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## Padma Awards 2024

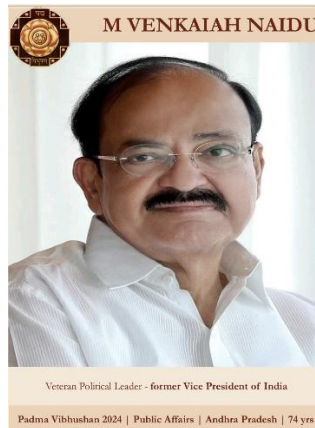
Padma Awards - one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The Awards are given in various disciplines/fields of activities. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.

This year, the President of India at ceremonial functions presented the awards on 22 April at Rashtrapati Bhawan. For 2024, the President has approved the conferment of 132 Padma Awards including 2 duo cases (in a duo case, the Award is counted as one). The list comprises 5 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 110 Padma Shri Awards. 30 of the awardees are women and the [list](#) also includes 8 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 9 Posthumous awardees.

Notable recipients of the Padma Awards this year include:

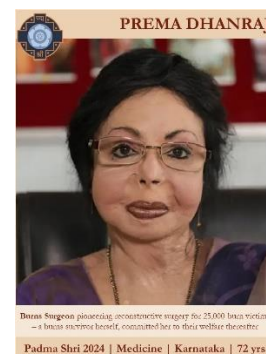
Former Vice President of India, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu conferred with Padma Vibhushan for his outstanding contributions to public affairs.

Janki Lal Bhand, 81 years old Behrupiya Artist from Bhilwara - mastering the fading Behrupiya art for over 6 decades, captivating global audiences



Ms. Charlotte Chopin, 100 years old Yoga exponent from France - defied age limiting norms by learning yoga post turning 50

Ms. Prema Dhanraj, Burns Surgeon pioneering reconstructive surgery for 25,000 burn victims - a burns survivor herself, committed herself to their welfare thereafter



## INDIA'S DEFENCE SECTOR

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## ASEAN Future Forum



India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar addressed virtually the ASEAN Future Forum held in Ha Noi on 23 April in a plenary session on 'Ensuring Comprehensive Security for a people-centred ASEAN Community'. Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India-ASEAN and India-Viet Nam guide our deep mutual respect, active engagement and close cooperation.

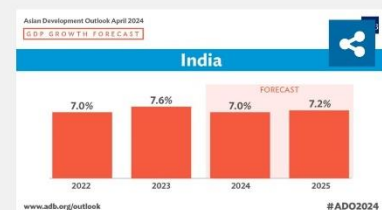
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## India's growth forecast for 2024 raised by ADB and IMF

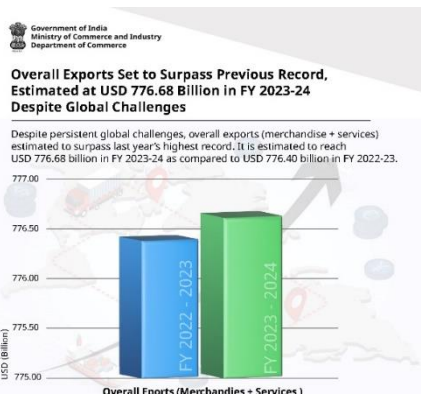
ADB has upgraded India's GDP growth [forecast](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2024 ending on 31 March 2025 from 6.7% to 7% and 7.2% in FY2025, driven by robust public and private investment and strong services sector.

On the same note, the International Monetary Fund's latest World Economic Outlook revised India's economic growth projection for fiscal year April 2024-March 2025 to 6.8% from 6.5% and for the fiscal year 2023-24 to 7.8% from 6.7%.

## ADB Projects India's Economy to Grow Steadily by 7% in FY2024



## India's overall exports are estimated to surpass last year's highest record



Despite facing persistent global challenges, India's overall exports, encompassing both merchandise and services, are expected to surpass the previous year's peak, reaching an estimated US\$ 776.68 billion in the fiscal year 2024, slightly edging out the US\$ 776.40 billion recorded in the previous fiscal year. Notably, March 2024 marked the highest monthly merchandise exports of the current fiscal year, totalling US\$ 41.68 billion.

These figures underscore the resilience of India's export sector amidst global challenges and highlight the ongoing efforts to strengthen trade dynamics and balance.

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## India adds record 18 GW renewable energy capacity in FY24

India achieved a significant milestone in renewable energy capacity addition, with a record-breaking 18.48 GW added in 2023-24, marking a 21% increase from the previous year. However, industry experts emphasize the need for sustained efforts, suggesting an annual addition of at least 50 GW over the next six years to meet the ambitious target of 500 GW of renewables by 2030.

As of March 31, 2024, India's installed renewable energy capacity stands at 143.64 GW, excluding large hydropower projects. Solar leads the overall renewable energy capacity with 81.81 GW, followed by wind energy at approximately 46 GW, biomass cogeneration at 9.43 GW, and small hydro at 5 GW.



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### Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile successfully flight-tested by DRDO

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful flight-test of Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile (ITCM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha on April 18, 2024. During the test, all subsystems performed as per expectation. The missile performance was monitored by several Range Sensors like Radar, Electro Optical Tracking System (EOTS) and Telemetry deployed by ITR at different locations to ensure complete coverage of the flight path. The flight of the missile was also monitored from the Su-30-Mk-I aircraft of the Indian Air Force.

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### MPATGM Weapon System tested successfully

Man Portable Anti-tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) Weapon System, indigenously designed and developed by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), has been field evaluated in different flight configurations several times with the objective of proving the technology with high superiority. The system consisted of the MPATGM, Launcher, Target Acquisition System, and the Fire Control Unit.

The Warhead Flight Trials were successfully conducted at the Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan on April 13, 2024. Missile performance and warhead performance were found to be remarkable. With this, technology development and successful demonstration have been concluded and the system is now ready for Final User Evaluation Trials leading towards its induction into the Indian Army.



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### Workshop on Exploring the Dynamics from Innovation and Technology for Future Development

On April 5, the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, in partnership with the Embassies of Australia, India, Japan, and United States, organized a workshop on Exploring the Dynamics from Innovation and Technology for Future Development. Ambassador Sandeep Arya, Yamada Takio, Marc Knapper and Charge d'Affaires Sarah Hooper opened the workshop outlining the vital contributions the four countries play in the development of Vietnam and the region through technology and innovation. The workshop featured panelists speaking about the most pressing issues for modern economies: STEM education, workforce development, renewable energy, ICT infrastructure, innovation and cybersecurity.



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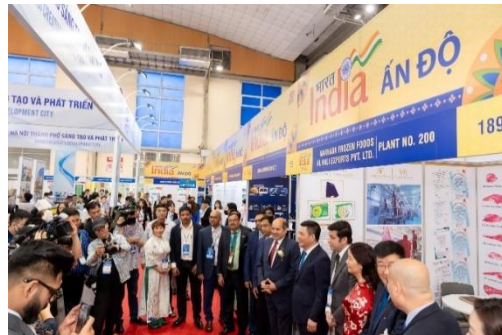
### India showcases charm at VITM

On 11 April, the India Tourism Pavilion at Viet Nam International Travel Mart VITM 2024 in Ha Noi was inaugurated by H.E. Nguyen Trung Khanh, Chairman of Viet Nam National Tourism Authority and Ambassador Sandeep Arya.

The Indian pavilion witnessed impressive footfall on the first day of VITM 2024 which represented the sound visible interest in India, touristic trends and further opportunities for tourism from Vietnam to India.



### India joins Viet Nam Expo as Guest of Honour



Indian companies as 'Guest of Honour' at Viet Nam Expo 2024 from 3-6 April generated considerable interest among Vietnamese businesses and visitors.

The Indian Pavilion comprised of 14 booths exhibiting various Indian products in sectors like communication & electronics, automobile component, waste-water treatment, banking and financing services, agro-processing, consumer goods and infrastructure such as ports and logistics.

Indian companies such as M/s Adani Ports & Special Economic Zones Limited, Bank of India, Bharat Electronics Limited, Spark Minda Corporation Limited, Ion Exchange India Limited, Allanasons Private Limited, Marhaba Frozen Foods, Fair Exports(India) Private Limited, KCP Limited, Marico South East Asia Corporation, Tata Coffee Vietnam Company Limited engaged with Vietnamese businesses for exploring further collaboration and opportunities.

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### QIPs in Vietnam



On 29 March, Ambassador met Lai Chau Party Secretary H.E. Giang Pao My about the province's priorities and cooperation opportunities with India in trade, processing, education and culture. He also inaugurated Ban Do bridge in Phong Tho district taking India-Vietnam partnership to local communities under Mekong Ganga Cooperation projects.

On 26 April, Ambassador held warm and fruitful meeting today with Hoa Binh Province's Party Secretary H.E. Nguyen Phi Long about economic, cultural and development cooperation; and inaugurated community home in Cao Phong district built with Indian support.

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### Exploring cooperation opportunities in digital payment

On 25 April, Ambassador engaged in useful discussions with the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Payment Corporation of Viet Nam, Mr Nguyen Quang Hung towards developing real-time digital payment system between India and Viet Nam.



## ICG's Pollution Control Vessel Samudra Paheredar visits Vietnam



Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Pollution Control Vessel Samudra Paheredar, with an integral helicopter, made a port call at Ho Chi Minh City on 2 April as part of its ongoing overseas deployment to ASEAN countries. During the three-day visit, the crew engaged in professional interactions focusing on marine pollution response, maritime search & rescue, and maritime law enforcement. The activities also include cross-deck training, subject matter expert exchanges, sports events and passage exercise with the Vietnam Coast Guard (VCG).

The visit of the ICG specialised vessel to ASEAN countries is in pursuance with India ASEAN Initiative for marine pollution announced during ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus in Cambodia in 2022. The deployment of Samudra Paheredar to the ASEAN region reflects India's shared concern and resolve towards marine pollution, promoting safety and security through maritime cooperation.

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## Workshop on education cooperation between Vietnam and India



Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ha Noi hosted a Workshop on "Enhancing people to people exchanges: Connecting education and training between Vietnam and India" on 10 April. Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Subhash Prasad Gupta; Ms. Phan Lan Tu, HAVIFA President and Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Vice Chairman of Vietnam - India Friendship Association of Hanoi addressed about 150 faculty and students apart from a presentation by Ms. Le Thi Hang Nga, Deputy

Editor-in-Chief of the Journal for Indian and Asian Studies on "Indian Education - viewed from the National Education Policy 2020". Briefing on Indian Government's ICCR scholarship schemes available to Vietnamese students was done by Dr. Monica Sharma, Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Hanoi.

## Further promoting Indian government scholarship programs

A briefing-cum-workshop was held ON 18 April at People's Security Academy for officials, scholars and students on education and training opportunities in India under ICCR and ITEC programmes of the Government of India.



## Vietnam-India Friendship Association visits India

Vietnam-India Friendship Association, Ho Chi Minh City delegation led by its Chairman visited India from 7-11 April and met Secretary (East) at the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Jaideep Mazumdar and exchanged with the India Foundation and Indian scholars.





## 75th Foundation Day of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Embassy of India, Hanoi celebrated the 75th Foundation Day of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on 9 April. Marking ICCR's contributions in fostering cultural ties and people-level bonds between India and Viet Nam, the programme included presentations about Yoga, music and dance, educational scholarships and further opportunities for cooperation. ICCR alumni and other participants recalled their pleasant experiences and recollections and expressed their lasting warmth for India.

## INCREDIBLE INDIA

### Kanha National Park



Home to the majestic royal Bengal tiger, the Kanha National Park is spread over an impressive area of 940 sq km. It is commonly believed that this park, with its lush green meadows and thick sal forests so enchanted the English author Rudyard Kipling that he used it as background for his iconic novel 'The Jungle Book'. The park also holds the distinction of bringing back the barasingha (swamp deer) from the brink of near extinction. The park is also home to other majestic animals like leopard and wild dogs. The award-winning National Geographic film, 'Land of the Tigers' was also shot here.

Considered to be one of the best managed parks in Asia, Kanha Tiger Reserve was created in 1974 as part of Project Tiger. The park is known for the stringent conservation programmes to preserve flora, fauna and the local eco-system.

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