We should remove barriers for legitimate maritime trade. Global prosperity depends on the active flow of maritime trade. Any hindrance in maritime trade can threaten the global economy

- PM MODI

PM Narendra Modi held talks with PM Scott Morrison ahead of Quad summit

PM Narendra Modi and Australia’s PM Scott Morrison held their first in-person meeting ahead of the first in-person summit of Quad. They discussed an entire range of issues including the recently launched military alliance of Australia, the UK and USA called AUKUS, which aims chiefly to equip Australia with nuclear-powered submarines for deployment in the Indo-Pacific region.
PM Modi says need to settle maritime disputes peacefully

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, chairing a high-level United Nations Security Council open debate, put forward five principles, including removing barriers for maritime trade and peaceful settlement of disputes. The meeting was attended by several heads of member states of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), and high-level experts from the UN and key regional organizations.


India, Australia sign ‘Joint Guidance’ for naval cooperation

A ‘Joint Guidance for the Australia – India Navy to Navy Relationship’ document was signed between the Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy on 18 August 2021. The signing ceremony was held virtually between Adm Karambir Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff, Indian Navy and Vice Admiral Michael J Noonan, Chief of Navy, Australian Navy.


Modi meets Tony Abbott: both vow to strengthen economic cooperation

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met former Australian Prime Minister The Hon. Tony Abbott on 5 August 2021 and discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation to realize the full potential of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Read more: https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/pm-modi-meets-former-australian-pm-tony-abbott-discusses-ways-to-strengthen-bilateral-trade-1837392-2021-08-05

First India-Australia Joint Working Group (JWG) on ‘Coal and Mines’

The first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on ‘Coal and Mines’ between India and Australia was held, virtually, on 23rd September 2021. This was co-chaired by Mr. Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal, from the Indian side and by Mr. Paul Trotman, Head of Resources Division from the Australian side.

PM Modi encourages leading American CEOs to invest in India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met a group of five top American corporate leaders from diverse sectors ranging from drones to 5G, semiconductor, and solar and encouraged them to step up their investments by highlighting the vast opportunities in India. During the meeting, PM Modi elaborated on India's efforts to harness solar energy, including the 'One world, One sun and One grid' initiative and investment opportunities in the renewable sector. By highlighting the vast opportunities in India, PM Modi encouraged the CEOs of Qualcomm Ventures, Adobe, First Solar, General Atomics and Blackstone to step up their investments in the country.


CoWIN goes global: India makes tech open source, 142 nations show interest

India is making its digital platform for Covid19 vaccination drive, CoWIN, open source for all countries to access, adapt and use. This is the first time that any country is making a software platform developed by its public sector open for the world. By making the Co-WIN platform available to the world, India is also taking a stand that will be unique to the world. Highlighting the importance of technology in fight against the pandemic, PM Modi, said, India had made its Covid tracking and tracing app Aarogya Setu open source as soon as it becomes technically feasible. The conclave was attended by representatives of 142 countries.


Monash University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences sign strategic agreement

Educational ties between Australia and India have been bolstered with the signing of a strategic partnership between Monash University in Melbourne and Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai. The TISS-Monash Strategic Partnership Agreement will involve a number of initiatives including research collaborations, educational programs, industry partnerships and a joint PhD program between the two institutions. It was signed virtually on 2 August 2021 at Monash University’s Clayton campus.


"India has been committed to its experiences, expertise and resources with the global community despite constraints." - PM MODI
Independence Day 2021: PM Modi calls for 'Sabka Prayas'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked the 75th year of Independence from the iconic Red Fort as he laid out the roadmap for the next two years and called on Indians to participate in “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. Pitching for a ‘100 per cent India’, PM Modi said it is essential to fully utilize the country’s capabilities to take it to new heights in the 21st century. He added, “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayaas is very important to achieve India’s goal.

PM Modi launches National Hydrogen Mission to boost India's fight against climate change

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) aiming to make India a global hub for the production and export of green hydrogen. Increasing concerns over the issue of climate change and the potential of hydrogen as a game changer in the energy arena may become driving efforts by nations to induct hydrogen to achieve the target of becoming a low-carbon economy. The proposal for National Hydrogen Mission was made in the Budget 2021 to launch NHM that would enable the generation of hydrogen “from green power sources”.

India set to play major role in global energy transition to renewables

India is poised to play an important role in the 21st century global energy system. The third largest energy consumer is projected to account for the largest increase in energy demand of any country worldwide over the next two decades. In 2014, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and his government focused on the expansion of the country’s renewable energy capacity. In 2015, he set a goal for India to have a renewable energy capacity of 175 GW by 2020 which was raised to 450 GW by 2030 in 2019.

India gets Asia’s longest and world’s fifth longest High Speed Track for automobiles

Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises shri Prakash Javadekar inaugurated NATRAX- the High-Speed Track (HST) in Indore which is the longest such track in Asia. NATRAX, developed in an area of 1000 acres of land, is a one stop solution for all sorts of high-speed performance tests for widest categories of vehicles from 2 wheelers to heavy tractor trailers. Indian Minister of State for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, said, the Government is promoting manufacturing and automobile industry as it will help empowering the nation at a larger scale.


Read more: https://www.ibef.org/news/india/india-gets-asias-longest-and-worlds-fifth-longest-high-speed-track-for-automobiles
Indian startup funding in the first half of 2021 exceeds 2020 levels, expected to touch record levels in 2021

Indian startup funding in the first six months of the year (H1 2021) touched $10.1 billion, already exceeding the $9.94 billion raised in the whole of last year. This, thanks to growing investor confidence in a more mature Indian startup ecosystem that is seeing an increase in the number of seasoned second-time entrepreneurs and a surge in new unicorn additions amidst a rise in more global innovations and solutions being built.

Read more: https://yourstory.com/2021/07/indian-startup-funding-h1-2021-exceeds-2020-level/amp

At $608.99 Billion, India emerges as 5th largest forex reserves holder In the World

With $608.99 billion in foreign exchange reserves as of June 25, 2021, India has become the world’s fifth-largest foreign exchange reserve holder. Pankaj Chaudhary, Minister of State for Finance, said, the Government and the Reserve Bank of India are actively monitoring the country’s evolving external position and fine-tuning policies and regulations to ensure strong macroeconomic growth.


India’s defence exports estimated at Rs 38,500 cr. since 2014-15

India exported military hardware and systems worth Rs 38,500 crore in the last seven years. Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said the major items exported during 2014-15 and 2020-21 included armoured protection vehicles, weapons locating radar, light-weight torpedo and fire control systems and tear gas launchers.

Read more: https://www.indiatoday.in/trending-news/story/oxford-takes-a-cue-from-pm-modi-s-atmanirbhar-bharat-push-includes-atmanirbhartha-as-a-word-1765092-2021-02-02

India’s Solar Learning Curve Inspires action across the World

India set itself an ambitious target of 100 gigawatts (GW) of solar generation capacity by 2022. That would be a boon for its commercial and industrial consumers, who account for 74% of installed energy capacity, compared with 13% of installed capacity for residential customers and public sector organizations.


“Never dream of becoming something, if you dream, dream of doing something.”

- PM MODI
GOI developed mechanism for Online Trading of Energy Saving Certificates

As part of “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav”, Ministry of Power issued Energy Saving Certificates to best performing Industrial units. Shri Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power handed out more than 57 lacs Energy Saving Certificates to 349 industrial units because they saved more energy than the targets. Addressing the gathering, Shri Alok Kumar emphasized that all these initiatives will go a long way to make India more energy-efficient, and it will form a replicable model across the globe.


India records 572% growth in grant of Patents in last 7 years

According to Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Mr. Piyush Goyal, India records 572% growth in grant of Patents in last 7 years. Mr. Goyal said that Intellectual Property Rights translates into India’s progress in real-time and extend Intellectual Property Right to India’s Prosperity Right. Mr. Goyal further added that Intellectual property is the cornerstone of nation’s progress & showcases ingenuity of our youth.


From Tata to Tesla, India can be a global hub for electric vehicles

India presents an investment opportunity of US$177 billion for OEMs in electric vehicle production. Tesla, one of the global leaders in electric vehicles, is looking at a plant location in Karnataka and Tata Motors is also working on a plan to develop electric vehicles.

Read more: https://indbiz.gov.in/from-tata-to-tesla-how-india-can-be-a-global-hub-for-electric-vehicles/

India added three 'unicorns' per month in 2021: Hurun report

India is home to a total of 51 unique unicorns as it had added an average of three unicorns every month over the 2021, said the Hurun Research Institute in a report titled ‘Hurun India Future Unicorn List 2021’. The report also found that India added 25 unicorns to the list in 2021 alone.

100 percent FDI through Automatic Route cleared in Telecom Sector

The Union Cabinet of India, on 15 September 2021, announced approval for 100 percent foreign direct investment (FDI) in the telecom sector with safeguards. The announcement is a part of the comprehensive package for Telecom sector reforms. Till date, only 49 percent investment was allowed through the automatic route, while beyond that had to be routed through the government.

Read more: https://indbiz.gov.in/100-percent-fdi-through-automatic-route-cleared-in-telecom-sector/

PM Modi felicitates Olympic players

Indian players who represented India at the Tokyo Olympics were felicitated by PM Mr Narendra Modi at a special ceremony at his residence on 17 August 2021. The Players also took part in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration at prestigious Red Fort on August 15, 2021. PM Modi appreciated the performance of the Olympians at Tokyo 2020. India ended with a record haul of seven medals with Neeraj Chopra winning the first ever gold medal in athletics. Ms. Sindhu became the first woman to win back to back medals in an Olympics while Mr. Bajrang Punia and Mr. Ravi Kumar Dahiya won medals in their maiden Summer Games. The Indian men’s hockey team also won a medal (bronze) after 41 years.


India jumps to 46th position on Global Innovation Index

India has climbed two spots to 46 in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2021 prepared by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). From 81 in 2015, it has moved to 46 in 2021. India attributed its improved performance due to the pivotal role played by the Department of Atomic Energy, the Department of Science and Technology, the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Space.


India's total vaccination coverage crosses 100 crore doses

India Welcomes Decision By Australian Authorities To Return Indian Artefacts

The National Gallery of Australia (NGA) has announced that it will return 14 works of art to the Indian government, after finding that they were likely stolen artefacts. The gallery said that six bronze or stone sculptures, six photographs, a painted scroll and a brass processional standard from its Asian art collection will be sent back to India.


Harappan city of Dholavira listed among UNESCO World Heritage sites

The Harappan city of Dholavira in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch has found a place in UNESCO’s World Heritage list, making it the 40th world heritage property in the country. It is one of the very few well-preserved urban settlements in south Asia dating from the 3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE. Spread over 22 hectare, the Harappan-era metropolis is the fifth largest archaeological site of the Indus Valley Civilisation, dating back to around 3000 BC and is believed to have been occupied till 1500 BC.

Read more: https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/harappan-era-city-dholavira-inscribed-on-unesco-world-heritage-list-7424926/

New academic chair to be appointed for research into Ayurvedic medicine

Western Sydney University will be the first Australian university to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Government’s Ministry of AYUSH to appoint an Academic Chair in Ayurvedic Medicine. The collaboration will build capacity for the evidence-based validation of Ayurvedic medicine and aligned inventions, such as, Ayurveda herbal medicine, yoga and meditation.

Read more: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/newscentre/more_news_stories/new_academic_chair_to_be_appointed_for_research_into_ayurvedic_medicine

Rudreswara Temple on UNESCO’s World Heritage List

In yet another landmark achievement, India’s nomination of Rudreswara Temple, (also known as the Ramappa Temple) at Palampet, Mulugu district, near Warangal in the state of Telangana has been inscribed on UNESCO’s World Heritage list. The decision was taken at the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO. The temple was proposed by the Government as its only nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage site tag for the year 2019.

PM Modi lauds ‘Sydney Sanskrit School’ for nurturing language and knowledge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the global Indian Diaspora to cherish and preserve the Sanskrit language. In his signature monthly radio program ‘Mann ki Baat,’ PM Modi’s lauded the efforts of Sydney Sanskrit School where the Sanskrit language is taught to a large number of students. The school also organise programs like Sanskrit Grammar Camp, Sanskrit Plays and Sanskrit Day.


Janmashtami 2021: How other places celebrated the festival

Janmashtami is celebrated across the world by the devotees of Lord Krishna. This year, Janmashtami was celebrated on 30 August 2021. While people of India enjoy and celebrate the festival with full enthusiasm, the occasion is celebrated widely in different parts of the world as well. In Bangladesh, Janmashtami is a special festival for people and the day also marks a national holiday. There happens to be a big celebration in the main temple of the country, Dhakeshwari Temple in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh.

Read more: https://www.financialexpress.com/lifestyle/janmashtami-2021-heres-how-bangladesh-other-places-celebrated-the-festival/2321954/

PM Modi hosts Paraolympians

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hosted the Indian Contingent of Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games and congratulated them for their record-breaking historic performance at the Games. He said that their achievement will significantly boost the morale of the entire sporting community in the country, and budding sports persons will feel encouraged to come forward to take up sports. He added that their performance has led to awareness about sports increasing leaps and bounds.


Puri RathYatra 2021 in Odisha

Rath Yatra or Jatra is the celebration of the Lord Jagannath, who is believed to be the Lord of Universe’s journey towards his aunt’s house. Though it is a Hindu shrine, but this chariot festival is not associated with any denomination of Hinduism entirety, though there are several common aspects with Vaishnavaism Saivism, Shaktism, Buddhism and Jainism. Jagannath Rath Yatra is more than five thousand years old, and the most spiritual thing is, the celebration follows all the same rituals from its starting.

Read more: https://www.rathyatra.net/
High Commissioner Shri Manpreet Vohra paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

Flag Hoisting ceremony at HCI Canberra on the occasion of 75th Independence Day of India.

High Commissioner spoke on the future of India’s role in the world at National Security College, Australia.

Consul General spoke on relevance of Gandhian Values in 21st Century.

Floral tribute paid to Mahatma at University of New South Wales.

Consul General paid floral tribute to Mahatma at Jubilee Park, Parramatta.
Flag Hoisting ceremony at CGI Sydney on the occasion of 75th Independence Day of India.

City of Parramatta, Strathfield Council, and Wollongong City Council hoisted Flag of India on India’s 75th Independence Day.

People joined the “Unitython-Walk for Unity” at the iconic Sydney Opera House and Harbor Bridge.


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