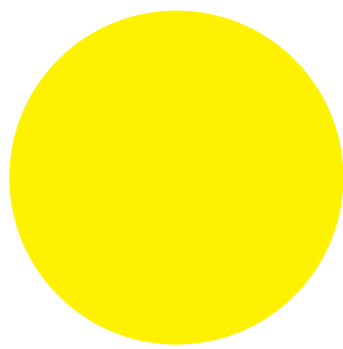


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India & Iran: BRICS cooperation in energy, trade & rupee-rial

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India's new Ambassador
to Tehran Vishwesh Negi,
in an interview with Iran
Daily, outlined India's BRICS 2026 chair-
ship priorities: resilience, innovation,
cooperation, and sustainability. He
emphasized integrating new mem-
bers, promoting local-currency trade
(including Rupee-Rial with Iran), and deliv-
ering practical outcomes in energy,
agriculture, technology, and supply



Vishwesh Negi

chains.

IRAN DAILY: India has assumed the rotating chair-
manship of BRICS at a time when the group, follow-
ing its membership expansion, has entered a new
phase of development. What are India's main prior-
ities and agenda for its chairmanship, and how does
New Delhi view the future of BRICS? Does it see the
group primarily as an economic mechanism, or as a
platform for shaping new political and geopolitical
arrangements during the transition in the interna-
tional system?

NEGI: As part of India's chairship of BRICS 2026, India
has listed its priorities around four thematic pillars which
are Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainabil-
ity, drawing inspiration from the Hon'ble Prime Minister's
vision of "Humanity First" and reflects a people-centric
approach, essentially covering areas ranging from health,
agriculture, food and energy security to technology, AI,
trade, multilateralism, climate action and sustainable de-
velopment.

Under India's chairship, the two principal objectives are
to consolidate the achievements of previous chairships
while facilitating the seamless integration of the expand-
ed membership, and to translate our priorities into prac-
tical, outcome oriented and enduring cooperation.

BRICS is an important platform for emerging and devel-
oping economies, and India sees its future as an inclusive,
action-oriented and future-ready platform responsive to
the priorities of the Global South.

One of the key questions in recent years regarding
the role of BRICS has been how to manage the diverse
interests and perspectives of its new and longstand-
ing members. With the group's expansion, concerns
have arisen that the growing number of members
could make decision-making and consensus-building
more difficult. What approach does India propose to
maintain BRICS' cohesion and effectiveness in this
new phase, and what reforms does it consider nec-
essary to the group's structure and decision-making
mechanisms?

India believes that, its chairship of the BRICS, presents an
excellent opportunity and key responsibility in taking for-
ward the BRICS agenda and diversifying areas of coopera-
tion. India's approach has been to facilitate the seamless
integration of new members and Partner Countries, while
maintaining the effectiveness of existing mechanisms and
building consensus.

As you are aware, India strongly supported Iran's mem-
bership in BRICS as we believe that Iran can play a vital
role in this grouping.

Our experience so far demonstrates that this approach
is working. During our present chairship, more than 300
of over 400 planned meetings across 35 Ministerial and
Heads-of-Agencies tracks have already been held, with ac-
tive participation from Members and Partner Countries.
I am happy to inform that as a consequence of the sev-
eral Ministerial, plus Agency level meetings held under
our chairship till now, we have witnessed the successful
launch of the following initiatives, namely AgriN (Agro In-
puts, Genetic Resources and Information Network) and a Network of
Centres of Excellence on Agroecology and Regenerative
Agriculture, BRICS Digital Centre of Excellence for Smart
Grids and Energy Storage, launch of BRICS CONNECT,
BRICS Mission for Healthy Lifestyle, establishment of the
BRICS Expert Working Group on Traditional, Comple-
mentary and Integrative Medicine (TCIM), BRICS Volun-
tary Principles for Climate-Resilient Urban Infrastructure,
signing of MoU by BRICS countries on Cooperation in the
Field of Standardization and the adop-
tion of the BRICS Logistics Supply-Chain
Cooperation Framework. India's chairship has also wit-
nessed the adoption of the first-ever Ministerial Declara-
tion under the Urbanisation Track.

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Iran launches retaliatory attacks on US military bases, vessels US submarine drone captured by IRGC

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The photos show an unmanned US submersible that Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps captured at the entrance of the Strait of Hormuz, at an undisclosed location in Iran, on September 8, 2026.

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