VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TO JAPAN (OCTOBER 27-29, 2018)

Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi visited Japan on October 28-29, 2018 for the India-Japan Annual Summit with Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe. This was the 13th such annual summit and 5th for Prime Minister Modi.

During the visit, Prime Minister Modi visited Yamanashi prefecture; a very advanced technology company in Yamanashi prefecture. He also met members of the Indian community.

He attended a series of business events. He addressed the business forum jointly hosted by Nikkei, JETRO and Keidanren. He also participated in delegation level talks.

A total of 32 Announcements/Agreements in the areas of Defence and Strategic, Digital and New Technologies, Healthcare and Wellness, Food Value Chain and Agriculture Areas, Economic, Postal, S&T, Academic Exchanges and Environment, Sports, exchange of Notes of Loan Agreements as well as G2B/B2B Agreements were signed during the visit.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT TO TAJIKISTAN (OCTOBER 7-9, 2018)

President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind paid a State Visit to Tajikistan from October 7-9, 2018. This was the very first visit of President Kovind to Central Asia.

During his visit, President Kovind met with President of Tajikistan, Mr. Emomali Rahmon.
President Kovind visited the Tajik National University where he delivered an address on ‘Countering Radicalization: Challenges in Modern Societies’.

He addressed the members of the Indian Diaspora in Tajikistan; he paid his respects to Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore by visiting their memorials in Dushanbe and offered floral tributes.

**VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO BELGIUM (OCTOBER 18-19, 2018)**

Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu led a delegation to participate in the 12th Asia-Europe Meeting that took place on October 18-19, 2018 in Brussels.

The bi-annual event brought together 51 countries across Asia and Europe, as well as EU and ASEAN Institutions under the title "Global Partners for Global Challenges".

During the summit, Vice President called on His Majesty King Philippe of the Belgians. On the sidelines of the Summit, Vice President met with the Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

Also during the visit, Vice President met members of Indian Community at Jain Culture Centre in Wilrijk, Antwerp.

Vice President also paid respects and offer floral tribute at a sculpture of Mahatma Gandhi located in the Governorate of Antwerp.

**VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN TO INDIA (SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 01, 2018)**

President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, accompanied by a high level delegation, paid a State Visit to India during September 30 - October 01, 2018.

During the visit, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev met Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind and Vice-President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu. Minister of External Affairs, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj called on President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

President Mirziyoyev, paid a visit to Agra on September 30, 2018. On October 1, 2018, President Shavkat Mirziyoyev visited Raj Ghat where he paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.
Also during the visit, a total of 17 MoUs / Agreements including visa-free travel for diplomatic passport holders, tourism, military education, agriculture, science, health, security, commerce, business and industry were signed.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO INDIA (OCTOBER 04-05, 2018)
President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, paid an official visit to India during October 04-05, 2018, for the 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit.

During the visit, President Putin held official talks with Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi. He met and had a meeting with President of India.

Also during the visit, President Putin held a session of Interaction with group of talented children. He jointly addressed India-Russia Business Summit with PM Modi. Eight (8) Agreements / MoUs including economic development, space, railway, nuclear field, transport, education, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and fertilizer sectors were signed between India and Russia during the visit.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA TO INDIA (OCTOBER 18–20, 2018)
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe paid an official visit to India during October 18-20, 2018.

During the visit, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka held delegation level talks with Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi. External Affairs Minister, Minister of Home Affairs and National Security Advisor called on Prime Minister Ranil.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF ITALY TO INDIA (OCTOBER 29–30, 2018)
The Prime Minister of Italy, Mr. Giuseppe Conte paid an Official Visit to India during October 29-30, 2018.

During the visit, Prime Minister Conte met Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The two leaders held bilateral talks and delivered valedictory speeches in the final session of the 2018 edition of the Tech Summit, which was co-hosted by the two countries.
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA CELEBRATED 150th BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

The High Commission of India celebrated the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation on October 2, 2018 at Chancery premises. On the occasion, three stamps were released. Also during the occasion, a documentary on Mahatma Gandhi and a few images were screened.

HIGH COMMISSIONER PAID FAREWELL COURTESY CALL ON DPM

High Commissioner, H.E. Mr. Kumar Tuhin paid a farewell courtesy call on Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations & Cooperation of the Government of the Republic of Namibia on October 12, 2018.

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council is organizing the 2nd India Rough Gemstones Show (IRGS- 2019) from 10th to 12th January 2019 in the Convention Hall of Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council is an apex trade promotion organization for export of Gems & Jewellery from India. The Council is sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India. In order to help overseas miners to showcase their rough gemstones to the Indian Industry and enabling them to establish contacts, overseas exhibitors are invited to participate at the 2nd India Rough Gemstones Show (IRGS- 2019) from 10th to 12th January 2019 in the Convention Hall of Hotel Clarks Amer, Jaipur. The participants from Namibia will be offered one complimentary room on double occupancy basis on each booth for three nights. The participation cost does not include the hospitality for the exhibitors. For further information to the Interested miners to participate in the 2nd India Rough Gemstones Show can please contact Mr. Nitin Khandelwal - (Assistant Director), email: nitin.khandelwal@gjepcindia.com or Mr. Ajay Purohit (Sr. Manager Exhibitions), email ID: ajaypurohit@gjepcindia.com.