

Republic Day of India

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India, Japan partners for decades to come

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Ambassador of India

I extend my warm greetings to Their Majesties, the Emperor and Empress of Japan, the government and the people of Japan on the occasion of the 77th Republic Day of India. I would also like to extend my good wishes and greetings to my fellow Indians, as we celebrate the day when the Constitution of India came into effect.



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India and Japan share a Special Strategic and Global Partnership that has grown in strength from year to year, and 2025 was no different. It was marked by multiple meetings at the highest level. Shri Narendra Modi, our prime minister, had a successful visit to Japan in August 2025. He had also met with HE Mr. Shigeru Ishiba, the then prime minister, in June 2025. Subsequently, Prime Minister Modi met with HE Ms. Sanae Takaichi, the prime minister of Japan, on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in South Africa. The two leaders had earlier held a telephone conversation just after Prime Minister Takaichi assumed office in October 2025. These meetings and interactions underline the commitment of both countries toward advancing the bilateral relationship in accordance with the India-Japan Joint Vision for the Next Decade.

The Joint Vision for the Next Decade, an outcome of the India-Japan Summit in 2025, is a landmark document that envisages a wide focus on eight pillars for cooperation.



Her Excellency President Droupadi Murmu

It will aid India and Japan in jointly navigating the changes and opportunities in our countries and the world over the next decade. The eight pillars include economic partnership, economic security, mobility, ecological sustainability, technology and innovation, health, people-to-people and cultural exchanges and state-prefecture cooperation.

Our two countries also have a common vision of a free, open, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific region based on the rule of law. Our foreign ministers have already met two times in the last three months and these meetings have helped take our strategic partnership forward. They met in India on Jan. 16 this year for the 18th India-Japan Strategic Dialogue and earlier in Malaysia on the sidelines of the ASEAN Summit in October 2025. Prior to that, Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar had met HE Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, the then foreign minister, in January 2025 on the sidelines of the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Washington, D.C.

In August 2025, we also updated our Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation, placing emphasis on



Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi

defense equipment and technology cooperation and on capacity-building initiatives. Prior to this, our defense ministers met in May 2025. Major defense bilateral exercises such as Dharma Guardian-25, JAIMEX-25, as well as multilateral exercises like MALABAR helped augment the interoperability of our armed forces. Our coast guard ships visited each other's ports in January and July 2025.

HE Mr. Fukushima Nukaga, the speaker of the House of Representatives of Japan, visited India in May 2025.

In a marker of the remarkable progress we are making on the economic front, in 2025, we set a new private investment target of ¥10 trillion in India over the next decade. The Indian economy, despite global headwinds, is growing from strength to strength. India's central bank revised its GDP growth projection for fiscal 2025-26 upward from 6.8% to 7.3%. This resilience of the Indian economy, coupled with our reform orientation and skilled workforce is sure to attract more Japanese companies and investment to India. Indian businesses also participated with much enthusi-



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets with the governors of 16 prefectures during his visit to Japan in August 2025.

asm in the 2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo, indicating sustained momentum in our economic ties.

Our energy cooperation also got a boost in 2025 through the fourth India-Japan Energy Dialogue held in August 2025 as well as the visit of Shri. Hardeep Puri, India's minister of petroleum and natural gas, to Japan in November last year. Clean energy remains a focus of our efforts — we signed the Joint Declaration of Intent on Clean Hydrogen and Ammonia in 2025 to promote research, investment and implementation of projects on hydrogen/ammonia and deepen collaboration on cutting-edge research and innovation for developing technologies. Shri Giriraj Singh, minister for textiles, made a productive visit to Japan in July 2025.

Our partnership in futuristic technologies like artificial intelligence, IoT, semiconductors and others is also advancing under our Digital Partnership 2.0 and the India-Japan AI initiative. India, with its strong tech-based

industries and the support of partners like Japan, will host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026 in New Delhi to bring focus on the ability of AI to power inclusive growth and a sustainable future.

We strengthened our cooperation in economic security in 2025 through the launch of the Economic Security Initiative to promote supply chain resilience in strategic sectors such as semiconductors, clean energy, telecom, pharmaceuticals and critical minerals as well as new and emerging technologies.

Our people-to-people relationship and our state-prefecture relationship continue to set the tone for our cooperation. The Action Plan for India-Japan Human Resource Exchange launched last year promotes a two-way exchange of 500,000 people between India and Japan, including 50,000 skilled and semi-skilled personnel from India to Japan, in the next five years. There is significant momentum in the interactions be-



Courtesy of the Indian Embassy
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi hold talks in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Nov. 23 during the 2025 Group of 20 summit.

tween Indian states and Japanese prefectures. These high-level interactions continue to contribute significantly to our economic, cultural and people-to-people relationship.

India in 2025 reaffirmed its goal of attaining high middle-income status by 2047 — the centenary year of our independence. Our rising GDP, growing merchandise and service exports and our skilled workforce will be our strengths as we move forward.

The year 2025 was also a year in which India responded resolutely to terrorism. Japan's leadership, at the highest level, expressed solidarity with the Indian people and firmly re-committed itself to combatting terrorism in cooperation with India.

I am confident that India and Japan, with our long friendship, shared values and joint vision, will continue to deepen our ties to mutual benefit. Long may our relations be a beacon that guides the region and the world toward peace, prosperity and mutual understanding.

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On the proud occasion of the 77th Republic Day of India, I extend my warmest greetings to the Indian community in Japan and to our valued Japanese friends who continue to strengthen the enduring partnership between our two nations.



Paramjit Chadha

Republic Day reminds us of the vision enshrined in the Constitution of India — democracy, equality and inclusive development — and of our shared responsibility to uphold these values. For Indians in Japan, it also reflects a spirit of contribution and cultural exchange.

The year 2025 marked an important milestone with the successful

2025 Osaka-Kansai Expo. The Indian Chamber of Commerce Japan was honored to actively participate by organizing seminars and dialogues on topics ranging from GST (goods and services tax) reforms and industrial collaboration to marine product exports, showcasing India's economic dynamism and opportunities for cooperation.

As one of the oldest bilateral chambers, established in 1937, ICCJ continues to serve as a vital bridge between India and Japan — facilitating trade, investment, technology exchange and people-to-people ties. We remain committed to supporting our member companies, startups, professionals and institutions as they navigate new opportunities in an evolving global landscape.

I would like to express my sincere

appreciation to the Embassy of India in Japan and the Consulate General of India in Osaka-Kobe for their continued guidance, encouragement and close cooperation. Their support has been instrumental in enabling ICCJ to carry out its activities effectively and meaningfully.

As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, ICCJ will continue to focus on promoting sustainable growth, innovation and collaboration across key sectors while strengthening the foundations of the India-Japan strategic partnership. Together, we can build pathways that benefit both nations and future generations.

Wishing everyone a happy Republic Day.

Jai Hind!

Paramjit Chadha
Hon. President

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