

Prime Minister  
Shri Narendra Modi's

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## Virtual Interactions

### India - Sweden Virtual Summit



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden H.E. Stefan Löfven held a Virtual Summit where they discussed bilateral issues and other regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest.
- Prime Minister Modi expressed solidarity with the people of Sweden in the wake of the violent attack on 3rd March and prayed for early recovery of the injured.
- Both the leaders underlined that the longstanding close relations between India and Sweden were based on shared values of democracy, rule of law, pluralism, equality, freedom of speech, and respect for human rights.
- Prime Minister Modi welcomed Sweden's decision to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The leaders also noted the growing membership of the India-Sweden joint initiative – the Leadership Group on Industry Transition (LeadIT) that was launched during the UN Climate Action Summit in September 2019 in New York.
- The two leaders also discussed the Covid-19 situation including the vaccination drive and stressed the need for vaccine equity by providing urgent and affordable access to vaccines across all nations.

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## First Quad Leaders' Virtual Summit



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the first summit of the leaders of the QUAD (Quadrilateral Framework). The meeting was hosted by the USA on a virtual platform.
- QUAD pledged to promote a free, open rules-based order, rooted in international law to advance security and prosperity and counter threats to both in the Indo-Pacific and beyond.
- While discussing about global challenges, the QUAD pledged to respond to the economic and health impacts of COVID-19, combat climate change, and address shared challenges, including in cyber space, critical technologies, counterterrorism, quality infrastructure investment, and humanitarian-assistance and disaster-relief as well as maritime domains.
- With steadfast commitment to the health and safety of our own people, the group recognized that none of us can be safe as long as the pandemic continues to spread. Therefore, they agreed to collaborate to strengthen equitable vaccine access for the Indo-Pacific, with close coordination with multilateral organizations including the World Health Organization and COVAX.
- As long-standing supporters of Myanmar and its people, they emphasized the urgent need to restore democracy and the priority of strengthening democratic resilience.
- They agreed establish a climate working group to strengthen climate actions globally on mitigation, adaptation, resilience, technology, capacity-building, and climate finance.
- They reiterated their commitment to leveraging their partnership to help the world's most dynamic region respond to historic crisis, so that it may be the free, open, accessible, diverse, and thriving Indo-Pacific.

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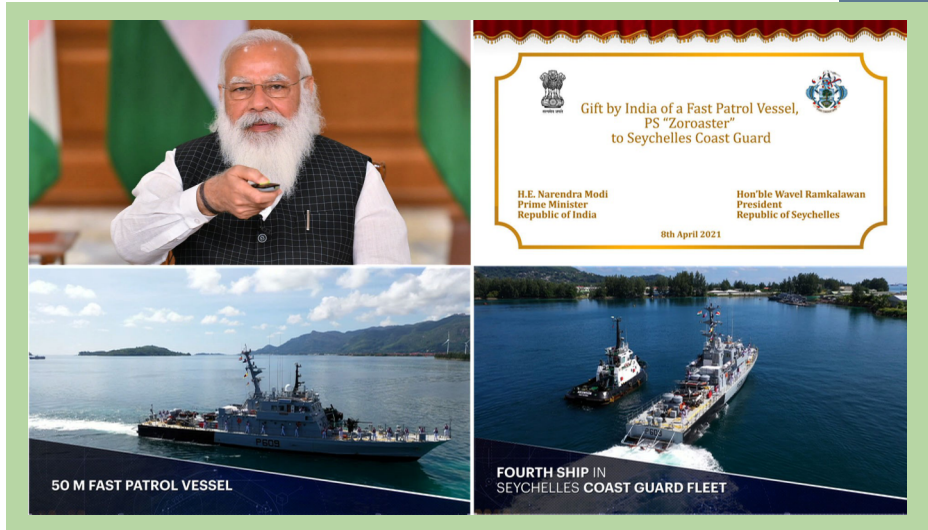
## India-Finland Virtual Summit



- Shri Narendra Modi, and Ms. Sanna Marin, Prime Minister of the Republic of Finland, held wide-ranging discussions during a Virtual Summit on 16 March 2021.
- The two leaders reviewed the ongoing bilateral engagements and expressed their desire to further expand and diversify the relationship across sectors such as trade and investment, innovation, education, emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence, 5G/6G, and quantum computing.
- Prime Minister Modi appreciated Finland's leading role in clean and green technologies, and noted the potential for Finnish companies to partner India's drive towards sustainable development. In this context, he suggested enhanced cooperation in the areas like renewable and bio-energy, sustainability, edu-tech, pharma and digitization.
- The leaders exchanged views on regional and global issues, including the India-EU partnership, cooperation in the Arctic region, WTO and UN reforms. Both sides noted the potential for India and Finland to cooperate in undertaking developmental activities in Africa.
- Prime Minister Modi invited Finland to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- The two leaders also discussed the Covid-19 situation including their respective vaccination drives, and emphasized the importance of global efforts for urgent and affordable access to vaccines across all nations.
- Prime Minister Modi briefed on increased use of digital technologies by India for women empowerment initiatives including financial inclusion of women and BetiBachao, BetiPadho (Save Daughters, Educate Daughters) schemes

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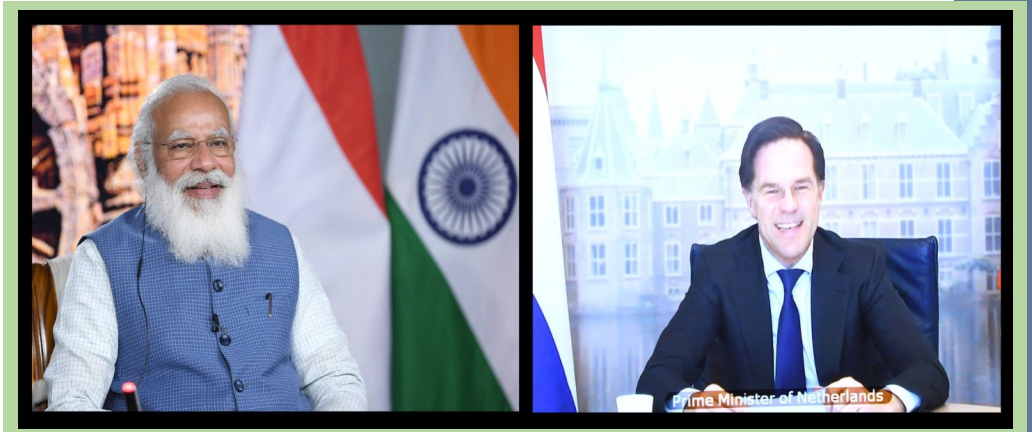
## India-Seychelles High Level Virtual Event



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in a virtual event with the President of Seychelles, H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan. The virtual event was organized for the joint e-inauguration of several development assistance projects funded by India in Seychelles and the handing over of a Fast Patrol Vessel supplied by India for the use of the Seychelles Coast Guard.
- During the virtual event, Prime Minister Modi and President Ramkalawan jointly inaugurated the new Magistrates' Court building in Seychelles. The building is the first Indian assisted infrastructure project in Seychelles and has been completed with grant assistance of USD 3.5 million from Government of India.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also handed over a 48.9 m Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) to the President of Seychelles during the virtual event.
- During the event, Prime Minister and the President of Seychelles also jointly e-inaugurated a 1 MW ground mounted Solar Power Plant built with Indian grant assistance in Romainville Island of Seychelles. Ten (10) Indian High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs) in Seychelles were also e-inaugurated by the two dignitaries.
- Speaking at the occasion, Prime Minister Modi emphasized the importance of development partnership in people-oriented infrastructure projects in further strengthening cooperation with Seychelles.
- President Wavel Ramkalawan expressed his deep gratitude for India's continuous support in meeting the security and developmental needs of Seychelles as reflective of the strong and close ties between the two countries.

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## India-The Netherlands Virtual Summit Towards a Strategic Partnership on Water



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E Mr. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands held a Virtual Summit on April 09, 2021. It was the first high level Summit attended by PM Rutte after the general elections held in March 2021. Prime Minister Modi congratulated PM Rutte on his election victory and on becoming the Prime Minister of the Netherlands for the fourth consecutive term.
- The two Prime Ministers also agreed on instituting a 'Strategic Partnership on Water' to further deepen the Indo-Dutch cooperation in the water related sector, and upgrading the Joint Working Group on water to Ministerial-level.
- The leaders also exchanged views on regional and global challenges such as climate change, counter-terrorism and Covid-19 pandemic and agreed to leverage the emerging convergences in new areas like Indo-Pacific, Resilient Supply Chains and Global Digital Governance.
- The Netherlands acknowledged that India's production capacity of Covid19 vaccines is crucial for the success of global efforts in tackling the pandemic and appreciated India's supply of Covid19 vaccines to more than 80 countries through its 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative as well as the COVAX facility.
- Prime Minister Modi thanked the Netherlands for their support to International Solar Alliance (ISA) and Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). PM Modi also welcomed the Netherlands' Indo-Pacific Policy and its desire to collaborate during India's G20 Presidency in 2023.

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## Leaders' Summit on Climate



- The Leaders' Summit on Climate was convened by the US President virtually.
- 40 world leaders, including the Prime Minister of India, were invited to the event to underscore the urgency of stronger climate action.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for “concrete action at a high speed, on large scale, and with a global scope” to combat climate change
- India reiterated its target of 450 GW of renewable energy by 2030.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joseph Biden agreed to launch a high-level India-US Partnership which envisages bilateral cooperation on strong actions in the current decade to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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## India-U.K. Virtual Bilateral Summit



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom met virtually on May 04, 2021.
- An ambitious 'Roadmap 2030' was adopted at the Summit to elevate bilateral ties to a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'. The roadmap will pave the way for a deeper and stronger engagement over the next ten years in the key areas of people to people contacts, trade and economy, defence and security, climate action and health.
- The two leaders discussed the Covid19 situation and ongoing cooperation in the fight against the pandemic, including the successful partnership on vaccines. Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Johnson for the prompt medical assistance provided by the UK in the wake of the severe second wave of Covid19 in India. Prime Minister Johnson appreciated India's role in extending assistance to the UK and other countries over the last year, including by way of supply of pharmaceuticals and vaccines.
- The two Prime Ministers launched an 'Enhanced Trade Partnership' (ETP) to unleash the trade potential between the 5th and 6th largest economies of the world and by setting an ambitious target of more than doubling bilateral trade by 2030.
- A new India-UK 'Global Innovation Partnership' was announced at the Virtual Summit that aims to support the transfer of inclusive Indian innovations to select developing countries, starting with Africa. Both sides agreed to enhance cooperation on new and emerging technologies, including Digital and ICT products, and work on supply chain resilience. They also agreed to strengthen defence and security ties, including in the maritime, counter-terrorism and cyberspace domains.
- India and the UK launched a comprehensive partnership on migration and mobility that will facilitate greater opportunities for the mobility of students and professionals between the two countries.

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## India-EU Leaders Meeting



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the India-EU Leaders' Meeting with the leaders of all 27 member states of the European Union (EU).
- The leaders agreed to relaunch free trade negotiations by resuming talks that were suspended for the Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA).
- An ambitious and comprehensive 'Connectivity Partnership' which is focused on enhancing digital, energy, transport and people-to-people connectivity was launched
- They reiterated their commitment to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement and agreed to strengthen joint efforts for mitigation, adaptation and resilience to the impacts of climate change.
- India welcomed the EU's decision to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- India appreciated the prompt assistance provided by the EU and its member states to combat its second Covid wave. India also requested the EU's support for its joint proposal with South Africa for a Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property (TRIPS) waiver on vaccine production-related patents in the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
- The leaders agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation on digital and emerging technologies such as 5G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum and High-Performance Computing including through the early operationalization of the Joint Task Force on AI and the Digital Investment Forum.

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## 13<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit



- As part of India's ongoing Chair ship of BRICS in 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit on 9th September 2021 in virtual format.
- The theme of the Summit, chosen by India, was, 'BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus'.
- The Summit saw the participation of all other BRICS Leaders - President Jair Bolsonaro of Brazil, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, President Xi Jinping of China, and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa.
- Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the cooperation received from BRICS partners during India's Chairship this year, which allowed the achievement of several new initiatives. These included the first BRICS Digital Health Summit; the first BRICS Ministerial Joint Statement on multilateral reforms; a BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan; an Agreement on cooperation in field of remote-sensing satellites; a virtual BRICS vaccine Research & Development Centre; BRICS Alliance on Green Tourism, etc.
- Highlighting the leading role that BRICS countries can play in the post-COVID global recovery, Prime Minister called for enhanced BRICS cooperation under the motto of 'Build-back Resiliently, Innovatively, Credibly and Sustainably'.
- Elaborating on these themes, Prime Minister stressed the need for accelerating 'build-back' by enhancing speed and accessibility of vaccination, creating 'resilience' by diversifying pharma and vaccine production capacities beyond the developed world, fostering 'innovation' by creatively using digital tools for public good, ensuring reform of multilateral institutions to enhance their 'credibility', and promoting 'sustainable' development by articulating a common BRICS voice on environmental and climate issues.
- The leaders also discussed important regional and global issues, including recent developments in Afghanistan. There was convergence of views on the threat posed by growth of terrorism and extremism, and all BRICS partners agreed to accelerate implementation of the BRICS Action Plan on Counterterrorism.
- At the conclusion of the Summit, the leaders adopted the 'New Delhi Declaration'.

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## Incoming Visits

### Interaction with PM of Denmark



- Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, hosted Her Excellency Ms. Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of Denmark during a State visit to India from 9-11 October 2021.
- The two Prime Ministers reconfirmed their commitment to an aspiring and results-oriented Green Strategic Partnership. They welcomed the detailed 5-year Action Plan (2021-2026) and noted the progress in its implementation.
- The two Prime Ministers agreed to enhance the commercial cooperation with new technologies, in particular green hydrogen, E-mobility and storage.
- Prime Minister of Denmark Mette Frederiksen referred to the Danish ratification of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), noting the significant potential of this initiative to contribute to the collective universal climate action, including by combining efforts to promote all sources of renewable energy.
- The Prime Ministers exchanged views on the developments of the Covid-19 pandemic, and agreed on the need to establish globally beneficial vaccine partnership.
- The two Prime Ministers re-confirmed their support to the newly signed Memorandum-of-Understanding (MoU) on Health and expressed satisfaction that the first Joint Working Group had already taken place.
- The two Prime Ministers shared perspectives on developments in their respective regions, including the worrisome situation in Afghanistan

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## Visit of Russian President to India



- At the invitation of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin paid a working visit to New Delhi on 6 December 2021 for the 21st India–Russia Annual Summit.
- The Sides reaffirmed their commitment to the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between India and Russia.
- The Sides exchanged views on the Covid-19 pandemic situation and highly appreciated the ongoing bilateral cooperation in the fight against Covid-19, especially with respect to "Sputnik-V" vaccine.
- The Leaders expressed gratitude to each other's countries for timely assistance during the pandemic. India's assistance in supplying critical medicines, including paracetamol, hydroxychloroquine, and certain antibiotics during the first phase in Russia and Russia's assistance in providing ventilators, oxygen concentrators and other critical equipment during India's second phase, was a humanitarian gesture well-received by both Sides.
- The Sides appreciated the resumption of the positive trajectory of bilateral trade, with trade registering an increase of about 38% in the first half of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 despite the pandemic-related restrictions.
- Both Sides noted with satisfaction the continued strength of Pharmaceutical trade as well as Indian companies' participation in Russia's localization programme under Pharma 2020 and Pharma 2030 schemes.
- The Indian Side encouraged participation of Russian companies in the 13 key sectors of Production Linked Incentive scheme of Government of India under the 'Atmanirbhar' and 'Make in India' programme.
- The Sides also expressed interest in continuing dialogue on accepting RuPay and MIR Cards within national payment infrastructures, as well as on interaction of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and the Faster Payments System of the Bank of Russia (FPS).
- President Putin welcomed Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's commitment to an Act Far-East Policy under which India could be a reliable partner in the development of the Russian Far-East. He supported Prime Minister Modi's concept of Sangam as a development tool for the region



- The Leaders reaffirmed that bilateral energy cooperation is a key pillar of the bilateral ties and an energy bridge between the two countries.
- The Sides welcomed the enhanced cooperation between the State Space Corporation "Roscosmos" and the Indian Space Research Organization, including in the human spaceflight programs and satellite navigation.
- The Sides reiterated their commitment to upgrade the defence cooperation, including facilitating joint development and production of military equipment, components and spare parts.
- Emphasizing the importance of joint research in science, technology and innovation, the two Sides welcome the signing of Roadmap for Science, Technology & Innovation Cooperation and, expressed satisfaction with respect to launching joint calls in priority areas as states in the Roadmap.
- Both Sides welcomed progressive simplification of visa formalities, including introduction of eVisa by both countries.
- Russia welcomed India's election as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council with an overwhelming majority for a two-year term. Russian Side appreciated India's UNSC priorities.
- The Sides discussed the evolving situation in Afghanistan, especially the security situation and its implications in the region, the current political situation, issues related to terrorism, radicalisation and drug trafficking etc.
- The leaders emphasised that Afghanistan's territory should not be used for sheltering, training, planning or financing any terrorist groups including ISIS, Al Qaeda, LeT etc.
- The Sides noted with satisfaction the coinciding and similar approaches to their foreign policy priorities and reaffirmed their commitment for further strengthening of the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership, both in the context of the current bilateral relations and in addressing regional and international issues.

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## Outgoing Visits

### Visit to Bangladesh



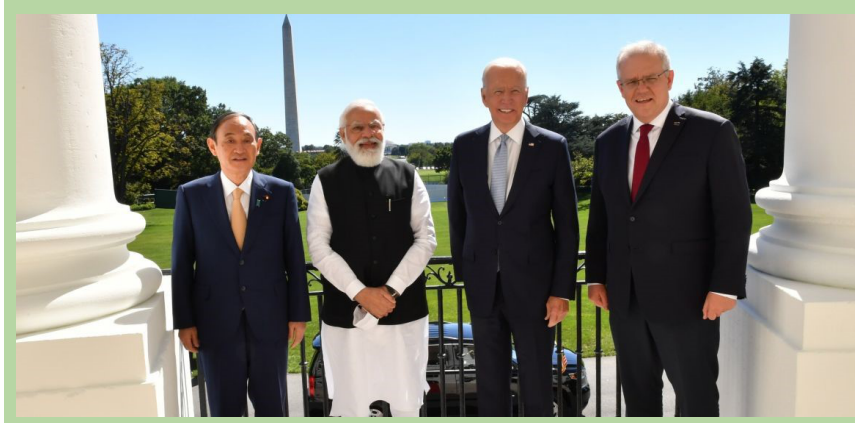
- At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, paid a State Visit to Bangladesh to join the celebrations of the Golden Jubilee of the Independence of Bangladesh, the Birth Centenary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and 50 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bangladesh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid a wreath at the National Martyrs' Memorial at Savar as a mark of respect to the memory and contribution of the great freedom fighters of Bangladesh.
- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed her deep appreciation and gratitude for the wholehearted support extended by the Government and people of India, during the critical days of Bangladesh's Liberation War.



- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thanked India for conferring Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2020 on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in recognition of his outstanding contributions towards social, economic and political transformation of Bangladesh through non-violent and other Gandhian methods.
- Both Prime Ministers jointly inaugurated the Bangabandhu - Bapu Digital Exhibition in Dhaka, which celebrates the life and legacy of these iconic leaders.
- To mark the 50th anniversary of India-Bangladesh friendship, both sides released respective commemorative postage stamps. It was decided to commemorate 06 December as MaitriDiwas, the day when India recognized Bangladesh in the year 1971.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister thanked the Indian side for considering Bangladesh's proposal to name the historic road from Mujib Nagar to Nadia on the Bangladesh- India border as "ShadhinotaShorok" commemorating the historic significance of the road during Bangladesh's Liberation War.

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## Visit to U.S.A



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited United States of America on 22-25 September 2021 and attended the maiden in-person Quad summit and address the 76th session of the UN General Assembly.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi began his engagements by meeting with leading American CEOs from five different key sectors and highlighted the economic opportunities in India. He held one-on-one meetings with CEOs of Qualcomm, Adobe, First Solar, General Atomics and Blackstone.
- Addressing the world leaders at United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi he mentioned about challenges posed by regressive thinking and extremism. He also pointed out that the world community must ensure that Afghanistan soil must not be used propagate terror..
- Apart from this, Prime Minister touched upon India's achievements in the field of technological innovations, vaccine manufacturing, potable water, health, and insurance, and said, "When India grows, world grows. When India reforms, world transforms".
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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met US President Joe Biden in his first bilateral meeting during which the two leaders discussed a wide range of priority issues, including combating COVID-19, climate change, economic cooperation as well as Afghanistan.
- President Biden reaffirmed the strength of the defense relationship between the United States and India and the unwavering commitment to India as a Major Defense Partner.
- He had a fruitful interaction with Vice President Kamala Harris. Both the leaders have exchanged views on recent global developments including Afghanistan, Discussion on renewable energy (India’s National Hydrogen Mission), and noted future areas of cooperation: Space, Emerging & Critical technologies, IT, Acknowledged the vibrant people to people linkages.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also met the G20 leaders on the sidelines of the event.

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## Visit to Italy for G-20 Summit



- Prime Minister had participated in the 16th G-20 Summit in Rome from 30-31 October 2021 at the invitation of the Prime Minister of Italy, H.E. Mr. Mario Draghi. The Summit was also attended by Heads of State / Government of G-20 Member Countries, the European Union, and other invited countries and International Organizations.
- Under the Italian Presidency, theme of the summit was 'People, Planet, Prosperity'.
- Addressing the first session of the G20 summit in Rome - "Global economy and global health", - Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke about the need for a collaborative approach to fight the COVID-19 pandemic covering scientific communities and governments.
- Prime Minister mentioned India's bold economic reforms and lowering of the cost of doing business in India.
- Addressing the inaugural session, Prime Minister also informed the G20 leaders about India's medical diplomacy that took place during the COVID-19 pandemic and covered at least 150 countries.
- Prime Minister also told the G20 summit that India plans to make more than five billion Covid-19 vaccine doses by the end of 2022, a step that will reduce vaccine inequities in the developing world.
- While addressing the Climate change session Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke about the responsibilities towards Climate Mitigation. He said, India is not only achieving these goals rapidly but is also working to set higher targets. Going beyond its Paris commitments, India has set a target of rehabilitation of 26 million hectares wastelands.



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met and interacted with several Indologists and Sanskrit experts from Italian universities. He noted their interest in Indian culture, literature and practice of yoga & ayurveda and lauded the role played by them in strengthening the ties between India and Italy.
- He met and interacted with the community members from various organisations including representatives of Sikh community and institutions involved in the commemoration of Indian soldiers who fought in Italy in World War I and World War II. Prime Minister paid tributes to the valour shown by Indian soldiers in these wars.
- Further Prime Minister also met to the, Italian Hindu Union-Sanatana Dharma Samgh, representatives of Italian Congregation for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). Prime Minister appreciated their contribution in several social activities including spreading the message of Bhagavad Gita in Italy.

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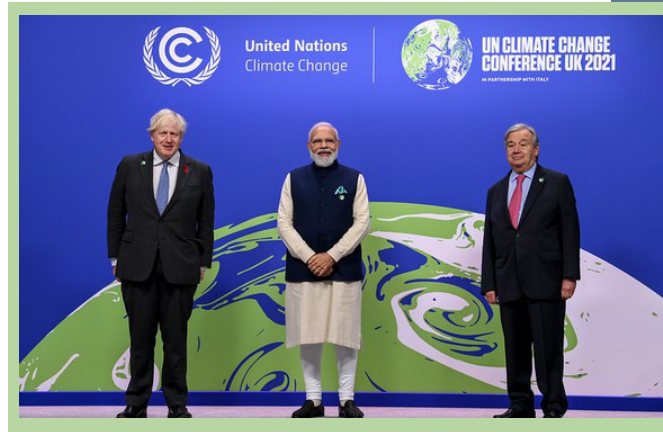
## Visit to the Vatican City



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met his Holiness Pope Francis at the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican on 30 October 2021. This was the first meeting between an Indian Prime Minister and the Pope in more than two decades.
- During meeting, the two leaders discussed the Covid-19 pandemic and its consequences for people across the world. They also discussed the challenge posed by climate change. Prime Minister briefed the Pope about the ambitious initiatives taken by India in combating climate change as well as India's success in administering one billion Covid-19 vaccination doses. His Holiness appreciated India's assistance to countries in need during the pandemic.
- Prime Minister extended an invitation to His Holiness Pope Francis to visit India at an early date, which was accepted with pleasure. Prime Minister also met Secretary of State, His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

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## Visit to Glasgow for COP26



- The COP26 summit took place in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November, 2021 with the UK holding COP presidency as the host. The event was co-hosted by U.K in partnership with Italy..
- In his address at the launch of 'Infrastructure for Resilient Island States' initiative, prime Minister Shri Narendra Modithat climate change is a real threat to everyone whether rich, developed or developing nations.
- In his national statement, Prime Minister recalled his visit to Paris for the Climate Summit and said he went with a concern for humanity and it was not just about promises. He said he represented of a culture that gave the message of 'SarveBhavantuSukhinah', which means 'Happiness for All.
- Noting India's contribution at the international level, P.M Modi said, it has taken the initiative of International Solar Alliance and also created a Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure for climate adaptation.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the midst of this global brainstorming on climate change, on behalf of India, presented five nectar elements, 'Panchamrit', to deal with the challenge:
  1. By 2030, India to increase its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW.
  2. By 2030, India to meet 50 percent of its energy requirements from renewable energy.
  3. By 2030, India to reduce the total projected carbon emissions by one billion tonnes.
  4. By 2030, India to reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by less than 45 percent.
  5. By 2070, India will achieve the target of 'Net Zero.'
- In his remarks at the session on 'Accelerating Clean Technology Innovation and Deployment' he noted that 'One Sun, One World, One Grid' is a solution to the challenge.
- In his address at the event on 'Action and Solidarity-The Critical Decade' he said that Adaptation does not get as much importance in the Global climate debate as Mitigation.
- On the side lines of the COP26, Prime Minister met the many distinguished personalities including Bill gates, H.E Sher Bahadur Deuba (Prime Minister of Nepal), Prime Minister of Israel H.E. Mr. Naftali Bennette etc

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## Telephone Conversations

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi held telephonic conversations with several world leaders in the year 2021. Some of the key conversations were:

### **Prime Minister of UK the Rt Hon Boris Johnson (January 05, 2021)**



- The leaders reviewed ongoing cooperation between both countries, including in the area of making COVID-19 vaccines available for the world. Prime Minister Shri Modi expressed his understanding of the exceptional situation in the UK, and conveyed his best wishes for the quick control of the pandemic spread.

### **H.E. Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America (February 08, 2021)**



- Prime Minister warmly congratulated President Biden, conveyed best wishes for his tenure, and looked forward to working closely with him to further elevate the India-US Strategic Partnership. The leaders discussed at length regional developments and the wider geo-political context.

### **His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik, Sultan of Oman (February 17, 2021)**



- His Majesty the Sultan expressed his appreciation for the COVID-19 vaccines supplied by India to Oman. The leaders agreed to maintain close cooperation in the joint fight against the pandemic. Prime Minister congratulated the Sultan on completion of one year of his reign and for his Vision 2040 for Oman.

### **His Royal Highness Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia (March 10, 2021)**



- Both leaders reviewed the functioning of the bilateral Strategic Partnership Council established in 2019, and expressed satisfaction about the steady growth in the India-Saudi partnership.
- The leaders agreed to continue supporting each other's efforts against the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister reiterated his invitation to HRH the Crown Prince to visit India at an early date.

**H.E. Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America  
(April 26, 2021)**



- The two leaders discussed the COVID-19 situation in their respective countries, including India's ongoing efforts to contain the second wave of COVID-19 through expedited vaccination efforts, and ensuring supply of critical medicines, therapeutics and healthcare equipment.
- President Biden conveyed solidarity with India and affirmed that the United States was determined to support India's efforts by quickly deploying resources. Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed his heartfelt appreciation for the offer of assistance and support from the Government of the United States of America. He mentioned India's commitment to contain the COVID-19 pandemic globally through Vaccine Maitri, and its participation in COVAX and the Quad Vaccine Initiatives. Both leaders underlined the potential of the India-US partnership in vaccine development and supply to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

**President of the Russian Federation H.E. Vladimir Putin  
(April 28, 2021)**



- The leaders discussed the evolving Covid-19 pandemic situation. The two leaders noted the ongoing cooperation between the two countries to fight the global pandemic. Approval for emergency use of Sputnik-V vaccine in India was appreciated by President Putin. The leaders noted that the Russian vaccine will be manufactured in India for use in India, Russia and third countries.

**Prime Minister of Australia, Hon Scott Morrison MP  
(May 07, 2021)**



- Prime Minister Modi conveyed his appreciation for the prompt and generous support extended by the government and people of Australia for India's fight against the second wave of COVID-19. The two Leaders agreed on the need to ensure affordable and equitable access to vaccines and medicines for containing COVID globally. Prime Minister sought Australia's support for the initiative taken at the WTO by India and South Africa to seek a temporary waiver under TRIPS in this context.

**H.E. Dr. Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Bhutan  
(May 11, 2021)**



- The Bhutan Prime Minister expressed solidarity with the Government and the people of India in their efforts against the recent wave of COVID-19 pandemic. The leaders noted that the present crisis situation has served to further highlight the special friendship between India and Bhutan, anchored in mutual understanding and respect, shared cultural heritage, and strong people to people links.

**H.E. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic  
(May 26, 2021)**



- Prime Minister Modi thanked President Macron for the assistance rendered by France to India's Covid response. The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the depth and strength that the India-France Strategic Partnership has acquired in recent years and agreed to continue working closely together in the post-COVID era. Prime Minister Modi also reiterated his invitation to President Macron to visit India as soon as conditions permit.

**H.E. Mr. Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister of Nepal  
(July 19, 2021)**



- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi conveyed congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Deuba for his appointment as the Prime Minister of Nepal and for winning the confidence vote in Parliament.
- Recalling the unique and millenia-old people-to-people linkages that underpin the special friendship between India and Nepal, the leaders agreed to work together to enhance bilateral cooperation in all areas. They discussed, in particular, ways to strengthen cooperation and coordination in the context of ongoing effort against the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Federal Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel  
(August 23, 2021)**

- The leaders discussed the unfolding security situation in Afghanistan and its implications on the region and the world. They emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and security, with the most urgent priority being the repatriation of stranded people. The two leaders also discussed issues on the bilateral agenda, including cooperation in Covid-19 vaccines, development cooperation with a focus on climate and energy, and fostering trade and economic relations. They exchanged views on issues of multilateral interest such as the forthcoming COP-26 meeting and the Indian initiative to promote a dialogue on maritime security at the United Nations Security Council.

**President of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin  
(August 24, 2021)**



- The leaders discussed the unfolding situation in Afghanistan and its implications for the region and the world. They expressed the view that it was important for the two strategic partners to work together and instructed their senior officials to remain in touch.
- The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the progress in the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' between both countries despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic. They appreciated the ongoing bilateral cooperation in the fight against the Covid pandemic, especially in the supply and production of 'Sputnik V' vaccine.

- Prime Minister Modi said that he looked forward to President Putin's visit to India for the next Bilateral Summit. The two leaders agreed to remain in touch on bilateral and global issues, in particular, the situation in Afghanistan.

**Prime Minister of Italy H.E. Mr. Mario Draghi  
(August 27, 2021)**



- The leaders discussed the recent developments in Afghanistan and its implications for the region and the world. They strongly condemned the horrific terror attack at the Kabul International Airport and emphasized the need to ensure the safe repatriation of stranded people. They stressed upon the need for international cooperation, including at the level of the G20, in addressing the humanitarian crisis and long term security concerns arising out of the developments in Afghanistan. The two leaders also discussed other important issues on the G20 agenda, such as Climate Change.

**Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin  
Zayed Al Nahyan  
(September 03, 2021)**



- The two leaders positively assessed the continued progress in bilateral cooperation in various areas under the India-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership. Prime Minister appreciated UAE's support for the Indian community during the Covid-19 pandemic. He also conveyed best wishes for Expo-2020 to be held in Dubai from October 1, 2021. Both leaders also discussed regional issues of common concern. They agreed that there is no place for terrorism and extremism in the world and stressed the importance of international community standing together against such forces.

**H.E. Mr. Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the  
United Kingdom  
(October 11, 2021)**



- The two leaders reviewed the progress in bilateral relations since their virtual summit earlier this year, and expressed satisfaction at the steps already initiated under the Roadmap 2030. They also reviewed the progress of the Enhanced Trade Partnership. Prime Minister conveyed India's commitment to Climate Action
- The leaders also exchanged views on regional developments, especially the situation in Afghanistan. In this context, they agreed on the need to develop a common international perspective on issues regarding extremism and terrorism, as well as Human Rights and rights of women and minorities.



**His Excellency Vladimir Putin, President of  
the Russian Federation  
(December 20, 2021)**



- In their conversation, the two leaders followed up on some of the issues discussed during the recent visit to India by H.E. President Putin. The conversation allowed an exchange of views on international issues. The leaders agreed to remain in regular touch on all aspects covered under the India-Russia Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership, and to continuously strive to further deepen bilateral cooperation as well as consultation and coordination in multilateral fora.



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