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**Press Release**

Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry of India, Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel visited Bangkok from 22 to 24 May 2022. She led the Indian delegation to the 78th Commission Session of UNESCAP being held at United Nations Convention Centre (UNCC), Bangkok. This year is special as ESCAP is celebrating 75th anniversary of its establishment and it also coincides with the commemoration of 75th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Thailand.

During the visit, Hon'ble Minister had a lively interaction with the members of Indian Community in Bangkok on 22nd May when she informed the community about the policy initiatives and schemes of the Government of India to facilitate trade and investment and promote ease of doing business as well as the measures for the benefit of the diaspora members and to bring them closer to India.

On 23rd May, Hon'ble Minister attended the 78th Commission Session of UNESCAP and delivered the Country Statement. She highlighted India's efforts towards timely achievement of 2030 Agenda of Sustainable Development especially initiatives on universal health coverage and the assistance provided by India to a large number of countries during Covid pandemic. On the sidelines she also held meetings with H.E. Mr. Abdulla Shahid, President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) and Ms. Armida Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary, UNESCAP and discussed issues of mutual interest. She also paid floral tribute at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi along with President UNGA in the presence of senior officials of ESCAP and the delegates.

On 24th May, Hon'ble Minister held an interaction with CEOs of leading India companies present in Thailand and Thai companies doing business in India. Economic cooperation including trade, investment and tourism are important pillars of India-Thailand relations and the bilateral trade has surpassed the previous records in the financial year 2021-22 and has reached USD 15.1 billion. She briefed them about the Government's efforts towards minimising regulatory compliance and enhancing ease of doing business in India through various structural reforms. She invited the Thai businesses to expand trade and investment relations with India and take advantage of the huge market and the incentives being offered by the Government of India. She highlighted the major policy initiatives including Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to encourage manufacturing in priority sectors.

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