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Let noble thoughts come to us from  
all directions in the universe

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### PM addressed at the 5th edition of VivaTech

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered the keynote address via video conference as the guest of honour at the 5th edition of VivaTech on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, one of the largest digital and start-up events in Europe held in Paris every year since 2016. The Prime Minister said that digital partnership, from start-ups to quantum computing, had emerged as a key priority, and that where convention fails; innovation helps between India and Europe.

"India offers what innovators & investors need"

PM MODI AT THE 5TH EDITION OF VivaTech

- India's strides in the world of tech and start-up are well-known. Our nation is home to one of the world's largest start-up ecosystems
- I invite the world to invest in India based on the 5 pillars of Talent, Market, Capital, Eco-system & Culture of openness
- Indian tech-talent pool is famous across the world. Indian youth have given tech solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems
- Data consumption in India is among the highest & cheapest in the world. There is a diverse and extensive market that awaits you

"Where convention fails, innovation helps. It was innovation that came to the rescue during COVID-19"

PM MODI AT THE 5TH EDITION OF VivaTech

- India and France have been working closely on a wide range of subjects. It is the need of the hour that such cooperation continues to grow further
- India's universal and unique biometric digital identity system, 'Aadhar' helped us to provide timely financial support to the poor
- Our indigenous IT platform, Arogya-Setu enabled effective contact tracing. Our Co-WIN digital platform helped ensure vaccines to millions
- Had we not been innovating, our COVID-19 fight would have been much weaker. We must not abandon this innovative zeal for being better prepared for the next challenge

"This pandemic offers a chance to build a more inclusive, caring & sustainable future for all"

PM MODI AT THE 5TH EDITION OF VivaTech

- The challenges our planet faces can only be overcome with a collective spirit and a human centric approach
- We have to continue repairing our health infrastructure & economies. This pandemic is not only a test of our resilience, but also of our imagination
- History has shown that leadership in new technology drives economic strength, jobs & prosperity. Our partnerships must also serve a larger purpose, the service of humanity
- I call upon the start-up community to take the lead in solving our planet's challenges. The start-up space is dominated by youngsters & they are best placed to power global transformation

### Prime Minister took part in G7 Summit:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took part in two sessions titled 'Building Back Together – Open Societies and Economies' and 'Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature' in the G7 Summit held on 12 & 13 June 2021. In the session on Open Societies, PM shared the concern expressed by several leaders that open societies are particularly vulnerable to disinformation and

PM at the 47<sup>th</sup> G7 Summit  
Session on Building Back Stronger

- Called for global unity, leadership and solidarity and emphasized the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies to prevent future pandemics.
- Highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising efforts of all levels of government, industry & civil society.
- Spoke of India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing & vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise.
- Expressed India's commitment to support collective endeavours to improve global health governance.
- Sought G7's support for proposal moved by India and South Africa at the WTO for a TRIPS waiver

Today's Meeting Should Send Out a Message of  
**One Earth One Health**  
for the Whole World  
-PM Modi at the G7 Summit 2021

Key Highlights

- The session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics
- PM highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of the govt, industry & civil society
- PM Modi explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing & vaccine management; conveyed India's willingness to share its experience & expertise with other developing countries
- Calling for global unity, leadership, & solidarity, PM emphasized the responsibility of democratic & transparent societies for 'One Earth One Health'

Dated: 12 June, 2021

cyber-attacks, and stressed the need to ensure that cyberspace remains an avenue for advancing democratic values and not of subverting it. PM called for the reform of the multilateral system as the best signal of commitment to the cause of open societies.

## Indian Railways on way to become “Largest Green Railways” in the world with Zero Carbon Emission

Indian Railways (IR) is working in mission mode to become the largest Green Railways in the world and is moving towards becoming a “net zero carbon emitter” before 2030. IR’s Dedicated Freight Corridors are being developed as a low carbon green transportation network with a long-term low carbon roadmap, which will enable it to adopt more energy efficient and carbon-friendly technologies, processes and practices.

## India Launches Global Initiative For Clean Energy Innovation

India launched the Innovation CleanTech Exchange Mission, a global initiative to create a incubators network across member countries on 2 June 2021 to boost clean energy innovation. The network was launched at the Innovating to Net Zero Summit, Chile to offer market insights and expertise access to help new technologies access new markets globally. The key stakeholders of this network have highlighted the importance of technology and innovation in achieving ambitious climate goals. They also committed to design a National Innovation Pathways to enhance determination to clean energy technologies and/or sectors to meet their climate and energy goals by 2030.

**LATEST UPDATE**

**Indian Railways to Become 'Largest Green Railways' In the World**

- Steps taken ranges from massive electrification, water & paper conservation, to saving animals from being injured on tracks
- 19 Railway Stations achieved Green Certification including 3 Platinum, 6 Gold & 6 Silver ratings
- 27 railway buildings, offices, campuses also Certified Green including 15 Platinum, 9 Gold and 2 Silver ratings
- 600 stations certified for implementation of the EMS\* to ISO: 14001 in the last two years

\*Environment Management System

Dated: 04 June, 2021

## India-EU Joint Naval Exercise

On 18-19 June 2021, the EU and India conducted a joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Aden. The exercise involved Indian Navy frigate INS Trikand, EU NAVFOR Somalia - Operation Atalanta assets, including Italian frigate Carabiniere (Atalanta's flagship) and Spanish frigate Navarra, French frigate Surcouf and French amphibious assault helicopter





carrier Tonnerre. The exercise was based on the scenario of an anti-piracy operation. It included cross-deck helicopter landings, complex tactical evolutions at sea, live firing, a night-time joint patrol and a naval parade in the high seas off the coast of Somalia. The EU and India are committed to a free, open, inclusive and rules-based order in the Indo-Pacific region, underpinned by respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, democracy, rule of law, transparency, freedom of navigation and overflight, unimpeded lawful commerce, and peaceful resolution of disputes. They reaffirm the primacy of international law, including the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

**7<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga –Embassy of India, Brussels celebrated IDY 2021**

“The Mantra of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” which India has followed since ages, is now finding global acceptance. We all are praying for each other’s well-being. If there are threats to humanity, Yoga often gives us a way of holistic health. Yoga also gives us a happier way of life. I am sure, Yoga will continue playing its preventive, as well as positive role in health care of masses.



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IDY Celebrations- Online Workshop



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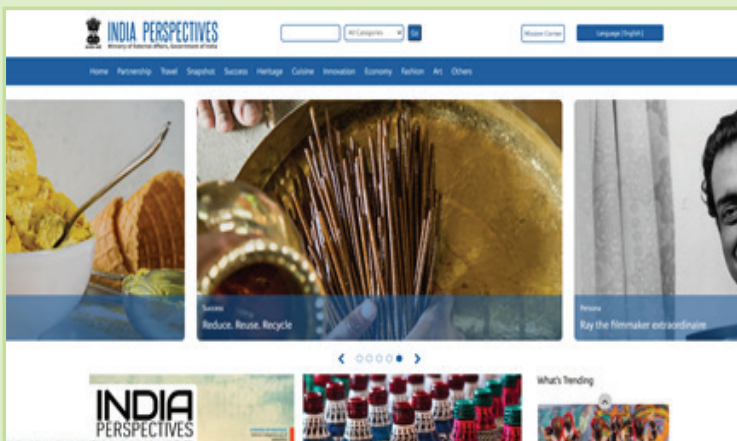
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Namaskaram to the people of Brussels  
Yoga for Wellbeing by Isha Foundation

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