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India, France Hold Talks to Expand Strategic Partnership Across Defence, Technology and Trade



Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with French President Emmanuel Macron at Villa Kerylos in Nice on 14 June 2026, the first summit-level meeting since India and France elevated their ties to a Special Global Strategic Partnership in February 2026, with both leaders reviewing the full Horizon 2047 Roadmap and announcing a High-Level Mechanism to double bilateral trade within five years. Discussions covered the intensification of defence cooperation with emphasis on co-design, co-development and co-production of advanced platforms; expanded collaboration in human spaceflight and space situational awareness; and the early implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement, alongside new cooperation frameworks in critical minerals, supply chain resilience, SMEs, aviation, and railway manufacturing, including a Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics in Kanpur.

The meeting produced outcomes spanning innovation and AI, science and space, startups and fintech, trade and infrastructure, mobility, and health, with President Macron hosting a lunch in honour of Prime Minister Modi following the formal talks. [READ MORE](#)



PM Modi holds bilateral talks with his Slovak counterpart Robert Fico in Bratislava

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks with Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico at Bratislava Castle on 15 June 2026, marking the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Slovakia since the country gained independence in 1993.

The two leaders agreed to elevate bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Partnership, with discussions focused on trade and investment, automobile and railway manufacturing, technology, innovation, space, and nuclear energy, alongside the implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Prime Minister Fico declared Slovakia's support for India's permanent membership of the UN Security Council, while both leaders noted that India's growing global profile opens substantial avenues for deepened Central European engagement. [READ MORE](#)

INDIA WELCOMES PEACE DEAL BETWEEN IRAN AND THE UNITED STATES

India's Ministry of External Affairs welcomed the understanding reached between the United States and Iran to end the West Asia conflict, expressing hope that the agreement will restore lasting peace and stability across the region.

The MEA statement reaffirmed India's consistent position that dialogue and diplomacy are the indispensable means to resolve disputes, noting that the conflict had already caused immense human suffering and severely disrupted global energy supply chains and trade networks.

India also expressed hope that the West Asia development will encourage renewed peace efforts elsewhere, including in Ukraine. [READ MORE](#)



India-Oman CEPA enters into force on 1 June 2026; 99.38% of Indian exports get duty-free access

The India-Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, signed in Muscat on 18 December 2025, officially entered into force on 1 June 2026, making India only the second nation in the world after the United States to secure a comprehensive bilateral trade pact with the Sultanate of Oman.

Under the agreement, 99.38% of India's exports by value receive duty-free access to the Omani market, with Oman simultaneously granting immediate zero-duty access across all 945 textile and apparel tariff lines; to mark the operationalisation, the first consignments of agricultural produce and gems and jewellery were flagged off from Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. Bilateral trade between the two nations stood at US\$ 11.18 billion in FY 2025-26, and Oman, as India's second-largest Gulf trading partner and a gateway to the wider GCC market, is expected to amplify India's export reach across West Asia and East Africa. [READ MORE](#)



INDIA AND US FINALISE MOST ELEMENTS OF FIRST PHASE OF BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT

India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal confirmed on 2 June 2026 that India and the United States have finalised most elements of the first phase of their Bilateral Trade Agreement, a deal that is expected to substantially reduce US tariffs on Indian exports.

The agreement represents a significant step toward the bilateral trade target of US\$ 500 billion, with the pact covering key sectors including textiles, electronics, energy, and agriculture.



The development follows India's conclusion of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement in January 2026, positioning FY2026-27 as a landmark period in India's trade diplomacy. [READ MORE](#)

India sends second tranche of medical assistance to Africa CDC for Ebola response

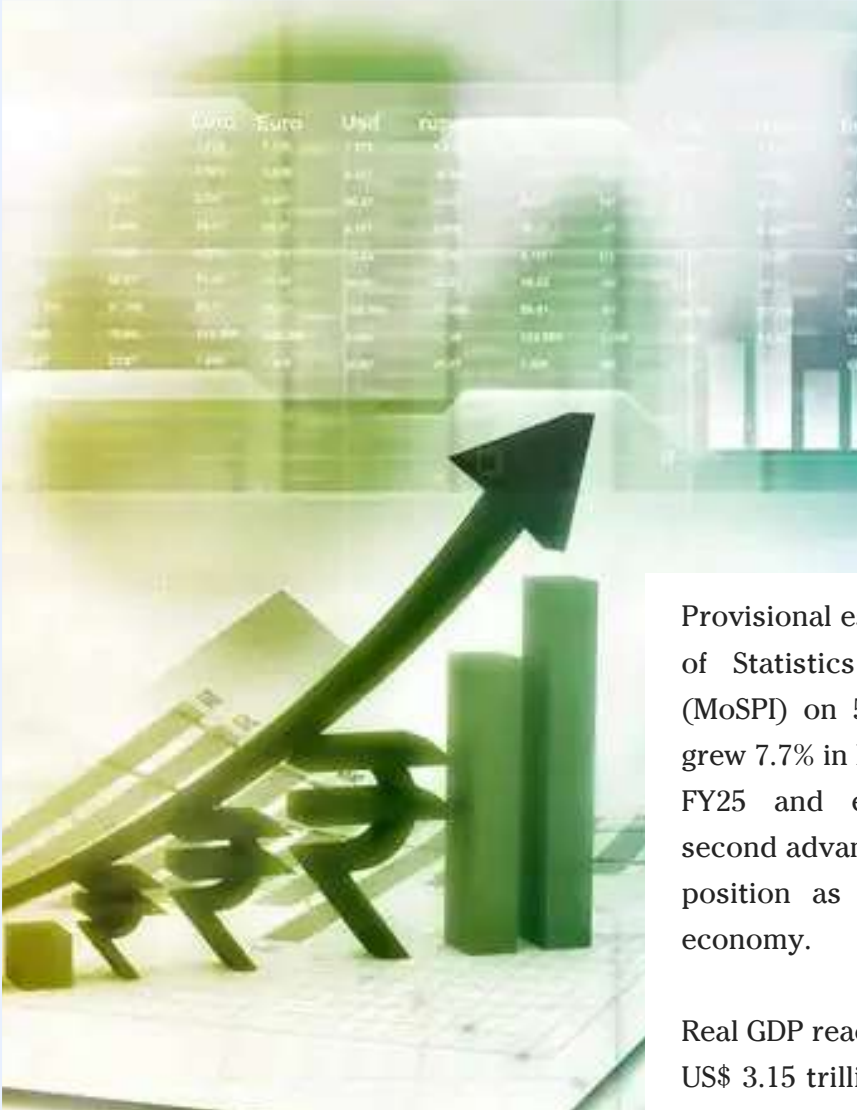
India dispatched a 43-tonne second tranche of medical assistance to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention on 2 June 2026, comprising protective gear, diagnostic and monitoring devices, sample transport kits, infection prevention supplies, medicines, and nutritional supplements, to bolster the ongoing response to the Bundibugyo Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The consignment, mobilised by the Ministry of External Affairs in response to a detailed request from Africa CDC via the African Union Commission, reached Kampala on 2 June and was delivered through Africa CDC's Eastern Regional Coordinating Centre; it followed an initial emergency shipment of 2.5 tonnes dispatched on 24 May. [READ MORE](#)

Africa CDC welcomed India's support and expressed appreciation for India's solidarity with Africa, noting that the supplies would strengthen frontline containment efforts and broader public health preparedness across the continent.



India's GDP grows 7.7% in FY26, fastest-growing major economy for second consecutive year



Provisional estimates released by India's Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on 5 June 2026 show India's real GDP grew 7.7% in FY 2025-26, accelerating from 7.1% in FY25 and exceeding the government's own second advance estimate of 7.6%, to retain India's position as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

Real GDP reached US\$ 3.4 trillion in FY26, up from US\$ 3.15 trillion a year earlier, with Q4 (January-March) recording 7.8% growth; the tertiary services sector led the expansion at 9.3%, followed by the secondary industrial sector at 8.8%.

High-frequency indicators corroborated the strong underlying momentum, with commercial vehicle sales rising 12.6%, cement production up 8.7%, international air passenger traffic up 9.7%, and exports of goods and services growing 9.3% over the year. [🌐 READ MORE ➔](#)

PASSENGER VEHICLE SALES IN INDIA SURGE 23% YOY IN MAY 2026



India's passenger vehicle market recorded a robust 23% year-on-year growth in May 2026, with nearly 440,000 units sold, led by Maruti Suzuki, Tata Motors, and Mahindra & Mahindra on the strength of sustained domestic demand and strong manufacturing performance under the Make in India framework. Maruti Suzuki achieved an all-time high in domestic sales at 193,535 units in the month, while the overall market also benefited from healthy commercial vehicle and three-wheeler momentum, with the latter recording 12.8% growth for the full year FY26.

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GOVERNMENT APPROVES 96 COMPANIES UNDER ROUND III OF TEXTILE PLI SCHEME

India's Ministry of Textiles announced on 10 June 2026 that 22 new applicants have been cleared under the third round of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, bringing the total number of approved companies in Round III to 96, with a cumulative committed investment of over US\$ 1.35 billion and a projected turnover of US\$ 6.14 billion in notified products.

The approved applicants span Man-Made Fibre Apparel, MMF Fabrics, and Technical Textiles, segments identified as sunrise areas aligned with global supply chain demand, and are projected to generate 36,217 employment opportunities across the textile value chain.

The latest approvals reinforce India's ambition to become a global hub for value-added textile manufacturing at a time when the India-Oman CEPA and the India-US and India-EU trade agreements have opened expanded duty-free market access for Indian textile exports. [READ MORE](#)

WOCKHARDT RECEIVES US FDA APPROVAL FOR ZAYNICH, FIRST NOVEL ANTIBIOTIC NCE FULLY DEVELOPED AND COMMERCIALISED BY AN INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Wockhardt received US Food and Drug Administration approval on 1 June 2026 for Zaynich (cefepime and zidebactam), marking a milestone as the first new chemical entity fully discovered, developed, and commercialised by an Indian pharmaceutical company to secure FDA approval, and positioning the company to access a global antibiotic market valued at approximately US\$ 9 billion.

Zaynich, which also received marketing authorisation from India's Drugs Controller General on 27 May 2026, is indicated for the treatment of adults with complicated urinary tract infections caused by susceptible Gram-negative pathogens, including multidrug-resistant strains.

The approval, achieved with Qualified Infectious Disease Product, Fast Track, and Priority Review designations from the FDA, signals India's pharmaceutical sector's growing capacity to deliver breakthrough innovation-led therapies addressing one of the most urgent global public health challenges, antimicrobial resistance. [READ MORE](#)

India coffee exports surge 26.6% in January-April 2026 to 174,000 tonnes; robusta up 36%; record FY26 total of US\$ 2.13 billion

Coffee Board of India data shows India's coffee exports rose 26.6% in volume to 174,000 tonnes in January-April 2026, with robusta shipments climbing 36% to 85,168 tonnes, driven by firm demand from traditional European markets and emerging buyers in the Middle East and Asia.

In value terms, exports grew to US\$ 98.65 million over the period, with unit value realisation edging higher to US\$ 5,211 per tonne, reflecting both increased volumes and stronger price realisations for Indian varieties including robusta and Monsooned Malabar.

Full-year FY26 coffee exports reached a record US\$ 2.13 billion, a milestone achieved despite disruption to Gulf shipping routes in the final month of the financial year, and underpinned by a post-blossom production estimate of 403,000 tonnes for the 2025-26 crop year, the highest in India's coffee cultivation history. [READ MORE](#)



JATAYU NATURE PARK



CHADAYAMANGALAM,
KERALA, HINDISTAN

Jatayu Nature Park is a unique tourist destination and national park located in the Kollam district (Chadayamangalam) of Kerala, India. At the park's summit stands a colossal statue of the legendary bird "Jatayu," which plays a significant role in the Hindu epic Ramayana. Measuring 61 meters long, 46 meters wide, and 21 meters high, this structure is the world's largest functional bird statue.



INDIA HOSTED THE FIVE-DAY BRICS AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

India hosted the five-day BRICS Agriculture Conference in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 9 to 13 June 2026 under its 2026 BRICS Presidency, bringing together agriculture ministers and nearly 100 delegates from BRICS member and partner countries to deliberate on food security, farmer welfare, climate-resilient agriculture, agricultural trade, and digital farming.

India's Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan highlighted that BRICS nations account for nearly half the world's population, 42% of global agricultural land, and approximately 42% of global food production, and that the grouping hosts nearly 70% of the world's small and marginal farmers.

The conference concluded with the unanimous adoption of the Indore Declaration, which outlines four priority commitments, and announced four new institutional initiatives including a Network of Centres of Excellence for joint research on natural and regenerative farming, with India's Institute of Farming Systems Research as the lead institution. [READ MORE](#)

India EV market hits all-time high 7% passenger vehicle penetration in May 2026; two-wheeler EV share reaches 9.2%



As per official data, Electric vehicles reached an unprecedented 6.9% share of total passenger vehicle retail sales in India in May 2026, equivalent to 21,953 units out of 317,354 total passenger car sales, the highest monthly EV penetration ever recorded in the segment, up from 5.9% in March and 4.1% in January.

The two-wheeler segment recorded even stronger momentum, with electric models accounting for 9.2% of total two-wheeler sales in May, up from 7.9% in April, driven by a combination of rising conventional fuel prices, the rapid expansion of DC fast-charging infrastructure, and the growing elimination of range anxiety among buyers.

Industry analysts identify the convergence of higher petrol and diesel tariffs, affordable EV financing, and broader model availability as structural drivers that are accelerating India's transition to electric mobility across vehicle categories. [READ MORE](#)





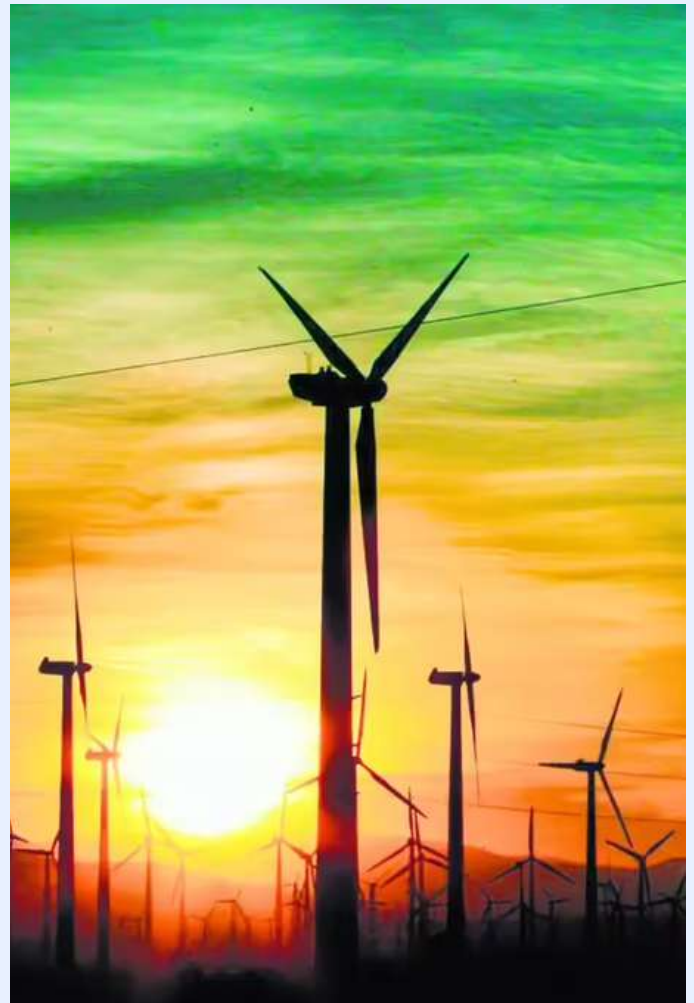
INDIA RANKS 3RD GLOBALLY IN RENEWABLE ENERGY INSTALLED CAPACITY PER IRENA 2026 STATISTICS; 283 GW NON-FOSSIL CAPACITY; RECORD 55.3 GW ADDED IN FY26

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency's Renewable Energy Statistics 2026, India has secured the third position globally in renewable energy installed capacity, moving ahead of Brazil, with a total non-fossil fuel capacity of 283.46 GW as of 31 March 2026, encompassing 150.26 GW of solar, 56.09 GW of wind, 51.41 GW of large hydro, 11.75 GW of bioenergy, and 8.78 GW of nuclear power.

India achieved a record non-fossil capacity addition of 55.3 GW in FY 2025-26, the highest annual increase ever recorded in the country's energy history and nearly double the 29.5 GW added in the previous year, with solar energy crossing the 150 GW cumulative milestone, five years ahead of India's 2030 NDC commitment.

India's solar capacity has grown from 2.8 GW in 2014 to over 155 GW, and the country has now achieved 50% of its cumulative installed power capacity from non-fossil sources.

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UPI SETS NEW ALL-TIME RECORD IN MAY 2026; 23.2 BILLION TRANSACTIONS WORTH US\$ 315 BILLION; 24% YOY GROWTH; NOW LIVE IN 8 COUNTRIES

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) processed a record 23.2 billion transactions valued at about US\$ 315 billion in May 2026, according to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India, marking the highest monthly transaction volume since UPI's launch in 2016 and a 24% year-on-year increase in volume and 19% increase in value.

The daily average reached 737.79 million transactions at a throughput of US\$ 8.89 billion per day, reflecting UPI's deepening penetration across person-to-person transfers, merchant payments, bill settlements, and everyday retail transactions in both urban and rural India.

UPI is now operational across eight countries, the UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, France, and Qatar, enabling Indian travellers and the diaspora to transact in local economies, reinforcing India's Digital Public Infrastructure as a globally exportable model.

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NITI AAYOG RELEASES INDIA'S FIRST 10-YEAR SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY ROADMAP; TARGETS US\$ 120-150 BILLION DOMESTIC VALUE CHAIN BY 2035

NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released India's first comprehensive 10-year semiconductor industry roadmap, charting a clear path from India's current status as a major chip consumer to its ambition of becoming an indispensable node in the global semiconductor value chain by 2035 with a target domestic value chain of US\$ 120-150 billion.

The roadmap adopts a "More-than-Moore" strategy, focusing on advanced semiconductor packaging, compound semiconductor manufacturing, full-stack domestic design intellectual property, and the creation of over 100 advanced semiconductor design IPs, directly reinforcing the priorities of India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 announced in the Union Budget 2026-27. The initiative marks India's strategic shift from ecosystem creation to deepening ecosystem capabilities across design, materials, manufacturing, packaging, talent development, and trusted global partnerships, aligned with the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision of technological sovereignty.

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META TO SET UP FIRST AI-ENABLED DATA CENTRE IN INDIA WITH RELIANCE INDUSTRIES IN GUJARAT

Meta Platforms and India's Reliance Industries announced on 10 June 2026 a partnership to develop Meta's first AI-enabled data centre in India, a 168-megawatt facility at Reliance's campus in Jamnagar, Gujarat, which Meta will lease with an option for future expansion and which Reliance will construct and operate as a single-window solutions provider covering design, construction, utility management, renewable power supply, and network connectivity.

The facility, expected to be ready within two years of the announcement, will run entirely on renewable energy and use desalinated seawater for cooling, with Meta bearing the full cost of energy and water.



Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg described it as a step that "will help us scale our AI infrastructure globally while deepening our long-term investment in India's economy."

The announcement positions Jamnagar as a globally significant AI infrastructure hub and adds Meta to a growing roster of technology majors, including Microsoft, Amazon, Google, and OpenAI, committing to large-scale AI and cloud investments in India. [READ MORE](#)

ISRO, Department of Atomic Energy collaborate on advanced lunar lander technology

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman V. Narayanan announced that ISRO and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) are jointly developing advanced artificial heating systems designed to extend the operational lifespan of future Indian lunar landers from the current 14 Earth days to as much as 100-200 days.



The collaboration addresses the fundamental challenge of surviving the Moon's extreme nocturnal environment, where temperatures plunge to approximately minus 129 degrees Celsius and the absence of sunlight renders solar-powered systems inoperative, conditions that caused Chandrayaan-3's Vikram lander to cease functioning after one lunar day following its historic south pole landing in August 2023. [READ MORE](#)

If successful, the technology would enable India's future missions to conduct extended experiments across multiple lunar day-night cycles, placing India alongside the United States and China in the development of long-duration lunar exploration capabilities and advancing India's Space Vision 2047 goals.

EMBASSY AND CONSULATE UPDATES





Consul General of India, Istanbul visits Yeditepe University; academic collaboration discussed

The Consul General of India, Istanbul called on Founding President Bedrettin Dalan and Rector Prof. Dr. Mehmet Durman at Yeditepe University, Istanbul, with discussions focused on avenues of academic collaboration, international student exchanges, and joint academic initiatives between Indian and Turkish institutions of higher learning.

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NEWLY ELECTED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS OF INDIA ASSOCIATION, ISTANBUL CALLS ON AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA



The newly elected executive committee of the Friends of India Association (FOIA), Istanbul, called on Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi at the Embassy of India in Ankara; the Ambassador extended warm congratulations to the new office bearers and discussed forthcoming activities to strengthen the Indian community's engagement in Türkiye.

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AMBASSADOR PARDESHI ATTENDS KOÇ GROUP CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN ANKARA; CALLS FOR GREATER INDIA-TÜRKİYE BUSINESS COLLABORATION

Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi attended Koç Group's centenary event in Ankara, extending congratulations on the conglomerate's journey from a family business to a global enterprise; he noted having earlier visited the Group's headquarters and met CEO Levent Çakıroğlu, and expressed hope for greater business collaboration between Koç Group and India in the years ahead.

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World Environment Day: Embassy of India, Ankara organises tree plantation drive under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam (5 June)

On World Environment Day, the Embassy of India, Ankara, led by Ambassador Pardeshi and joined by yoga practitioners in Türkiye, organised a special tree plantation drive under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative, reaffirming India's commitment to environmental protection and connecting the global campaign to Turkey's local community of wellness practitioners.

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IDY 2026 Curtain Raiser: Consulate General of India and Tuzla Municipality host yoga event at Mercan City Park, Istanbul

The Consulate General of India, Istanbul, in collaboration with Tuzla Municipality, organised the curtain raiser event for the International Day of Yoga 2026 at the scenic Mercan City Park, Tuzla, drawing the enthusiastic participation of over 200 yoga enthusiasts and marking the start of a fortnight of IDY celebrations across Türkiye. [READ MORE](#)

INDIA-TÜRKİYE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION INAUGURATED AT LANDMARK MEETING IN ISTANBUL; TO FUNCTION AS BILATERAL BUSINESS CHAMBER

The Embassy of India, Ankara and the Consulate General of India, Istanbul convened the inaugural meeting to launch the India-Türkiye Business Association in Istanbul, bringing together Indian and Turkish investors to deliberate on the Association's charter and vision, with Ambassador Pardeshi underscoring the need for an active, business-led body to advocate for stronger commercial ties between the two nations. The Association, envisaged to function as a bilateral business chamber, will be formally launched in the coming months and represents a significant institutional step toward enhancing trade flows between India and Türkiye. [READ MORE](#)



INDIA'S COMMERCIAL OFFICER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE MACHINERY EXHIBITION AT TÜYAP, ISTANBUL (9-13 JUNE)

India's Commercial Officer Moin Akhtar attended the opening ceremony of the International Textile Machinery Exhibition held at the Tüyap Fair and Convention Centre, Istanbul, from 9 to 13 June 2026, reflecting India's active engagement with Türkiye's textile manufacturing and machinery sector. [READ MORE](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2026: INDIA'S DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CELEBRATE ACROSS TÜRKİYE IN TEN CITIES (10-14 JUNE)



India's Embassy and Consulate General held International Day of Yoga 2026 events across Türkiye in a sustained fortnight of celebration under this year's theme "Yoga for Healthy Ageing," with yoga sessions organised in partnership with local municipalities and institutions in Edirne (10 June, 15 Temmuz Demokrasi ve Cumhuriyet Parkı), Bursa-Nilüfer (11 June, İbrahim Yazıcı Stadium), Fethiye (12-13 June, with a screening of the Indian film English Vinglish, a sunset yoga session and an Ayush Ahaar session), Kars (first-ever yoga event in the city, at Lake Çıldır), Tokat (Silk Road Museum Hotel), Bodrum (Sabancı Parkı, continuing an annual tradition), Ankara (Atakule Grass Terrace and a special session for Defence Attachés posted in Ankara), Samsun (Doğu Park, Canik) and Üsküdar-Istanbul (Nakkaştepe Millet Bahçesi overlooking the Bosphorus). [READ MORE](#)

The breadth of the programme — spanning cities from the Black Sea coast to the Aegean and Eastern Anatolia — reflects the deepening grassroots cultural presence of India across Türkiye.



TEPAV RELEASES STUDY ON INCREASING ECONOMIC SYNERGIES BETWEEN INDIA AND TÜRKİYE; AMBASSADOR PARDESHI CONTRIBUTES FOREWORD

The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Türkiye (TEPAV) released a study titled "Increasing Economic Synergies between India and Türkiye," with Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi contributing the foreword; the report was presented to a wider audience at an Embassy event with TEPAN's Director of Energy and Climate Change Studies, Mühdan Sağlam, in attendance, marking a significant think-tank contribution to the India–Türkiye economic partnership agenda. [READ MORE](#)



