

# Welcome to SAMPARK

## (a monthly newsletter from India-Taipei Association-ITA)



Dear friends,  
Namaste,

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings and heartfelt welcome to you all as we introduce our monthly newsletter, “SAMPARK”/ITA insights.”

As we endeavor to strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation between our great nation and the world, “SAMPARK” serves as a valuable conduit for sharing cultural, economic, and political facets of India. It provides a window into the vibrant tapestry of our nation, reflecting the multifaceted relationships we share with the community.

In each issue, you will find a wealth of information and perspectives, including on diverse subjects such as;

- India’s rich cultural heritage and traditions;
- Updates on India and Taiwan;
- Insights into India’s dynamic economy and business opportunities;
- Features on the achievements and contributions of the Indian diaspora; and
- Upcoming events and initiatives hosted by the India-Taipei Association;

Our team at the ITA has worked diligently to compile a diverse range of content, and we are confident that “SAMPARK” will be a valuable resource for all who seek a deeper understanding of India and its global interactions.

We encourage your active participation. Your feedback, suggestions, and contributions will be invaluable to us.

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Thank you for joining us on this journey of discovery and connection.

With Warm Regards  
Manharsinh Yadav  
Director General, India-Taipei Association

# SAMPARK

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## **INDIA'S MOON MISSION CHANDRAYAN-3 LANDER BECAME THE WORLD'S FIRST TO SUCCESSFULLY LAND ON MOON'S SOUTH POLE**

India became the first country to land a spacecraft near the Moon's south pole, a historic voyage to uncharted territory that scientists believe could hold vital reserves of frozen water, and a technological triumph India. India now joins the United States, the Soviet Union and China as only the fourth country to achieve this milestone. A lander with a rover inside touched down on the lunar surface at 6:04 p.m. local time on 23rd August, sparking celebrations across India, including in the southern Indian city of Bengaluru, where space scientists watching the landing erupted in cheers and applause. "This moment is unforgettable. It is phenomenal. This is a victory cry of a new India," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who waved the Indian flag as he watched the landing from South Africa where he was attending a BRICS summit. Scientists and officials clapped, cheered and hugged each other as the spacecraft landed and people across India broke out in celebration. "India is on the moon," said S. Somanath, chief of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as the Chandrayaan-3 landed.



## **ADITYA-L1: INDIA SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES ITS FIRST MISSION OF THE SUN**

India has successfully launched its first solar observation mission, Aditya-L1, from Sriharikota, following its historic moon landing. The spacecraft, named after the Hindu god of the Sun, Surya, will travel 1.5 million kilometres to reach Lagrange point 1 (L1) between the Earth and Sun, where gravitational forces allow it to "hover" and orbit the Sun at Earth's rate, requiring minimal fuel. The mission, expected to take four months, aims to provide valuable insights into the Sun's behavior and benefit not only India but the global scientific community. The launch was celebrated by thousands of onlookers and declared a success by the Indian Space Research Agency (ISRO), with the project director highlighting its significance for international research.

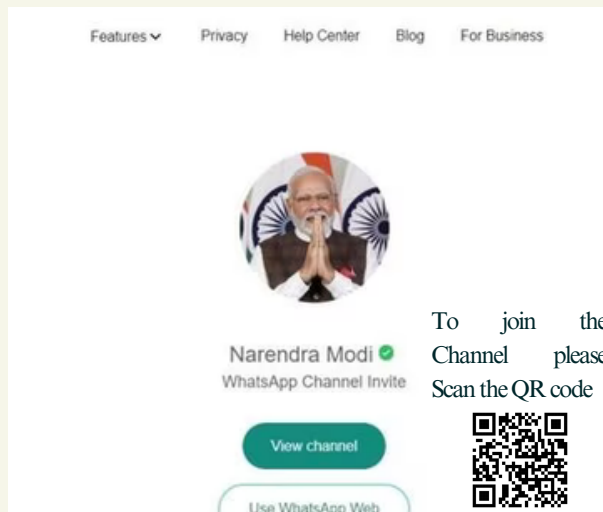
## Leadership Diary

### FULFILLED COMMITMENT: PM CONGRATULATES WOMEN AS RESERVATION BILL CLEARS PARLIAMENT



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during a special session in parliament, introduced (Sep 19) the Women's Reservation Bill named Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam which would provide 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies. PM termed September 19 a "historic day" and a moment of pride for all. President Droupadi Murmu signed the bill on September 29, which will come into effect soon after the first delimitation exercise is completed (frozen until 2026).

### PM JOINED WHATSAPP CHANNEL



PM Modi joined WhatsApp Channel on September 19. In his first post, PM shared a picture from the new Parliament building and termed it as another step closer in journey of continued interactions

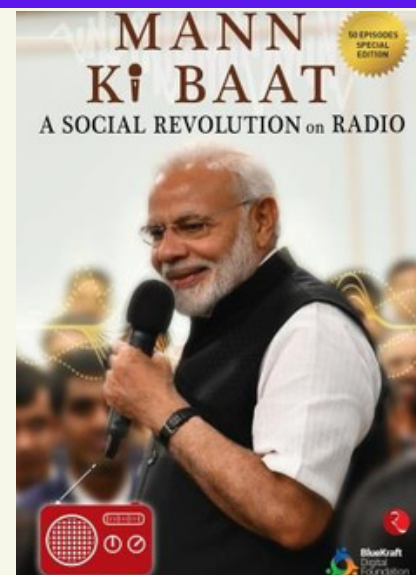
### PM CONGRATULATED COUNTRY'S SCIENTIST AND ENGINEERS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated (Aug 31) country's scientists and engineers as the first largest indigenous 700 MWe Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant Unit-3 in Gujarat began operations at full capacity. In a social media post, Mr Modi termed it as another milestone achieved by India

PM Modi addressed the 105th episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' on September 24.

- In this month's episode, PM Modi began by congratulated the achievement of over 80 lakh views for the live-streaming video of Chandrayaan-3's successful 'soft landing' on the south pole of the Moon.
- PM mentioned the two-day G20 Summit hosted by India, saying, "It is a great moment that world leaders reached Rajghat to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi, whose thoughts remain relevant today."
- He discussed the 'India-Middle East-Europe-Economic-Corridor', saying that this corridor will become the foundation of world trade, and history will always remember that this initiative began on Indian soil.





## India-Taiwan Relationship

Invest India, in association with Startup India and Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), has launched the “India Taiwan Startup Bridge”, a pioneering initiative aimed at fostering collaboration between startup ecosystems of India and Taiwan.

India is poised to emerge as the "new manufacturing centre in the world", as Foxconn has started a significant expansion program to take advantage of the spike in demand for electric vehicles (EVs). Foxconn is exploring opportunities to manufacture EVs in India and Tamil Nadu is one of the states it is considering to set up a plant. Foxconn has been operating in India since 2005 and it is currently one of India's top producers of iPhones.

Adani New Industries Limited (ANIL), the green hydrogen platform of Adani Group is developing end-to-end solutions to produce globally competitive green hydrogen and its associated sustainable derivatives at scale. The joint venture is formed for sales and marketing of green ammonia, green hydrogen and its derivatives in Taiwan, Japan and Hawaii.

Taiwan's largest Buddhism group Tzu Chi set up "Tzu Chi Bodh Gaya Club" in Bodhgaya (India) on September 13, 2023. Tzu Chi Foundation registered (November 2022) as an Non Profit Organization in India. Lin Biyu, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the organization presided over the opening ceremony of the club.

## India this Month

### **G-20 Summit**

In the recently concluded the 18th G20 Summit 2023 in India witnessed adoption of the “New Delhi Declaration”. Under the theme of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam” or “One Earth, One Family, One Future,” the G20 leaders gathered in New Delhi in September 2023, emphasizing unity and cooperation to address pressing global challenges. They acknowledged the ongoing crises affecting the world, including economic instability, climate change, biodiversity loss, and various social inequalities. The leaders committed to taking concrete actions to promote sustainable and inclusive development, prioritize environmental sustainability, improve healthcare access, address debt vulnerabilities, and enhance digital services. They also emphasized gender equality, the inclusion of developing countries' perspectives, and the importance of multilateral cooperation. Regarding conflicts, the leaders expressed deep concern over the situation in Ukraine, emphasizing the need for peaceful resolutions and adherence to international law. They recognized the impact of conflicts on global food and energy security and called for efforts to support a comprehensive and just peace in Ukraine. Ultimately, they underscored their commitment to a future marked by cooperation, prosperity, and the well-being of humanity, rejecting war as a solution to international issues.

India is one of the fastest-growing electric vehicle markets in the world and now has millions of EV owners. More than 90% of its 2.3 million electric vehicles are the cheaper and more popular two- or three-wheelers — that’s motorbikes, scooters and rickshaws. Over 50% of India’s three-wheeler registrations in 2022 were electric. Additionally, the EV chargers in India grew 10 times. The Government of India has announced a US\$1.3 billion plan to encourage adoption of EVs by manufacturers and consumers.

## DG's Outreach



Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav interacted with several Indian space start-ups that participated in the 2023 International Spacetech Start-up supporting program hosted by TACC+ at Start-up Terrace in collaboration with SIA-India and SINE ITT. He discussed with them the future prospects of India-Taiwan collaboration in spacetech and ways to support Indian start-ups in space sector.

- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav attended the awards ceremony on September 24, 2023, where the outstanding teams for the 2023 International Hackathon of the Presidential Hackathon of Taiwan have been announced. Out of the two teams selected was HysonTech, a joint team of Indian and Taiwanese members, with their proposal for an intelligent aquaculture system.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President Yang Chun-Yuh and other university officials of Kaohsiung Medical University on 22 September 2023. They discussed Taiwan's high quality medical education as well as ways to promote Taiwan as a destination for Indian students and also participated in a session where Indian students shared their experiences.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav visited the National Sun Yat-Sen University and met with Senior Vice President Kuo Chih-Wen along with other university officials on 22 September 2023. Both sides exchanged views on how to attract more Indian students to Taiwan and an interaction with Indian students on campus was also organized to hear about their experiences in Taiwan.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with MOFA Taiwan Fellows from India on 21 September 2023 who arrived earlier this year for scholarly research on Taiwan and discussed the various fields in which cooperation between India and Taiwan can be expanded.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President Wu Mai-Szu of Taipei Medical University on 19 September 2023 and discussed the promising opportunities for cooperation in medical education between India and Taiwan. They also exchanged ways to bring in more Indian students and professors to Taiwan and Taipei Medical University.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President Wang Sea-Fue of National Taipei University of Technology (Taipei Tech) on 19 September 2023. They discussed the strengths of Taiwan's engineering education and its appeal to Indian students as well as potential to bring more Indian students to Taipei Tech through new courses and programs.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Certified Travel Councilor Association of Taiwan along with representatives from Taichung, Tainan and Kaohsiung on 18 September 2023. They exchanged ideas on promoting bilateral tourism and increasing visitors from Taiwan to India, as well as the great travel potential both India and Taiwan have for global travelers.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs Mr. Chern-Chyi Chen on 17 September 2023 and emphasised the trade and investment relationship between India and Taiwan. They also discussed new avenues of cooperation which can accelerate the positive trend of development of India-Taiwan partnership.

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- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav visited the National Tsing Hua University and attended the Meeting of the Honorary Advisory Committee of Indian Professors in Taiwan on 14 September 2023. He also interacted with Prof. Wang Wei-Chung, Director of Centre of India Studies and discussed ways to strengthen education cooperation between India and Taiwan.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met the Chairman and President Liang Su of MiTAC Information Technology Corp on 13 September 2023. Both discussed the vast untapped potential of the Indian market for Taiwanese businesses as well as various smart solutions that Taiwan can offer to the growing Indian economy.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Minister of Labor Hsu Ming-Chun on 12 September 2023, and discussed the availability of a large talent pool in India which can potentially work in Taiwan across various sectors as well as areas of further collaboration between India and Taiwan.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with the Minister of Mainland Affairs Council Chiu Tai-san on 11 September 2023, and discussed way to further strengthening the partnership between India and Taiwan, as well as the common values and principles that guide both sides.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President of Taiwan Institute of Economic Research Dr. Chien-Yi Chang on 10 September 2023 and discussed the positive trends in direction of Indian economy and how Taiwanese businesses can benefit from it. They also exchange ideas on how to build resilient supply chains that can be mutually beneficial to both India and Taiwan.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav visited the National Ilan University and interacted with President Wu Po-Ching on 07 September 2023 along with other university officials. He also met with the visiting professor and students from Central Agriculture University of India. Both sides discussed about ways of increasing student exchanges and boosting joint cooperation in agriculture and horticulture sector.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President and CEO Johnson Teng of Pegatron 06 September 2023 and discussed their operations and expansion plans in India. DG ITA emphasized the strong fundamentals of Indian electronics sector and assured of full support and facilitation of company's plans in India.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with President Yen Jia-Yush of National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (Taiwan Tech) 05 September 2023 . They discussed how Indian students can play an important role in promoting India-Taiwan education cooperation as well as ways to promote enrollment of Indian students to Taiwan Tech. DG ITA also interacted with some Indian students who were participating in a cultural event on the campus.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav attend 2023 ASEAN Top 1000 Taiwanese Entrepreneurs Survey 04 September 2023 and Forum held by Business Today, and shared the growth story of new India and how the reform policies of the government and infrastructure investments continue to be the catalyst in attracting more Taiwanese investors to India.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Dr. Lee Chen-yu, CEO of the International Cooperation Center of Taipei Computer Association on 04 September 2023 , and discussed ways to leverage the partnerships between India and Taiwan to promote the TW-IN engagements, smart cities collaboration, and digital transformation.

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- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Minister of Economic Affairs Ms Wang Mei-hua on 03 September 2023 and discussed the solid foundation of the trade and investment relationship between India and Taiwan and recognized the significant opportunity to deepen the bilateral economic partnership.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Chairman of Taiwan Asia Exchange Foundation Mr Michael Hsiao on 03 September 2023 and discussed possible cooperation between ITA and TAEF in the field of agriculture, disaster management, promoting people to people contact and cultural exchanges.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Minister of the National Development Council, Mr. Ming-hsin Kung, to discuss India-Taiwan relationship, potential of industry collaboration, talent exchange, tourism and many various topics on 31 August 2023. Mr. Yadav pointed out that India and Taiwan have robust cooperation mechanisms, and that India places high expectation from the bilateral relationship.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav called on Delta Group Chairman Mr. Yancey Hai on 31 August 2023 . Delta Group has been operating in India since 2003, and has 16 regional offices, 3 manufacturing facilities and two R&D centres. Delta apprised ITA of its current presence in India and future expansion plans.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav met with Chairman of Taiwan External Trade Development Council (TAITRA), Mr. James Huang, to discuss the trends of India-Taiwan bilateral trade, important exhibitions held in Taiwan, and potential fields for future collaboration with TAITRA.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav visited Chairman of Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (TEEMA), Mr. Richard Lee on 27 August 2023. They discussed Taiwan's strength in the global electronic manufacturing sector and how India and Taiwan can build stronger partnership in the electronic manufacturing supply chain. The discussion also covered various ways through which people-to-people exchanges can be promoted.
- Director General of India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav, held a meeting on 27 August 2023 with members of the Taiwan India Business Association (TIBA) and important Taiwanese businesses leaders to exchange views on current India-Taiwan business relations and prospects for deepening Taiwanese business engagements in India. DG ITA thanked TIBA Honorary Chairman Mr Theodore Huang and Chairman Mr Ou Chin-der for their efforts and encouraged them to continue working to advance India-Taiwan economic partnership.
- Director General India-Taipei Association, Manharsinh Yadav called on Foxconn Chairman Mr. Young Liu on 25 August 2023 to review the company's current and planned business activities in India. ITA is pleased to witness Foxconn's robust and expanding industrial collaborations throughout various Indian states. Foxconn is an enthusiastic participant at the B20 Summit India 2023 which is taking place from 25-27 August 2023 in New Delhi.
- Indian delegations from Invest India (National Investment Promotion and Facilitation Agency), Guidance Tamil Nadu (investment promotion agency of Tamil Nadu) and Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Odisha took part in the 2023 TAIWAN-ASEAN-INDIA Strategic Investment Partnership Forum held on 15 August 2023, sharing business potential and investment opportunities of India with Taiwanese and ASEAN partners.



## India-Taipei Association's Event

ITA celebrated (Sep 16) Hindi Divas at its premises. The occasion was marked by enthusiastic participation of the Indian community, children as well adults, who recited poetry and prose. DG ITA Manharsinh Yadav , in his opening ceremony encouraged all the attendees to remain connected to the language and appreciated their contribution and enthusiasm towards Hindi.

ITA organized (Sep 16, afternoon) a clay idol making workshop, conducted by eminent sculptor Vandana Meghate, which saw enthusiastic participation by the Indian community members ranging from children to adults. The workshop lasted four hours and accompanied with Indian snacks.

## Indian Community in Taiwan

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) Taiwan organized an event on the occasion of Janmashtami at Taipei City Council on September 9. DG ITA Manharsinh Yadav attended the festivities, which showcased a number of cultural performances by Indian and Taiwanese artists.

Indians & Taiwanese artists group Shakti India Dance Group organized Hindu musical dance performance centered around the divine deity Lord Shiva at Xinzhuang Art and Culture Center Performance Hall on September 16. The musical performance titled **“The Legend of the Lord Shiva”** showcased the beauty of India’s traditional customs and culture and was witnessed by Indians, Taiwanese audience.

## Indian Art & Culture

### **RAJASTHAN'S 'PABUJI NA PHAD'**



Pabuji na Phad, a Rajasthani music tradition dating back to the 14th century, is a one-of-a-kind, all-night concert on Pabuji, a local deity considered a reincarnation of the Ramayan’s Lakshman, and revered by Bhopas, Bhils, Raikas and a section of Rajputs. The phad is like a traditional, elaborate, hand-painted comic series depicting different episodes from Pabuji’s life—the war he fought, his enemies, how he got female camels to Rajasthan from Sindh, his niece’s wedding.

Before each performance, performers twirl in long outfit, ghungroos tied to ankles and the ravanhatta, a traditional string instrument made of bamboo, coconut shell, buffalo horns and horse hair, in hand, unfurled the scroll and hung on wooden sticks. A traditional priest-performer lights a lamp and blows a conch shell to invoke the deity before taking centre stage with the ravanhatta. Throughout the performance, performer neither eats nor uses the washroom and travel across the state to perform at the invitation of pastoral village communities or families, including those that breed camels and use, a 15x15m hand-painted, scroll as a visual aid to narrate the story of Pabuji.

These concerts generally held around Navratri and songs, passed down generations, are in Marwari. The organizers explain the meaning of songs in Hindi and English during a performance. The sacred scroll is made by painters of the Josi community in Bhilwara, Rajasthan.



## ITA's Upcoming Events

### **DIWALI FESTIVAL**

**Date of Celebration : November 05, 2023**

**Time : 05:00pm to 08:00pm**

**Venue : Dadaocheng Riverside Park**

**Details : Cultural Program, Foods, etc.**

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