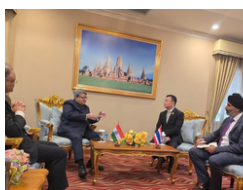


Commercial Connect

Mr. Suman K. Bery Chairs Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development at United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Mr. Suman K. Bery, Vice Chairman of India's NITI Aayog, chaired the Asia Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD) organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok from February 25-28, 2025 to review the progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and advancing regional collaboration for sustainable development.

During his visit, Mr. Bery met Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP and also held meetings with key Thai officials to further strengthen bilateral relations between India and Thailand. He met with Mr. Pichai Nariphthaphan, Minister of Commerce, Dr. Nalinee Taveesin, President of Thailand Trade Representatives, Mr. Sorawong Thienthong, Minister of Tourism and Sports, and Mr. Akanat Promphan, Minister of Industry. The discussions centered around enhancing trade relations, exploring tourism collaborations, and promoting industrial and technological partnerships. Mr. Bery also had a fruitful conversation with Dr. Somkiat Tangkitvanich, President of the Thailand Development Research Institute, focusing on sustainable development and policy frameworks. Mr. Bery's visit underscored the significance of India-Thailand co-operation in trade, tourism, and sustainable development, with both nations reaffirming their commitment to building a more sustainable and prosperous future.



Ambassador Nagesh Singh Co-Chairs "Amazing Thailand Grand Bharat Tourism Forum" in Bangkok



Ambassador Nagesh Singh, alongside HE Mr. Sorawong Thienthong, Minister of Tourism and Sports of Thailand, co-chaired the "Amazing Thailand Grand Bharat Tourism Forum" at Bangkok on 27th February, 2025. The event celebrated a milestone of 2.3 million Indian tourist arrivals in Thailand in 2024, reflecting the growing people-to-people ties between the two nations. In his remarks, Ambassador Singh commended Thailand for its exceptional hospitality and expressed eagerness to collaborate closely to boost Thai tourism to India, further strengthening bilateral tourism relations.

Ambassador Nagesh Singh Inaugurated Thailand Industrial Fair & Food Pack Asia 2025

Ambassador Nagesh Singh, alongside Mr. Banjong Sukreetha, Deputy Permanent Secretary of Thailand's Ministry of Industry, inaugurated the Thailand Industrial Fair & Food Pack Asia 2025 on 12th February, 2025, at BITEC, Bangkok. The event featured "India Pavilion", organized by the Indian Embassy, showcasing the cutting-edge technologies and innovations of 23 dynamic Indian companies.

In his remarks at the inauguration ceremony, Ambassador Singh highlighted India's strong commitment to enhancing global partnerships and advancing industrial and technological cooperation with Thailand and beyond, marking the occasion as a significant step toward deepening bilateral ties and fostering mutual growth.



India Pavilion at Thailand Industrial Fair & Food Pack Asia 2025 Highlights Innovation and Sustainability

The Embassy of India organized the India Pavilion at the Thailand Industrial Fair & Food Pack Asia 2025 held from 12-15 February, 2025, featuring 22 dynamic Indian companies and the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP). The Pavilion showcased innovative industrial technologies, focusing on sustainability and efficiency in manufacturing and packaging. The Indian Institute of Packaging presented sustainable packaging solutions for products made by rural artisans and MSMEs under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative and MSMEs. B2B meetings were organized for the participating Indian companies with representatives of leading Thai companies, besides office bearers of several industry chambers visited the pavilion. The event provided a key platform for India to promote industrial capabilities and foster international partnerships.

Sectoral Talk Gems & Jewellery

- Indian Gem & Jewellery market size is USD 67bn
- Contributes 7% to India's GDP and 15% of total merchandise exports
- 100% Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is allowed under automatic route
- Special Notified Zones (SNZs) for diamond trading and incentives for jewellery parks
- 10 Gem & Jewellery Special Notified Zones (SEZs) home to over 500 manufacturing units

India-Thailand Trade Statistics

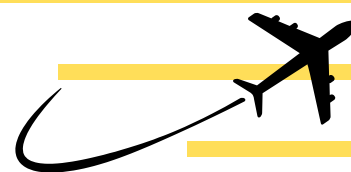
FY2024-2025 (April to December 2024)

Indian Exports USD 3,552.76 mn

Indian Imports USD 9,303.05 mn

USD 12,855.81 mn

Tech TALK



Kanpur Ordnance Factory Begins Production of TEJAS MK-1A Ejection Parachutes

India's Ordnance Parachute Factory (OPF) in Kanpur has begun producing ejection parachutes for the TEJAS MK-1A fighter aircraft, marking a major step towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing. Designed by Defence Research and Development Organisation - Armament Research & Development Establishment, these indigenous parachutes ensure pilot safety during emergency ejections at speeds over 2,205 km/h and altitudes up to 50,000 feet. Priced at ₹8 lakhs each, half the cost of imported counterparts, they meet international safety standards while reducing dependence on Europe and the United States for critical defence equipment. OPF is now the first Asian facility to manufacture such advanced pilot parachutes.

Upcoming Events

International Buyer Seller Meeting(RBSM)

- Date: 24-25 April, 2025.
- Venue: Vijayawada Andhra Pradesh India.
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India Steel 2025

- Date: 24-26 April, 2025.
- Bombay Exhibition Centre, Goregaon, Mumbai, India.
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