VISIT OF PRESIDENT TO MYANMAR (DECEMBER 10-14, 2018)
The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, paid a State Visit to Myanmar from December 10-14, 2018.

During the visit, President Kovind met President of Myanmar Mr. U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. President Kovind visited the Advanced Centre for Agricultural Research and Education and the Rice Bio Park.

President Kovind also visited places of historical and cultural importance, and paid his respects at the Martyrs' Mausoleum. He met with the Indian-origin and expatriate Indian community of Myanmar and also inaugurated the Enterprise India Show.

President Kovind and President U Win Myint witnessed the signing of MoUs in the areas of judicial and educational cooperation, Cooperation on Combating Timber Trafficking and Conservation of Tigers and Other Wildlife and the MoU on Bilateral Cooperation for Prevention of Trafficking in Persons; Rescue, Recovery, Repatriation and Re-integration of Victims of Trafficking, on which negotiations are nearing completion.

SECOND ROUND OF INDO-FRENCH DIALOGUE ON AFRICA (December 11, 2018)
The 2nd round of Indo-French Dialogue on Africa was held in New Delhi on December 11, 2018.

The Dialogue is aimed to develop institutional, technical and cooperative synergies between India and France to identify developmental projects in Africa, in accordance with the African priorities. From India, Dr. Neena Malhotra, Joint Secretary (East & Southern Africa) and from France, Mr. Rémi Maréchaux, Head of the Africa Department of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs led the respective delegations.

INDIA TIES UP WITH UAE FOR AFRICA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
India and the United Arab Emirates signed a MoU on Development Cooperation in Africa, and further agreed to join their expertise and resources in a pioneering project for establishing a Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
The cooperation was signed at the 12th session of the India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) for Economic and Technical Cooperation, held on December 03-04, 2018, in Abu Dhabi. External Affairs Minister, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj co-chaired the JCM with Foreign Minister, His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

**INDIA-SUDAN FOREIGN OFFICE CONSULTATIONS (DECEMBER 3, 2018)**

The 8th Session of the Foreign Office Consultations between India and Sudan was held on 3rd December, 2018, in New Delhi.

The two sides also exchanged views on issues of mutual concern at regional and multilateral levels. The Indian side was led by Dr. B.Bala Bhaskar, Joint Secretary (West Asia and North Africa), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Sudanese side was headed by Ambassador Mahmoud Fadl Abdel Rasoul Mohammed, Director General of Arab and Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Sudan.

**INDIA HANDED-OVER 10 AMBULANCES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO SEYCHELLES (DECEMBER 7, 2018)**

High Commissioner of India to Seychelles, H.E. Dr. Ausaf Sayeed formally handed over 10 Ambulances and essential medical equipment worth SCR 43 Million (USD 3.1 Million) to H.E. Mr. Jean Paul Adam, Minister of Health, Republic of Seychelles on December 7, 2018.

The ceremony was held at the Victoria Hospital in Seychelles.

This was done through Project Management Consultant HLL Infratech Services Ltd (HITES) a wholly owned subsidiary of HLL Lifecare Limited, which is a Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

**INDIA DEEPENS CAPACITY BUILDING WITH NAMIBIA**

In deepening India’s capacity building engagement with Namibia, on December 20, 2018; High Commissioner, H.E. Prashant Agrawal and Second Secretary Shri Vinay Kumar met one batch of Namibian public servants going to India for various training programmes under ITEC.

High Commissioner also accorded another customary send off to another batch of Namibian officials leaving for training programmes in India.

On December 10, 2018, High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal also saw off two Namibian officials from Ministry of Defence, Mr. Roy Nally Kamati and Mr. Sackeus K. Sheya, to India.
The two have been awarded full scholarships by Government of India to pursue courses in Engineering Officer Works Procedure and Advanced Diplomatic Course in Programming respectively at the College of Military Engineering, Pune, India. Col. Vikas Goel, Military Advisor, was also present.

CEIT ESTABLISHED AT NUST
India extends partnership for establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) at Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).

On December 10, 2018, High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal, accompanied by Mr. Vijay Kumar Kayat from India’s Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) and Mr. Vinay Kumar, HoC, met NUST Vice Chancellor Dr. Tjama Tjivikua; Dean of Faculty of Computing and Informatics Dr. Anicia Peters; Director in Ministry of Higher Education, Training and Innovation Dr. Lisho Mundia, and several other officials for site inspection of Centre of Excellence in Information Technology being set up at NUST with India’s partnership.

A key feature of CEIT is that it would host a PARAM supercomputer from India, thus establishing NUST on the leading edge of high performance computing as a premier university in Africa. The Centre will also impart several courses in big data analytics and technologies, information security and advanced web technologies and Java programmes. Classes are expected to commence from July 2019.

INDIA AND NIIPAM STRONG TIES
Namibia Institute of Public Administration and Management (NIIPAM) have strong ties with several institutions of excellence in India.

High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal discussed the collaboration work plan with NIIPAM Executive Director Ms. Maria N. Nangolo on December 20, 2018.

HIGH COMMISSIONER OFFERS CONDOLENCES TO USA
High Commissioner, H.E. Prashant Agrawal visited US Embassy on December 4, 2018 to offer condolences at the passing away of 41st US president George H W Bush.
UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

14th CII EXIM Bank Conclave on India Africa Project Partnership
17 - 19 March 2019; Hotel Taj Diplomatic Enclave, New Delhi

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be organizing the 14th edition of CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India - Africa Project Partnership with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, from March 17 – 19, 2019 in New Delhi, India. Over the last 13 editions, the conclave has seen the participation of eminent dignitaries from across Africa and India, who have actively built bridges to strengthen the partnership between our two regions. With the multi-faceted involvement of Heads of State, Ministers, Business Leaders, Financial institutions and Investment agencies, the conclave has proven to be a one stop shop that caters to the interests of both business and political stakeholders, alike. CII can offer local hospitality and reimbursement of travel expenses for up to Two Ministerial level Participants from Namibia. All interested participants (including Government officials) may register through the website: www.ciieximafricaconclave.com. Registrations for the conclave can be done directly on the event website.

The 4th Edition of CAPINDIA 2019 - a Trade and networking event for Non-Timber Forest Produce, its value added products and Guar Gum is being held from March 26 - 28, 2019 at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai. This event would truly be of value to genuine buyers from Namibia, as the products are high quality, natural products with multifarious applications. It would be pertinent to mention that the travel, hotel stay & local travel of some selected buyers would be completely sponsored. Interested companies may send the details of their potential delegate(s) to shefexil.capindia@gmail.com, comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in&shefexil@gmail.com with complete details such as name of company, authorized contact person and contact details (E-mail / Direct Number, Cell Number) at the earliest, to enable sending the relevant invitation details directly after selection. The selection of buyers / potential delegate(s) will be subject to approval of special selection committee, and deadline for the application is Feb 10th, 2019.

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