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PM Modi Returns Home After Two Nation Visit

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has returned home after successfully concluding his **two-nation visit to United States and France**. Mr Modi arrived at the Palam Airport in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Modi visited the United States at the invitation of President Donald Trump. This was the Prime Minister's first visit to the US after the inauguration of President Trump for a second term.



- During a substantive and productive visit to the US, Prime Minister Modi held bilateral **discussions with President Trump** in Washington.
- These comprised discussions in a restricted format, and an extended discussion over dinner with larger delegations. The discussions covered **the entire gamut of the relationship, ranging from strategic and security cooperation**, defense, trade and economic engagement, technology, energy security, and people-to-people linkages, as well as regional and global issues of concern.
- The two leaders jointly launched the **US-India COMPACT** for the 21st century. This **COMPACT stands for Catalyzing Opportunities in Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce, and Technology**.



- In the area of trade and investment, the leaders launched Mission 500, aiming to more than **double the total two-way trade to 500 billion dollars by 2030**.
- Prime Minister Modi and President Trump also announced plans to negotiate the **first tranche of a mutually beneficial multi-sector bilateral trade agreement** by the fall of 2025 toward advancing this process.



- Defense remains a very important area of cooperation in the strategic partnership between the two countries. The leaders announced plans to finalize a new **10-year framework for the US-India major defense partnership** in the 21st century.
- This is a framework that will run **from 2025 to 2035 and is expected** to be finalized later this year. They also agreed to move forward on ongoing defense procurement negotiations for a number of platforms, including land and air systems, as well as co-production agreements.
- During the first leg of his two-nation tour, **Mr. Modi visited France from 10th to 12th of this month**. During the visit, Mr Modi co-chaired the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit in Paris, along with French President Emmanuel Macron. They also jointly **inaugurated the newest Consulate General of India** in Marseille

World Record With Over 50 Crore Devotees

- Mahakumbh in Prayagraj has **created history by becoming the first event in the world where more than 50 crore people** are direct participants. Over 50 crore 4 lakh devotees have taken a holy dip at the Triveni Sangam so far.



- The Uttar Pradesh government said that this participation marks the largest congregation in **human history for any religious, cultural, or social event**.

- The UP government noted that nations like the United States of America, Russia, Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, and Bangladesh all have **smaller populations than those who have immersed themselves** in the sacred waters at the Mahakumbh.

Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana Scheme

- **Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana Scheme** was officially launched in Puducherry today. Puducherry Lieutenant **Governor K. Kailashnathan formally** inaugurated the scheme in the presence of **Chief Minister N. Rangasamy** and distributed insurance scheme cards **to eligible senior citizens.**



- The lieutenant governor urged healthcare workers to raise awareness about such schemes for **senior citizens so that more people benefit.** Chief Minister Rangasamy, in his address, emphasised that the scheme provides medical benefits to senior citizens.
- The central government's **Ayushman Bharat Vay Vandana Scheme** provides free health insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh rupees per year for senior citizens aged 70 and above.

International Women's Conference

- President of India, Droupadi Murmu is visiting Karnataka. The President graced the inaugural session of the **10th International Women's Conference** being organised by the **Art of Living at Bengaluru.**



- President Murmu said that in the **present age of advancements in technology**, we must ensure that our human values remain intact.

Munich Security Conference In Germany

- External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar** met his **Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha** on the sidelines of **Munich Security Conference in Germany** late last night. The two leaders discussed ongoing efforts towards the **resolution of the Ukraine conflict**.



- They also spoke on further advancement of **India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation**. Dr. Jaishankar also met Defence Minister of Germany Boris Pistorius. Their talks revolved **around bilateral cooperation and the Ukraine development**.

- The **61st Munich Security Conference (MSC)** began at Munich in Germany yesterday, bringing together policymakers and experts to discuss pressing global security challenges. The External Affairs Minister also participated in the Think Tank Ananta Aspen Session at MSC 2025.
- The theme of the session was Coming of Age: Evaluating Rising India's Security Challenges. In his first engagement at the Conference, Dr Jaishankar spoke during a panel discussion on the **topic 'Live to Vote Another Day: Fortifying Democratic Resilience.**
- The External Affairs Minister expressed optimism over the direction of India's democracy. He highlighted India as a democracy that delivers. **US Vice President JD Vance called on Europe to do more to curb illegal migration, describing it as the continent's most urgent challenge.** He also urged countries in Europe to take responsibility for their own defence so that Washington could focus on threats elsewhere.

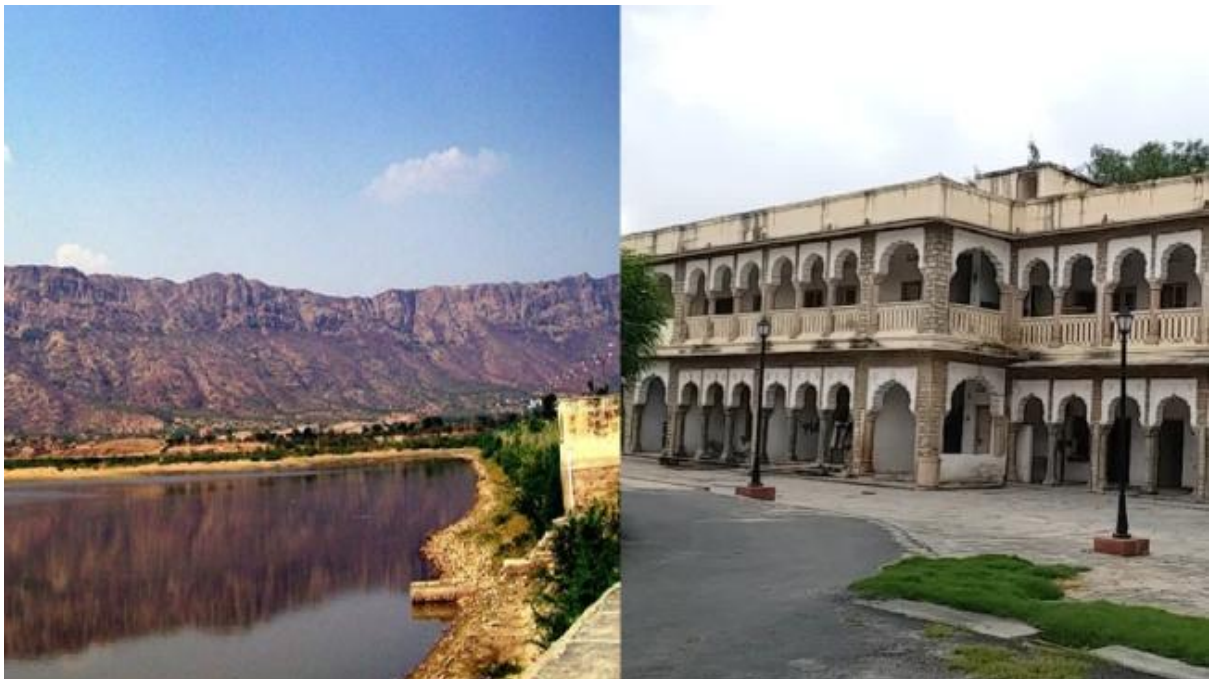


- However, Mr. Vance did not touch upon the most expected subject of peace deal talks between Ukraine and Russia. European Commission President Ursula von **der Leyen said the European Union** needed to drastically increase its defence spending and suggested relaxing the bloc's strict debt rules as one way to make such a surge possible.
- **NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte said** the focus for European allies should be to make it clear what they can offer to ensure a possible peace deal between Russia and Ukraine lasts. **Sixty heads of state and government** are in attendance at the Munich Security Conference, which is regarded as the world's most important forum for security policy.

- Key topics on the agenda include the **ongoing conflict in Ukraine**, the crisis in Gaza, and the evolving dynamics of global security.

Historic Renaming

- Rajasthan government has renamed two significant British-era landmarks in Ajmer to honor Indian heritage. The **132-year-old Foy Sagar Lake** has been renamed **Varun Sagar**, and the **113-year-old King Edward Memorial Bhawan** has been rechristened **Maharishi Dayanand Vishrant Grih**.



- The renaming was confirmed by **Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Vasudev Devnani**, who emphasized that these changes reflect India's journey towards erasing colonial remnants and embracing cultural pride.
- **Foy Sagar Lake Renamed as Varun Sagar**, Originally named after **British engineer Mr. Foy**. Built during the British era (1892) as a famine relief project. Now renamed after Lord Varun, the Hindu god of water.
- **A statue of Lord Varun** and a ghat will be constructed for prayers and spiritual activities. The lake is worshipped by many from the Sindhi community. **King Edward Memorial Bhawan Renamed as Maharishi Dayanand Vishrant Grih**, Originally named after King Edward VII during British rule.
- **Renamed after Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati**, the founder of the Arya Samaj, who attained nirvana in Ajmer. The renaming reflects efforts to replace symbols of slavery with symbols of inspiration.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Foy Sagar Lake Renamed As

- A. Brahma Sagar
- B. Varun Sagar
- C. Govind Sagar
- D. Vishnu Sagar

ANSWER: B

2. Which Edition Munich Security Conference Held In Germany

- A. 60th
- B. 61st
- C. 62nd
- D. 63rd

ANSWER: B

3. Constantine Tassoulas Has Been Elected As President Of Which Country

- A. Indonesia
- B. Greece
- C. Egypt
- D. Vietnam

ANSWER: C

4. Which Day Is Observed As World Radio Day

- A. February 12
- B. February 13
- C. February 14
- D. February 15

ANSWER: B

5. Koraput Kalajeera Rice Got GI Status, Is Cultivated In Which State

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: B

6. Name Of The Space Telescope That Discovered A Rare Einstein Ring Around The Galaxy NGC 6505

- A. Hubble space telescope
- B. James Webb space telescope
- C. Euclid space telescope
- D. Chandra space telescope

ANSWER: B

7. What Is The Rank Of India In The World Bank Logistics Performance Index

- A. 25th
- B. 29th
- C. 36th
- D. 38th

ANSWER: D

8. What Does CKYC Stand For

- A. Central Know Your Customer
- B. Certified Know Your Client
- C. Central Key Yield Certification
- D. Corporate Know Your Compliance

ANSWER: A

9. What Does The Acronym MITRA Stand For

- A. Mutual Fund Investment Tracking and Retrieval Application
- B. Mutual Fund Investor Trust and Registration Assistant
- C. Mutual Investment Tracing and Record Assistant
- D. Mutual Fund Investment Tracing and Retrieval Assistant

ANSWER: D

10. Which Organizations Have Signed The \$100 Million Credit Facility Agreement To Boost Green Finance For Indian MSME

- A. SIDBI and ADB
- B. NABARD and World Bank
- C. SIDBI and AFD
- D. RBI and IMF

ANSWER: C

11. What Will The SHAKTI Microprocessor Primarily Used For

- A. Weather forecasting
- B. Space command and control systems
- C. Financial analysis
- D. Autonomous vehicles

ANSWER: B

12. Shohely Akhter Has Become The First Female Cricketer To Be Banned For Corruption. What Is The Nationality Of Shohely Akhter

- A. Indian
- B. Sri Lankan
- C. Bangladeshi
- D. Pakistani

ANSWER: C

13. Whose Birth Anniversary Is Commemorated On National Women's Day In India

- A. Indira Gandhi
- B. Sarojini Naidu
- C. Rani Lakshmi Bai
- D. Kalpana Chawla

ANSWER: B

14. Which Bank Will Provide Lines Of Credit Totalling \$300 Million To Vietnam For Procuring High-speed Guard Boats

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. State Bank of India
- C. Export Import Bank of India
- D. NABARD

ANSWER: A

15. Who Topped Bloomberg's Asia's 20 Richest Families List

- A. Adani Family
- B. Ambani Family
- C. Kwok Family
- D. Lee Family

ANSWER: B

16. Which State Government Has Launched “Nodi Bandhan Scheme”

- A. West Bengal
- B. Kerala
- C. Bihar
- D. Odisha

ANSWER: A

17. Which State Launched ‘Har Khet-swasth Khet’ Campaign To Improve Soil Health

- A. Punjab
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan

ANSWER: C

18. What Was India's Industrial Output Growth In December 2024

- A. 5%
- B. 4.6%
- C. 2.6%
- D. 3.2%

ANSWER: D

19. When Is National Productivity Day Celebrated In India

- A. February 12
- B. February 20
- C. March 12
- D. January 26

ANSWER: A

20. Which Organization Launched A Seven-year Climate Adaptation And Resilience Project In Somalia

- A. World Food Programme (WFP)
- B. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- C. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- D. International Monetary Fund

ANSWER: C