

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON HER STATE VISIT TO SERBIA

Belgrade, June 8, 2023

I am delighted to visit Serbia, my first State Visit to any European country. I thank President Aleksandar Vučić and the people of Serbia for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to me and my delegation. On this occasion, I recall the visit of President Vučić to India in 2017, as the then Prime Minister of Serbia. His visit set the tone for further expansion of our bilateral partnership.

Relations between India and Serbia have been unique since the days of the Non-Alignment Movement. Our relationship is based on mutual trust, mutual understanding and support for each other on issues of core interest. We remain committed to inject more ambition into this vital relationship.

I had a constructive and productive meeting with President Vučić this morning on all important aspects of our bilateral relationship and global and regional issues of common interest.

We also resolved to build further on our long-standing bilateral ties, especially in trade and investment, science and technology, including information and digital technologies, and to promote people-to-people contacts further. We agreed to strengthen our coordination and cooperation in the United Nations and other multilateral fora.

Later in the day, I will meet the Prime Minister, Her Excellency Ms Ana Brnabić and also participate in an India-Serbia Business event. Enhanced interaction between our business organizations will lead to robust, long-term, and mutually beneficial partnerships.

I once again thank President Vučić for his gracious hospitality and extend my warm greetings for the progress and prosperity of the people of Serbia.

Thank You!
