H.E. Mr. Reuven Rivlin, President of the State of Israel paid a State Visit to India from 14 to 21 November, 2016 at the invitation of the President of India. President Rivlin was accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Nechama Rivlin, apart from a high-level delegation comprising of officials, academicians and business leaders from Israel.

During the visit, the President of India hosted a Banquet in his honour. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi held bilateral discussions on 15 November 2016 with President Rivlin and hosted a lunch for him. External Affairs Minister Mrs. Sushma Swaraj also called on President Rivlin. President Rivlin met business leaders of both India and Israel during his visit. President Rivlin also visited a ‘Centre of Excellence’ in Agriculture in Karnal.

India and Israel enjoy excellent relations marked by strong ties in the areas of economy and commerce, Science and Technology, Research and Innovation, Culture and Tourism, Education etc.

India signed an Agreement for Cooperation in Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy with Japan during the PM’s visit. This step marked a historic milestone in Indo-Japan ties to build a clean energy partnership.

India and Japan’s cooperation in this field will help India combat the challenge of Climate Change.

THREE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS WERE MADE DURING MEGA CAMP FOR DIFFERENTLY ABLED PERSONS IN NAVSARI, GUJARAT

Three Guinness World Records were created at Samajik Adhikarita Shivir and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fittings of Aids/Apparatus (ADIP) Camp in Navsari, Gujarat on 17th September, 2016. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Expressing his pleasure PM Modi tweeted, “Navsari has set three records and has made a mark for itself on the map of the world. Congratulations,”.

The first record - “Highest number of Oil lamps lit simultaneously at single location” was set on the eve (16th September, 2016) of the Mega camp. An incredible 989 Divyangs (Person with Disabilities) came together to set an all-new record- almost doubling the minimum of 500 participants they needed in order to
achieve the title. The challenge was for each person to light the lamp exactly at the same time after a given signal within 30 seconds.

The second record ‘Biggest Wheelchair Logo’ was also broken on 17th September, 2016 in Navsari, Gujarat. The 1,000 participants in wheelchairs depicted a message saying ‘Happy Birthday PM’ in Tri-colour. It bettered the previous record of 346 participants that was achieved by Hope Inc. in Moorhead, Minnesota, USA.

The third world record ‘Most people fitted with Hearing Aid in 8 hours at Single location (600 Hearing Aid)’ was also set on the same day. Free assistive devices kits were handed out to thousands of Divyangs throughout the weekend, in addition to the hearing aids distributed during the record attempt. Three world records were the part of ADIP camp conducted by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities [Divyangjan], Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and organised by Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO). It is important to mention here, in the 159th Mega ADIP Camp, which is so far the biggest, 11330 Divyangjan beneficiaries were benefitted. The camp which is held under the ADIP Scheme of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, is in force since 1981. This has been revised and further adopted from April, 01, 2014.
The High Commission of India in collaboration with the International University of Management (IUM) organised a seminar on India’s Constitution Day (26 November) on 06 December 2016.

In addition to the Vice Chancellor and senior academics from IUM and other universities, Hon’ble Peya Mushelenga, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, IUM Founder and Chairman of IUM Governing Council, Hon’ble Nahas Angula, the Third Prime Minister of The Republic of Namibia, Professor Joseph Diescho, famous writer, political Analyst and former Executive Director of NIPAM, members of diplomatic community and media persons participated in the event.

The celebrations for 125th birth Anniversary of Dr Ambedkar were started off at the Chancery Culture Centre on 13th April 2016. Indian community members and officials from the HCI had attended the event. On this occasion, a documentary on Dr. Ambedkar was screened and a quiz was organized on Dr. Ambedkar and on the Constitution of India.

In September 2016, The S.R.C. High School, Dobra in Namibia organized an event titled “Turning Challenges into Opportunities - The Journey Continues” on September 9, 2016 during which the students were briefed about the life and contributions of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar. Meritorious students from disadvantaged backgrounds were gifted academic books.

The Mission also organised, in collaboration with Dorado Primary School CC in Windhoek, an event to celebrate the Constitution Day of India and the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 25 November 2016 which was attended by faculty members and about 200 children from the school.

**BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA**

**12th POWER ON 2017** is organized by Shivam Info which is going to be held from 6 - 8 January 2017 at Karnataka Trade Promotion Organization Convention Center, Bengaluru. POWER ON Trade Show is India’s largest and pioneer Battery Exhibition and technical conference organized by Shivam Info in coordination with Battery Directory & Year Book, India's most read battery business magazine since 1985 and Federation of Indian Small Scale Battery Associations. The event takes pride in providing a common platform for all battery industry enthusiasts across the globe. POWER ON Gujarat provides us with an excellent opportunity to showcase our products and services to the battery world. For registration logon to www.batteryfair.co.in

**IHGF 2017**

World’s largest sourcing show set for grand opening of the 43rd Spring Edition of Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair on 16 Feb 2016 at India Exposition Mart Limited,
Greater Noida Expressway, NCR of Delhi. A meeting ground for the international gifting and lifestyle products industry, today the IHGF has evolved to become the world’s most comprehensive sourcing event for home fashion and utility, collectibles, gifting and fashion accessories. To register please email visitors@epch.com or visit www.epch.in

INDIAN FOOD EXHIBITION 2017

Indian Food Exhibition 2017 is organized by Infocom World which is going to be held from 11-15 January 2017 at the Racecourse Ground, Rajkot, Gujarat, India. Indian Food Exhibition is an initiative of Agri Talk (India's largest agriculture trade fair organizer) a subsidiary of Infocom World. Indian Food Exhibition is India’s largest food exhibition trade fair organizer across country.

Indian Food Exhibition is Offering tremendous opportunities to the food producers and brands. provides you a platform to showcase your brand, demonstrate where you stand today and the direction you are headed in. This exceptional display of innovation, talent and creativity is sure to get your brand noticed by all. To register log on to http://tradeshows.tradeindia.com/indianfoodexhibition/

Dr. António Costa, Prime Minister of the Republic of Portugal has accepted the invitation from Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, to be the Chief Guest at the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be held from 7 to 9 January, 2017 at Bengaluru in Karnataka. He will participate in the inaugural session of the PBD Convention on 8 January and address the delegates.

Mr. Michael Ashwin Satyandre Adhin (36 years), Vice President of the Republic of Suriname will be the Special Guest at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) to be held on 7 January, 2017 in Bengaluru. He will address the young overseas Indian delegates at the inaugural session of the Youth PBD, along with Minister of External Affairs Mrs. Sushma Swaraj and Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel. For more information and registration, please visit: https://pbdindia.gov.in/how-register

High Commission of India will be celebrating PBD on 9 Jan 2016 from 1630 hrs. at its office. All persons of Indian origin are cordially invited.