

Press Release

Inauguration of the exhibition “From Shunya to Ananta – Zero to Infinity – The Indian Civilisation’s Contribution to Mathematics”

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar inaugurated the exhibition titled “From Shunya to Ananta – Zero to Infinity – The Indian Civilisation’s Contribution to Mathematics” on 11 May 2026 at the United Nations in New York. The exhibition, organised by the Permanent Mission of India, will run from 11 – 15 May 2026.

2. Speaking on the occasion, the External Affairs Minister highlighted how the global diffusion of mathematics is a story of interconnectedness and how the very code which is the basis of our current technological age was conceptualised in India centuries ago.

3. The exhibition aims to present India's rich heritage of thinking, applying, and developing mathematics across more than two thousand years. It demonstrates that the ideas born on the Indian subcontinent through works of ancient mathematics, are still relevant today, underpinning the technologies and sciences that shape contemporary global life.

4. The interactive exhibition showcases the threads of Indian mathematics running across Sanskrit poetry and extending into culture, shaping classical dance, music, and architecture, and into the 21st century as the foundation of computing, GPS, algorithms, and artificial intelligence. The same insights that scholars articulated in Sanskrit verse, an early iteration of binary code, now run through the world's digital infrastructure.

5. The exhibition will remain open to UN badge holders for viewing at the Delegates Entrance from 11 – 15 May 2026.

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