India, Indonesia celebrate 70 years of close friendship

The Republic of India turns 70 this year. India and its close maritime neighbor and strategic partner Indonesia are also celebrating the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This year also marks the 60th anniversary of the newly established diplomatic relations between India and Indonesia in 1955. In Bali, India stands in third position in terms of tourist arrivals. India is a key partner for Indonesia. The Visa on Arrival facility has been quite remarkable. It has crossed 5 million mark in 2019.}

The Indian community in Indonesia has played an irreplaceable role in connecting the bridge of friendship between our two countries. This year marks an attractive destination for Indonesian investors to set up their own unique initiatives to promote bilateral trade, investment, cultural exchanges and culinary festivities. Our leaders had a productive engagement when they met in May 2018 in Jakarta. The two countries have expressed their commitment to continue the momentum of this lively bilateral relationship. They have contributed to the establishment of the Little India Gate in Medan was one such unique initiative in 2018. I wish the Indian community all success and would encourage them to continue their good work in further strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two great countries.

**Close ties:**

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) shakes hands with Indonesian President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta during Marine Day on May 30, 2018.
- Indonesia, the largest producer of nickel in the world are significant in the automobile industry and the dairy industry.
- The last one year has been an unprecedented one in terms of high-level political engagements between India and Indonesia. We have had President Widodo and Prime Minister meeting twice this year.
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**Tourism seminars:**

- Tourism seminars in major cities of Indonesia, like Bandung, Makassar and Yogyakarta. These seminars were attended by leading Indian travel companies and airlines from Indonesia and India.

**People-to-people exchanges:**

- The task for us now is to make India self-sufficient in democratic values.
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In the early 1990s, Bank of India Indonesia started enjoying a steady growth in its business. In 1995, the bank launched a new vision of ‘SAGAR’ (Security and Growth) and decided to focus on providing the best services in the area of banking and finance. In 2002, the bank merged with Bank of India, which has worldwide operations with shareholders in India, Japan, and America.

High value: Indonesia President Joko “Jokowi” Widodo (left) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi after the National Monument in Central Jakarta during Modi’s visit to Jakarta on May 20, 2018.

To further extend the maritime cooperation and to highlight that we are close maritime neighbors, the 5th India-Indonesia Business Forum was held in Asean in July 2018. The forum was attended by a number of ministers including Trade Minister and Industry (MOC), and officials from Indonesia and India. The forum was opened by the Indian Prime Minister and the Indonesian Minister for Trade.

Bank of India Indonesia has built a very strong foundation and has expanded rapidly in the past few years with operations in major cities of Indonesia such as Jakarta, Surabaya, Medan, Malang, Denpasar, and Bandung. It continues its efforts to build a sound foundation and achieve continued growth with the support of its shareholders, Bank of India. Bank of India is the controlling shareholder of Bank of India Indonesia and is a large national commercial bank established in 1955 and operates in India and other countries.

The future of India-Indonesia economic engagement is a topic of much interest in Indonesia, and the two countries maintain a long history of trade and investment. In the Indo-Pacific region, it is evident that the two countries have a history of close collaboration, particularly in the areas of defense, security, and economic interests. There have been a number of meetings at the ministerial and high-level levels, including those concerned with foreign affairs, security, defense, and trade.

The President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, visited India on his first state visit in December 2016, which was a significant event for the bilateral relationship. The visit was followed by a return visit to Indonesia by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January 2019. The two leaders had discussions on various issues, including defense, security, and economic cooperation.

Bank of India Indonesia offers a wide range of financial services, including current and savings accounts, loans, and foreign exchange. The bank has a strong presence in Indonesia, with offices in Jakarta, Surabaya, Medan, Bali, and Bandung. It is committed to providing the best services in the area of banking and finance, and it continues to expand its operations in the region. The bank has a strategic alliance with Bank of India, which has worldwide operations with shareholders in India, Japan, and America.

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Contemporary bilateral ties

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The event, supported by the Embassy of India in Indonesia and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin), brought together representatives of pharmaceutical companies from both Indonesia and India.

As many as 19 Indian pharmaceutical companies are expected to attend the meeting held at the Westin Jakarta Hotel in South Jakarta to seek wider networks and more business opportunities in Indonesia.

At the event, Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Pradeep Kumar Rawat highlighted that the importance of the health industry is reflected in more than its numbers, "We are here to share our experiences and knowledge that hopefully there would be an increase in cooperation between Indian and Indonesian pharmaceutical companies," he said. "It is important that business is not only about making profits. We also have to consider the benefit of society and not compromise patient care."

A collaboration between Indian and Indonesian pharmaceutical companies could offer numerous opportunities for both countries. India is well known for its high-quality medicines sold for affordable prices. India also offers high-quality medical services at the lowest cost in the world. India, the third-largest economy in Asia, developed its pharmaceutical industry and health sector rapidly during the last 20 years. India's pharmaceutical industry is among the largest in the world. Furthermore, India's pharmaceutical exports were worth US$17.27 billion in 2017-2018, according to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), and it is expected to increase by 30 percent to be worth US$23 billion by 2020. Medical tourism has been a growing sector for the last couple of years, also offering affordable medical services with the latest medical technology. Many medical tourists from Europe, Asia, and the United States visit India. The health industry can deliver more business opportunities in the future. "We are here with the Indian Embassy in Jakarta, India from April 10 to 12 to promote our future business with the Indian people," he said. "We look forward to getting the right partners and take our business from there."

Emerald vice-chairwoman Shinta Magdalene, said that as the National Health Insurance (NHI) has covered more than 45 percent of Indonesia's population, there is a stronger need to consider the pharmaceutical sector. "We encourage the pharmaceutical industry to create the availability of pharmaceutical raw materials and medicines," she said. "It is expected that the government will provide raw materials and finished formulations to Indonesian companies. "In Indi- a, we provide you quality products at affordable prices," Samer said. "We look forward to putting the right partners and take our business from there."

Reena Chogale, one of the Indian company delegates who attended the meeting, also expressed his optimism about promoting pharmaceutical business in Indonesia. "The health industry has not yet established many partnerships in Indonesia, but he believed that the business potential is enormous. Pharmaceutical delegates have extended an invitation to Indonesian pharmaceutical companies to participate in the International Exhibition for Pharma and Health Care, which is to be held in Gandhinagar, Gu- jarat. India from April 10 to 12 that year.

Enhancing cooperation: Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat delivers his speech during the opening of the first India-Indonesia Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum on Jan. 24 at the Westin Jakarta hotel in Jakarta.

"We definitely have to do more in this area," Samer said. "I think the Indian pharmaceutical industry still holds much potential, given the country's large population and diverse healthcare needs. We cannot continue to work like this. We have to do more to make this happen," Shinta said.

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Moreover, India's pharmaceutical companies can offer quality products at affordable prices for Indonesia. Pharmaexcil joint director Muni Sithu Septiani, who was one of the Indian delegates at the meeting, also expressed his optimism about promoting pharmaceutical business in Indonesia. "The health industry has not yet established many partnerships in Indonesia, but he believed that the business potential is enormous. Pharmaceutical delegates have extended an invitation to Indonesian pharmaceutical companies to participate in the International Exhibition for Pharma and Health Care, which is to be held in Gandhinagar, Gu- jarat. India from April 10 to 12 that year.

Sharing insights: Participants of the first India-Indonesia Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum take part in a discussion during the event. The event was held by the Indian Embassy in Jakarta, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the Indian Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum in Jakarta on Thursday. The event, supported by the Embassy of India in Indonesia and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin), brought together representatives of pharmaceutical companies from both Indonesia and India.
Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 70th Republic Day of India this year on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of India's independence. The Prime Minister, in his address, thanked the diaspora for their continued support and commitment to the nation's progress. He highlighted the fact that the diaspora has contributed significantly to the development of India's economy and society. He praised the diaspora's entrepreneurial spirit and innovation, which have helped spur the growth of India's start-up ecosystem.

The Prime Minister also spoke about the importance of the diaspora in promoting India's culture and values abroad. He urged the diaspora to help spread the message of peace, harmony, and progress, and to be ambassadors of India's rich cultural heritage.

Prime Minister Modi also launched the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, or Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas, is a national celebration of Indian diaspora, held in India and abroad.) to honor the contributions of the Indian diaspora. He called upon the diaspora to take pride in their achievements and to continue to be a source of inspiration for future generations of Indians.

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India's Golden Triangle

The magical Golden Triangle formed by Delhi, Agra and Jaipur, is the country’s most popular tourist circuit. The Golden Triangle is so called because of the locations of New Delhi, Agra and Jaipur on the map. The trips usually start in Delhi moving south to the site of Taj Mahal at Agra, then west, to the desert landscapes of Rajasthan. The Golden Triangle is now a well-travelled route providing a good spectrum of the country's different landscapes. Located in the north of India, the Golden Triangle is famous as being home to the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, and boasts of its assembly of world-renowned monuments and temples, the living and trading quarters of noblemen, the residences of the Maharajas, some of the most impressive places of worship, and the cities which are a holy grail of Indian tourism. It is famous for its marble and soft stone inlay work, leather goods, brassware, carpets and distinkwork fabrics, which involve delicate twin overlying, semi-precious and precious stones. So why you want to see the great Indian monument of love. Which one exactly?

The India Gate In New Delhi

India's Golden Triangle

The Taj Mahal In Agra

The Hawa Mahal In Jaipur