

India and Namibia to deepen bilateral ties, economic cooperation during PM Modi's visit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's forthcoming visit to Namibia, the first since Namibian President Nandendwa Nandendwa assumed office, is a significant step towards renewing the bilateral ties and deepening economic engagement between both nations, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Monday.

This will be the first visit of Prime Minister Modi to Namibia, and the third-ever Prime Ministerial visit from India to Namibia.

This is also the first bilateral State Visit that Nandendwa is hosting after taking over as the President of Namibia in March. PM Modi's July 9 visit, happening so early in the Namibian leader's tenure, would be very useful in renewing the relationship besides deepening economic engagement, the MEA stated.



Namibia will be the final leg of PM Modi's five-nation visit after Ghana (July 2-3), Trinidad and Tobago (July 3-4), Argentina (July 4-5) and Brazil (July 5-8).

During his visit, Prime Minister Modi will hold bilateral talks with President Nandendwa and also pay homage to the Founding Father and first President of Namibia, Late

Dr. Sam Nujoma. He is also expected to deliver an address at the Parliament of Namibia.

"The bilateral relations are wide-ranging. The trade is \$600 million, marginally in favour of India. The investments are \$800 million, mostly in mineral resources like zinc and diamond processing," said the MEA Secretary (Economic Relations)

Dammu Ravi while addressing a press briefing in New Delhi on Monday. India and Namibia have strong historical linkages with New Delhi recognising the South West African country much before it attained independence in 1990. India raised the matter of Namibia, formerly known as 'South West Africa', at the first United Nations General Assembly

(UNGA) in 1946. India also allowed Namibia to establish its first-ever diplomatic mission in 1986 in New Delhi.

The MEA highlighted that India had taken a few cheetahs from Namibia and relocated them to the Kuno National Park, adding that the phase has been very successfully implemented.

Additionally, the Unified Payments interoperability technology agreement, an important part in the development of the relationship, has been signed between the Central Bank of Namibia and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and will be taken forward during PM Modi's visit. "Namibia is rich in natural resources and minerals. It has natural resources of uranium, copper, cobalt, rare earths in large numbers, lithium, graphite, tantalum, all

these are of interest to us. In recent times Namibia has also discovered new oil fields. There will be broad understanding on partnership for hydrocarbons. Namibia is also keen to engage with India in agriculture and pharma," Secretary Ravi stated.

The visit of the Prime Minister, he said, is a reiteration of India's multifaceted and deep-rooted historical ties with Namibia.

India and Namibia enjoy a very warm relationship and share a wide range of areas for cooperation, including in the domains of environment and biodiversity, trade and investments, mining, diamond processing, energy, health-care, defence, agriculture, capacity building and education. PM Modi's visit is expected to further deepen and strengthen bilateral relations between two vibrant democracies.

Economic agenda to dominate PM Modi's historic two-day Ghana visit

Economic agenda will dominate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Ghana, one of the fastest-growing economies in West Africa, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Monday.

The African nation will be the first stop on PM Modi's five-nation visit, starting July 2 followed by Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia.

The July 2-3 visit will be Prime Minister Modi's first ever bilateral visit to Ghana and the first Prime Ministerial visit from India to Ghana after three

decades.

"There will be a ceremonial welcome for PM Modi on July 2, followed by delegation-level talks during which the bilateral relations will be reviewed and various ways discussed to strengthen and deepen bilateral relations. The Prime Minister will have a one-on-one meeting with his counterpart. Then there'll be a banquet dinner in honour of the Prime Minister. The next day, the Prime Minister will be addressing the Parliament, and he will also be interacting with the Indian community there, which is about 15,000 in number," MEA Secretary (Economic Relations) Dammu Ravi told reporters at a media briefing ahead of the visit.

As both countries focus on enhancing and deepening bilateral ties, PM Modi's



visit assumes significance considering it comes early in the tenure of Ghana President John Dramani Mahama who assumed office in January after a landslide victory.

Consolidating India's position as a voice of the Global South, Prime Minister Modi has been spotlighting India's emergence as a 'Vishwa Bandhu' in a divided world. Over the last 11 years, India has also strongly established itself as an all-weather

friend of Africa with PM Modi emphasising New Delhi's commitment to the continent.

India's ties with Ghana are historical and the partnership has become more multifaceted in the seven decades of the relationship. "We took up the cause of Ghana in the UN much before it won independence in 1957. We have maintained close relationships in various multilateral forums on various issues that are

important to the Global South," the MEA Secretary said.

Both countries are working towards boosting economic cooperation as Ghana is undergoing a deep economic restructuring.

With the bilateral trade between India and Ghana currently standing at approximately \$3 billion, primarily due to large gold imports - which accounts for over 70 per cent of total imports from Ghana - the MEA Secretary stated that economic agenda will dominate the talks during the visit. "During the visit, there will be a few focus items — agriculture, where the Ghanaian President is keen to engage with India. He is also keen on vaccine development, creating a vaccine hub in Ghana for not just Ghana but also West Africa. Defence cooperation will

become an important item on the agenda, and also the critical minerals and the digital public infrastructure," said Secretary Ravi.

The MEA said that the visit to Ghana will reaffirm the shared commitment of the two countries to deepen bilateral ties and strengthen India's engagement with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Union.

India-Ghana relations have traditionally been warm and friendly, based on solid foundations anchored in shared values and a common vision. India opened its representative office in Accra in 1953, prior to Ghana's independence, and established full-fledged diplomatic relations with Ghana in 1957, immediately after it attained independence.

Adani Electricity observes National Electrical Safety Week

Adani Electricity on Monday said it is observing National Electrical Safety Week across its divisions and supply area from June 26 to July 2.

During this week, various electrical safety-related educational workshops and programmes are being organised for employees and customers, the company said in a statement.

Additionally, Adani Electricity, in association with Adani Foundation, is also organising electrical safety workshops in BMC schools.

In April, in a bid to promote fire prevention, Adani Electricity observed 'Fire Service Week', throughout its power distribution area.

During the week, various fire safety workshops were organised for Adani Electricity's power warriors. The theme for this year was "Unite to Ignite, a Fire Safe India," emphasising the significance of community involvement, education, preparedness and innovations in fire safety.

In March, Adani Electricity observed the 'National Safety Week 2025', maintaining high safety standards as India progresses towards development.

The objective was to raise awareness and encourage the adoption of safety measures across its power distribution area and various work sites, according to Adani Electricity, which is the leading power distribution company serving over three million customers in Mumbai.

Meanwhile, Adani Electricity has proactively enhanced its disaster management readiness in preparation for the monsoon season, aiming to safeguard its 3.15 million customers from potential disruptions.

To address any emergencies that may arise during the monsoon, Adani Electricity has activated its Central Disaster Control Centre (CDCC). This pivotal hub will orchestrate response efforts and operate round-the-clock, ensuring swift action and communication throughout the monsoon period.

"Seven Quick Response Teams (QRTs) have been strategically deployed across the distribution network. These teams are equipped with comprehensive response, recovery, and restoration plans specifically tailored for the challenges posed by the monsoon season," the company said in a statement.

9 sectors have potential to generate up to \$738 billion revenue in India by 2030: Report

Driven by sound fundamentals and a resilient economy, Indian firms in nine sectors could collectively generate between \$588 billion and \$738 billion in revenues by 2030, according to a new report.

McKinsey & Company said in its report that this represents a three-and-a-half fold surge from \$164-206 billion pegged in 2023. The nine sector are: e-commerce, semiconductor, Cloud services, cybersecurity, electric vehicle and battery, artificial intelligence (AI) software and services, space, nuclear fis-

sion, and robotics.

According to the report, the sectors were chosen based on either patent activity being twice the median or research and development (R&D) investment outpacing the national average by a factor of two.

In e-commerce, revenue estimates project a four-fold increase, from \$60-70 billion in 2023 to \$240-300 billion by 2030. In the electric vehicle (EV) sector, revenues are expected increase six-fold to eight-fold to touch \$40-60 billion by the end

of the decade.

In the space sector, revenues are expected to rise fourfold to fivefold by 2030, according to the report.

Semiconductor revenues are expected to treble from \$40-45 billion in 2023 to \$100-120 billion by 2030, it added.

Moreover, Cloud-related revenues are projected to increase fourfold to fivefold between 2023 and 2030, reaching \$70-80 billion. Despite an uncertain and challenging global economic backdrop, the Indian economy remains a



key driver of global growth, underpinned by sound macroeconomic fundamentals and prudent macroeconomic policies, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The domestic financial system is exhibiting resilience fortified by healthy balance sheets of

banks and non-banks, said the Central Bank. Financial conditions have eased supported by accommodative monetary policy and low volatility in financial markets. The strength of the corporate balance sheets also lends support to overall macroeconomic stability.

Adani Group, ISKCON serve devotion with nutrition during Puri Rath Yatra

The sacred Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri continues to transform the spiritual landscape of India, drawing millions of devotees from across the country and around the world. But in 2025, this grand celebration of faith took on a deeper resonance—a powerful confluence of devotion, service, and social responsibility.

This year marked a unique collaboration between the Adani Group and ISKCON, who joined hands to offer free prasadam meals to thousands of devotees throughout the city of Puri. What began as a simple act of Seva evolved into a heartwarming experience of nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

The prasadam, freshly cooked and served with love, included hot rice and soft rotis, seasonal mixed vegetables, protein-rich dal

payasam, sweet gulab jamuns, halwa, and cooling curd rice.

The menu wasn't just about taste—it was carefully curated to meet the nutritional needs of those walking long miles in the summer heat. Each plate, on average, delivered between 700-900 calories, over 20 grams of protein, and a healthy mix of fibre, vitamins, and essential minerals, making it a wholesome and balanced meal for every pilgrim.

The scale of the distribution was as impressive as its intent. Key locations such as Talabania Bus Stand, Puri Railway Station, near Gundicha Temple, Swargadwar Junction, Bagla Dharmasala, Digabarani Parking, and Doodhwala Dharamshala were transformed into vibrant seva centres, where volunteers served food with humility and grace. From



morning until late evening, the flow of pilgrims continued, and so did the flow of prasadam—each meal a symbol of divine hospitality.

What made this initiative even more commendable was the attention to hygiene and environmental consciousness. No thermocol or plastic was used; biodegradable paper plates were provided instead. Volunteers wore gloves while serving, and large polythene bags were

arranged at each site for proper waste disposal. It wasn't just food being served; it was a complete ecosystem of dignity, discipline, and devotion.

During the Rath Yatra, when Lord Jagannath, accompanied by his siblings Balabhadra and Subhadra, travels through the city in his chariot, it is believed that the Lord steps out to bless without discrimination. Mirroring this spirit, the Adani-ISKCON

initiative ensured that every soul, rich or poor, local or visitor, received the same heartfelt service.

This effort showed how spiritual institutions and responsible corporations can come together to create a lasting impact beyond religious rituals. By offering food as a form of seva, Adani and ISKCON have reminded us that true devotion lies in serving others selflessly, especially during sacred moments of mass gathering.

In the end, the 2025 Rath Yatra in Puri will not only be remembered for the divine procession but also for the warm plates of prasadam that nourished the body, elevated the soul, and united thousands under the umbrella of compassion.

This is not just a festival—it is a living embodiment of India's timeless principle: "Seva is the highest form of worship."

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Aries: New contacts at the professional front would bring lucrative opportunities. A very demanding approach can create tensions in your love life.



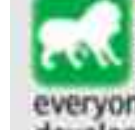
Taurus: A favourable time to start new projects and a happy day of wooing and courtship. Guard against being overly dominating when putting across your views at home.



Gemini: Cultivate a harmonious nature to kill your hatred because it is more powerful than love and deadly affects your body. Romantic influence is strong.



Cancer: The romantic life is becoming interesting. You are observing your love life, as it is blowing hot and cold. Act immediately as tomorrow may be very late.



Leo: You desperately need some activity to keep fit. Festive atmosphere all round keeps everyone in high spirits. On your part develop a harmonious relationship with all and win your opponents by love.



Virgo: Visit those who are less fortunate than yourself and help them with their personal problems. Loved ones will be hard to get along with. Group events will be far too expensive for you to organize.



Libra: Romantically a glittering bait awaits you to be trapped. Your affairs seem to go well on the surface. There are people in the background who don't wish you well in love. Stomach issues may rise.



Scorpio: Some of you will need to keep your temper under control, even under grave provocation. Your childish approach can thwart your romantic aspirations.



Sagittarius: You will have to do something different to make your lover enjoy your company. Your efforts at work get recognized, so cash in on this development.



Capricorn: Good earning will make you splurge on the romantic front. Speculative activities should be avoided. Those burdened with work will have to do something about the resulting fatigue.



Aquarius: Think wisely before loaning money to a friend as early return is not foreseen. Help and assistance will be forthcoming from close ones in getting a matrimonial alliance for the eligible.



Pisces: Monetary gains will keep you in a buoyant mood. This is the day when you can find everything topsy-turvy on the professional front. Those in private companies can face a salary cut.

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