

Newsletter

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

PRIME MINISTER CONGRATULATES PRESIDENT TRUMP AND PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU ON PROGRESS MADE UNDER GAZA PEACE PLAN



Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the President of the United States, Donald Trump and congratulated him on the success of the historic Gaza peace plan. During their conversation, the two leaders also reviewed the good progress achieved in ongoing trade negotiations. They agreed to remain in close touch over the coming weeks to further strengthen bilateral cooperation.

Prime Minister Modi also spoke to Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu, and congratulated him on the progress made under Gaza peace plan. He welcomed the agreement on the release of hostages and enhanced humanitarian assistance to the people of Gaza. He reaffirmed that terrorism in any form or manifestation is unacceptable anywhere in the world.

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INDIA'S DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM SETTING GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR INNOVATION AND INCLUSION

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Global Fintech Fest 2025 in Mumbai, welcoming attendees to the “City of Energy, Enterprise, and Endless Possibilities.” He thanked U.K. Prime Minister Mr. Keir Starmer for attending and noted the festival’s growth from its pandemic-era launch into a major global platform for financial innovation. Mr. Modi said, India is one of the most technologically Inclusive societies due to democratisation of technology. He said, the country is witnessing 20 billion transactions worth US\$ 300 billion through UPI every month.



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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

WORLD BANK UPS INDIA'S FY26 GROWTH FORECAST TO 6.5%, CITES POSITIVE IMPACT OF GST REFORMS



The World Bank has raised India’s growth forecast to 6.5% for the financial year 2026 from its earlier projection of 6.3% in June, citing resilient domestic demand, strong rural recovery and the positive impact of Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms. In its latest South Asia Development Update, the World Bank said that India is expected to remain the world’s fastest-growing major economy, underpinned by strong consumption growth.

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NITI AAYOG URGES MANUFACTURING PUSH AS TRADE HITS \$1.73 TRILLION IN FY25

India's apex public policy think tank NITI Aayog stressed on the need to strengthen and diversify the country's manufacturing base. In a report, it highlighted that the country's total trade in financial year 2025 stood at US\$ 1.73 trillion, growing 6% year-on-year with exports US\$ 823 billion and imports at US\$ 908 billion. It also highlighted that services exports reached a record US\$ 387.5 billion in the financial year 2025.

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EXPORT SURGE: INDIA STEPS UP ON GLOBAL STAGE

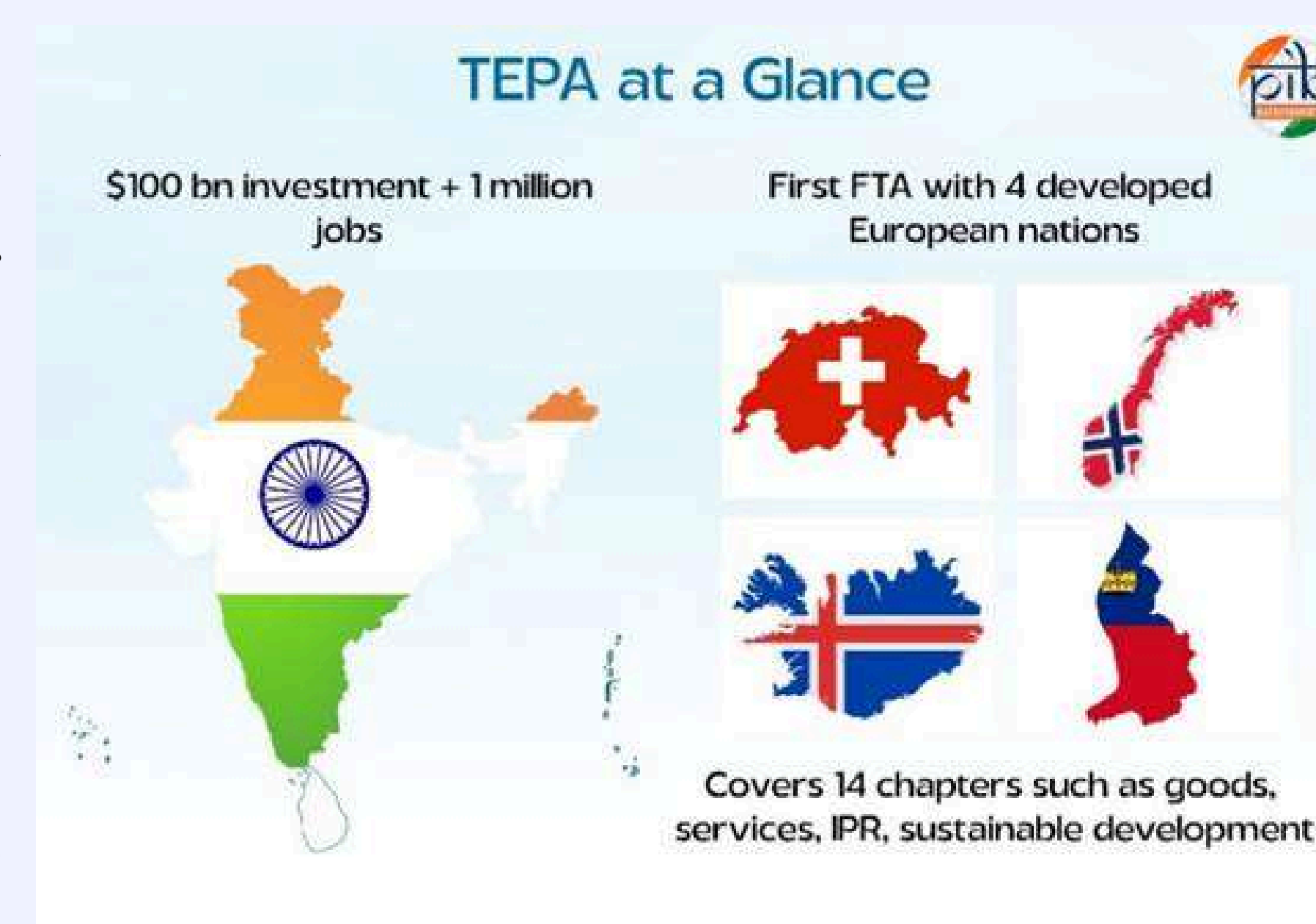


As per the recently released data, in August 2025, Indian exports registered a positive growth of 4.77% vs. August 2024.. Exports increased by 5.19% to US\$ 346.10 billion in April-August 2025 in comparison to April-August 2024. Merchandise export rose by 2.31% and service export up surged by 8.65% in April-August 2025. India's exports to Hong Kong, China, USA, Germany, Korea, UAE, Nepal, Belgium, Bangladesh, and Brazil have climbed the ladder of growth in April-August 2025 vs. April-August 2024.

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INDIA'S TRADE TIES STRENGTHENED AS INDIA-EFTA TRADE AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT COMES INTO EFFECT

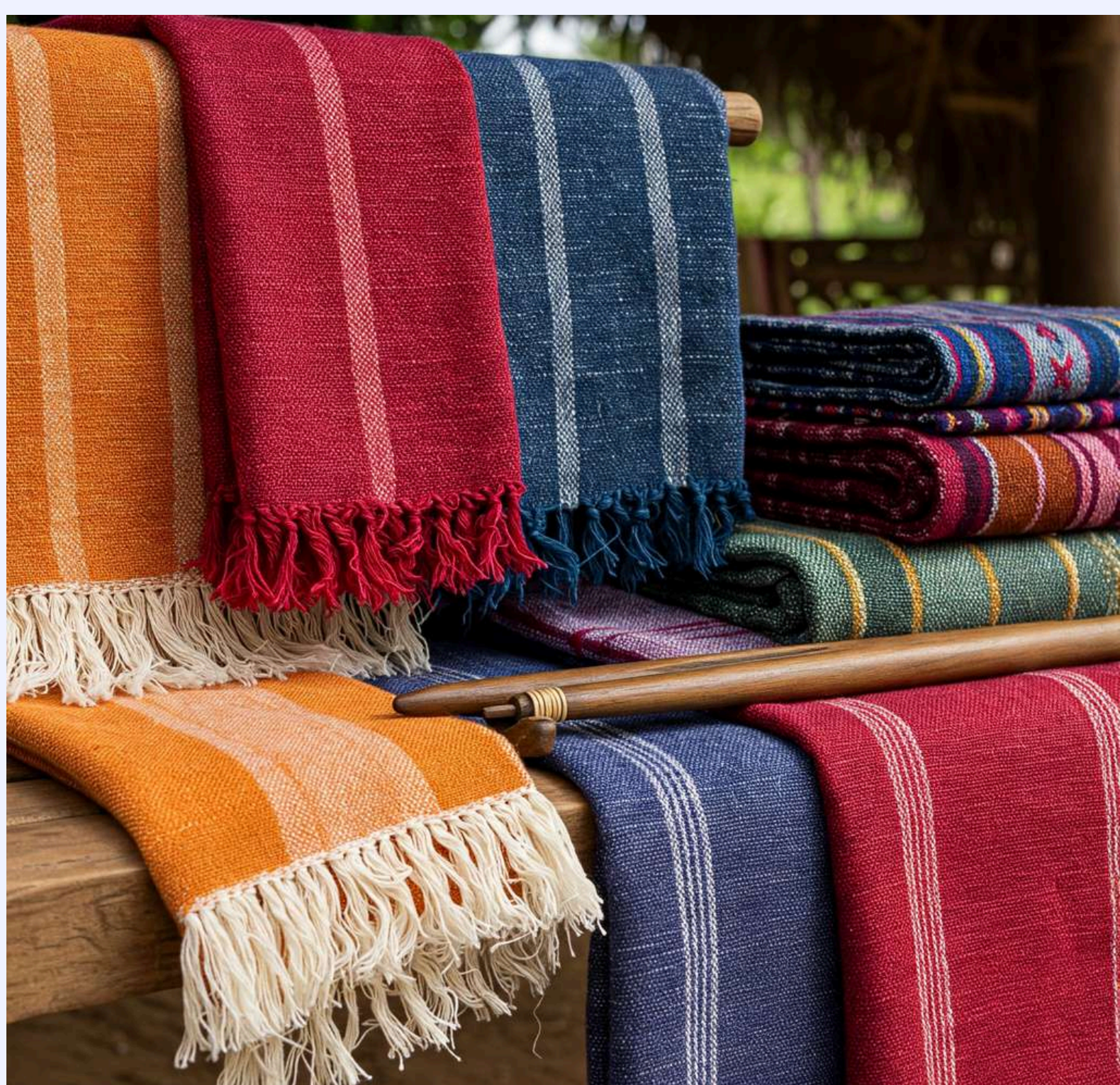
The India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement which came into effect from 01 October 2025, is a defining moment in country's external trade policy. Under the pact, EFTA is offering tariff concessions on over 92% of tariff lines, covering more than 99% of India's exports, including non-agricultural goods and processed agricultural products. India has extended access on 82.7% of tariff lines, accounting for more than 95% of EFTA exports.



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INDUSTRY & SECTORAL INSIGHTS

INDIA AIMS FOR US\$ 100 BILLION IN TEXTILE EXPORTS BY 2030



India's Ministry of Textiles celebrated World Cotton Day 2025 on 07 October with a strong push for sustainability, technology adoption, and export growth in the cotton sector. Union Minister of Textiles Giriraj Singh reaffirmed the government's commitment to achieving US\$ 100 billion in textile exports as part of a broader US\$ 350 billion textile sector target by 2030. He stressed that India, which holds 40% of the world's cotton cultivation area has a significant growth potential since the current productivity at around 450 kg per hectare, compared to global levels of 2,000 kg per hectare.

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LANDMARK MOU SIGNED BETWEEN IICT, FICCI AND NETFLIX TO NURTURE INDIA'S NEXT-GENERATION CREATIVE TALENT

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) announced a landmark partnership with Netflix India to nurture India's AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics & Extended Reality) talent. The collaboration will leverage IICT's academic and research capabilities, FICCI's extensive industry network, and Netflix's creative expertise to build the next generation of creative technology professionals in India.



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US\$ 2.37 BILLION NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT UNVEILED: NEW MILESTONE IN INDIA'S AVIATION SECTOR



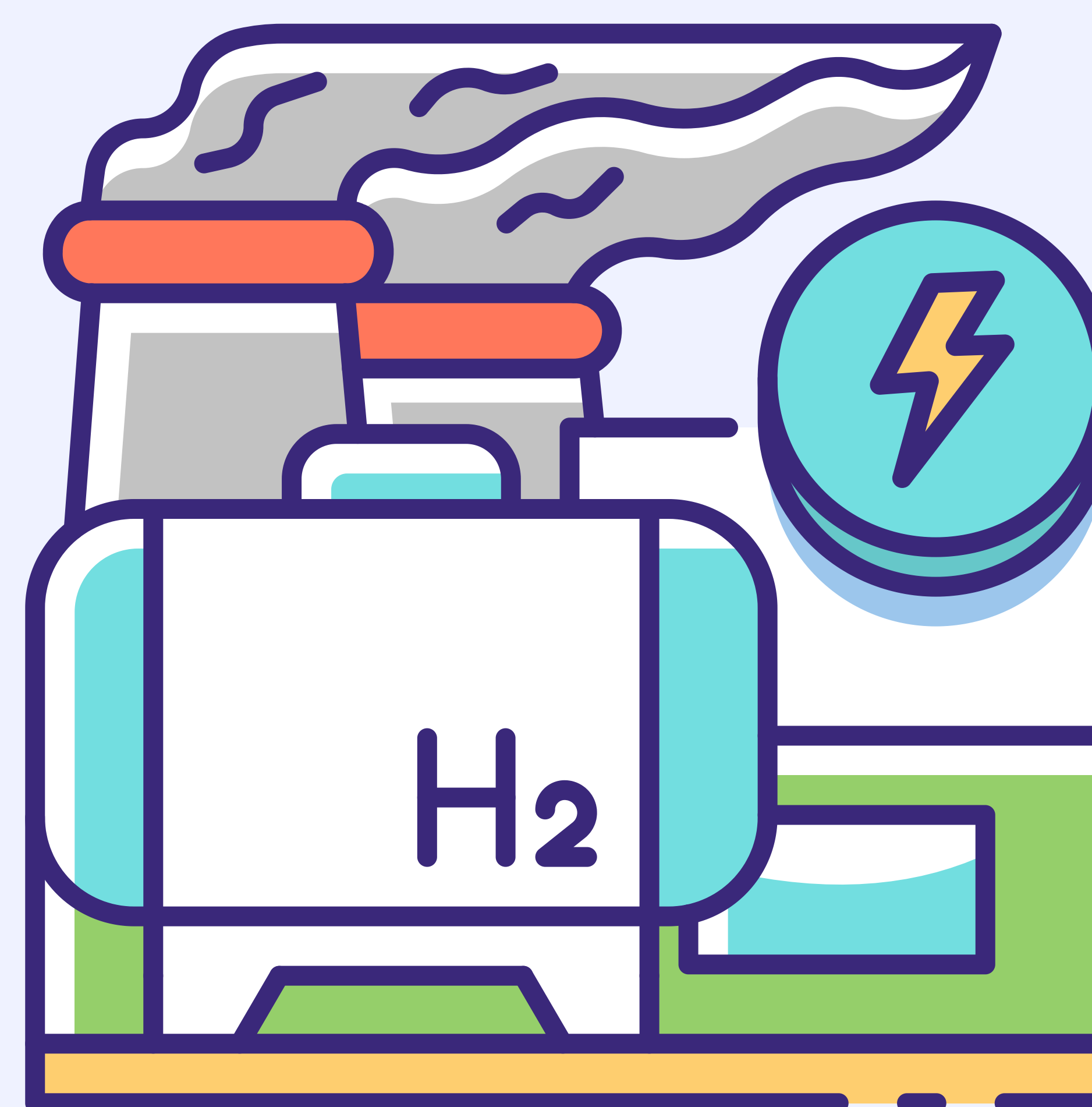
Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase One of the Navi Mumbai International Airport, marking a major milestone in India's aviation infrastructure. The airport, built at a cost of about US\$ 2.37 billion, is expected to begin commercial operations by December 2025. With this, Mumbai joins the league of global cities such as London, New York, and Tokyo that have more than one international airport. The Prime Minister noted that in 2014, India had only 74 airports, while today the number has increased to more than 160.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

THREE MAJOR PORTS RECOGNISED AS GREEN HYDROGEN HUBS UNDER NATIONAL GREEN HYDROGEN MISSION

India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has formally recognised three major Indian ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission. These ports are Deendayal Port Authority in Gujarat, V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority in Tamil Nadu and Paradip Port Authority in Odisha. The recognition marks a significant step towards creating an integrated hydrogen ecosystem and advancing India's transition towards clean energy.

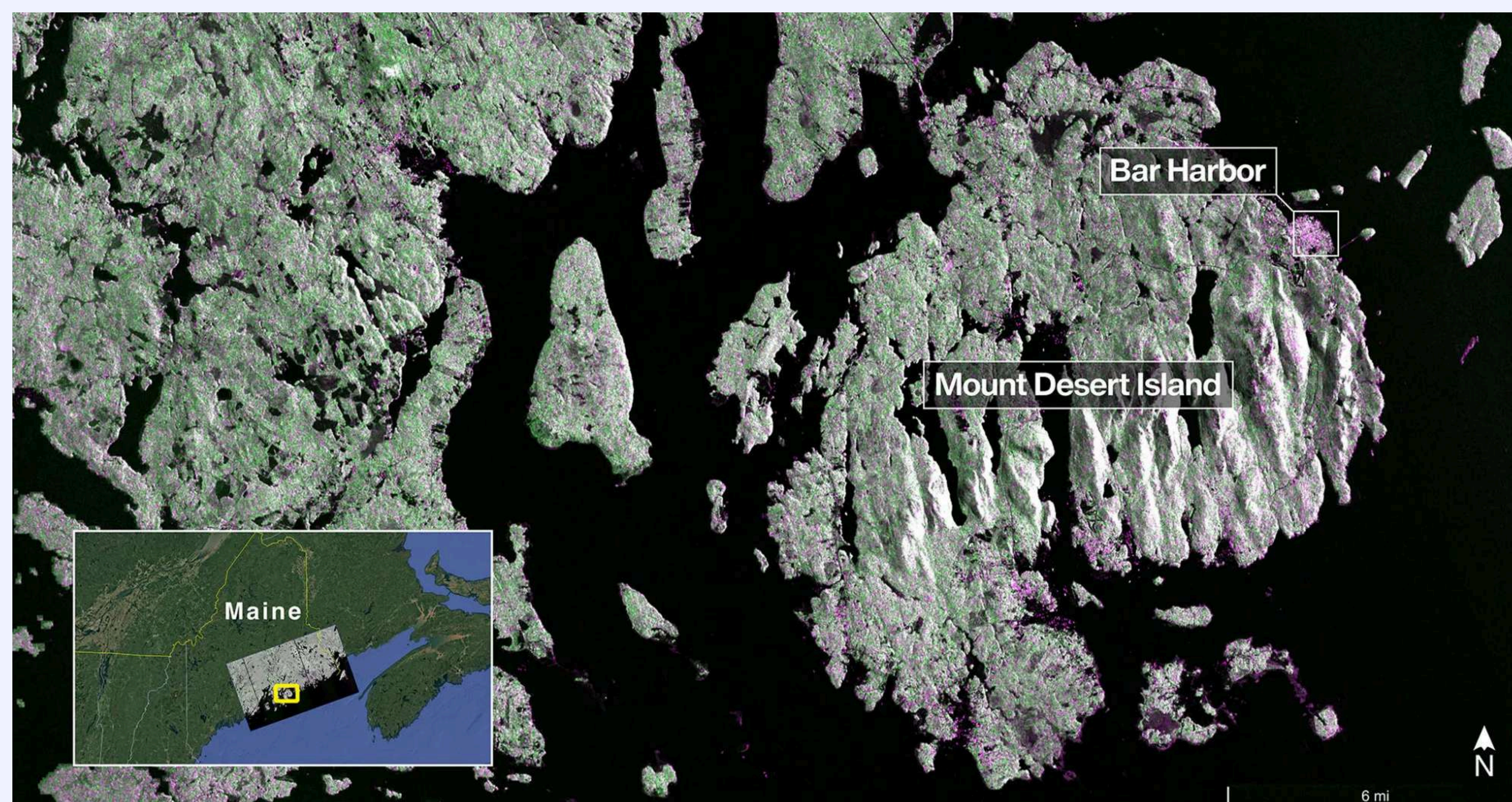


The National Green Hydrogen Mission aims to position India as a global hub for the production, utilisation, and export of green hydrogen and its derivatives. It promotes the development of large-scale hydrogen hubs to serve as focal points for production and consumption.

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

NASA-ISRO SATELLITE SENDS FIRST RADAR IMAGES OF EARTH'S SURFACE



The NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) Earth-observing radar satellite's first images of our planet's surface have been released, and they offer a glimpse of things to come as the joint mission between NASA and ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) approaches full science operations later this year. In late August, NISAR's radar systems turned on for a series of test runs. The satellite, launched by India's space agency on July 30, 2025, is now orbiting Earth at an altitude of 464 miles.

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NITI AAYOG'S ROADMAP ON AI FOR INCLUSIVE SOCIETAL DEVELOPMENT



India's NITI Aayog launched its Frontier Tech Hub study, "AI for Inclusive Societal Development," developed in partnership with Deloitte. The pioneering report is a first-of-its-kind effort to systematically explore how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and frontier technologies can transform the lives and livelihoods of India's 490 million informal workers, the backbone of the nation's economy.

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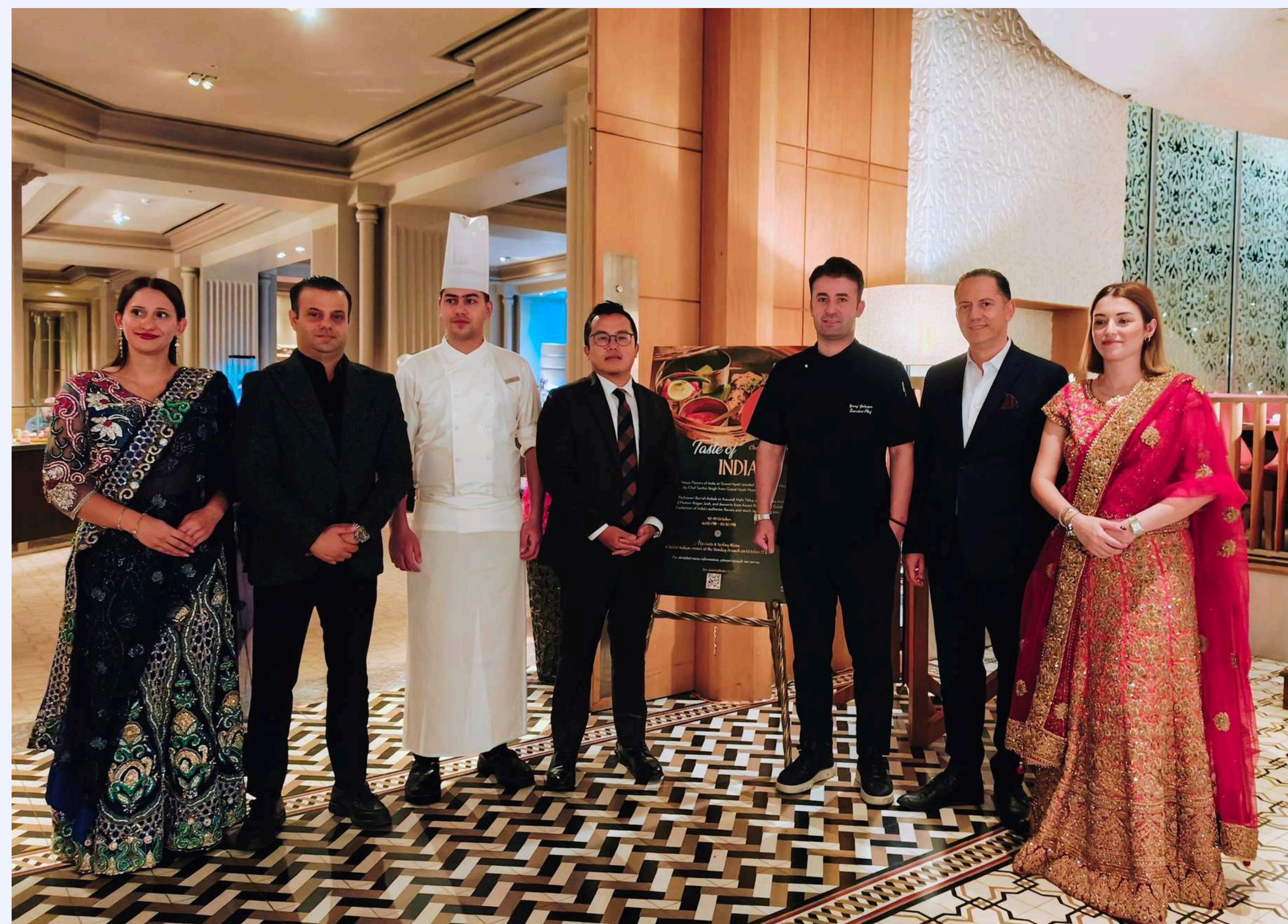
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE UPDATES



Embassy of India, Ankara organised a luncheon meeting with prominent Indologists from Türkiye today. Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi presided over the meeting. The first Department of Indology at Ankara University was founded in 1936 at the behest of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. It was agreed to convene a conference on Indology in the coming months.



Consul General visited BACEM Botanical Centre in Balıkesir to explore linkages on herbal and medical plants. BACEM grows a variety of such plants from India that are used for Ayurveda and Traditional Medicine.



Consul General met visiting Chef Sachin Singh from India and extended best wishes for the “Taste of India” festival, highlighting the rich culinary traditions of India at the Grand Hyatt Istanbul from October 10 to 19

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Consulate General of India, Istanbul, hosted a series of Yoga Sessions across the city from 6-10 October 2025. The sessions were held in collaboration with Sarıyer Municipality, Beşiktaş Municipality, Kadıköy Municipality, and various universities. Special sessions were also organised for members of the diplomatic corps and diplomatic spouses community in Istanbul.

The programme saw enthusiastic participation from people of all backgrounds, coming together to embrace mindfulness, balance, and holistic well-being through guided yoga practice.



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