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NATIONAL SPACE DAY

Deep space exploration next, prepare for it: Modi to scientists

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (PTI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked space scientists to prepare for a deep space exploration mission to unravel the secrets that brighten the future of humanity.

In a video address on the National Space Day, Modi announced that India was preparing to set up a pool of astronauts for future missions and urged the youth to be part of this group.



Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh, ISRO Chairman V Narayanan, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, Group Captain Ajith Krishnan, Group Captain Angad Pratap and others during the unveiling of first look of the 'Bharatya Antariksh Station' on the occasion of the National Space Day, at Bharat Mandapam, in New Delhi, on Saturday. (L) Prime Minister Modi during video address on National Space Day. (PTI)

"We have reached the Moon and Mars. Now, we have to peek into deep space, where several secrets that would benefit the future of humanity lie hidden," Modi said.

Achieving one milestone after another in the space sector has now become a natural trait of India and its scientists, Modi said. "Beyond galaxies lies our horizons, the endless universe tells us that no frontier is the final frontier and in the space sector too, at the policy level, there should be no final frontier," the Prime Minister told a gathering of space scientists, students, and policymakers from across the country. He said India was making advances in breakthrough technologies such as electric propulsion and semi-cryogenic engines.

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FIRST COLUMN

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India suspends postal services to United States temporarily

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (PTI)

POSTAL services to the US have been temporarily suspended as the US-bound air carriers have denied carrying shipments due to lack of clarity in new norms issued by the American Customs Department, Ministry of Communications said on Saturday. However, services will continue for letters, documents and gift items up to USD 100. Under an Executive Order issued by the US administration on July 30, 2025, goods valued above USD 100 will be subject to customs duties in America with effect from August 29 onwards.

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India extends airspace closure for Pak planes till Sept 24

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (PTI)

INDIA has again extended the closure of its airspace for Pakistan planes till September 24.

The neighbouring country has also extended till September 24 the closure of its airspace for Indian aircraft. Both countries have issued separate Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) extending the airspace closures.

Following the Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 people on April 22, India closed its airspace for planes operated, owned or leased by Pakistan airlines and operators, including military flights, with effect from April 30.

Since then, the closure has been extended by India.

Indian airspace will not be available for Pakistan registered aircraft and aircraft operated/owned or leased by Pakistan airlines/operators including military flights, according to the NOTAM issued on August 22. The airspace will remain closed till 2359 hrs (UTC) on September 23, which translates to 0530 hrs (IST) on September 24.

'Suspicious' man apprehended from outside Parliament House

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (PTI)

A 20-YEAR-OLD "suspicious" man was apprehended by the CISF on Saturday from near Parliament House Complex, an officer said.

The person has been handed over to the police by the Central Industrial Security Force personnel for further investigation, the official said, adding, nothing "incriminating" was recovered from him.

The incident comes a day after a man was nabbed trying scaling the wall of the high-security building. "The 20-year-old man was intercepted and apprehended by CISF personnel around 9:30 am on Saturday from the Raisina Road between the Rail Bhawan and the Parliament House.

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Business

CBI books Anil Ambani, RCom in Rs 2,929 crore bank fraud

NEW DELHI/MUMBAI, Aug 23 (PTI)

THE CBI searched the residence of Reliance Communication Ltd. (RCOM) Director Anil Ambani in Mumbai on Saturday after recently registering a case for allegedly defrauding the State Bank of India of Rs 2,929.05 crore, officials said.

Teams of CBI conducted the searches at two locations in Mumbai on Saturday -- the official premises of Reliance

Communication Ltd., and residential premises of Anil D Ambani, the agency said in a statement. The CBI registered an FIR on Thursday against RCOM, Mumbai, its Director Anil D Ambani, unknown public servants and unknown others on the basis of the complaint from the SBI, it said.

The searches took place at Ambani's residence 'Sea Wind' at Cuffe Parade in Mumbai, sources said.



India targets defence exports to reach Rs 50,000 cr by 2029

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (IANS)

DEFENCE exports have grown nearly 35 times in the last decade and the Government has set an ambitious target of achieving Rs 30,000 crore in defence exports this year and Rs 50,000 crore by 2029. Defence exports surged just Rs 686 crore in 2013-14 to Rs 23,622 crore in 2024-25 with defence products now being exported to nearly 100 countries, said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Simultaneously, he stated that domestic defence production has more than tripled from Rs 40,000 crore in 2014 to over Rs 1.5 lakh crore in 2024-25, and is on track to touch nearly Rs 2 lakh crore in the current fiscal.

Speaking at the 'World Leaders Forum' here, the Minister underlined India's growing leadership in shaping a just global order and highlighted the unprecedented strides made in strengthening the nation's defence sector.



Jaishankar slams US tariffs

Says, India will not compromise on farmers' interests

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (Agencies)

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Saturday hit out at the United States for what he called "unjustified and unreasonable" tariffs on Indian goods, after the Trump administration raised duties to over 50 per cent as a penalty for India's purchase of Russian oil.

Speaking at the Economic Times World Leaders Forum 2025, Jaishankar said India's priority was to protect farmers and small producers, stressing that New Delhi would not compromise on their interests.



We do not accept mediation in our relations with Pak: EAM refutes Trump's claim

NEW DELHI, Aug 23 (IANS)

JAISHANKAR firmly dismissed claims made by US President Trump regarding American mediation in resolving the brief conflict between India and Pakistan in May this year. EAM reiterated India's long-standing policy of rejecting any third-party involvement in bilateral issues with Pakistan.

Refuting President Trump's repeated assertions that America had played a role in defusing tensions during the four-day India-Pakistan conflict in May, Jaishankar clarified, "On the issue of (Contd on page 5)

DHARMASTHALA MASS BURIALS

SIT ARRESTS complainant who alleged murders, rapes, burials

MANGALURU, Aug 23 (PTI)

THE complainant, who had alleged multiple murders, rapes, and burials in Dharmasthala over the past two decades, was arrested on Saturday by the SIT probing the charges, officials

said. The complainant, who had so far appeared before the probe panel wearing a mask, has been identified as C N Chinnalath, they said.

He was produced before Judicial First Class Magistrate Vijayendra, and the SIT sought 10 days' custody for fur-

ther investigation. The court granted the request, officials added.

The SIT, led by Pranab Mohanty, had questioned Chinnalath late into Friday night.

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Raipur's Grand Debut on the Global Luxury Map

Della Townships are conceptualized as stunning microcosms inspired by the world's most celebrated cities, showcasing 5-star excellence in Hospitality Design & Operations, Branded Residences, Villa Plots,

many. National-level developers that never considered Raipur will now add it to their agenda this year. Within three years, the top names in real estate will want to establish projects here. If I can be a catalyst for that change, it will be my privilege.

Through our project, this city will walk shoulder to shoulder with leading cities. The day this dream becomes reality will be a moment of true happiness for me. I've always dreamed big and worked tirelessly to turn those dreams into action and this one will be no different." Jimmy Mistry, Founder & CMD, Della Group

Key Highlights of Della Racecourse, Raipur
● 55 Acres of master-planned design ● 272 Private Villa Plots, designed for bespoke living ● 128 Branded Residences & Penthouses with sweeping views ● 8 Acres of Racecourse with equestrian activities and dressage events ● 20,000 sq.ft. Della International Polo Club, featuring restaurants & retail ● 10,000 sq.ft. Horse Stables with world-class infrastructure ● 50,000 sq.ft. International Business Club, Members



L-R: Dharmendra kr. Jain Director Anekant Group, Jimmy Mistry Founder & CMD Della, Dheeraj rathi MD RKCAXT and Vinod Dugar Promoter RDB Group

Gastronomy, Adventure, and Entertainment while uplifting local communities and the environments in which they operate. The future of Experiential Hospitality is undergoing a transformative shift, and Della is leading the way.

Developed under Della's proprietary CDDMO™ model (Conceptualization, Design, Development, Marketing, Sales & Operations), Della stands as India's first theme-based developer in Hospitality, Adventure, Branded Residences, and Villa Plots.

This week, Raipur marked a milestone with the launch of Della Racecourse, India's first equestrian-themed luxury township in Chhattisgarh. The project was announced by Jimmy Mistry, Founder of Della Townships, alongside Vinod Duggar (RDB Group), SukhrajNabar (Nabar Group), Dharmendra KR Jain (Anekant Group), and DheerajRathi (RKCAXT). Spanning 55 acres, this iconic development fuses international polo culture, resort-style branded living, and high-yield real estate investment under Della's signature model. Positioned to redefine Central India's real estate narrative, the project ushers Raipur into a new era of global luxury.

"I am not just optimistic about Raipur this is my belief. As a design futurist, I've predicted trends in design and real estate that have consistently come true. Raipur holds immense potential. Once one company sets up here, others will follow. You're already seeing how Della is being followed by



L-R: Jimmy Mistry Founder and CMD Della and Vinod Dugar Promoter RDB Group

Lounge & Private Offices ● 15,000 sq.ft. European Wellness Centre, introducing curated wellness experiences ● Infinity-edge Swimming Pool overlooking the racecourse ● Four Restaurants & Bars, including two celebrity chef-driven destinations ● Luxury Retail Store, curated for essentials and lifestyle ● Contemporary Biophilic Architecture, blending open landscapes with functional luxury Led by Jimmy Mistry and Della's collaborative design platform, the township's architecture embraces contemporary-organic aesthetics infused with biophilic elements. Expansive green landscapes, panoramic terraces, and hospitality-driven integrations define its signature identity.

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