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India’s Digital Leadership: Participation in Mobile World Congress 2026









The Hon’ble Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, led the Indian delegation to the 20th edition of Mobile World Congress (MWC) 2026 in Barcelona from March 2–5. During the event, the Minister delivered keynote addresses on "Breaking the Cost Barrier" and "Built for What's Next," where he detailed India’s strategy for telecom affordability, service accessibility, and inclusive infrastructure.

Hon’ble Minister inaugurated the Bharat Pavilion, visited booths of prominent Indian firms like VVDN and Tejas Networks, and engaged in strategic discussions with global technology leaders including Meta, Ericsson, and Rakuten. A key highlight of the visit was the unveiling of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026 Curtain Raiser, announcing the GSMA as a partner for the 10th edition of IMC scheduled for later this year.

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Cultural Synergy: Celebrating the 3rd Edition of Olé India! in Madrid









The Embassy of India in Madrid hosted the 3rd edition of Olé India!, a premier cultural festival celebrating the rich heritage and diversity of India. The event served as a vibrant platform for the Indian diaspora and the Spanish community to engage through music, traditional dance, and authentic cuisine. Strengthening the bonds of friendship and "togetherness," the festival highlighted the growing cultural exchange between the two nations. During the celebration, the Ambassador addressed the diaspora, calling upon them to actively contribute to the Viksit Bharat vision—the national aspiration for a developed India by 2047—emphasizing the vital role of the global Indian community in the nation's transformative journey.

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Strategic Mobility: Enhancing Talent Cooperation with the Ministry of Inclusion (March 2026).



The Ambassador called on H.E. Ms. Elma Saiz Delgado, Minister for Inclusion, Social Security and Migration of the Government of Spain, to discuss the expanding framework of bilateral cooperation. The meeting focused on developing strategic pathways for the mobility of talent between India and Spain, aimed at streamlining professional exchanges and addressing shared labor market needs. Both sides explored mechanisms to facilitate the movement of skilled professionals, further strengthening the economic and people-to-people pillars of the India–Spain strategic partnership.

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Women of the Indian Diaspora: Narratives of Resilience and Achievement









In celebration of International Women's Day, the Embassy hosted an interactive panel discussion titled "Women of the Indian Diaspora: Journeys in a Foreign Land." Moderated by Dr. Priya Jayant, the event featured a distinguished group of women, including Ms. Kavita Parmar, Dr. Manjula Balakrishnan, Ms. Usha Jadhav, Ms. Regi Rathinakumar, and Ms. Shreyashee Nag. The panelists shared their personal and professional experiences, offering profound perspectives on navigating life as part of the Indian diaspora in Spain. The discussion highlighted stories of resilience and cultural connection, celebrating the diverse contributions and achievements of Indian women abroad while strengthening the ties of the community in a foreign land.

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Addressing the Human Cost: Digital Exhibition on Counter-Terrorism









The Embassy organized a digital exhibition titled "Human Cost of Terrorism" on March 18, 2026, to highlight the profound global impact of terrorist acts and the collective measures required to combat them. The event was attended by a diverse group of representatives from the United Nations and the Spanish government, alongside diplomats, academicians, victims of terrorism, and members of the Indian diaspora. In his address, the Ambassador detailed India’s long-standing challenges with cross-border terrorism and outlined the Government of India's recent proactive measures and international collaborations. The exhibition served as a solemn tribute to survivors and a platform to reaffirm the global commitment to eliminating terrorism through unity and shared responsibility.

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India-Spain Co-Production Mudras Premieres at Festival de Málaga.





On 8 March 2026, Mudras: Bailando Hilos Invisibles — the first official audiovisual co-production between India and Spain — had its premiere at the Museo Picasso Málaga as part of the 29th Festival de Málaga. The Ambassador attended the screening alongside the film's director María Salgado, producer Anna Saura, and its protagonists Mónica de la Fuente and Nazaré de la Fuente. The documentary traces the artistic journey of Spanish dancer Mónica de la Fuente and her daughter across three decades of engagement with classical South Indian dance forms, standing as a landmark of India-Spain cultural collaboration and a highlight of the India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence 2026.

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5th Edition of IndiaIndie Independent Film Showcase Launched in Barcelona





The 5th edition of IndiaIndie: Independent Indian Film Showcase, organised by Casa de la India with the support of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Government of India, the Embassy of India in Spain, Spain Film Commission, Casa Asia, Valladolid Film Commission and Cines Broadway, was officially launched on 16 March 2026 at Cinemes Girona, Barcelona. The launch featured a special screening of Mudras: Dancing Invisible Threads, the first film co-production between Spain and India, attended by director María Salgado, lead actress Mónica de la Fuente, and producer Anna Saura. Held as part of the India-Spain Dual Year of Culture, Tourism and Artificial Intelligence 2026, the showcase will screen recent titles of Indian independent cinema across Madrid, Barcelona and Valladolid between April and May 2026.

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Yoga for Global Harmony: Insights on Karma Yoga and Cultural Diplomacy.





At the conclusion of the 5th Yoga Festival, themed "Karma Yoga: The Sublime Art of Serving," the Ambassador gave an in-depth interview on Yoga. The discussion focused on the foundational roots of Karma Yoga and its practical application in modern life, emphasizing how the philosophy of selfless service fosters conscious relationships between individuals and communities. The Ambassador highlighted Yoga's role as a bridge for international cooperation, illustrating how these ancient Indian principles contribute to building more empathetic and connected nations in today's globalized world.
Watch the full interview here: [Link]

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Journey with the Divine Flow: Diplomatic and Civilizational Artistry









On March 26, 2026, the Ambassador’s solo art exhibition, titled "Journey with the Divine Flow," opened at the Travancore House Gallery in New Delhi. Curated by Gargi Seth, the showcase features 45 artworks exploring the profound links between Indian civilization and global cultural influences, such as the shared aesthetics of Southeast Asian architecture and Spanish flamenco. The exhibition was inaugurated by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon’ble Minister of Law and Justice. Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Hon’ble Member of Parliament Shri Sanjay Seth, alongside other dignitaries visited the exhibition. This personal initiative serves as a unique cultural contribution to the India–Spain Dual Year, demonstrating how creative expression can bridge perspectives and strengthen bilateral diplomatic ties.

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Key Activities and Events Organised by Casa de la India in March 2026.











Strategic Synergy: Inaugural India–EU Security and Defence Dialogue





Following the signing of the India–EU Security and Defence Partnership during the January Summit, the 1st India–EU Security and Defence Dialogue was held in New Delhi on March 6, 2026. The dialogue was co-chaired by Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence, and Ms. Benedikta von Seherr-Thoss, Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence at the European External Action Service (EEAS).

The discussions focused on operationalizing the new partnership framework, with an emphasis on maritime security, cyber defense, and counter-terrorism. The co-chairs explored aligning India's Atmanirbhar Bharat objective with the EU's focus on strategic autonomy, identifying joint defense production as a critical "force multiplier." This dialogue marks the transition of India–EU security relations into a structured, annual institutional mechanism aimed at fostering a resilient multipolar order.

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Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation: 16th EU–India IPM and the New Friendship Group









New Delhi and Bengaluru hosted the 16th EU–India Inter-Parliamentary Meeting (IPM) from March 30 to April 1, 2026, marking a milestone in legislative diplomacy. Led by Ms. Angelika Niebler, Chair of the European Parliament Delegation for Relations with India (D-IN), the visiting delegation held its first-ever formal meeting with the newly established India–European Parliament Parliamentary Friendship Group at Parliament House. The discussions, which included an address by the Hon'ble Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla, and meetings with Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Hon'ble Commerce Minister Shri Piyush Goyal, focused on the implementation of the India–EU Free Trade Agreement and shared democratic values. The visit also featured academic exchanges at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and engagements with the technology sector in Bengaluru, reinforcing the inter-parliamentary connection as a vital pillar of the bilateral strategic partnership.

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