STATE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF NEPAL TO INDIA (APRIL 6-8, 2018)
PM of Nepal, Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli, paid a State Visit to India from April 6-8, 2018. He was accompanied by his spouse Mrs. Radhika Shakya and a high-level delegation.

During the visit, PM Oli called on President and Vice President of India; he also held talks with PM of India. EAM and other Ministers called on PM Oli. Besides official engagements in New Delhi, PM Oli visited G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology in Pantnagar, Uttarakhand.

On April 7, 2018, the two Prime Ministers inaugurated the Integrated Check Post at Birgunj in Nepal. They also witnessed the ground breaking ceremony of the Motihari-Amlekhgunj cross-border petroleum products pipeline at Motihari, India.

Three separate joint statements on key areas of mutual interest were issued during the visit: (i) India-Nepal: New Partnership in Agriculture, (ii) Expanding Rail Linkages: Connecting Raxaul in India to Kathmandu in Nepal and; (iii) New Connectivity between India and Nepal through Inland Waterways.

STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA (APRIL 7-9, 2018)
President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind paid a State visit to Equatorial Guinea from April 7-9, 2018. This was the first ever visit of a Head of State from India to Equatorial Guinea.

During the visit, President Kovind addressed the parliament of the Equatorial Guinea; thereafter he held talks with President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, followed by delegation level talks.
Government of India’s decision to open a Resident Indian Mission in Malabo was also announced. President Kovind was conferred the medal of the Gran Collar de la Independencia, the highest civilian honour of Equatorial Guinea, by President Obiang.

During the visit, the following agreements were signed: (i) MOU on cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine, (ii) MOU on cooperation in the field of Medicinal Plants and, (iii) Action plan on cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT TO SWAZILAND (APRIL 9-10, 2018)
President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, paid a State Visit to the Kingdom of Swaziland on April 09-10, 2018. This was the first visit ever to the Kingdom of Swaziland by an Indian President.

In a special ceremony, His Majesty King Mswati-III of the Kingdom of Swaziland conferred the highest honour of Swaziland, the Order of the Lion, on President Kovind. On April 10, 2018, President Kovind addressed a Joint Sitting of the Swaziland Parliament. Other elements of the visit included a call on Queen Mother of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

President Kovind conveyed the recent decision by the Government of India to open a resident Indian diplomatic Mission in Swaziland.

STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO ZAMBA (APRIL 10-12, 2018)
President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, paid a State Visit to Zambibia on April 10, 2018. This was an Indian Presidential visit to Zambia after a gap of 29 years.

During the visit, MoU on Cooperation in Health Sector and an Agreement for exemption of visas for holders of diplomatic/service passports were signed.

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During the visit, he met with President of the Republic of Zambia Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu.

His program included a meeting with Dr Kenneth David Kaunda, first President of the Republic of Zambia, interaction with the Indian community and addressing a business event jointly with President Lungu.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO SWEDEN (APRIL 16-17, 2018)
PM of India, Mr. Narendra Modi undertook his first visit to Sweden on April 16-17, 2018. During his visit, PM Modi had meetings, with His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden and PM Lofven.
PM Modi addressed a gathering of selected Swedish business leaders and also met the vibrant Indian community in Sweden.

**INDIA-NORDIC SUMMIT**

India and Sweden co-hosted the India-Nordic Summit in Stockholm on April 17, 2018.

The India-Nordic Summit led to the participation of PM of India and all the Nordic countries—Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

On the sidelines of the India-Nordic Summit, Prime Minister held separate bilateral meetings with Prime Ministers of Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway.

**VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM (April 17-20, 2018)**

PM of India, Mr. Narendra Modi visited the United Kingdom (UK) from April 17-20, 2018 on a bilateral visit and to participate in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

During the visit, PM Modi met with UK PM, Mrs. Theresa May and UK Foreign Minister Mr. Boris Johnson. The India-UK CEOs Forum also took place during the visit.

India and the UK announced a sum of 10 MoUs/agreements and 16 India-UK initiatives across technology, trade, investment and finance.

**COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING (CHOGM)**

During his visit to UK, PM Modi attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in London from April 19-20, 2018.

The Meetings of the Commonwealth Heads of Government usually take place every two years and serve to shape the organization’s agenda for the next two years.

**VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO GERMANY (APRIL 20, 2018)**

Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi made a brief stopover in Berlin on April 20, 2018 after completing his visits to Sweden and the United Kingdom.

During his visit, PM met with Chancellor Merkel and the two leaders exchanged views on a number of bilateral, regional and global issues.

This was the first meeting between the two leaders since Chancellor Merkel began her fourth term on March 14, 2018.
VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO CHINA (APRIL 26-28, 2018)

PM of India, Mr. Narendra Modi and President of People's Republic of China, Mr. Xi Jinping held their first Informal Summit in Wuhan on April 27-28, 2018, to exchange views on overarching issues of bilateral and global importance.

Since the arrival of PM Modi to Wuhan on early morning of April 27, 2018 the two leaders had several rounds of meetings. The program included a total of six events; four of them were one to one meetings.

The two leaders inter-alia, agreed that India and China as major powers will pursue peaceful, stable and balanced relations.

NAMIBIAN COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA SUMMIT

Nineteen (19) companies from Namibia participated in a business event, INDIA-SOUTH AFRICA BUSINESS SUMMIT during April 29-30, 2018 held at Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa.

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

The 6th Annual Summit
New Delhi, Taj Palace
18-19 June 2018

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