

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

**Visit of Minister of State (I/C) for Commerce and Industry to Thailand
(28-29 May 2015)**

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C) for Commerce and Industry visited Thailand to attend the 71st Commission Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) on 28-29 May 2015.

2. The Hon'ble Minister participated in the Ministerial Roundtable on theme topic for the Commission: "Balancing the three dimensions of sustainable development: from integration to implementation". She highlighted India's achievements in the last one year by implementing a strategy to firmly place India on a sustainable development pathway that balances the economic, social and environmental priorities. She underscored the initiatives of the government such as 'Jan-Dhan Yojana', 'Make in India' Programme, Smart Cities Projects and India's cooperation with other countries in the region for sustainable development. The Hon'ble Minister also delivered India's statement on Policy Issues for the Asia-Pacific Region.



3. The Hon'ble Minister also addressed a high-level side event on "Blue Economy for Sustainable Use of Marine Resources and Inclusive Growth" organized by Bangladesh and held a bilateral meeting Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Executive Secretary of UNESCAP. During the Commission Session, India was reelected to the Governing Councils of (i) Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT) and (ii) Centre for Sustainable Agricultural Mechanization (CSAM).



4. The Hon'ble Minister called on H. E. M. R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and H. E. General Chatchai Sarikulya, Minister of Commerce of Thailand and addressed the business event organized by the Embassy of India in Bangkok.

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