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Promotion of FTII-ESCAC partnership and film industry ties at Iberseries.









A series of strategic initiatives were launched at the 5th Iberseries and Platino Industria to enhance the India-Spain audiovisual partnership. The Ambassador delivered the opening address at the "Bridges of Creativity" conference emphasizing cinema's power to bridge cultures. A landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed at the Bharat Pavilion between the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) and ESCAC (Catalonia's School of Cinema and Audiovisuals), establishing a framework for academic excellence and the exchange of students and faculty. Furthering industry ties, the 3rd India-Spain Coproduction Meet and a dedicated networking session for young producers were held to facilitate joint film ventures and creative partnerships.

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The Embassy of India in Spain welcomed College of Defence Management delegation to Madrid





The Embassy of India in Madrid hosted a 22-member delegation from the College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad, as part of their International Strategic Management Tour. The delegation, consisting of senior officers from the HDMC-21 course, engaged in insightful interactions with the Ambassador and the embassy officials.

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Review of institutional ties and ESIND research at the University of Córdoba.





The University of Córdoba hosted a high-level visit focused on expanding academic cooperation and research partnerships between India and Spain. During the visit, the Ambassador participated in discussions under the ESIND network, a pan-European research initiative focused on studying European perspectives and representations of India. The engagement reinforced a shared commitment to fostering deeper intellectual and cultural understanding through institutional exchange and collaborative research.

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Strategic Coordination with Spain–India Council Foundation (SICF) for the 5th India–Spain Forum





A strategic consultation was held between the Ambassador and Ms. María Victoria González, Secretary General of the Spain–India Council Foundation (SICF) to advance the roadmap for strengthening bilateral relations. Central to the discussions were the preparations for the 5th India–Spain Forum in Barcelona and coordination for the upcoming Dual Year initiatives

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Interaction session held with Indian companies to review business operations in Spain.





The Embassy organised a high-level interactive session with representatives of Indian companies operating across Spain to discuss ongoing business activities and future expansion projects. With over 94 Indian firms established in Spain, primarily in the IT, pharmaceutical, chemical, and logistics sectors. India currently ranks as one of the top 20 global investors in the country. The Ambassador reaffirmed the Embassy's commitment to facilitating collaboration and advancing the interests of Indian businesses, which now represent one of the top five Asian investment sources in the Spanish economy.

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Collaborative opportunities in the rail sector discussed with Renfe leadership.





The Ambassador met with Ms. Carmen Garcia Cristobal, Head of Sales at Renfe, to explore strategic collaboration in the railway sector. The discussion focused on leveraging Spain's expertise in rail technology and infrastructure to support India's transport modernization goals. This engagement underscores the growing industrial and commercial synergy between the two nations within the broader framework of their strengthening bilateral ties.

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Spanish National Day celebrated in New Delhi with Secretary (West) as Chief Guest.





Ambassador Sibi George, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs, represented the Government of India as the Chief Guest at the National Day reception hosted by the Embassy of Spain in New Delhi. In his remarks, the Secretary highlighted the significant upward trajectory of the India-Spain relationship. He looked forward to the upcoming milestone of 2026, which marks the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations and will be celebrated as the India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism, and AI.

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IAF Showcases Operational Excellence at Exercise Ocean Sky 2025 in Spain.






The Indian Air Force (IAF) demonstrated its strategic mettle and meticulous mission planning during Exercise Ocean Sky 2025 in Gran Canaria, Spain. The IAF contingent, led by Group Captains Dhankar and Dhruv, was visited by the Spanish Chief of Staff, Air General Francisco Braco Carbó, who fondly recalled his 2024 visit to India for Exercise Tarang Shakti. The Ambassador congratulated the team on their magnificent performance, which further strengthens the burgeoning defense cooperation and professional camaraderie between the air forces of India and Spain.

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8th Round of India-Spain Foreign Office Consultations convened in New Delhi.





The 8th India-Spain Foreign Office Consultations, held in New Delhi on November 13, 2025, marked a significant step in enhancing bilateral relations. Led by Secretary (West), Shri Sibi George, and Secretary of State, Mr. Diego Martínez Belío, the delegations reviewed cooperation across key sectors including trade, defense, and technology, noting the satisfactory progress of the "*Make in India" C-295 project*. Both sides reiterated to celebrate the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2026 as the *India-Spain Year of Culture, Tourism, and Artificial Intelligence*, highlighting robust cultural and tourism links. Discussions also covered regional and global issues, reaffirming the strong India-EU strategic partnership and India's commitment to zero tolerance against terrorism. The successful meeting builds on recent high-level exchanges and signals a continued upward momentum in cooperation.

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The Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, represented India at the OECD Global Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice in Madrid.







The Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, participated in the inaugural Justice Leaders' Dialogue 2025 held in Madrid under the OECD Global Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice. During the session, the Minister utilized the global platform to successfully highlight the significant work and innovative, data-driven solutions implemented by the Indian Ministry of Law and Justice. During the session, the Minister utilized the global platform to successfully highlight the significant work and innovative, data-driven solutions implemented by the Indian Ministry of Law and Justice. The Minister underscored India's initiatives aimed at strengthening public trust, ensuring equitable access to justice, and promoting international cooperation in legal system advancements.

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The Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, visited the Self-Realization Fellowship Center in Madrid.





The Hon'ble Minister interacts with the Indian Diaspora on Key Issues in Madrid.





The Honorable Minister of Law & Justice, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, participated in a dynamic and engaging question-and-answer session with members of the vibrant Indian diaspora at a special event organized by the Embassy of India in Madrid, where he addressed various issues of importance to the community.

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The Embassy promoted Bhagavad Gita's wisdom during International Gita Mahotsav 2025.







In celebration of the International Gita Mahotsav 2025, the Embassy of India in Madrid organized a significant event highlighting "The Bhagavad Gita – A philosophy for life." The program featured an insightful talk by Shri. Yedunanandana Swami, who offered valuable reflections on the timeless teachings and universal wisdom of the sacred text. To further promote the Gita's learnings among the local population, the Embassy also organized an Exhibition curated specifically in Spanish for the occasion.

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Indian Innovation and Sustainable Urbanism Showcased at Smart City Expo World Congress 2025 in Barcelona.



India’s leadership in urban transformation was highlighted during the Smart City Expo World Congress 2025 in Barcelona from November 3–5. The Ambassador undertook a guided tour of the Expo, focusing on the latest innovations in sustainable urban development, digital governance, and smart mobility. During the visit, the Ambassador engaged with members of the Spain-India Forum and toured exhibition stalls organized by various Indian state governments and organizations, highlighting India's growing role in smart city initiatives.

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Inaugural EU-India Joint Counterterrorism Training Held in New Delhi.





Marking a significant milestone in security cooperation, the European Union and India conducted their first-of-its-kind Joint Counterterrorism Training in New Delhi from October 13–15, 2025. This specialized initiative was designed to enhance tactical capabilities and streamline operational responses against evolving global terrorism threats.

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European Commission and ECCP Host Strategic EU-India Matchmaking Event for Green Energy.





The European Commission, through the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP) and in partnership with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), organized the EU-India Matchmaking Event 2025 from October 29–31 in New Delhi and Greater Noida. Held alongside the Renewable Energy India Expo 2025, the event served as a high-impact platform for "Cluster-to-Cluster" (C2C) and "Business-to-Business" (B2B) networking.

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INTA Delegation Led by Cristina Maestre Advances India-EU FTA Negotiations in New Delhi.









A seven-member high-level delegation from the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA), co-chaired by Cristina Maestre and Brando Benifei, conducted a strategic three-day visit to New Delhi from October 27–29, 2025. The mission served as a critical touchpoint for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations, featuring high-level meetings with External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, and the Minister of Finance. The visit concluded with a focus on digital and sustainable transitions, including a site visit to a leading EU semiconductor facility in India, reinforcing the parliamentary commitment to a balanced and future-ready economic partnership.

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Commerce Secretary Mr. Rajesh Agrawal and DG Ms. Sabine Weyand Narrow Divergences in India-EU FTA Talks





A pivotal week-long negotiation round for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was held in New Delhi from November 3–7, 2025, bringing together senior technical experts and high-level officials. Central to the mission were the stocktaking meetings on November 5–6 between India's Commerce Secretary, Shri Rajesh Agrawal, and the European Commission's Director-General for Trade, Ms. Sabine Weyand. The discussions focused on resolving outstanding issues in goods, services, and investment, while addressing emerging regulatory challenges such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). This round successfully narrowed technical differences and reinforced the shared commitment of both sides to conclude a balanced, forward-looking agreement by the end of the year.

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