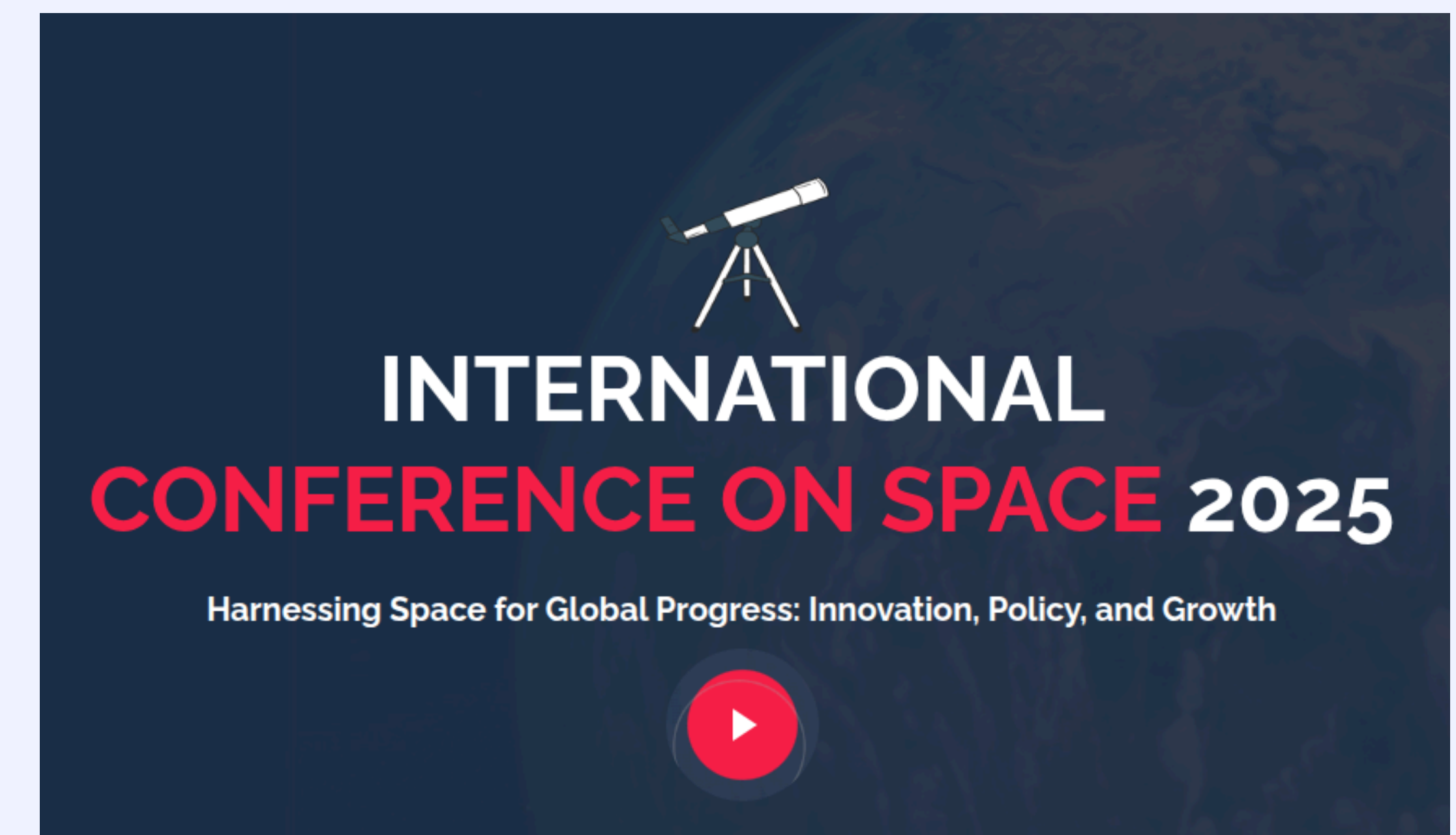
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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPACE 2025

India's space sector, valued at US\$ 8.4 billion with a 2% global share, is projected to grow to US\$ 44 billion by 2033, driven by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), nearly 200 startups, liberalized FDI, and supportive policies. To build on this momentum, Confederation of Indian Industry, with ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization (In-SPACe), hosted an International Conference on Space in Bengaluru on 8-9 September 2025 under the theme "Harnessing Space for Global Progress", focusing on innovation, policy, start-ups, and global collaborations.

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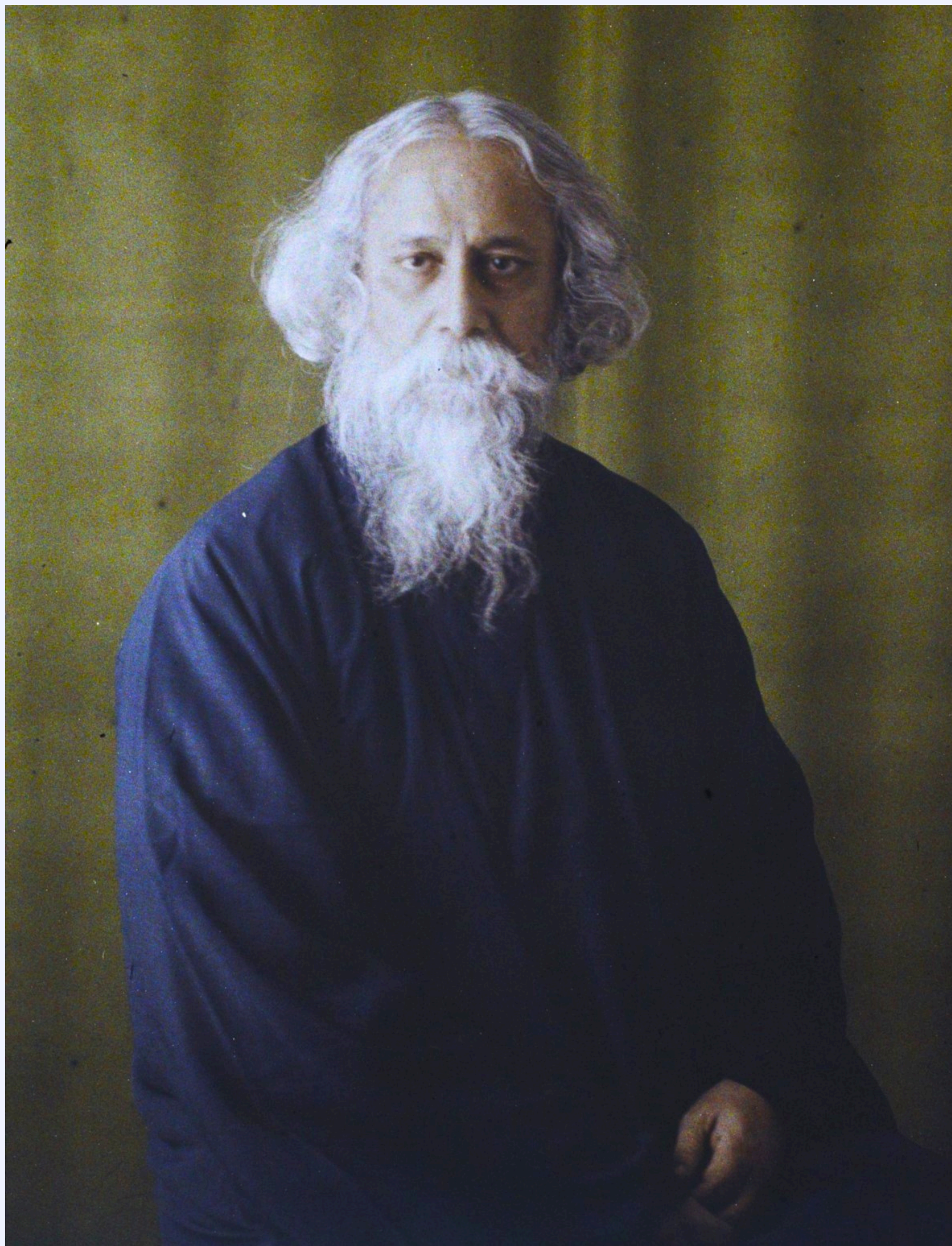
INDIA HAS SECURED NINE MAJOR WORLD RECORDS IN SPACE EXPLORATION: ISRO

ISRO chief V. Narayanan highlighted India's nine global records in space, from the Mars Orbiter Mission and PSLV-C37's 104-satellite launch to Chandrayaan-3's historic lunar South Pole landing. He credited ISRO's cost-effective cryogenic advances and over 4,000 rocket launches for boosting security, growth, and entrepreneurship. Looking ahead, India aims for 8-10 new records and a human Moon landing by 2040.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941), the Indian poet, philosopher, painter, and Nobel laureate in literature, was one of the most celebrated humanists of the 20th century. Awarded the Nobel Prize in 1913 for *Gitanjali*, he became the first Asian to receive this honor and soon emerged as a global voice for cultural renewal, anti-colonial solidarity, and universal humanism.

In the 1920s, Turkish newspapers and journals such as *Sebilür-Reşad*, *Anadolu Mecmuası*, and *Milli Mecmua* followed his writings with great interest. His novel *The Home and the World* was translated into Ottoman Turkish in 1928, and soon nearly all of his major works - *Gitanjali*, *The Crescent Moon*, *Stray Birds*, *Chitra*, and many others were available to Turkish readers.

Tagore also admired Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, describing him as an example of “resurgent Asia” for carrying out a crusade against superstition and for embodying a new hope of intellectual independence from the West. Tagore and Atatürk also exchanged letters and books. The letter given to Tagore is exhibited in Santiniketan. In 1941, Turkish Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit translated *Gitanjali* into Turkish. In 2003, Ankara honored Tagore’s memory by naming a street after him. Tagore’s presence in Turkey’s cultural and intellectual history is a remarkable reminder of the bridges between India and Turkey in the early 20th century.

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