



Significant Diplomatic Engagements

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Visits Malaysia on Official Trip :

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Malaysia on 7– and 8 February 2026. The visit marked a significant milestone in advancing the India–Malaysia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, yielding broad and substantive outcomes across multiple sectors. The visit commenced with the “Selamat Datang Modiji” community reception, attended by approximately 12,000 members of the Indian diaspora and featuring a record-breaking cultural performance by 800 dancers, which was recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records.



Formal engagements on 8 February 2026 at Perdana Putra included bilateral talks between the two leaders, resulting in the conclusion of 11 agreements covering areas such as digital payments (including UPI–PayNet integration), semiconductors, defence cooperation, security, health, disaster management, anti-corruption, audio-visual co-production, technical and vocational education, UN peacekeeping, and social security for Indian workers, alongside Malaysia’s accession to the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA). Discussions also spanned trade, investment, maritime cooperation, clean energy, infrastructure, agriculture, education, Ayurveda, tourism, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.



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Upon arrival on 7 February 2026, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi, was accorded a traditional welcome featuring cultural performances such as a Natheswaram and Thavil recital, Thirumurai chanting, Wayang Kulit (traditional shadow puppet theatre), a Ramayana-based Bharatanatyam performance, and a demonstration of the Silambam martial art by prominent local cultural organisations. The Malaysia India Heritage Society also presented a book highlighting the deep connection of Sanskrit.



The Prime Minister further held key interactions, including a meeting with INA veteran Shri Jeyaraj Raja Rao to honour the legacy of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Malaysian business leaders and a group interaction with Malaysian Political leaders including Minister, Deputy Ministers, Senators and Parliamentarian of Indian origin, reinforcing strong people-to-people ties and parliamentary engagement between the two countries. India also announced its intention to establish its first Consulate General in Malaysia and to set up the Thiruvalluvar Cultural Centre.



Malaysia Participates in AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi :

At the AI Impact Summit 2026 held from 18–20 February 2026 in New Delhi, Malaysia, represented by Minister of Digital Gobind Singh Deo, advanced key initiatives including the proposal for an AI Centre in Johor and support for global AI responsibility frameworks. The summit gathered representatives from more than 100 countries, highlighting Malaysia's growing involvement in international digital and artificial intelligence cooperation.



Royal Malaysian Navy participated in IFR and MILAN 2026 :

The Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) participated in the International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026 and Exercise MILAN 2026 held in Visakhapatnam from 15 to 25 February 2026. The RMN vessel, KD Sri Indera Sakti, received a warm welcome from the Indian Navy, underscoring the strong maritime partnership between the two countries. The participation reinforced Prime Minister Narendra Modi's SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and MAHASAGAR vision, while also highlighting 2026 as the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation.

Engagements of High Commission of India Kuala Lumpur

On 12 February 2026, the fourth Mini Defence Expo cum Defence Industry Symposium was held in Kuala Lumpur, organised by the High Commission of India in Malaysia, bringing together a 26-member Indian delegation led by Shri Rajeev Prakash and representatives from 35 Malaysian companies. A key highlight was the signing of a historic MoU between the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) and the Coalition of Defence Industry Malaysia (CDIM), marking an important step toward deeper defence technology cooperation, industrial partnerships, and capacity building between the two nations.



On 11 February 2026, H.E. B.N. Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, participated in Taylor's University's Distinguished Diplomat Series, engaging with students on India–Malaysia relations, India's foreign policy priorities, and regional frameworks such as the Act East Policy, ASEAN centrality, and the Indo-Pacific vision.

A high-level Indian Steel delegation led by Secretary (Steel) Shri Sandeep Poudrik, along with heads of NMDC, MOIL, RINL, and SAIL, held strategic meetings in Malaysia to strengthen cooperation in the steel, minerals, and critical minerals sectors. The delegation, accompanied by the Indian High Commissioner, engaged with Malaysian industry bodies and government agencies to enhance trade, investment, and value-chain collaboration between the two countries.





Mr. Fuad Nizam of New Straits Times represented Malaysia at India's inaugural Familiarisation Visit for Defence Journalists, held from 16 February to 3 March 2026 and organised by the Ministry of External Affairs of India. The initiative aims to provide defence journalists from friendly countries with first-hand exposure to India's defence capabilities. As part of the 25-nation delegation, he witnessed major events such as IFR 2026 and MILAN 2026 in Visakhapatnam, received a briefing aboard the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, and engaged with leading defence public sector undertakings, including Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Bengaluru.

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC)

A felicitation ceremony was held on February 28 at Indian Council for Cultural Relations Kuala Lumpur to honour the distinguished heads of cultural institutions and community associations for their pivotal role in organising the 'Swagatam' welcome dance at the 'Selamat Datang Modiji' event during the visit of Narendra Modi to Malaysia. The event celebrated the efforts of over 42 Indian dance academies and community groups, showcasing strong India–Malaysia cultural ties and the spirit of collaboration that contributed to the success of the large-scale cultural presentation.



NSCBICC Director Ms. Vijayalakshmy Sunderrajan held a meeting on 24 February 2026 with Dato' George Thomas, CEO of the Malaysian Association for the Blind (MAB), and conveyed appreciation for the students' rendition of the National Anthems during the Indian Community event welcoming the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi, to Malaysia. The discussions explored future collaboration, including recording Indian epics and folktales for visually challenged students, conducting regular outreach programmes and workshops by ICCR-deputed teachers, and enabling cultural performances by MAB students, strengthening inclusive cultural engagement.

1. Maiden Edition of India's Biggest Electricity Show - Bharat Electricity Summit 2026 Commences

The Bharat Electricity Summit 2026, inaugurated at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, marks a significant milestone in India's power sector transformation. The four-day global conference-cum-exhibition brings together over 300 speakers, representatives from more than 80 countries, 500 exhibitors, and 25,000 visitors, making it one of the largest electricity-focused platforms globally. The summit highlights...[read more](#)

2. India's Bioeconomy surges from US\$ 10 billion to US \$195 billion in a decade, Registers 17-18% Annual Growth: Dr. Jitendra Singh

India's bioeconomy has shown tremendous growth in recent times, with an increase of almost 20 times from US\$ 10 billion (Rs. 92,420 crore) in 2014 to US\$ 195 billion (Rs. 18.02 lakh crore) in 2025, as stated by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh. The bioeconomy has shown an impressive growth rate of 17-18 percent annually, which reflects...[read more](#)

3. Zero Customs Duty to Transform Nuclear Energy Economics, Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh

The Government of India has announced a significant policy measure to strengthen the country's nuclear energy sector by granting zero customs duty on the import of goods required for nuclear power projects. As per the statement by Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh in a written reply in the Lok Sabha, this move is expected to accelerate project execution timelines...[read more](#)

4. India in FTA talks with 6 countries, including Australia, Sri Lanka, Peru, Chile & Israel

India is currently negotiating six Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with several countries and regional blocs as part of its strategy to strengthen global trade partnerships and expand export opportunities. According to the Ministry of Commerce... [read more.](#)

5. Data centre capacity in the country has increased from about 375 MW in 2020 to around 1500 MW by 2025

India's data centre industry is witnessing steady expansion, reflecting the rapid growth of the country's digital economy and emerging technologies. The total data centre capacity in India has increased from about 375 megawatts (MW) in 2020 to around 1,500 MW by 2025, highlighting the growing demand for data storage and processing infrastructure. The expansion...[read more](#)

6. Amazon Business unlocks over Rs. 2,000 crore (US\$ 216.90 million) in financial value for Indian businesses in 2025

Amazon Business has enabled Indian companies to unlock more than Rs. 2,000 Crore (US\$ 216.90 million) in financial value in 2025 through its procurement and digital commerce platform. Businesses ranging from micro-enterprises...[read more](#)

7. PhonePe launches 'RuPay On-The-Go' Card to simplify commuter payments across India

Digital payments platform PhonePe has launched the 'RuPay On-The-Go' card, a contactless payment solution designed to simplify transit payments for commuters across India. The new card enables users to make quick and seamless payments at public transport systems such as metro services, buses, and other transit networks, reducing reliance on cash payments and physical ticket purchases....[read more](#)

Spotlight and Opportunities in India

Medical Devices Industry in India




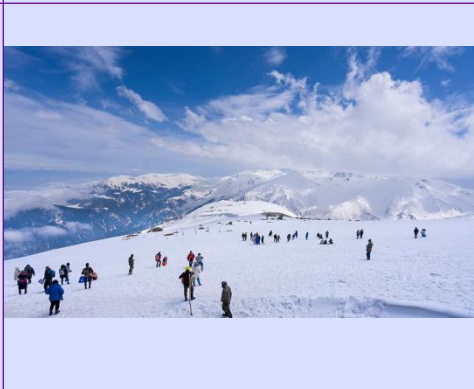


- The size of the Indian medical devices market is estimated at Rs. 90,000 crore (US\$ 11 billion) in 2022 and is expected to grow to US\$ 50 billion by 2030 with a CAGR of 16.4 %.
- Increasing DemandRising number of medical facilities will boost the demand for medical devices in the market. The medical technology sector in India is projected to reach Rs. 4,33,150 crore (US\$ 50 billion) by 2030. Diagnostic equipment market to reach to Rs. 51,978 crore (US\$ 6 billion) by 2027, up from Rs. 34,652 crore (US\$ 4 billion) in CY23.
- Opportunities in Export: India and Russia have set the bilateral trade target at Rs. 260,880 crore (US\$ 30 billion) by 2025. Trade is expected to increase by an additional Rs. 43,480 crore (US\$ 5 billion) per annum, with opportunities in pharmaceuticals & medical devices, minerals, steel, and chemicals.
- India's medical technology industry is poised to reach exports of up to Rs. 1,69,000 crore (US\$ 20 billion) by FY30, according to the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- India's medical devices industry is seeking a larger footprint in the United Kingdom's (UK) Rs. 161.16 crore (US\$ 18.17 million) medtech market, with an ambition to triple exports to Rs. 2,917-3,493 crore (US\$ 329-394 million) by 2030 from Rs. 1,117 crore (US\$ 126 million) in 2024.
- Comprehensive policy support through the National Medical Device Policy 2023, PLI & MDP schemes, cluster assistance, HR development, standards, export promotion, and PPPs is driving growth in India's MediTech sector. Lower GST on medicines and medical devices was announced to make healthcare more affordable, further incentivizing industry growth and expanding access to advanced medical technologies.
- 100% FDI is allowed in the medical devices sector In India. Categories such as equipment and instruments, consumables and implants attract the most FDI.
- Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mr. JP Nadda launched a Rs. 500 crore (US\$ 59.24 million) scheme to boost India's medical devices industry, focusing on manufacturing key components, skill development, clinical studies support, common infrastructure, and industry promotion.
- FDI inflow in the medical and surgical appliances sector between April 2000-June 2025 stood at Rs. 27,900.25 crore (US\$ 3.96 billion).
- In the Union Budget 2025-26, Rs. 99,858 crore (US\$ 11.48 billion) was allocated as a budget for the healthcare sector.

INDIA TOURISM - Cuisine of Jammu and Kashmir

Sl. No	Events	Description	
1.	Rogan Josh	A signature Kashmiri dish, Rogan Josh is a flavorful lamb curry cooked with aromatic spices and rich red chili. Its vibrant color and tender meat make it a true delight of Kashmiri cuisine.	
2.	Kashmiri Pulao	Kashmiri Pulao is a fragrant rice dish prepared with saffron, dry fruits, and mild spices. The subtle sweetness and rich aroma reflect the royal culinary traditions of the region.	
3.	Dum Olav	Dum Aloo features baby potatoes slow-cooked in a rich, spiced yogurt-based gravy. This popular vegetarian dish is known for its deep flavors and comforting warmth.	
4.	Phirni	Phirni is a creamy rice pudding delicately flavored with cardamom and saffron. Served chilled and garnished with nuts, it is a traditional dessert enjoyed during festivals and celebrations.	
5.	Sheer Chai	Also known as Kashmiri pink tea, Sheer Chai is a unique beverage made with green tea leaves, milk, and a pinch of salt. Its distinctive pink color and creamy taste make it a cultural favorite.	

INCREDIBLE INDIA - Jammu and Kashmir

Sl. No	Places to visit	
1.	<p>Dal Lake</p> <p>Dal Lake, the “Jewel of Srinagar,” is renowned for its tranquil waters and iconic houseboats. Visitors can enjoy a serene shikara ride while admiring the surrounding Himalayan backdrop. The floating markets and gardens add to its timeless charm.</p>	 A scenic view of Dal Lake in Srinagar, India. The water is calm, reflecting the blue sky and the surrounding green hills. Several colorful houseboats (shikaras) are docked along the shore, and a few are visible on the water. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds.
2.	<p>Vaishno Devi Mandir</p> <p>Vaishno Devi Mandir is one of India’s most sacred pilgrimage destinations, nestled in the Trikuta Hills. Devotees undertake a spiritual trek to seek the blessings of Mata Vaishno Devi. The journey combines faith, devotion, and breathtaking mountain views.</p>	 A view of the Vaishno Devi Mandir complex, a large white stone structure built into a steep, forested hillside. The surrounding area is lush green, and the sky is overcast with soft, diffused light.
3.	<p>Shalimar Bagh Gardens</p> <p>Built by Mughal Emperor Jahangir, Shalimar Bagh is a masterpiece of Mughal garden design. Its terraced lawns, flowing fountains, and symmetrical layout reflect royal elegance. The garden remains a symbol of Kashmir’s rich cultural heritage.</p>	 A view of the Shalimar Bagh Gardens in Srinagar, India. The image shows a large, ornate pavilion with a dark roof and white walls, situated on a terraced lawn. The pavilion is reflected in a pool of water in the foreground. The sky is a warm, golden yellow, suggesting sunset or sunrise.
4.	<p>Amar Mahal</p> <p>Overlooking the Tawi River, Amar Mahal is a striking palace inspired by French architecture. Now a museum, it houses royal artifacts, paintings, and a golden throne. The palace offers panoramic views and a glimpse into Jammu’s regal past.</p>	 A view of the Amar Mahal Palace in Jammu, India. The palace is a large, multi-story building with a mix of architectural styles, including French influences. It features a prominent red roof and a mix of stone and brickwork. The palace is surrounded by a well-maintained lawn and a few trees.

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5.	<p>Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden</p> <p>Recognized as Asia’s largest tulip garden, it blooms vibrantly each spring with millions of tulips. Set against the Zabarwan Range, it creates a breathtaking floral landscape. The annual Tulip Festival attracts visitors from around the world.</p>	
6.	<p>Apharwat Peak</p> <p>Located near Gulmarg, Apharwat Peak is a paradise for adventure enthusiasts. It is famous for skiing in winter and trekking during summer. The snow-clad slopes and stunning vistas make it a must-visit destination.</p>	
7.	<p>Hazratbal Shrine</p> <p>Hazratbal Shrine is a revered Muslim shrine situated on the serene banks of Dal Lake. Its pristine white marble structure stands out against the scenic surroundings. The shrine holds deep spiritual significance and draws devotees throughout the year.</p>	
8.	<p>Drung Waterfall</p> <p>Drung Waterfall is a picturesque natural attraction known for its cascading waters. In winter, the waterfall transforms into stunning frozen formations. Surrounded by lush greenery and mountains, it offers a peaceful escape into nature.</p>	

Indian Heritage in Malaysia

Torana Gate: A Symbol of India-Malaysia Friendship



- The Torana Gate in Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur, stands as a magnificent symbol of enduring friendship between India and Malaysia. A gift from the Government of India, the gate reflects the rich Hindu and Buddhist architectural heritage of the Indian subcontinent and was inaugurated on 23 November 2015.
- The project was first announced by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during his state visit to Malaysia in 2010. Following a design competition by the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, architects Akshaya Jain & Associates were appointed to bring the vision to life. The design closely mirrors the Great Stupa at Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh, while the reliefs and decorative elements reinterpret Indian art in a contemporary style, tailored for its Malaysian setting.
- The gate features intricately carved columns and architraves, with sculpted blocks and panels adding depth to its design. The surrounding plaza showcases patterned granite flooring with geometrical motifs, while the Torana's curvilinear ceiling features 24 coffers supporting square stone panels adorned with delicate floral carvings.
- The Torana Gate is more than an architectural landmark, it is a celebration of shared culture, heritage, and the lasting friendship between the two nations.

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- [Economic Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs](#)
- [Department of Commerce](#)
- [Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade \(DPIIT\)](#)
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- [Indian Brand Equity Foundation \(IBEF\)](#)
- [Invest India](#)
- [Confederation of Indian Industry \(CII\)](#)
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