

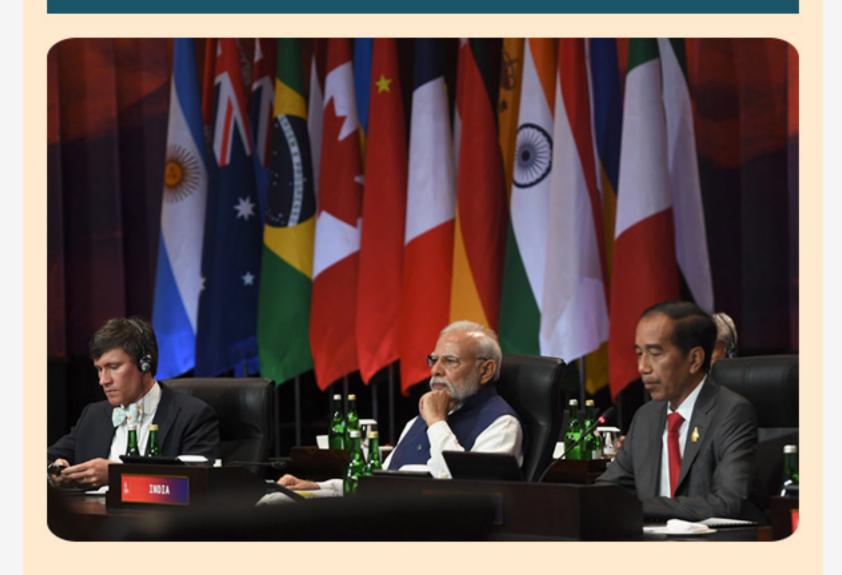
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Let noble thoughts come to us from all directions in the universe.

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Visit of Prime Minister to Indonesia for the G20 Summit



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Bali, Indonesia from November 14-16 to attend the 17th G20 Summit at the invitation of the President of Indonesia, H.E. Mr. Joko Widodo.

During the Bali Summit, G20 Leaders deliberated upon key issues of global concern under the Summit theme of "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Three working sessions were held as part of the G20 Summit Agenda - food and energy security; health; and digital transformation.

At the closing session of the Summit, President Widodo symbolically handed over the G20 Presidency to PM Modi. India has now formally assumed the G20 Presidency since 1 December 2022.

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Addressed the @g20org session on Digital Transformation. Many tech innovations are among the biggest transformations of our era. Technology has emerged as a force multiplier in battling poverty. Digital solutions can show the way to solve global challenges like climate change.



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Unveiling of The Logo, Theme and Website of India's G20 Presidency

On November 8, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled via videoconference the Logo, Theme and Website of India's G20 Presidency.



The G20 Logo draws inspiration from the vibrant colours of India's national flag – saffron, white, green, and blue. It juxtaposes planet Earth with the lotus, India's national flower that reflects growth amid challenges. The Earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life, one in perfect harmony with nature.



वशुधेव कुटुम्बकम् ONE EARTH • ONE FAMILY • ONE FUTURE

The theme of India's G20 Presidency – "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" or "One Earth One Family One Future". The logo and the theme together convey a powerful message of India's G20 Presidency, which is of striving for just and equitable growth for all in the world, as we navigate through these turbulent times, in a sustainable, holistic, responsible, and inclusive manner.

G20 is the premier forum for international economic cooperation representing around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population. During the course of its G20 Presidency, India will be holding about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across India.

For India, the G20 Presidency also marks the beginning of "Amritkaal", the 25-year period beginning from the 75th anniversary of its independence, leading up to the centenary of its independence, towards a futuristic, prosperous, inclusive and developed society.

India's agricultural and processed food products export up by 25% to US\$ 13,771 million in Q2 of the current fiscal (2022-23) compared to the same period last year



Exports of agricultural and processed food items increased by 25% in the first six months of the current fiscal year 2022-23 (April-September) compared to the same period in FY 2021-22. According to preliminary data issued by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), overall exports of agricultural and processed food goods increased by 25% in US\$ from April-September 2022. The total export of Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) products climbed to US\$ 13,771 million from US\$ 11,056 million in the previous fiscal year in April-September 2022. The actions implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry through APEDA have assisted the country in meeting 58% of its total export target for 2022-23 within the first six months of the current fiscal year. APEDA has set an export target of US\$ 23.56 billion for the agricultural and processed food products basket for the fiscal year 2022-23, with the export of US\$ 13.77 billion already reached in the first six months of the current fiscal. According to DGCI&S preliminary data, processed fruits and vegetables increased by 42.42% (April-September 2022). while fresh fruits increased by 4% compared to the same months the previous year. In addition, processed food products such as cereals and other processed items increased by 29.36% compared to the first six months of the previous year.

(Source: PIB: November 3, 2022)

India ranks eighth, moving up two spots on Climate Change Performance Index



According to the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023, India moved up two spots to take eighth place out of 63 nations. No nation placed first, second, or third overall in the index rankings. Denmark, with a score of 79.61, ranked fourth, followed by Sweden with 73.28 points. India scored 67.35 points. The nation received a "high" rating in the categories of greenhouse gas emissions and energy use. It received a "medium" rating in the categories of climate policy and renewable energy. 59 nations and the European Union, which together account for more than 90% of global greenhouse gas emissions, are evaluated by the CCPI. The CCPI examines four categories—Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy Use, and Climate Policy—and 14 indicators using standardised criteria. It monitors how various nations are carrying out the Paris Agreement. According to the index assessment published by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute, and Climate Action Network, India is on track to reach its 2030 emissions targets (compatible with a well-below 2°C scenario). India held the tenth position in 2022 and 2021. It came in ninth place on the list in 2020.

(Source: IBEF: November 16, 2022)

India expected to see faster progress towards clean energy economy



According to a new report, at least three of the four top emitters of greenhouse gases - China, the EU, and India - are expected to make faster progress toward a clean energy economy than they have set out in national plans or NDCs. According to the "Global Carbon Budget Report 2022," the top four CO2 emitters in 2021 will be China (31%), the United States (14%), the European Union (8%), and India (7%). According to the authors, the deployment of renewable energy, particularly solar, is growing in India and will revolutionise the country's electrical industry this decade. India released its updated nationally determined contributions in August, and it is now committed to reducing the emissions intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, compared to 2005 levels, and to achieving approximately 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from nonfossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030. These NDCs, however, are conditional on the supply of funding and technological transfer. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are national plans to keep global temperature rise far below 2 degrees Celsius, ideally 1.5 degrees Celsius, as supported in the Paris Agreement.

(Source: IBEF: November 15, 2022)

Ayurveda Day Celebration at Embassy of India, Brussels



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@IndEmbassyBru celebrated #ayurvedaday with a lecture by Dr. Vidya Shembule on "Ayurveda & Mental Health" and an "Office Yoga" session by Mrs. Nidhi Khanduja, Embassy's Teacher of Indian Culture.

Discover the path to better health!

- @santjha
- @AmritMahotsav
- @MEAIndia



Commemoration ceremony in leper in homage to Indian Soldiers of World War 1

In a commemoration ceremony held in leper in the presence of Belgian dignitaries, Ambassador Santosh Jha paid homage to gallant Indian soldiers of the 1st World War. Indian diaspora and friends of India joined the solemn remembrance.











Traditions Engaged : Kathak Dance Performance

As part of the India@75 initiative and 75 years of India-Belgium diplomatic ties, Embassy of India, Brussels has been organising a series of cultural events. In this context, Mission organised 'Traditions Engaged', a traditional Kathak Dance show at the Royal Library of Belgium in Brussels on November 12. Ms. Shila Mehta and Ms. Maya Sapera introduced Indian dance to friends of India in Belgium and Luxembourg.



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Celebrating 75 yrs of Till ties

@IndEmbassyBru organised a mesmerizing Kathak performance - Traditions Engaged by Shila Mehta & Maya Sapera

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Celebrating 75 yrs of **2** 1 ties

Amb @santjha felicitated the artists amidst thunderous applause from the audience



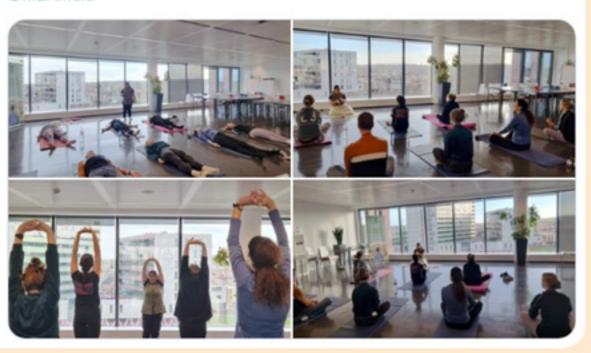
Harmony Yoga Workshops organised by Embassy of India, Brussels in Leuven, Belgium



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@IndEmbassyBru in collab. with Leuven City authorities organized the Harmony Yoga workshop for office employees. Practiced yoga, pranayama & meditation for stress relief & learnt about benefits of Yoga as a holistic lifestyle. #YogaForWellness

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@IndEmbassyBru conducted Harmony Meditation & Yoga Workshop on the Int. Campus of the Engineering Faculty, KU Leuven. About 20 yoga enthusiasts attended a special "Office Yoga" session, a gentle way to release muscular tension while sitting in Office @santjha @KULeuven @MEAIndia



Celebration of Constitution Day 2022 at Embassy of India, Brussels

On the occasion of Constitution Day 2022, Ambassador Santosh Jha read out the Preamble with all India based officers & staff of the Embassy to reaffirm Mission's commitment to uphold and adhere to the Constitution. As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ambassador offered floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution and delivered a special lecture on the facts of Indian Constitution and its uniqueness. Moreover, to commemorate its day of adoption, a social media campaign was run on the special features of the Indian Constitution.







