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India's general election results

The 2024 General Elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Sikkim were held from 19 April to 1 June.

With 292 seats in the 543 elected seats in the Lok Sabha, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance formed the government and re-elected Shri Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister of the new government.



The swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Council of Ministers took place in the Presidential Palace in New Delhi on 9 June with the participation of Leaders from India's neighbourhood and the Indian Ocean region as honoured guests.

The Prime Minister of India received congratulation messages from leaders globally for the historic third consecutive term. Thanking them for gracing the occasion, Prime Minister reaffirmed India's commitment to its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and 'SAGAR Vision'. Prime Minister emphasized that in his third term, India will continue to work for the peace, progress and prosperity of the region in close partnership with the countries, even as it pursues its goal of VIKSIT BHARAT (Developed India) by 2047. He further added that India would continue to amplify the voice of the Global South in the international arena.

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PM launches Plant4Mother campaign

On the occasion of World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Plant4Mother campaign by planting a sapling of Peepal Tree at Buddha Jayanti Park, New Delhi on 5 June.

Prime Minister exhorted people across the world to plant a tree as a mark of love, respect and honour for their own Mother and also to take a pledge for protecting trees and Mother Earth.

Besides the Plant4Mother campaign, plantation of 80 crore trees by September 2024 and 140 crores by March 2025 has been planned following a "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society Approach". The trees would be planted across India by individuals, entities, community based organizations, Central and State Government Departments and local bodies.



Under the Plant4Mother campaign, on the sidelines of the 10th International Day of Yoga in Hanoi on 20 June, Ambassador, Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Nguyen Minh Hang and Vice-Chairman, Viet Nam-India Parliamentary Friendship Group H.E. Luu Van Duc planted a tree at the Quan Ngua Sports Complex.

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INDIA'S DEFENCE SECTOR

- **Supersonic Missile-Assisted Release of Torpedo system successfully flight-tested**
- **RudraM-II air-to-surface missile successfully flight-tested from Su-30 MK-I**

IDY 2024

This year, to mark in celebration of the 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY), the Embassy of India in Hanoi and the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh city partnered with various cities/provinces of Viet Nam and other organizations to hold yoga awareness and demonstration events across the country. The theme of the 10th International Day of Yoga in 2024 is "Yoga for Self and Society". The International Day of Yoga in 2024 was observed in over 45 provinces of Vietnam with the participation of tens of thousands of practitioners.

The event in Hanoi was attended by Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Ms. Nguyen Minh Hang, Vice Chairman of Vietnam-India Parliamentary Friendship group Mr. Luu Van Duc, Ambassador of several countries, senior officials of various ministries, etc.



Hanoi, 20th June 2024



Quang Nam, 22nd June 2024



Da Nang, 16th June 2024



Quang Ninh, 23rd June 2024

PM inaugurates Nalanda University Campus in Rajgir

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new campus of Nalanda University at Rajgir, Bihar on 19 June. Situated near the ruins of Nalanda Mahavihara that flourished from the 5th century CE, the University seeks to revive the glory of Nalanda as a hub of knowledge, learning and excellence. Along with India, 18 countries have partnered in the establishment of the University. Students from several countries are currently enrolled in various courses at the University.



The campus draws architectural and cultural inspiration from the UNESCO site of Nalanda Mahavihara. The new campus, completely built with sundried bricks, is a 'Net Zero Green Campus' which is self-sustainable with:

- ◆ 100 acres of water bodies
- ◆ On-grid solar plant
- ◆ A drinking water treatment plant
- ◆ A water recycling plant for reusing wastewater
- ◆ 100 acres of green cover

The University has a deep connection with history. The original Nalanda University, established around 1600 years ago, is considered to be amongst the first residential universities in the world. Nalanda Mahavihara flourished between 5th-12th Century AD as one of the greatest centres of learning in ancient India. The ruins of Nalanda were declared as a UN World Heritage Site in 2016.



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Agnikul launches World's First Rocket with Fully 3D Printed Engine



IIT Madras-incubated start-up, has launched the world's first rocket with a single-piece 3D printed engine from Sriharikota on 30 May. This remarkable feat has been achieved entirely through indigenous design and development.

'Agnibaan - SOrTeD' Sub-Orbital Technology Demonstrator also has the unique distinction of having been launched from India's first private launch pad called 'Dhanush' established by Agnikul. It is also India's first semi-cryogenic engine-powered rocket launch.

The key purpose of this mission, which is also Agnikul's first flight, is to serve as a test flight, to demonstrate the in-house and home-grown technologies, gather crucial flight data and ensure optimal functioning of systems for Agnikul's orbital launch vehicle, the 'Agnibaan'.

The vision of Agnikul is to bring space within everyone's reach, aiming to enable launches from Anywhere, Anytime, Affordably. Agnikul is committed to developing launch vehicles that are both affordable and customizable according to customer needs.

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ISRO's third consecutive success in the RLV LEX

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has achieved a third consecutive success in the Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) Landing EXperiment (LEX) on 23 June. Following the success of the RLV LEX-01 and LEX-02 missions, RLV LEX-03 re-demonstrated the autonomous landing capability of the RLV under more challenging release conditions (cross range of 500 m against 150 m for LEX-02) and more severe wind conditions.



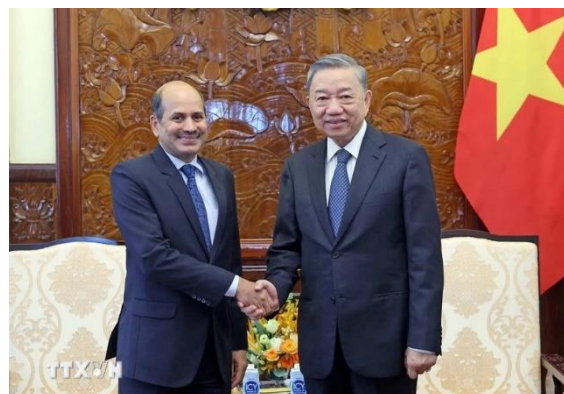
This mission simulated the approach and landing interface and high-speed landing conditions for a vehicle returning from space, reaffirming ISRO's expertise in acquiring the most critical technologies required for the development of a Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV).

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Ambassador called on President To Lam

Ambassador Sandeep Arya paid a courtesy call to President To Lam on 26 June, during which the President appreciated the deep-rooted India-Vietnam comprehensive strategic partnership, ongoing multi-dimensional cooperation and support for enhancing it in various areas. President To Lam recalled his visit to India in April 2023 and meeting with Indian leadership.

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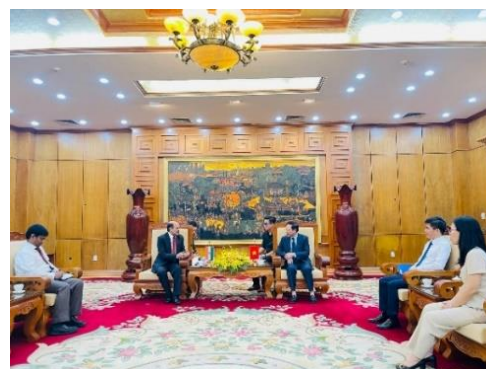
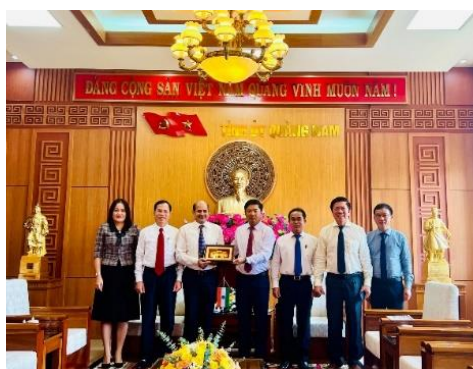
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Secretary (East) meets Deputy Foreign Minister



Secretary (East) H.E. Jaideep Mazumdar held bilateral discussions with Deputy Foreign Minister of Viet Nam H.E. Do Hung Viet, on the sidelines of ASEAN Plus Senior Officials Meetings in Vientiane, Lao PDR on 6 June.

Strengthening engagement with Vietnam's provinces



On 15 June, Ambassador held fruitful discussions with Quang Nam Party Secretary H.E. Luong Nguyen Minh Triet about economic & cultural cooperation with India. The province acknowledged the Archeological Survey of India's support in the restoration of My Son UNESCO world heritage sites. He also experienced the rich heritage & conservation at My Son, Hoi An & other sites in the province.

On 16 June, Ambassador participated in the Bodhi tree planting in the forecourt of Quan The Am Pagoda, Da Nang together with Most Venerable Thich Hue Vinh, the Ambassador of Malaysia and Chairman of Vietnam India Friendship Association in Da Nang.

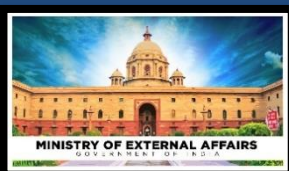


On 21 June, Ambassador held healthy discussions with H.E. Mr. Le Anh Duong, Chairman of Bac Giang Provincial People's Committee about business & cultural cooperation ahead. Ambassador expressed his appreciation towards the province's history, its economic progress, particularly in electronics, and interest in ties with India.

Experience sharing in Digital Data Protection



On 5 June, India's Digital Personal Data Protection experiences were presented by the Embassy at a workshop in Hanoi on 'Policy on Personal Data Protection' organized by Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security in collaboration with the National Cyber Security Association of Vietnam.



Ambassador's visit to Long An province

Ambassador attended the inauguration ceremony of the Mekong Ganga Cooperation project of classrooms built with Indian support at Nguyen Van Dinh Primary School, Binh Phong Thanh, Moc Hoa district, Long An province, Vietnam on 17 June.



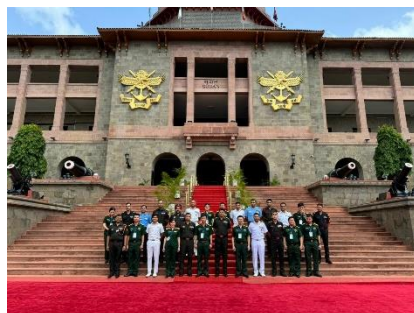
During the visit to Long An province, Ambassador also met with Vietnam's former President, Mr. Truong Tan Sang, who holds deep warmth and generous sentiments for close friendship with India, historical Buddhist connections, and support the enhancing comprehensive strategic partnership as both India & Vietnam progress on the path of growth & national development.

Defence exchanges between India and Vietnam



India's National Defence College officers conducted a study tour to Vietnam from 27 May to 1 June, which encompassed exchanges with the Ministry of National Defence, Vietnam's National Defence Academy, Institute for Defence International Relations, Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, field-level meetings and heritage sites.

A delegation of the Vietnamese Peoples Army delegation visited India from 20-26 June 2024 as part of the Young Officers exchange covering College of Military Engineering, National Defence Academy, Armored & Mechanised Infantry Centre & School and Army Institute of Physical Training.



Corporal Lai Quang Dai from Vietnam completed his year-long course at Officers Training Academy at Gaya in India and received on graduation the award "First in Order of Merit Foreign Officer Cadets" along with diplomatic and friendship medal.



Air India joins connectivity between India and Vietnam



Air India commenced its direct flights between Delhi and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 1 June. Increased direct flights promote further the people-to-people connect between the two countries as comprehensive strategic partners.

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Blissful Bihar



Bihar's antiquity is evident from its name, which is derived from the ancient word "VIHARA" (monastery). It is indeed a land of monasteries. Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Muslim and Sikh shrines abound in this ancient land where India's first major empires rose and fell, where the ruins of the worlds' earliest university slumbers in the void of time. The passage of Ganga, flowing wide and deep enrich the plains of Bihar before distributing in Bengal's deltoid zone.

Among all Indian states, Bihar is the one most intimately linked to Lord Buddha's life, resulting in a trail of pilgrimages which have come to be known as the Buddhist circuit. The Buddhist trail begins at the capital city, Patna, where a noteworthy museum contains a collection of historical sculptures as well as a terracotta urn said to contain the ashes of Lord Buddha.

Nalanda University flourished in Bihar from the 5th to the 11th century. It is said to have contained nine million books, with 2,000 teachers to impart knowledge to 10,000 students who came from all over the Buddhist world.

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