



Indian Community in Japan Playing Key Role in Strengthening India-Japan Ties: Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal

Over 200 Indian Business Representatives in Japan Reflect Growing Global Confidence in India: Shri Piyush Goyal

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Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal addressed the Indian community in Tokyo, Japan, today and appreciated the contribution of the Indian diaspora in strengthening India-Japan ties. He described the nearly 60,000-strong Indian community in Japan as “Brand Ambassadors of India”, noting that their conduct, professionalism and contribution across different fields serve as an important introduction to India among the Japanese people.

Shri Goyal said that the energy, enthusiasm and confidence witnessed during his visit to Japan reflected the growing strength of India-Japan relations. He expressed gratitude to the Indian community for “opening the doors of Japan” for India and for building goodwill through their work and engagement with Japanese society.

He noted that more than 200 representatives from Indian industry and business were part of the delegation accompanying him during his visit to Japan. Describing it as the largest business delegation he had led to Japan, he said the strong participation reflected substantial interest on both sides in expanding business-to-business engagement and investment opportunities.

The Minister highlighted the transformation in India's global standing over the past decade. He said that India's growth, the country's rising global profile and the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi have contributed to greater confidence and respect for India and its citizens across the world.

Shri Goyal said that India's vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047 is founded on self-reliance, self-respect and self-confidence. He emphasised that this transformation is a collective commitment of 140 crore Indians, including the Indian diaspora across the world.

Highlighting India's demographic advantage, Shri Goyal said that India's young population, with an average age of around 29 years, represents a significant strength. He noted that India's hardworking, aspirational and technology-savvy youth are increasingly creating opportunities rather than merely seeking employment.

The Minister underlined the growing attractiveness of India as an investment and business destination. He said that India's expanding economy, young population, startups, technological capabilities and entrepreneurial ecosystem are creating significant opportunities for global businesses and investors.

Shri Goyal also highlighted India's expanding network of trade agreements. He said that India has made significant progress in concluding trade agreements with several countries in recent years, reflecting the growing confidence of global partners in the Indian economy and its future potential.

The Minister said that discussions with Japanese companies, including those working in advanced technologies, semiconductors and artificial intelligence, demonstrated the growing interest in India. He noted that Japanese businesses are keen to expand their engagement with India and are looking at opportunities across emerging and high-technology sectors.

Shri Goyal also highlighted the opportunities for Indian professionals in Japan. He said that there is significant demand for skilled workers across sectors, including caregivers, nurses, welders, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, drivers, engineers, artificial intelligence professionals, chartered accountants and seafarers. He encouraged members of the Indian community to understand local requirements, learn the Japanese language and culture, and contribute to strengthening people-to-people and economic ties between the two countries.

The Minister urged the Indian diaspora to retain a strong connection with India while respecting the laws, regulations and way of life of Japan, which is their “Karmabhoomi”. He suggested that members of the community could also contribute to the development of their hometowns and villages in India through initiatives such as digital education, online training and knowledge-sharing.

Shri Goyal highlighted the important contribution of the Indian diaspora to India's economy through remittances. He said that remittances support families, generate economic activity and contribute to savings and investment, thereby making the diaspora an important partner in India's development journey.

He also emphasised the Government's commitment to the welfare and safety of Indians abroad. Referring to India's efforts to evacuate and assist citizens during crises in different parts of the world, he said that the Government remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of Indian citizens wherever they may be.

Recalling India's evacuation efforts during the Ukraine conflict, Shri Goyal said that the Government had worked across countries and coordinated extensive efforts to bring Indian students and other citizens safely back to India.

The Minister also recalled the efforts made to assist Indian fishermen stranded in the region during the recent conflict in West Asia. He highlighted the role of Indian diplomatic missions, local authorities and members of the Indian diaspora in registering citizens, coordinating their movement and facilitating their safe return to India.

Shri Goyal said that these efforts demonstrate the strong bond between India and its diaspora. He reiterated that Indians living abroad remain an integral part of India's development journey and that the Government will continue to stand with them during times of need.

“Never forget India, and neither will we ever forget you,” Shri Goyal said, while expressing his appreciation for the contribution of the Indian community in Japan and across the world.

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