VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO JORDAN, PALESTINE, UAE AND OMAN (FEBRUARY 09-12, 2018)

PM Narendra Modi was on a four-nation tour of Arab countries for a period of four days. PM Modi’s visit to Jordan was the first of its kind by a PM of India since Rajeev Gandhi made a visit in 1988, so it has been three decades since an Indian Prime Minister visited Jordan.

During his visit, PM Modi called on Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein, King of Jordan.

PM Modi was also enthusiastically welcomed by the India community in Amman, Jordan.

After Jordan, PM Modi proceeded to Palestine. This was a historic visit in every sense, as it was the first time ever that the Prime Minister of India is making a visit to Palestine.

During his visit in Palestine, PM Modi paid his respects at the memorial of the Mausoleum of late President Yasser Arafat. He toured the museum and then there was a very productive round of discussion followed by an exchange of six MoUs with a cumulative value of approximately $40 million.

PM Modi was given the highest civilian award that the State of Palestine gives and he accepted it on behalf of all the 1.25 billion Indians.
After his state visit in Palestine, PM Modi proceeded with a state visit to United Arab Emirates (UAE) on February 10, 2018.

This was PM Modi's second visit to UAE.

During his visit to UAE, there was an extended one on one meeting between the leaders followed by a short delegation level talk and the signing of the agreements. Prime Minister addressed the Sixth World Government Summit being held in Dubai at which India has been extended 'Guest of Honour' status.

He also met the Indian community in UAE.

The last leg of PM Modi’s four nations’ visit ended with Oman on February 12, 2018. This was his first visit to Oman.

During his visit and stay in Muscat, Oman; PM Modi met with Qaboos bin Said Al Said, Sultan of Oman.

He attended India-Oman Business forum. He also addressed the Indian community at Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex.

He also visited Qaboos Grand Mosque and Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque as well as Lord Shiva Temple.
VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO INDIA (FEBRUARY 15-18, 2018)

President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Dr. Hassan Rouhani, paid his first State Visit to India from February 15-17, 2018. He was accompanied by a high-level delegation comprising Cabinet Ministers, senior officials and business leaders.

During the visit, President Rouhani met with PM Narendra Modi, President, Vice President and External Affairs Minister of India called on the visiting dignitary. President Rouhani also visited Hyderabad on February 15-16, 2018.

A total of nine (9) MoUs/Agreements were signed during the visit. These agreements include, (i) Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to taxes on Income. (ii) MoU on Exemption from Visa requirement for holders of Diplomatic Passports. (iii) Exchange of Instrument of Ratification of Extradition Treaty. (iv) Lease Contract for Shahid Beheshti Port-Phase 1 of Chabahar during Interim Period between Port and Maritime Organization (PMO), Iran and India Ports Global Limited (IPGL).

(v) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine. (vi) MoU on the establishment of an Expert Group on Trade Remedy Measures to promote cooperation in areas of mutual interest.


Four (4) additional MoUs between trade bodies have also been signed on the sidelines of the visit, namely: (i) MoU between EEPC India and Trade Promotion Organization of Iran. (ii) MoU between Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA). (iii) MoU between the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and the Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines & Agriculture (ICCIMA). (iv) MoU between PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture (ICCIMA).

STATE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA TO INDIA (FEBRUARY 17-24, 2018)

Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau, paid a State Visit to India from February 18-24, 2018. During the visit, PM Trudeau attended the Canada - India Business Forum, he also attended the Canada - India Business Meeting. He also attended the Ceremonial Reception and Wreath Laying (Memorial of Mahatma Gandhi) as well as the CEO’s Forum. Sushma Swaraj, Minister of External Affairs of India called on him. He met with PM Narendra Modi and called on the President of India as well.

A total of six of MoUs/Agreements were signed during the state visit of PM Trudeau to India. These agreements include, (i) Joint Declaration of Intent on Cooperation in the Field of ICT and Electronics. (ii) Terms of Reference for the India-Canada Ministerial Energy Dialogue. (iii) MoU on Cooperation in Sport. (iv) MoU concerning Cooperation on Intellectual Property Rights. (v) MoU concerning Cooperation in Higher Education. (vi) MoU concerning Co-Operation in the Fields of Science, Technology and Innovation.
UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India is organizing the 2nd Global RE-Invest India-ISA Partnership Renewable Energy Investors Meet & Expo from April 19 – 21, 2018 at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida, National Capital Region of Delhi. The RE-Invest series showcases India’s renewable energy potential and the Government's efforts to scale up capacity to meet the national energy requirement in a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable manner. RE-INVEST 2018 aims at accelerating the global efforts towards Renewable Energy. The event will enable the global investment community to connect with Renewable Energy stakeholders. The activities in the event include series of seminars covering different themes of renewable, conferences and exhibition of manufacturers, project developers, investors and other players in the renewable energy space to showcase manufacturing capabilities, latest technologies, financing options and investment opportunities. The RE-INVEST 2017 is expected to be attended by Heads of the State or Ministers from various countries, more than 600 global leaders and investors and 10,000 delegates from world over. For further information please visit: www.re-invest.in or contact: Dr. P. C. Pant at: (91) 11 24365496 or at email: pcpant@nic.in

The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) are again organizing the 4th edition of Global Exhibition on Services from May 15-18, 2018 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. GES 2018 proposes to focus on Services sector excellence in India and to expand its global footprint. This event would showcase over 20 services sectors and shall have participation from about 100 countries and will also host 30 knowledge sessions and scores of B2B & B2G meetings. Accordingly, it will feature the following services sectors – banking & financial services, education, energy services, environmental services, exhibition & event services, facility management, healthcare, IT & telecom, logistics, media & entertainment, next gen cities, printing & publishing, professional services, railway services, retail & e-commerce, skills, space, sports services, start-ups/SME, tourism & hospitality, wellness services and IPR services. For more information, Ms. Pooja Jha, Director, CII can be contacted at email: pooja.jha@cii.in, Tel.011-45771000 or Mr. J. Shankar, General Manager-CII at email: j.shankar@cii.in, Tel: 0124-4014060. More details about the event can also be accessed at: www.gesindia.in

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