VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO NEPAL (MAY 11-12, 2018)

PM of India Mr. Narendra Modi paid an official visit to Nepal from May 11-12, 2018. This was the third visit of PM Modi to Nepal and the first high-level visit from India since the formation of the new Government in Nepal.

During the visit, PM Modi held talks with PM of Nepal Mr. K.P. Sharma Oli; he called on President and Vice President of Nepal, and interacted with senior leaders of various political parties of Nepal. Apart from engagements in Kathmandu, PM Modi also visited the historic cities of Janakpur and Muktinath.

The two PMs launched Nepal-India Ramayana Circuit connecting Janakpur, the birthplace of Sita, with Ayodhya and other sites associated with the epic Ramayana.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO RUSSIA (MAY 21, 2018)

PM of India Mr. Narendra Modi visited Russia on May 21, 2018 for an informal Summit with President Putin in the city of Sochi.

The informal Summit was organised in keeping with the tradition of regular consultations between India and Russia at the highest levels.

The two leaders welcomed the idea of holding informal Summits as an additional engagement at leadership level, besides the Annual Summits between the two leaders. PM Modi invited President Putin for the 19th Annual Summit in India later this year.
VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO INDONESIA (29-30 MAY 2018)
PM of India Mr. Narendra Modi paid his first official visit to Indonesia on May 29-30, 2018.

During the visit, PM Modi and President of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Joko Widodo had a tête-à-tête followed by a delegation meeting. The Leaders jointly unveiled a Kite Exhibition on the theme of Ramayana and Mahabharat and also paid a visit to the Arjuna Wijaya Chariot Statue and Istiqlal Mosque. They also interacted with members of the India - Indonesia CEO Forum.

A total of 18 MoUs/Announcements were made during the visit.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO GUATEMALA (MAY 6-8, 2018)
VP of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu paid an official visit to the Republic of Guatemala from May 6-8, 2018. This was the first ever visit of an Indian VP to the Republic of Guatemala.

During the visit, VP Naidu made a courtesy call on President of Guatemala, Mr. Jimmy Morales Cabrera, where they discussed issues of common interest between the two countries.

Also during the visit, an MoU between the MFA of Guatemala, and the MEA of India through their respective Foreign Service Institutes for strengthening diplomatic cooperation through education was signed. VP Naidu visited the Guatemalan Parliament and had a meeting with the Speaker of the House.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO PANAMA (MAY 8-10, 2018)
VP of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu visited Panama from May 8-10 2018, in the second leg of his tour of Latin America. During the visit, VP Naidu and the President of the Republic of Panama Mr. Mr. Juan Carlos Varela Rodrigues held in-depth discussions.

VP Naidu gave an Address at the Panama Foreign Office Auditorium to a gathering of 250 persons. An MoU for Exemption of Visa for Diplomatic, Official and Consular Passport Holders was signed.
A Work Plan for implementing the existing MoU between the Ministry of Agriculture of India and the Ministry of Agriculture Development of Panama for Cooperation in the Field of Agricultural Research and Education was also signed.

VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO PERU (MAY 10-11, 2018)
VP of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu paid an official visit to the Republic of Peru from May 10-12, 2018. During the visit, VP Naidu made a courtesy call on the President of Peru Mr. Martin Alberto Vizcarra Cornejo.

Also during the visit, VP Naidu visited the Congress of Peru and met with President of the Congress of Peru Mr. Luis Fernando Galarreta Velarde and members of the India-Peru Parliamentary Friendship League. VP Naidu and the FM of Peru delivered their addresses on the occasion of the celebrations commemorating the 55th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations in Lima.

VP Naidu addressed the Indian community in Peru and exchanged views on various aspects.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS TO INDIA (MAY 24-25, 2018)
PM of The Netherlands Mr. Mark Rutte was on a two-day Official visit to India on May 24-25, 2018.

PM Rutte was accompanied by a high-level governmental delegation. In addition, about 231 business delegates representing 130 companies joined the Trade Mission accompanying PM Rutte to India. The Netherlands is the 5th largest investor in India. The Netherlands is also home to a 235,000 strong Indian Diaspora, the largest in mainland Europe.

During the visit, The India-Dutch CEOs forum took place in New Delhi. Apart from the official program in Delhi, PM Rutte visited Bengaluru and also the ISRO campus.

Also during the visit, India and the Netherlands signed a wide range of MoUs/Agreements and Initiatives across different sectors: Government to government, Knowledge institutions, Water, Agrifood and horticulture, Hi-tech/IT/Space, Life Sciences & Health, Smart Cities, Business and Sustainability, etc.

NAMIBIAN COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN COMMERCIAL EVENTS IN INDIA
Cospharm Group participated in IPHEX 2018 held from May 8-10, 2018 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, India. Similarly, Spatial Development Initiative Walvis Bay Corridor Group participated in the 4th Global Exhibition on Services held from May 15-18, 2018 at Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai, India.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA PARTICIPATED IN A NATIONWIDE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IN NAMIBIA
Following the lead of President Geingob in launching a nationwide clean-up campaign in Namibia, the High Commission of India undertook a cleanliness drive inside the premises of the High Commission on May 31, 2018.
UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

INDIASOFT 2019

FEBRUARY 4-5, 2019, HYDERABAD, INDIA

The largest conglomeration of Indian ICT companies will present a world of ICT innovations, products, and services at the 19th edition of INDIA SOFT 2019 during February 4 & 5, 2019 at Hyderabad, India. The event is being organized by Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) with the support of Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. Against a registration fee of USD 425 plus 18% GST, the Council (ESC) would provide Return air ticket - economy class (one delegate per company), Complimentary two night hotel stay, B2B Meetings / Business Networking, Complimentary Entry to the Exhibition (Two Days), Complimentary Entry to the Conferences (Two days), Complimentary Lunch - (Two days) and Complimentary Networking Dinner - (First day). More details to the event and Indian exhibiting companies can be accessed from the INDIASOFT 2019 website www.indiasoft.org.

The officers and staff of the High Commission also enthusiastically planted a few saplings to contribute to the success of the initiative.