

Newsletter

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

INDIA REAFFIRMS SUPPORT FOR GAZA PEACE PLAN AT SHARM EL-SHEIKH PEACE SUMMIT, URGES DIALOGUE & DIPLOMACY IN WEST ASIA

India's External Affairs Ministry has said that India stands for peace in West Asia and the resolution of issues through dialogue and diplomacy. Attending the Sharm El-Sheikh Peace Summit in Egypt, Minister of State for External Affairs said, the country supports the Gaza peace plan and appreciates Egypt and Qatar for their valuable roles in achieving this and advancing towards the path to peace. The Ministry said, India will support all efforts towards a lasting peace in the region.

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INDIA ELECTED UNOPPOSED TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL FOR 2026-2028 TERM

India has been elected unopposed to the Human Rights Council for the seventh time for a three-year term (2026-2028) starting next year. India's Permanent Representative at the UN P Harish said that the election reflects India's unwavering commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms and that India looks forward to serving this objective during his tenure. He also thanked all the delegations for their overwhelming support.

UNITED NATIONS
HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

The Human Rights Council is the main UN body with 47 members. It promotes and protects human rights around the world, reviews the situation in member countries, and provides a forum to discuss issues. The Council was formed by the General Assembly in 2006, when India was elected to its first term.

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UNITED NATIONS TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES' CHIEFS CONCLAVE 2025



A three-day United Nations Troops Contributing Countries (UNTCC) Conclave 2025 was hosted by the Indian Army in New Delhi with high-level deliberations and a reaffirmation of the collective resolve to strengthen United Nations peacekeeping operations. On the last day of the conclave, President Droupadi Murmu interacted with the Chiefs and Representatives of UN Troop Contributing Nations and appreciated all the participating countries in their resolve towards sustainable peace and prosperity, highlighting the positive contribution of Indian Peacekeepers.

READ MORE: [UNTCC CONCLAVE 2025](#)



16TH WHO-IRCH ANNUAL MEETING TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL COOPERATION ON HERBAL MEDICINE REGULATION

The 16th Annual Meeting of the WHO-International Regulatory Cooperation for Herbal Medicines was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 14-16 October 2025, bringing together global experts and regulators to enhance cooperation and harmonisation in herbal medicine regulation. India made a strong contribution with presentations on the “Efficacy and Intended Use of Herbal Medicines,” “Safety and Regulation of Herbal Medicines” and other Indian perspectives. India’s active engagement at the meeting highlighted its key role in shaping global standards for the quality, safety and efficacy of herbal medicines.



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FAO CELEBRATES 80 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH INDIA ON WORLD FOOD DAY 2025



Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, delivered the keynote address on the occasion of World Food Day 2025, which also marked the 80th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). In his address, the Secretary recognized FAO’s technical expertise and enduring partnership with the Ministry in achieving self-sufficiency in food grains, promoting crop diversification, and enhancing farmer resilience through innovation and sustainable practices. He emphasized that the future must focus on nutrition-sensitive agriculture, ensuring diets that are healthy, diverse, safe, and affordable for all.

As a founding member of FAO since 1945, India’s journey exemplifies how hunger and malnutrition can be reduced at scale when production systems, delivery mechanisms, and policy innovation work together in harmony.

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ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT

GOOGLE AI HUB IN VISAKHAPATNAM

Google, in a landmark development, announced its plans for the first-ever Google AI hub in Visakhapatnam, India. This hub combines gigawatt-scale compute capacity, a new international subsea gateway, and large-scale energy infrastructure. Through it we will bring our industry-leading technology to enterprises and users in India, accelerating AI innovation and driving growth across the country. In an official statement, Google said “our largest investment in India to date, totaling approximately US \$15 billion over the next five years (2026-2030), this capital will establish our first Artificial Intelligence (AI) hub in the country.”



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INDIA'S GDP TO GROW FASTER THAN EXPECTED DESPITE US TARIFFS: IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said, India's GDP will grow faster than estimated earlier despite the impact of US tariffs on Indian economy. In its World Economic Outlook report, the IMF showed India's GDP growth rate for 2025-26 at 6.6% versus 6.4% earlier. But the IMF has lowered its estimates by 20 basis points to 6.2% for 2026-27. The upward revision was on carryover from a strong first quarter more than offsetting the increase in the US effective tariff rate on imports from India since July. The IMF has edged up its 2025 global growth forecast as tariff shocks and financial conditions have proven more benign than expected.



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NITI AAYOG RELEASES REPORT ON "INDIA'S BLUE ECONOMY: STRATEGY FOR HARNESSING DEEP-SEA AND OFFSHORE FISHERIES"

India's NITI Aayog launched a report titled "India's Blue Economy: Strategy for Harnessing Deep Sea and Offshore Fisheries." India has around 12 nautical miles of sovereign water zone and 200 miles as an economic zone, and has barely explored its deep-sea resources. A three-phase roadmap has been proposed to strengthen country's governance of deep-sea and offshore fisheries. The first phase begins with laying the foundation, followed by scaling up operations, and ultimately achieving global leadership in sustainable deep-sea fisheries.

The report offers a comprehensive framework to strengthen governance, foster innovation, and enhance stakeholder participation, ensuring prosperity for coastal communities and contributing significantly to the nation's Blue Economy vision.

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ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY**INDIA CALLS FOR EQUITABLE CLIMATE ACTION AT G20 ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING IN SOUTH AFRICA**

India has emphasised that G20 must act as a bridge between ambition and implementation, ensuring that every nation's contribution is respected and every nation's capacity is enhanced. During the G20 Climate and Environmental Sustainability Working Group Ministerial Meeting in South Africa, it was stated that the country truly believes and supports ecosystem-based approaches, participatory implementation and landscape-level conservation models as proposed in the biodiversity and conservation track. India emphasized the need to exercise caution in commodifying biodiversity and call for a deeper examination of the same and that India supports integrating climate and development while upholding equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities.

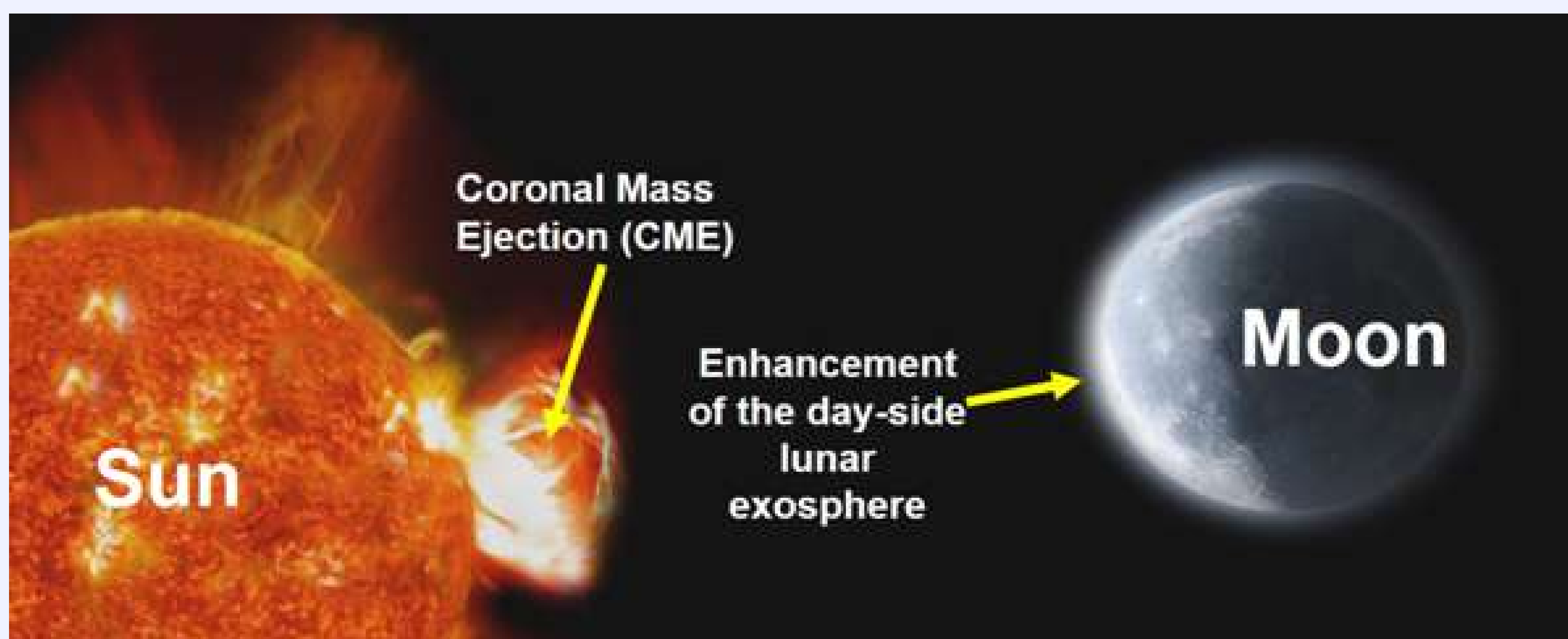


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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION

CHANDRAYAAN-2 MAKES FIRST EVER OBSERVATION OF SUN'S CORONAL MASS EJECTIONS' EFFECTS ON THE MOON



In a landmark scientific breakthrough, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) announced that its lunar orbiter Chandrayaan-2 has made the first-ever observation of the effects of the Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs) from the Sun on the Moon using its onboard scientific instrument. This observation would help understand the lunar exosphere, the thin atmosphere of the Moon, and the impact of space weather on its surface.

Launched on 22nd of July in 2019, from Sriharikota using the GSLV-MkIII-M1 rocket, Chandrayaan-2 carried eight experiment payloads. On August 20, 2019, Chandrayaan-2 was successfully inserted into the elliptical orbit around the Moon.

The ISRO in a statement said, one of the payloads (on-board Chandrayaan-2), Chandra's Atmospheric Compositional Explorer 2 (CHACE 2) has recorded the effects of the Coronal Mass ejections from the Sun on the lunar exosphere. The primary objective of the CHACE-2 payload is to study the composition and distribution of the lunar neutral exosphere and its variability. ISRO scientists reported that the number density of neutral atoms and molecules in the exosphere increased by more than an order of magnitude, confirming theoretical predictions that had never before been validated through direct observation.

ISRO said the findings not only deepen scientific understanding of lunar space weather but also have implications for future lunar missions and the design of human habitats on the Moon.

[READ MORE: ISRO'S OBSERVATION OF SUN'S CORONAL MASS EJECTION](#)

INDIA AND WHO LAUNCH GLOBAL CALL FOR AI IN HEALTH USE CASES

India's Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, in collaboration with the World Health Organisation (WHO), announced a global call for abstracts highlighting impactful and scalable applications of Artificial Intelligence in health systems. Shortlisted entries will be invited to contribute a chapter to the Casebook on AI Health use cases across the global south. This Casebook will serve as a comprehensive reference for policymakers, innovators, and researchers seeking to replicate and scale successfully implemented AI solutions.



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EMBASSY AND CONSULATE UPDATES

Embassy of India, Ankara celebrated 61st ITEC Day 2025 and festival of Diwali on 12 October 2025. The event was well attended, with enthusiastic participation from ITEC alumni from all walks of life in Türkiye. Members of Diplomatic Corps, Friends of India in Ankara, ICCR scholars, and other members of the academic community joined the event.



A team of Turkish tour operators visited the Consulate. They expressed interest in expanding outbound to India and showcasing more destinations to Turkish tourists.



Consul General met Bernard Arkas, VP of Arkas Holding to discuss business in India. Arkas Holding, a major logistics and shipping company, is an investor in India.

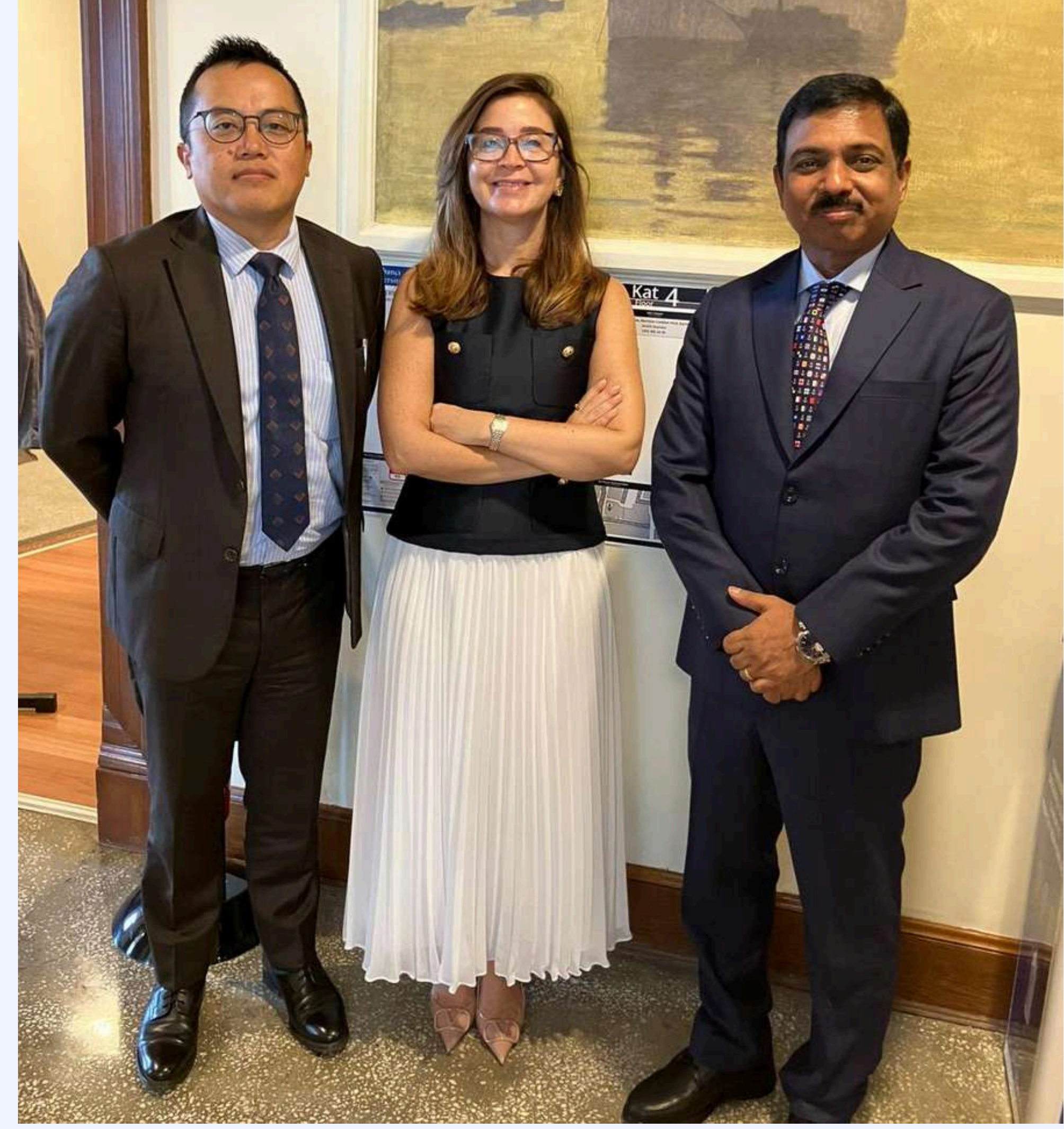


Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi received a delegation led by Prof. Aysun Bay, President, Health Tourism Confederation of Türkiye (SATKOF) to discuss their upcoming I International Conference on Health Tourism Bridges: Health Diplomacy and Innovation Summit in Türkiye on 21-22 November 2025. During the meeting, they also discussed the potential areas of cooperation in the Health Sector between India and Türkiye specially in the context of Traditional and Complementary Medicine and Ayurveda.

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Consul General met Chairman Tamer Kıran of Turkish Chamber of Shipping at the Bodrum Boat Show. They discussed opportunities for more business in the shipping sector.



Ambassador and Consul General met Director of Istanbul Policy Centre Ms. Senem Aydın Düzgit, to explore collaboration with Indian Think Tanks on issues of mutual interest.



Ambassador and Consul General met Mr. Levent Çakıroğlu, CEO of Koç Holding. They discussed the group's ongoing business operations in India, including their growing investments and partnership with the Tata Group.



Ambassador hosted prominent members of academia in Istanbul for an informal discussion on India and the World.



Ambassador and Consul General met with the DEİK (Türkiye-India Business Council) over a lunch hosted by Chairperson Ms. Hülya Gedik. They discussed business opportunities and ways to enhance collaboration across sectors.

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Ambassador and Consul General met Prof Dr. Hasan Mandal, Rector of Istanbul Technical University, and discussed opportunities for collaboration with India. Prof Mandal was former head of TUBITAK and has widely travelled and lived in India.



Consulate General of India in Istanbul, in collaboration with Travel Shop Turkey, organized an Incredible India event in Istanbul on 17 October 2025. The event showcased India's rich and diverse tourism offerings, with a special focus on Ayurveda, Heritage, Religious & Spiritual, and Wildlife tourism. Presentations were made to representatives of the tourism industry, encouraging them to visit India and experience its unique cultural and natural heritage.

The event began in the afternoon with B2B interactions between Indian and Turkish tour operators and airline representatives, along with a special session on Indian visa information. A special tasting corner by Paul John showcased the best of Indian Single Malt Whisky. An assortment of rich Indian cuisine closed the special India event.

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SLICE OF INDIA in Ankara.

The joyful event witnessed the participation of Mr. Durmuş Yılmaz, former MP and Governor of Central Bank of Türkiye, Mr. Serkan Yorgancılar, HoD for Youth and Sports, Ankara Municipality, Mr. Halil İbrahim Yılmaz, President of Ankara City Council, Amb. Metin Kılıç, Head of Diplomacy Council and Ambassadors. Their presence underscored the spirit of unity signified by DIWALI.

Highlights of the event included: the traditional lighting of lamp ceremony, presentation of Books by Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi to Ankara City Council Library, special talk & Yoga Demonstration.

The evening was also enriched by vibrant Indian cultural performances of Bharatnatyam, Indian songs and Bollywood dance, which captivated the audience.

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