



His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, confers the 'Order of Zayed' to Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, in Abu Dhabi.



His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of UAE and Ruler of Dubai, with Dr S. Jaishankar, India's Minister of External Affairs, in Dubai.

Resilient Indian Community - Bedrock of India-UAE ties



Pavan Kapoor
Ambassador of India to the UAE

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of India, **Pavan Kapoor, Ambassador of India to the UAE**, extends his warmest greetings to the Indian community in the UAE

The historical people-to-people contacts enhanced by trade connections between India and the Emirates laid the strong foundation for special and friendly relations. The hardworking and dedicated Indian community has earned recognition for their significant contribution to the growth and development of the UAE. We are proud of our vibrant community and would like to reassure them that the Embassy in Abu Dhabi and the Consulate in Dubai will continue to extend all required services and assistance for their safety, well-being and progress, including in a post-pandemic scenario.

We have witnessed the collective unity, strength and empathy exhibited by the Indian community many times in the past, especially during difficult times. The support extended by individuals, community associations, business groups, religious organisations, etc. amid the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic to the needy and vulnerable members of the society, both within UAE and back home in India, is particularly commendable. The exemplary resilience of the Indian community was the key to ameliorating the adverse impact of the pandemic. Indian doctors, nurses and other frontline workers

rendered selfless service and played a crucial role in fighting the pandemic worldwide, including in the UAE. The willing support extended in various forms, including donation of food kits and provisions, air tickets, tele-consultations by doctors, etc., was inspiring and helped many people overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic to their lives and livelihoods. The world once again witnessed the true spirit of India's ancient ideology of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' or 'the world is one family'. More recently, the 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative of the Government of India, also supported the supply of Covid-19 vaccines to 95 countries across all continents.

The UAE Government, led by its visionary leadership, has shown remarkable perseverance in handling the pandemic, including extending full support to all the residents of the UAE. The provision of free tests, quarantine facilities and other medical facilities, and even Covid-19 vaccines to all those in need is an extraordinary achievement. There is no doubt that the large Indian community is a major beneficiary of all this support.

We are aware of the difficulties being faced by many fellow Indians due to the negative impact of the pandemic. This includes in



Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, with Dr S. Jaishankar.



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particular those who lost their jobs in the UAE, as well as those who are unable to return to the UAE due to restricted air connectivity. We are constantly working with the UAE authorities to urge them to the best possible solutions for the country and our people. At the same time, we are confident that successful vaccination drive and strict Covid-19 safety protocols enforced by the UAE government will help in gradual easing of the situation.

The process of easing travel restrictions on residents that began on August 5 was a very welcome first step in this regard. We are hopeful that this will be followed by greater easing up for return of all other residents too in the near future. We also anticipate that both the Indian community residing in the UAE and also Indians looking forward to travel to the UAE for the Expo 2020 Dubai would further contribute to boost economic activities and business opportunities in the UAE.

The world has changed a lot since the onset of the pandemic. While we are optimistic with ongoing vaccination programmes and resumption of economic activities, it is also a fact that Covid-19 is here to stay and all of us need to adapt in various ways to stay competitive and survive in the new world. Technology, no doubt, would play an increasingly important role in allowing business continuity. Most visible of all has been the use of online platforms for education, corporate and business meetings, training sessions, seminars and even cultural activities, which is quite effective and will continue in the foreseeable future as well. In

this regard, the Indian workforce, must also adapt to the new requirements of the business and will need appropriate reskilling and upskilling to remain the most favoured work force. We have already launched few initiatives for blue collared workers in the UAE in collaboration with partners from the educational and industrial sector, and intend to enhance such collaborations in the coming months.

The Embassy in Abu Dhabi and our Consulate in Dubai are undertaking various initiatives for the welfare of the Indian community. These include providing free advisory and legal assistance and running awareness campaigns through the Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayata Kendra (PBSK) for distressed blue collar workers. PBSK also organises dedicated financial awareness camps for the benefit of Indian workers. A PBSK App has been launched to bring delivery of better services closer to the people. The success of welfare measures is not possible without the support of various Indian community associations

and Indian businesses in the UAE and we appreciate the crucial support provided by all of them.

As you all know, this year, we are celebrating our 75th Independence Day.

To mark 75 glorious years of modern India, the Government of India has launched a campaign called India@75 or 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Modern India that emerged after a long freedom struggle has achieved many milestones in its eventful journey. Let us collectively celebrate these achievements while remembering the struggle and sacrifices of our forefathers. The India@75 celebrations will be a Jan Utsav or people's festival. I urge all members of the Indian community to take the lead and volunteer for various forthcoming initiatives in celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the UAE and make it a true celebration of the people.

Jai Hind!



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Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE's Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence, and Ambassador Pavan Kapoor try out some Yoga poses during the International Day of Yoga event in Abu Dhabi.



Committed to the Welfare

Dr Aman Puri, Consul General of India to Dubai and the Northern Emirates, shares his thoughts on UAE-India bilateral relations and his vision for the coming years



The bilateral ties between India and the UAE have further strengthened amid the pandemic, which was evident in the repatriation of Indian nationals during the Vande Bharat Mission and the timely exchange of essential medical supplies and healthcare workers.

As we celebrate the 75th Independence Day, I convey warm greetings to the people of the UAE and my fellow Indians here, who are our strength and have contributed immensely to the deep historic bond and friendship between India and the UAE. On this day, we remember the legacy of our freedom fighters and their values of non-violence and peace that continue to serve as a beacon for India, as it takes on an increasingly prominent role as a global leader. We also salute the valour of our defence forces for their utmost dedication to serving the nation.

I express my sincere gratitude to the UAE government for their tremendous support, especially in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. The bilateral ties between India and the UAE have further strengthened amid the pandemic, which was evident in the repatriation of Indian nationals during the 'Vande Bharat Mission' and the timely exchange of essential medical supplies and healthcare workers. We also offer our appreciation to the UAE Government for a very successful and all-inclusive vaccination programme that has benefited us all.

In the next two years, we would be commemorating India@75 'Azadi' ka Amrit Mahotsav' to celebrate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements through a series of cultural events and digital initiatives with participation from prominent Emirati and Indian community members.

This month, we also marked one year of initiating the '365 days service' to the Indian Community, which was initiated by the Consulate to ease consular access for over 2.6 million strong Indian nationals residing in Dubai and the Northern Emirates. We remain committed to serving the large Indian diaspora, which happens



Dr Aman Puri
Consul General of India

to be the single largest group of Indian nationals being served by any diplomatic office of India. This vibrant Indian community is a 'living bridge' between the two countries, and have made invaluable contributions to the development of both countries. Pravasi Bharatiya Sahayta Kendra (PBSK), a welfare initiative of the Government of India (since 2010) to provide support to Indian expatriates in need has started operating from the Consulate's premises, since last November, to make its services more accessible.

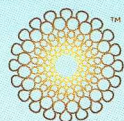
The Consulate has also initiated an upskilling programme for Indian blue-collar workers in the UAE, to provide them with a platform to enhance their soft and technical skills and improve their employability and productivity. The programme is being organised with collaborations from educational institutions and Indian community organisations in Dubai and the Northern

Emirates. The first upskilling and training centre in the UAE was inaugurated by V Muraliedharan during his visit in January.

In the forthcoming Expo 2020 Dubai, the India Pavilion will be one of the largest pavilions and will showcase India's opportunities in all sectors including manufacturing, agriculture, space, technology, culture, health and wellness. India's strength in innovation and startups will also be on display. Expo 2020 Dubai will be an apt platform for enhancing bilateral trade between India and the UAE as we will see strong participation from the state governments, Indian corporates and entrepreneurs. Several Indian festivities, which fall during this period, will be celebrated in a grand manner at the India Pavilion with artistes from India and significant representation from the Indian community members here. I invite all of you to experience India in all its glory at the India Pavilion, and also contribute to the legacy use of the pavilion, as India is one of the few countries which will be hosting a permanent pavilion, thanks to the gracious support of the UAE leadership.

Despite the challenging times over the past year, we remain committed to working with the local authorities and the Indian community members to attend to all concerns of Indians that have arisen out of the Covid-19 pandemic related restrictions. Towards this end, we welcome the recent announcements by the UAE Government on opening up of entry protocols to the UAE and hope for early resumption of regular flights.

On the 75th India Independence Day, I wish safe health and prosperity to one and all. Look forward to your active participation as we embark on this journey towards the milestone of 75 years of India's Independence, which we will be celebrating next year. *Jai Hind!*



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India Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai is a reflection of the Indian ethos



The India Pavilion, which is one of the largest pavilions at the Expo 2020 Dubai site, will remain a part of the legacy of the world's fair even after Expo ends.

India pavilion at the Expo 2020 Dubai will soon be ready to exhibit the country's cultural diversity, ancient treasures, achievements, and leading opportunities with cutting-edge technologies. The Indian pavilion, which is one of the largest pavilions at the Expo 2020 Dubai will feature an innovative kinetic façade made up of 600 individual colourful blocks. It is developed as a mosaic of rotating panels that will depict different themes as they rotate on their axis. It represents the theme of 'India on the move' and is a unique amalgam of the rich heritage and technological advances of the nation.

With less than 50 days remaining for its grand inauguration on Oct 1, 2021, the preparations at India Pavilion are in full swing. India's participation is conceptualised to commemorate the 75 years of India's independence and success. The India Pavilion will show the face of an India rising on the three pillars of opportunity, sustainability, and mobility – a nation ready to lead the world's future.

PAVILION THEMES

The inimitable four-storeyed India Pavilion is divided into two parts. The zones are identified

based on 11 primary themes - Climate and Biodiversity, Space, Urban and Rural Development, Tolerance and Inclusivity, Golden Jubilee, Knowledge and Learning, Travel and Connectivity, Global Goals, Health and Wellness, Food Agriculture and Livelihoods and Water.

The India pavilion will showcase the country's achievements, innovative technologies, and business opportunities it offers, as well as its cultural diversity and ancient treasures. From age-old yoga to India's foray into space, the pavilion will bring alive a vibrant and ambitious India.

LOGO AND WEBSITE

India Pavilion's official logo and website were recently unveiled by the Government of India. The logo has been crafted to give a new holistic global brand experience to India's participation at Expo 2020 Dubai. The logo's circular form represents unity with commitment and the community which forms the central pillars of India; and signifies continuity and evolving lifecycles in one of the world's most vibrant democracies and fastest-growing business centres.

The logo design showcases the chakra

(wheel), which reflects strength, courage and progressive movement. The colours have been taken from the Indian flag, where Saffron symbolises strength and courage; White indicates peace and truth; and Green represents fertility, growth, and auspiciousness.

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India's participation at Expo 2020 Dubai will be covered by the Pavilion's website (www.indiaexpo2020.com). The website has been specifically designed to provide information to the public and visitors on schedule, events, and activities of the India Pavilion. In addition, the website will also feature states, themes, sectors and corporates participating in the India Pavilion.

UNIQUE STRUCTURE

Located at the Al Fosan Park adjacent to the opportunity district, the vibrant India Pavilion is one of the largest buildings at the Expo 2020 Dubai, which is constructed on a 1.2-acre plot. The entire four leveled structure is divided into two parts — Part A and Part B.



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PART A: Ground Floor

- Space technology and astronomy - India's journey into space technology and its success
- Health and Wellness section - A forest of medicinal herbs and various forms of yoga for a healthy life

First Floor

- Endless colours of India — an immersive experience of visiting Indian states and walking through their landscapes and art

Second Floor

- India – The land of endless opportunities- "Make in India" (showcasing the various business and investment opportunities in India) and India's partnership with UAE

Third Floor

- Corporate India showcases India's growing prowess in various sectors thematically
- Multipurpose hall to engage in business discussions and later enjoy a movie

PART B:

While going down the other side of the pavilion, the visitors will walkthrough

- Second Floor — Industry sector floor - Latest in industry and technology, products and services and unlimited opportunities for business (this will cover thematically: Climate and Biodiversity; Space; Urban and Rural Development; Smart Cities; Civil Aviation; SDGs; Education; Travel and Tourism; Smart Mobility; Health and Wellness; Agri and Food; Water; Youth; Women Leadership)
- First Floor — States of India - Best of State and opportunities to the world
- Ground Floor – 20 reasons to visit India

There is an amphitheatre outside; a food court; a restaurant and a retail area for visitors to indulge themselves.

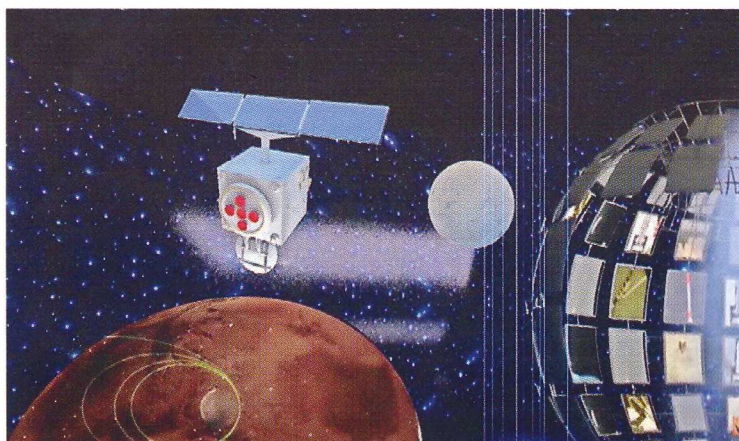
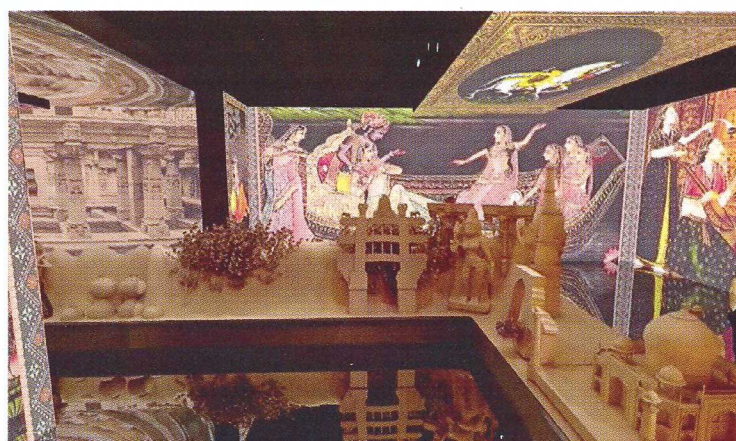
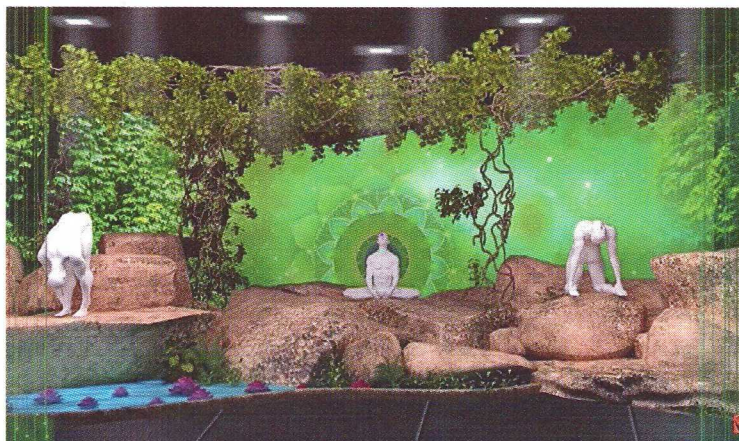
The India Pavilion will also host and co-create leadership discussions, international trade conferences, business events and seminars. the visitors will also get the chance to witness star-studded nights, multiple cultural shows, Indian festivals celebration and relish the Indian delicacies.

The Pavilion building will remain for posterity as part of India's legacy in the UAE after Expo 2020 ends.

To know more about the India pavilion, visit www.indiaexpo2020.com.

India is one of the oldest civilisations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. We have carefully crafted information with interest and experience with entertainment and emotions for our visitors at India Pavilion. The entire pavilion is constructed in a manner to convey India's legendary saga. Expo 2020 Dubai is an amazing opportunity to further strengthen India's diplomatic and business relations with the UAE and other 192 participating nations.

Pavan Kapoor, Ambassador of India to the UAE



The World Expo is a global opportunity to collaborate for the post-pandemic economic revival. India is ready to showcase its business, technological, cultural, art, and leadership strength to the world at this mega event and promote the 'Make in India' campaign, Digital India campaign and the Start-Up India campaign.

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