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Modi becomes first Indian PM to visit Nigeria in 17 years; gets highest award



India and Nigeria on Sunday agreed to work together to address the priorities and developmental aspirations of the Global South even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Bola Ahmed Tinubu discussed ways to enhance cooperation in defence, security and trade.

Modi, the first Indian premier to visit the West African country in 17 years, was honoured with the Grand Commander of the Order of Niger, the nation's highest award for his contributions to strengthening bilateral ties. The two sides signed three agreements for cooperation in customs matters and surveys and cultural exchanges. After a ceremonial welcome with a 21-gun salute, Modi held a restricted meeting with Tinubu that was followed by delegation-level talks. The two leaders agreed to work together to meet the developmental aspirations of the Global South and Modi appreciated Nigeria's role as chair of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and its contribution to multilateral and bodies.

Highlights

Brazil welcomes PM Modi for G20 summit

Delhi AQI drops down

Bill Gates



Delhi Air Pollution Supreme Court Hearing Highlights: SC orders GRAP 4 across all NCR states, says curbs to be in force even if AQI drops below 400

Delhi minister and AAP leader Gopal Rai addresses a press conference on the issue of rising pollution levels in the national capital

Delhi minister and AAP leader Gopal Rai said "Today, the entire North India is badly affected by pollution, elderlies are facing breathing issues, authorities to forced to close the schools... The impact of pollution is increasing with change in weather across North India. It unfortunate that at such a time, the BJP-led central govt is sleeping and Union Environment Minister has taken a vow of silence on the issue. This is the time when the central govt should work in coordination with the state govts,"

SC directed the Union government to make immediate arrangements for getting data from either Korean stationery satellites or any other stationery satellites so that data of stubble burning throughout the day can be made available to the states to enable them to take immediate actions. The apex court also said that commission and the central government will also involve ISRO in taking this step as the ultimate object should be to ensure that all instances of farm burning throughout the day can be reported to the concerned States so that prompt action can be taken by the states.

Musk's SpaceX to help India launch heavyweight satellite on Tuesday

NEW DELHI: Elon Musk, who supported Donald Trump in his victory in the US presidential election, will now bail out India. Musk-owned American space company SpaceX will launch one of India's heaviest communication satellites, Gsat-20, weighing 4,700 kg

Isro chairman S Somanath said, "SpaceX's Falcon-9 will launch Isro's Gsat-20, also called GSAT N-2, on Nov 19."



Isro's heavy lifter LVM-3, popularly known as 'Bahubali' or 'Fat Boy', can lift satellites weighing up to four tonnes into the geostationary transfer orbit (GTO). However, as Gsat-20 weighs more than four tonnes, Isro is seeking help from SpaceX for launching its satellite with its heavy-lifter Falcon-9 rocket, which can launch payloads of 8300 kg or 8.3 tonnes to GTO.

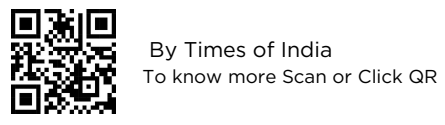
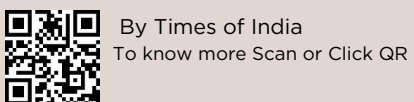
Why India's first long-range hypersonic missile is a big achievement

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The missile, which was test fired off the coast of Odisha, can carry era payloads for ranges exceeding 1,500 km for the armed forces, the government said in a statement.

Taking to X, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh wrote, "India has achieved a major milestone by successfully conducting flight trial of long-range hypersonic missile from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off-the-coast of Odisha. This is a historic moment and this significant achievement has put our country in the group of select nations having capabilities of such critical and advanced military technologies."





Brazil welcomes PM Modi with chants, festivities ahead of G20 summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi was welcomed by Brazilian Vedic scholars chanting Sanskrit mantras upon his arrival in Brazil for the G20 summit on Monday. The group of Vedic scholars, comprising men and women of all ages, sang melodious Sanskrit shlokas in PM Modi's presence. They were dressed in traditional Indian attire, and the Prime Minister keenly listened to their harmonious recitation.

According to a statement by the Ministry of External Affairs, there is significant interest in India's culture, religion, performing arts, and philosophy in Brazil. Organizations like the Ramakrishna Mission, ISKCON, Satya Sai Baba, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, and the Bhakti Vedanta Foundation have active chapters in Brazil. Indian philosophy and spirituality were among the first aspects of Indian culture to influence Brazil, resonating with the country's colourful folkloric traditions and joyous festivities.



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Gujarat and Jabil Join Hands for ₹1,000 Crore Tech Investment in Dholera

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Under the leadership of CM Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat has taken a major step in technology with a ₹1,000 crore investment MoU between the Gujarat Science and Technology Department and Jabil, a global leader in manufacturing and supply chain solutions. This development is part of India's broader vision, inspired by PM Narendra Modi, to become a global tech hub through initiatives like the India Semiconductor Mission and Make in India. The MoU focuses on establishing a state-of-the-art facility in the Dholera Special Investment Region (DSIR), targeting sectors like networking, automotive, and capital goods. The project will generate 5,000 jobs by 2027 and enhance R&D capabilities, boosting Gujarat's electronics ecosystem.

The agreement was signed by Jabil's Operations Director B N Shukla and Gujarat Electronics Mission Director Manish Gurvan. Jabil's global expertise, combined with Gujarat's plug-and-play infrastructure, positions Dholera as a key hub for high-tech manufacturing. Notably, major players like Micron and Tata Electronics are already setting up semiconductor units in the state, making Gujarat a leader in India's tech transformation.



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Textile key source of economic livelihood after agriculture: Giriraj Singh



Union Minister Giriraj Singh highlighted the growing importance of the textiles sector as a key income source after agriculture, employing 4.6 crore people, up from pre-2014 figures, and projected to reach six crore by 2030. Speaking ahead of Bharat Tex 2025, a global textile expo in New Delhi, he emphasized innovation and start-ups under 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat,' with advancements like technical textiles benefiting the medical sector. Singh noted India's leadership in diverse textiles, surpassing China in cotton production, and announced a ₹12,000 crore revival plan for the jute sector. Calling Kolkata the "mother of textiles," he underlined its heritage contributions, while Union Minister Pabitra Margherita stressed the need for a textile value chain and cultural exchange through the expo.



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Former CEO of Microsoft

William Henry Gates III (born October 28, 1955) is an American businessman and philanthropist best known for his roles at Microsoft Corporation. He co-founded the software company with his childhood friend Paul Allen and later held the positions of chairman, chief executive officer (CEO), president, and chief software architect. He was also being its largest individual shareholder until May 2014. He was a pioneer of the microcomputer revolution of the 1970s and 1980s.

In June 2008, Gates transitioned into a part-time role at Microsoft and full-time work at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the private charitable foundation he and his then-wife Melinda had established in 2000. He stepped down as chairman of the Microsoft board in February 2014 and assumed the role of technology adviser to support newly appointed CEO Satya Nadella. In March 2020, Gates left his board positions at Microsoft and Berkshire Hathaway to focus on his philanthropic efforts on climate change, global health and development, and education.

Since 1987, Gates has been included in the Forbes list of the world's top billionaires. From 1995 to 2017, he held the title of the wealthiest person in the world every year except in 2008 and from 2010 to 2013. In 1999, he became the first ever centibillionaire when his net worth briefly surpassed US\$100 billion. Since leaving day-to-day operations at Microsoft in 2008, Gates has pursued other business and philanthropic endeavors. He is the founder and chairman of several companies, including BEN, Cascade Investment, TerraPower, Gates Ventures, and Breakthrough Energy. He has donated to various charitable organizations and scientific research programs through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, reported to be the world's largest private charity. Through the foundation, he led an early 21st century vaccination campaign that significantly contributed to the eradication of the wild poliovirus in Africa. In 2010, Gates and Warren Buffett founded the Giving Pledge, whereby they and other billionaires pledge to give at least half of their wealth towards philanthropy.



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- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats

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