

OFFICER TRAINEES OF INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE CALL ON THE PRESIDENT

OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS SHOULD BE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH OUR DOMESTIC NEEDS AND WITH OUR OBJECTIVE OF BECOMING VIKSIT BHARAT BY 2047: PRESIDENT MURMU

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The Officer Trainees of Indian Foreign Service (2024 Batch) called on the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan today (August 19, 2025).

Addressing the officers, the President congratulated them for joining the Indian Foreign Service and said that as they embark upon their journey, they should carry with them the values of our civilizational wisdom – peace, pluralism, non-violence, and dialogue. At the same time, they should remain open to ideas, people, and perspectives from every culture they encounter. She said that the world around them is seeing rapid changes in terms of geopolitical shifts, digital revolution, climate change, and contested multilateralism. As young officers, their agility and adaptability will be the key to our success.



The President said that today, India is an essential part of the solution for the world's main challenges – be it the issues stemming from disparity between the global north and south, dangers of cross-border terrorism, or

the implications of climate change. India is not only the world's largest democracy, but also a steadily rising economic power. Our voice carries weight. She added that as diplomats, IFS officers will be the first face of India that the world sees – in their words, actions, and values.



The President underlined the increasing importance of cultural diplomacy in today's times. She said that connections formed through the heart and soul are always stronger. Be it Yoga, Ayurveda, and millets, or the musical, artistic, linguistic and spiritual traditions of Bharat, more creative and ambitious efforts will project and promote this vast heritage abroad.



The President said that our diplomatic efforts should be closely aligned with our domestic needs and with our objective of becoming Viksit Bharat by 2047. She urged young officers to consider themselves not only as custodians of India's interests, but as ambassadors of its soul.

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