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

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**PM Narendra Modi calls for global alliances to tackle climate change
at the World Sustainable Development Summit**



The Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi delivered the inaugural address at the Energy and Resources Institute's World Sustainable Development Summit. The theme for this year was: 'Towards a Resilient Planet : Ensuring a Sustainable and Equitable Future'.

Mr. Modi encouraged academic and research institutes like TERI to find scalable solutions in order to realize the potential of green hydrogen.

Furthermore, he recalled that environment and sustainable development have been key focus areas for him all through his 20 years in office, first in Gujarat and now at the national level.

External Affairs Minister of India (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar visit to France for the Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum held in Paris

EAM of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Paris from 20th to 23rd February and held bilateral talks with his French counterpart Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs. Both sides adopted the "India-France Roadmap on the Blue Economy and Ocean Governance", which aims at enhancing partnership in the field of blue economy by way of institutional, economic, infrastructure and scientific cooperation.

Dr Jaishankar had meetings also with other French dignitaries, EU Commissioners, as well as with his counterparts from other Indo-Pacific countries participating in the EU Indo-Pacific Forum.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar

Delighted to call on President @EmmanuelMacron of France. Conveyed greetings of PM @narendramodi .

Our discussions reflected the full spirit of our strategic partnership. We will cooperate closely in the Indo-Pacific.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar

Arrived in Paris.

Held wide-ranging and productive talks with FM @JY_LeDrian.

Discussions on bilateral cooperation, Ukraine situation, Indo-Pacific and JCPOA reflected our deep trust & global partnership.

Look forward to participating in EU Ministerial Forum on Indo-Pacific.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar

Pleasure to meet Defence Minister @florence_parly.

As trusted strategic partners, discussed contemporary developments. Convergence in our outlook and interests was visible.

Affirmed our commitment to cooperate on new and emerging security challenges.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
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Great to catch up with my friend FM @NikosDendias of Greece.

An insightful conversation on the current global situation.



Participation of External Affairs Minister of India in the Munich Security Conference

External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar participated in the Munich Security Conference (MSC). He had bilateral meetings with Foreign Ministers and senior delegates attending MSC. At MSC, he participated in a panel discussion on the Indo-Pacific and he lead discussions at an Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) event, being hosted by CGI Munich and the Observer Research Foundation on the sidelines of MSC.



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A great conversation with the @EPP group of MEPs @ManfredWeber , @gahler_michael , @radeksikorski and @EvaMaydell .

An open discussion on transparency, reliable supply chains and the world order.

Committed to stronger India-EU cooperation.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar

A wide ranging discussion with German Foreign Minister @ABaerbock.

Focused on climate action and SDGs, bilaterally and globally.

Covered Afghanistan, Indo Pacific and Ukraine.

Looking forward to building further on today's meeting.





Dr. S. Jaishankar
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Happy to see my friend Dr. [@AnzeLog](#) again. Recalled my memorable visit to Slovenia in September 2021.

Discussed our bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Exchanged views on global trends.



Dr. S. Jaishankar
@DrSJaishankar



Delighted to meet Austrian FM [@a_schallenberg](#).

Indulged in some Delhi nostalgia. Talked about bilateral and regional issues.

Hoping to see him in India soon.



The Government of India made several big announcements in its 2022-2023 Budget



The Finance Minister said, India is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and it has entered into Amrit Kaal, the 25-year-long leadup to India@100, the government aims to attain the vision of Prime Minister outlined in his Independence Day address and they are:

- Complementing the macro-economic level growth focus with a micro-economic level all-inclusive welfare focus

- Promoting digital economy & fintech, technology enabled development, energy transition, and climate action
- Relying on virtuous cycle starting from private investment with public capital investment helping to crowd-in private investment.

The overall, sharp rebound and recovery of the economy from the adverse effects of the pandemic is reflective of our country's strong resilience.

- India's economic growth estimated at 9.2% to be the highest among all large economies.
- 60 lakh new jobs to be created under the productivity linked incentive scheme in 14 sectors.
- PLI Schemes have the potential to create an additional production of Rs 30 lakh crore.
- Entering Amrit Kaal, the 25 year long lead up to India@100, the budget provides impetus for growth along four priorities:
 1. PM GatiShakti
 2. Inclusive Development
 3. Productivity Enhancement & Investment, Sunrise opportunities, Energy Transition, and Climate Action.
 4. Financing of investments
- Public Capital Investment: Outlay for capital expenditure stepped up sharply by 35.4% to Rs. 7.50 lakh crore in 2022-23 from Rs. 5.54 lakh crore in the current year. Outlay in 2022-23 to be 2.9% of GDP.

India and UAE sign the historic CEPA on 18th February 2022



India and UAE signed the historic Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) aimed at boosting the merchandise trade between the two countries to US\$ 100 billion over next five years. The deal was signed during the virtual summit meeting between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

The first meeting of the India EC/ EMA Joint Technical Working Group on Ayurveda

The meeting was held virtually by the Ministry of Ayush and EU Medicines Agency. Both sides adopted the Terms Of Reference of TWG. The aim of this meeting was to discuss ways to deepen the understanding of Ayurveda, Ayurvedic products and Herbal Medicine regulatory aspects in India and the European Union.

The launch of the logo to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Belgium



The Ambassador of Belgium to India H.E. Mr. François Delhay and Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, Joint Secretary, Europe West Division of Ministry of External Affairs, launched the logo for 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Belgium.