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Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi at the G7 meeting (virtual)

1 - 15 June 2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your families safe and healthy.

As per estimates released from the World Bank, India's GDP forecast for fiscal year 2021-22 is projected to be 8.3%. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 4 June have projected real GDP growth at 9.5% in 2021-22 consisting of 18.5% in Q1; 7.9% in Q2; 7.2% in Q3; and 6.6% in Q4 of FY 2021-22. The press release from RBI can be accessed here.

Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has called for waiving of patents on Covid-19 vaccines, reform of multilateral institutions and better access to climate finance to help developing countries during the G7 summit on 12 June 2021. He sought support for the proposal moved at the World Trade Organization by India and South Africa to waive the intellectual property rights on Covid-19 vaccines and drugs. He also explained India's successful use of open-source digital tools (Co-win platform) for contact tracing and vaccine management, and offered to share the experience and expertise with other developing countries. More can be read in this article.

On the second day of the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi took part in two sessions titled 'Building Back Together—Open Societies and Economies' and 'Building Back Greener: Climate and Nature'. More can be read <u>here</u>.

Stay safe and healthy.

Best wishes, Mrinalini Kaur Sapra, First Secretary (Economic & Commercial) Embassy of India [trade.thehague@mea.gov.in]

India to have 900 million Internet users by 2025: Report

According to a report published by IAMAI and Kantar Research, India internet users are expected to reach 900 million by 2025 from ~ 622 million internet users in 2020, growing at a CAGR of 45% until 2025. <u>Read More</u>

Government issues Operational guidelines for Production Linked Incentive Scheme of Pharmaceuticals

Applications are invited in three groups based on the Global Manufacturing Revenue of FY 2019-20 of the applicants. All the applications will be submitted through an online portal maintained by SIDBI, the Project Management Agency for the scheme. Application can be made on the online portal, URL of which is https://pli-pharma.udyamimitra.in. The application window is for 60 days starting from 2nd June, 2021 to 31st July, 2021 (Both dates inclusive) <u>Read More</u>

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Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addresses World Environment Day event

The Prime Minister spoke about the hard and soft approaches taken to fight climate change. On the hard approach, he noted that our capacity for renewable energy has increased by more than 250 percent in the last 6-7 years. India is today among the top 5 countries of the world in terms of installed renewable energy capacity. Especially the capacity of solar energy has increased by about 15 times in the last 6 years. Read More



Number of startups recognized by DPIIT goes upto 50000

With the launch of the Startup India initiative, recognized startups have now spread across 623 districts. Each State and UT has at least one startup. 30 States and UTs have announced specific Startup Policies to support startups. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat have the greatest number of startups. The sectors that had the maximum registered startups were 'Food Processing', 'Product Development', 'Application Development', 'IT Consulting' and 'Business Support Services'. <u>Read more</u>

New user-friendly tax website launched on 7 June 2021

The new e-filing portal is aimed at providing taxpayer convenience and a modern, seamless experience to taxpayers. Some of the highlights of the new portal:

- New taxpayer friendly portal integrated with immediate processing of Income Tax Returns (ITRs) to issue quick refunds to taxpayers;

- All interactions and uploads or pending actions will be displayed on a single dashboard for follow-up action by taxpayer; <u>Read More</u>



Upcoming events





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designed as a comprehensive resource to help businesses and investors get real-time updates on India's active response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Please keep checking <u>www.investindia.gov.in</u> website for regular updates.

An interactive session on the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme 2.0 for pharmaceuticals & medical devices 17th June 2021 | 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM IST

The Webinar will feature highlights of PLI 2.0 scheme by senior Government officials, followed by an open house discussion on the recently published operational guidelines of the scheme.



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<u>Visit to Shri Krishna School, Utrecht</u> (5 June 2021)

Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, Pradeep Kumar Rawat and his spouse Shruti Rawat visited Shri Krishna School, Utrecht to mark the 148th anniversary of arrival of Indians in Suriname. After interacting with community members & students they took a tour to the construction site of the new school building.

Visit to Sewa Dhaam Mandir (13 June 2021)

Ambassador of India to the Netherlands, Pradeep Kumar Rawat and his spouse Shruti Rawat visited the Sewa Dhaam Mandir in The Hague. After performing pujas, he discussed with Board Members about their annual activities and possibilities of enhancing cultural activities including teaching of Hindi & Sanskrit.







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