

## India-France ties on the upswing

## Prompt acceptance of R-Day invite underscores strong ties between Macron and Modi

THE Ministry of External Affairs announced last week that French President Emmanuel Macron would be the chief guest for the 75th Republic Day. His predecessor, Francois Hollande, was the chief guest in 2016. It was in 1976 that then Prime Minister Jacques Chirac had become the first French leader to be invited as the R-Day chief guest; he was also accorded the honour in 1998, when he was the President. In 1976, India was under the Emergency imposed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Almost all Western democracies were very critical of the move and maintained distance from her government. Obviously, France saw an opportunity to create an opening with India and pursued its interests instead of taking a 'moral' position. This time, France overlooked the fact that India's first choice as chief guest for the Republic Day was US President Joe Biden. It decided to promptly accept the invitation. France has again opted to prioritise its economic and strategic interests in India. And, going by media reports, France is in contention for major defence acquisitions planned by India. Naturally, India will be governed by its interests and will buy only that equipment which meets its needs and at appropriate prices, but Macron may well consider his response to the invitation as 'facilitation'. French diplomacy has always had a strong practical streak. This was also visible in its milder negative response to India's nuclear tests of 1998 than those of other Western powers. Besides, the acceptance of the invitation at short notice shows that there is a good equation between Macron and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is also borne out by the fact that departing from the protocol, the invitation has been extended by PM Modi instead of President Droupadi Murmu. Modi and Macron have met on numerous occasions bilaterally as well as on the sidelines of multilateral events after the latter took charge as the President in 2017. In the context of their meetings, Macron's state visit to India in March 2018 was significant. Both countries decided to give special attention to their cooperation in space. They also signed

an agreement to cooperate in the Indian Ocean Region. Modi visited France in August 2019, when a 'roadmap' on cybersecurity and digital technologies exchange was finalised. Other leaders have also discussed the regional and international situations during their interactions. And, these have undergone great changes since Macron won his first term in 2017; he also won the 2022 presidential election. Under the French Constitution, a President can only have two five-year terms; hence, Macron will be in office till 2027. He came to India for the G20 meeting in New Delhi in September.

It can be expected that the Israel-Hamas war will be a major subject during the Modi-Macron interaction next month. It is difficult to predict if Israel's large-scale kinetic actions in Gaza would end or subside by the time Macron arrives in India. What seems certain is that Israel and the majority of the Jewish people are determined to do all it takes to ensure that Hamas is finished and that the events of October 7 are never repeated. They seem unmindful of the enormous suffering that has been caused to the civilian population of Gaza by the operations of the Israeli armed forces.

France has taken the most forward position of all Western countries in demanding that there should be a humanitarian truce leading to a permanent ceasefire. Its call for Israeli restraint has been far stronger than that of India. Both countries, though, feel that a permanent solution lies in the creation of two states, which will lead to peace within secure borders. It will be interesting to observe how Modi and Macron address the Israeli-Arab conflict during their meeting.

There is no doubt that the Modi-Macron conversation in Delhi will also touch on the prolonged war in Ukraine. France, along with its European partners, has taken a very strong position against the Russian aggression. It is also continuing its assistance to Ukraine. The European



Union will open negotiations with Ukraine on its membership of the organisation. India has been unhappy with the Russian invasion and Modi has indicated as much in his oft-quoted remark that this is "not an era of war." However, India has major interests in Russia. Its position on Ukraine has, therefore, been far more nuanced and its relationship with Russia in the energy and defence sectors has continued. Indian and French differences on Ukraine have not impacted their bilateral cooperation, nor are they likely to do so in future.

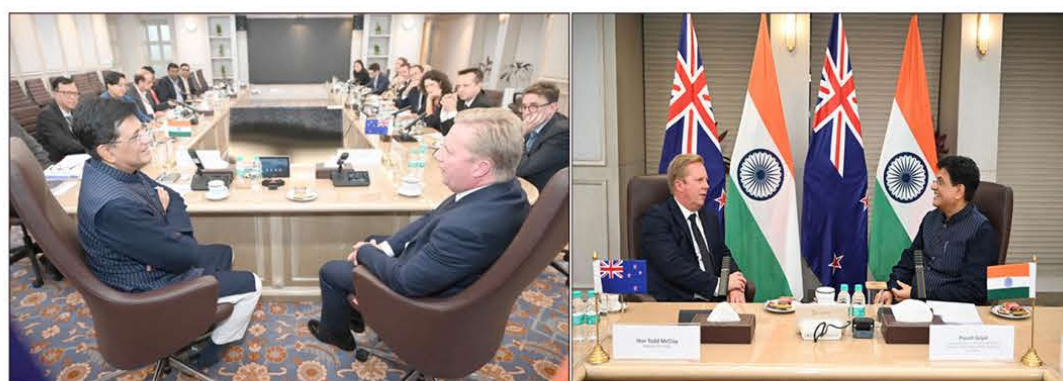
While France wishes to develop its ties with India, it will take care not to let their growth affect its relations with China or Pakistan. France is against terrorism in the context of Pakistan and is also a strong advocate for

freedom of the seas, including in the South China Sea. However, that does not mean it will lean towards India on issues relating to its problems with Pakistan or China. Delhi has the maturity not to let these French approaches adversely impact the growth of its ties with Paris.

Now, a few words on the French action of stopping a chartered plane, which was taking around 300 passengers, mostly Indians, to Nicaragua. France did so due to suspicion of human trafficking. French law against such activities is strong. The plane carrying the passengers has returned to India. It is a fact that human trafficking takes place from India and the French action has only profiled it. A far more purposeful action by the Indian authorities against human trafficking is required.

## Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal holds bilateral meeting with Minister for Trade of New Zealand Hon. Todd McClay

Ministers express need to increase engagement between both the countries under collaborative approach



Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Piyush Goyal held a bilateral meeting yesterday at New Delhi with the esteemed Minister for Trade of New Zealand, Hon. Todd McClay. The meeting was aimed at strengthening the trade relations between India and New Zealand and exploring oppor-

tunities for mutual growth and cooperation. Minister Goyal recognized the importance of trade facilitation and discussed measures to streamline trade processes, reduce trade barriers, and promote a more conducive environment for businesses and investors from both nations. In this context,

the Trade Minister of New Zealand appreciated the efforts made by India to sort out the issue related to export of wooden logs to India. He also commended India's Presidency of G20 and the outcomes thereof, which are significant milestones as it seeks to find practical global solutions for the benefit of all. Both

the Ministers acknowledged the longstanding friendly relations between the two countries built on the foundation of mutual trust and respect and expressed their commitment to further enhancing bilateral trade, investment, and economic cooperation. They highlighted the need to deepen engagement in sectors such as agriculture, forestry, pharma, connectivity, education and tourism. Ministers acknowledged the strong step-up in engagement between businesses in the two countries, and the desirability of ensuring this provides impetus to the Government-to-Government dialogue. The importance of the annual meeting of the Joint Trade Committee (JTC), established under the 1986 India-New Zealand Trade

Agreement, and regular engagement at a senior level was also acknowledged. Ministers agreed that both sides should meet on a regular basis, as convenient, for bilateral discussions on trade and investment issues and co-operative activities. In committing to strengthen the trade and economic relationship, Ministers expressed the need to increase engagement between both the countries under a collaborative approach that engages officials from across relevant departments and the private sector, wherever appropriate. The broad and informal engagements by creating working groups on specific areas of mutual interest are aimed at fresh ideas for new, innovative and productive approaches for economic partnership between both the countries.

## GNCA Hosts Kapila Vatsyayan Memorial Lecture on India's Cultural Essence and Indic Knowledge

The Kala Nidhi Division of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) held the Kapila Vatsyayan Memorial Lecture, on an illuminating topic titled 'Understanding India through Indic Perspective'. Dr. Ritendra Sharma (Ram), the Director of the Centre for Indic Studies (CIS) at Indira University in Ahmedabad, delivered this insightful memorial lecture. Under the distinguished chairmanship of Shri Rambhadrur Rai, President of the IGNCA Trust, the session was enriched by the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Ramesh C. Gaur, adding academic depth and insight to this esteemed gathering. The lecture delved deep into the heart of India's cultural ethos, providing profound perspectives on India's essence through the Indic lens. Dr. Ritendra Sharma (Ram), addressing the audience, highlighted Kapila ji's prominent work in the field of Indic knowledge and the pivotal role of IGNCA, the institution she founded. He emphasized Kapila ji's journey as a seeker before becoming a revered guru, citing her blessings from prominent thinkers like Sri Aurobindo, Vasudev Sharan Agarwal, Pandit Madhusudan Ojha and Sri Anirvan. Delving into 'Understanding India through Indic Perspective,' Dr. Sharma

discussed five variables—cosmology, Sandhya Bhasha, Itihaas: Puranas, Dharma vs Religion, Binaries. During his lecture, Dr. Sharma asserted the implicit suggestion within the topic that we have yet to fully embrace India from an Indic perspective in its entirety. Drawing parallels between Western knowledge and the Indic system, he conducted a comparative analysis, unveiling the foundational trajectory of the Indic perspective. Richard Feynman's belief in the atomic hypothesis—where all things consist of atoms, tiny particles in perpetual motion, attracting when apart and repelling when compressed—stood in contrast to V. S. Suthankar's view within the Indian Knowledge system. Suthankar proposed that the ancient rishis of India aimed to unravel the complex web of individuality, essentially the miniature cosmos, to liberate captive energy for Nature's sublimation. Dr. Sharma also delved into Indic Cosmology, elucidating its manifestation through layers of consciousness and addressing the essence of the Indic Knowledge System—the journey from 'Purusha' (Primal Man) to 'Manava' (Mankind). Quoting Kapila ji, he stressed the cyclical nature of the cosmos and the educational essence of returning to our holistic origins.

## Round Table Meet calls for international collaboration for sustainable growth of fisheries, aquaculture



An International Round Table Meet led by Union Fisheries Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala at the Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 has called for cooperation and collaboration between countries for a sustainable growth of the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Partnering with other countries and organisations that have advanced technologies and expertise in fisheries and aquaculture to facilitate the transfer of technology and knowledge would greatly help to enhance the Indian fisheries sector, the meet suggested. Speaking at the session, Union Minister Shri Parshottam Rupala said that the GPS system should be made user-friendly to the fishermen, utilising the global expertise and technologies. Cost-effective and reliable technologies are essential for marine navigation to be truly

beneficial to fishermen venturing into the sea, the Minister said. "Global exchange programmes in data collection and data sharing can play a major role to improve the fisheries sector, Shri Rupala said. By fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange, these programmes can facilitate the adoption of best practices, promote sustainable resource management, and develop effective mitigation strategies in response to climate change. This collective approach can play a pivotal role in safeguarding the livelihoods of traditional fishermen, who are particularly vulnerable to the escalating impacts of climate change. Global data exchange programmes can significantly enhance the quality and availability of fisheries data, providing a comprehensive understanding of fish stocks, migration patterns, and eco-

system dynamics", the Union Minister said. In his address, Mr. Dimitrios Ioannou, Ambassador of Greece, underscored the critical need to harmonize fishing and aquaculture practices with environmental sustainability. He advocated for a multifaceted approach that encompasses both domestic and international strategies. This high-level dialogue was attended by Ministers of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Dr L. Murugan, Union Fisheries Secretary, Dr Abhilash Likh, Ambassadors from Greece, Angola and diplomatic delegation from Australia, Brazil, France, Norway, Russia, Zimbabwe and; State Fisheries Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Tripura; representatives of international organisations such as Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organization (BOBP-IGO), GIZ; Asian Development Bank (ADB); senior officials of the Department of Fisheries, Govt of India; senior officers of State Fisheries Departments and Heads of various research and development agencies. Dr Abhilash Likh, Union Fisheries Secretary welcomed the gathering. The forum underscored the need of exchange of adequate technology expertise to tap the

unexplored deep-sea resources in India. The country has vast unexplored deep-sea resources and equipping the fishermen and the vessels with adequate technologies and training could utilise these untapped resources, it observed. The speakers at the Round Table Meet identified four major areas which require international collaboration. They are enhancing fisheries production targeting food and nutritional security, strengthening of aquaculture to combat human hunger, sustainable utilisation of the resources in the fisheries sector, and development of deep-sea fishing. Shri Sanjay Kumar Nishad, Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries of Uttar Pradesh emphasised the importance of collective efforts and advanced technologies to boost fish production and secure the livelihoods of fishermen and aqua farmers. Highlighting the potential for growth in the fisheries sector, Shri Jai Prakash Dalal, Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries of Haryana announced plans for an Aqua Park, and he invited investors to participate in this development. Shri Chander Kumar, Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries of Himachal Pradesh, Shri A. L. Hek, Minister of Fisheries of Meghalaya, Shri Pangjung Jami, Minister of Fisheries of Nagaland, Shri Sudhangshu Das, Minister for Fisheries, Animal Resource

Development of Tripura and Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar, Minister for Fisheries of Goa also spoke at the meet. Foreign diplomatic delegations expressed their keen interest in fostering collaboration with India in several key areas, including research, data collection, resource monitoring and technology backstopping. Discussions on expanding market access for Indian fishery products, collaborating with research institutions, universities and international organisations to conduct research on sustainable fishing practices, aquaculture technologies and resource management were also held during the session. Mr. Clemente Pedro Francisco Camenha, Ambassador of Angola, Mr. Peter Hobwani, Deputy Ambassador of Zimbabwe, Mr. Sergey Muratov, Head of National Research Institutions for Preservation and Safety of Fisheries Sources and Aquaculture, Russia, Mr. Monique Tran, Counsellor for Agricultural Affairs, France, Mr. Christian Valdes Carter, Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of Norway, Mr. Wagner Antunes, Head of the Trade Promotion Department, Embassy of Brazil and Dr Richard Niall, First Secretary (Agriculture), Australian High Commission spoke at the International Round Table Meet. Joint Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Govt, Ms Neetu Kumari Prasad gave the summary of the discussion and the vote of thanks.

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[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

## Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Nikhil Kumar N Padhiyar (Borrower) Yashavanti Kumar Naresbhai Padhiyar (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. NHRJL00001252635	Bajrang Residency, Chharadia Road R S No. 264 Paiky 3 Rs No. 264 Paiky 4 Rajula Gujarat- 364560	Rs. 28,42,055/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 21,06,563/- Rs. 2,10,660/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
2.	Jakhariya Jayeshbhai (Borrower) Jakharia Shantaben (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHRAJ00001456814 & LHRAJ00001456813	Geetapark New Plot No. 28 Sub Plot No. 28 P 4 Bh Radhe Park Off Jaidiya Road At Dhrol Ta Dhrol Dist. Jamnagar Dhrol Rs No 595, Jamnagar Gujarat- 361220.	Rs. 11,16,741/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 6,79,733/- Rs. 67,980/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
3.	Debabrata Haradhan Bag (Borrower) Rinku Bag (Co-Borrower) Maheshbhai Ukabhai Gadhada (Guarantor) Loan Account No. NHMVA00001273887 & LHMAVA00001272715	Plot No. 66 67 68 3rd Floor Sansarkavila Apartment Chhatadia Road Opp Manmandir Residency Rajula R S No. 262 Paiky Rajula Gujarat- 364560	Rs. 11,73,116/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 7,78,590/- Rs. 77,860/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
4.	Atulkumar Mohanbhai Ghodasara (Borrower) Kanchanben Atulbhai Ghodasara (Co-Borrower) Godavari Mohan Ghodasara (Co-Borrower) Mohanbhai J Ghodasara (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHRAJ00001284560	Flat No.501 & 502, Shri Laxmi Palace, Plot No.1 To 4, Patel Mill Compound, Veraval Road, Keshod, Junagad Gujarat 362220.	Rs. 56,46,503/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 45,74,880/- Rs. 4,57,490/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM
5.	Rameshbhai Manubhai Gohil (Borrower) Kailashben Rameshbhai Gohil (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. NHJGH00001274584	Flat No. 308 3rd Floor Sansarkavila Apartment Rajula-364560	Rs. 10,16,303/- December 15, 2023	Rs. 7,32,798/- Rs. 73,280/-	January 08, 2024 11:00 AM- 03:00 PM	January 19, 2024 02:00 PM- 03:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- <https://BestAuctionDeal.com>) of our auction agency **Globe Tech**. The Mortgagors/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **January 18, 2024 before 05:00 PM** else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Office No. 201, 2nd Floor, Plot No. 8/B, Gijubhai Badheka Marg, Opp. Dakshinamurti School, Waghawadi Road, Bhavnagar- 364002** on or before **January 18, 2024 before 04:00 PM**. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit signed copy of Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at **ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Office No. 201, 2nd Floor, Plot No. 8/B, Gijubhai Badheka Marg, Opp. Dakshinamurti School, Waghawadi Road, Bhavnagar- 364002** on or before **January 18, 2024 before 05:00 PM**. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd.- Auction" payable at **Rajula, Jamnagar, Junagad**.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Home Finance Company Limited** on **9920807300** or our Sales & Marketing Partner **NexGen Solutions Private Limited**. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit <https://www.icicifhfc.com/>

Date : January 01, 2024  
Place : Rajula, Jamnagar, Junagad

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