

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India attends 16th India - ASEAN Summit

{Hon'ble Prime Minister of India held separate meetings with the Thailand Prime Minister, the Indonesian President and the State Counsellor of Myanmar; Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addresses 'Sawasdee PM Modi' community event in Bangkok, Thailand}

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi attended the 16th India-ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. In his opening remarks, he expressed happiness in being part of the 16th India - ASEAN Summit. He thanked Thailand for the warm hospitality and extended best wishes to Vietnam for taking over as Chairman of next year's Summit.

He said that India's Act East Policy is a significant cornerstone of the Indo-Pacific strategy; adding that ASEAN is at the core of Act East Policy. A strong ASEAN will immensely benefit India. He highlighted steps being taken to improve surface, maritime, air and digital connectivity. One billion dollar Indian line of credit will prove beneficial for improving physical and digital connectivity, he said.

He highlighted that last year's Commemorative Summit and Singapore Informal Summit's Decisions implementation has brought India and ASEAN closer. India is willing to increase cooperation and partnership in areas mutually beneficial to India and ASEAN and expressed readiness to improve partnership and capacity building in the areas of agriculture, research, engineering, science and ICT.

He said that India wants to strengthen cooperation in the areas of maritime security and blue economy. He also welcomed the recent decision to review India ASEAN FTA saying it will improve economic partnership between the two countries.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi held separate meetings with the Thailand Prime Minister and the Indonesian President. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India discussed with the leaders on ways to expand the cooperation with the two countries

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's meeting with the Prime Minister of Thailand

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi met Prime Minister of Thailand Gen.(ret.) Mr Prayut Chan-o-Cha on the sidelines of 35th ASEAN Summit, 14th East Asia Summit(EAS) and 16th India-ASEAN Summit.

During the meeting, both leaders reviewed the progress made in bilateral relationship and noted that frequent high level meetings and exchanges at all levels have created positive momentum in the relationship. Noting the enhanced engagement in defence and security fields, both sides agreed to explore opportunities for cooperation in defence industries sector. Welcoming 20% growth in bilateral trade last year, leaders decided to task the trade officials to discuss ways and means to enhance trade and investment.

Both the leaders also discussed ways to enhance connectivity between the two countries including in the areas of physical and digital connectivity. Both leaders welcomed the growing air connectivity between the two countries and start of a direct flight between Bangkok and Guwahati and also finalisation of agreements for cooperation between Ranong Port, Thailand and Indian ports in Kolkata, Chennai and Vishakapatnam.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's meeting with President of Indonesia

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi met the President of Republic of Indonesia H.E. Mr Joko Widodo in Bangkok on the sidelines of ASEAN/EAS related meetings.

Noting that India and Indonesia are close maritime neighbours, both leaders reiterated their commitment to work together for peace, security and prosperity in order to achieve their shared vision on maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India had a forward looking discussion on enhancing bilateral trade and highlighted the need for greater market access for Indian commodities including, pharmaceutical, automotive and agricultural products. While noting that Indian companies have made substantial investment in Indonesia, he invited Indonesian companies to use the opportunities presented in India for investment.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India's meeting with State Counsellor of Myanmar

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi met State Counsellor Ms Aung San Suu

Kyi of Myanmar on the margins of the ASEAN-India Summit.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India emphasized the priority India attaches to Myanmar as a partner at the crossroads of India's Look East Policy and the Neighbourhood First policies. Towards this end, he emphasized India's continuing commitment to improve physical connectivity to and through Myanmar to Southeast Asia, including through building road, port and other infrastructure. The leaders agreed that people to people connectivity would help expand the base of the partnership, and therefore welcomed the expansion of air connectivity between the two countries, and the growing interest of India's businesses in Myanmar.

The two Leaders agreed to maintain the tempo of high level interactions in the year ahead, recognizing that strong ties across all pillars of cooperation were in the fundamental interests of both countries.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addresses 'Sawasdee PM Modi' community event in Bangkok

The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 'Sawasdee PM Modi' community event in Bangkok, Thailand. Thousands of members of Indian diaspora from all over Thailand attended the event. He welcomed the audience in several Indian languages, reflecting the diversity of the Indian diaspora in Thailand. Addressing the gathering, he said that this was his first official visit to the country to participate in the India-Asean Summit. He reflected on the age old historic relations between India and Thailand which were forged thousands of years ago through trade relations of Indian coastal states with South-East Asia.

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