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**India at COP26: Five Big Commitments Made by PM Modi at the UN
Climate Change Summit**



Speaking at the conference, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced some tough measures to curb India's share in emissions, and made new climate commitments at the High-Level Segment for Heads of State and Government at COP26. He deemed the following climate goals as the 'five elixirs' towards limiting the rising temperatures:

- 1: India will increase its non-fossil capacity to 500 gigawatt by 2030.
- 2: India will meet 50% of its energy needs from renewable sources.
- 3: India will reduce at least one billion tonnes of total projected emissions between now and 2030.
- 4: India will reduce the country's carbon intensity to less than 45%.
- 5: India will achieve a net-zero emissions target by 2070.

PM Modi launches India-led initiative to bolster infra in small island nations

During COP-26 in Glasgow, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Initiative 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' (IRIS) for developing infrastructure of small island nations, stating that it gives a new hope, a new confidence and satisfaction of doing a little for the most vulnerable nations. Declaring that the Small Island Developing States or SIDS face the biggest threat from climate change, PM Modi stated India's space agency ISRO will build a special data window for these countries to deliver them timely information about cyclones, coral-reef monitoring, coast-line monitoring etc. through satellites. The launch was attended by UK PM Boris Johnson, Australian PM Scott Morrison and UN Secretary General, Mr. Antonio Guterres.

Solar energy capacity increased 17 times in 7 years; now at 45 GW



India's solar energy capacity stands at ~45 gigawatts, an increase of 17X in the last seven years, stated the country while presenting its third Biennial Update Report (BUR) in the 11th Facilitative Sharing of Views (FSV) at the COP26 climate summit. In February, the country submitted the BUR to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The key highlight of the dialogue on India's third BUR was the substantial growth of its solar programme and achievement of 24% decrease in emission intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) between 2005 and 2014. India has taken various mitigation initiatives for a sustainable roadmap to development actions. The initiatives span across all the sectors in the country covering the entire society. (Source: IBEF: November 8, 2021.

Govt includes CNG, LNG, 98 other advanced tech under auto PLI scheme



The Union government added more than 100 advanced technologies, including alternate fuel systems such as compressed natural gas (CNG), under the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the automobiles. Bharat Stage VI compliant flex fuel engines, electronic control units (ECU) for safety, advanced driver assist system, e-quadracycle, among others will additionally be covered under the PLI scheme. The scheme intends to enhance manufacturing capability of the automobile sector, including the electric and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles. In September 2021, the Union Cabinet had approved the scheme with an outlay of Rs. 25,938 crore (~US\$ 3.5 billion). The scheme intends to incentivise high-value advanced automotive technology vehicles and products such as sunroofs, adaptive frontlighting, automatic braking, tyre pressure monitoring system, and collision warning systems, among others for the automobile industry. The incentive structure intends to promote industry to make fresh investments for indigenous global supply chains of advanced automotive technology products. (Source: IBEF: November 12, 2021)

1st India – Luxembourg Foreign Office Consultations



The first ever Foreign Office Consultations between India and Luxembourg were held on 12 November 2021 in Luxembourg. They were co-chaired by Ms. Reenat Sandhu, Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Ms. Sylvie Lucas, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Luxembourg. The Consultations were institutionalized as an outcome of the virtual bilateral Summit between H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India and H.E. Mr. Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg in November 2020. Both sides reviewed the recent developments in India-Luxembourg relations in light of the positive impetus given to the bilateral ties by the Virtual Summit. The Co-Chairs held wide ranging discussions on all aspects of bilateral relations and on ways to further expand economic links and deepen cooperation in areas of finance, steel, space, ICT, innovation, start-ups, manufacturing, automotive, sustainable development, renewable energy, and the fight against climate change.

InDialogue Festival as part of India-Week was celebrated at Ghent & Leuven in Belgium

Ambassador Santosh Jha inaugurated the first edition of the week long InDialogue festival supported by Embassy of India, Brussels in Ghent as part of India-Week in Belgium on 23 November 2021. The inaugural event consisted of a business seminar titled "Catching the Indian Tiger" and rendition of 'The Rite of Spring'

choreographed by Ms. Seeta Patel. Other shows like Bombay Express by Bollylicious and "Junun" by Shye Ben Tzur & Rajasthan Express were witnessed by large gatherings in Ghent and Leuven. The festival consisted of music & dance performances, academic seminars, film screenings and business events. InDialogue 2021 ended in Leuven on 27 November with a captivating performance of "Junun" by Shye Ben Tzur & Rajasthan Express.



Organized Ayurveda Day in the Embassy on the occasion of National Ayurveda Day

Embassy of India in Brussels organized Ayurveda Day in the Embassy on November 2, 2021. Ambassador Santosh Jha addressed the participants followed by a speech by Ms. Bernadette Erpicum, President, Vidonne asbl. As a follow-up of the International Day of Yoga, Ambassador Santosh Jha gifted yoga mats, supported by

Vidonne asbl and Vinyl Plus, to more than twenty hospitals and health associations in Brussels to thank the staff of hospitals for their efforts during the Covid-19 crisis. A presentation on the nutritional value of Ayurveda and its growth in Europe and Belgium was made by Dr. Vidya Shembule, Ayurveda doctor. The event was well attended by an audience of yoga and Ayurveda practitioners and experts in Belgium, European Commission officials, and representatives of some local hospitals.



Embassy of India, Brussels in collaboration with the European Yoga Institute organized a two-day yoga Workshop

As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Embassy of India, Brussels in association with Mr. Feroze Khan of the European Yoga Institute organized a two-day yoga Workshop in the Embassy on 13-14 November. The workshop was based on the theme of Yoga at work.



Embassy of India, Brussels celebrated Constitution Day

Embassy of India celebrated Constitution Day on 26 November 2021. Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas is celebrated on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26 November 1949. On the occasion of Constitution Day, Ambassador Santosh Jha led the officials of the Embassy of India, Brussels in reading out the preamble of the Constitution of India. On the occasion Mission also organized an online quiz on Constitutional Democracy for children of Indian diaspora.

