The two leaders reviewed and expressed their satisfaction over the strong and comprehensive development of the relations of long standing traditional friendship and Strategic Partnership between the two countries so far and welcomed celebration of 45th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations and the 10th anniversary of establishment of Strategic Partnership between the two countries.

The visit saw the two sides sign 12 agreements covering a wide range of areas towards further strengthening the Strategic Partnership. In addition, MoU between Vietnamese Academy of Social Science and Indian Council of World Affairs, MoU between BIS and STAMEQ for mutual recognition of standards and conformity assessment, Establishment of the Centre of
Prime Minister Modi chaired the special BRICS meeting on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Hangzhou. Addressing the leaders he said, “Our shared responsibility is to shape the international agenda in a manner that helps developing nations achieve their objectives”

THIRD SESSION OF THE INDIA-NAMIBIA JOINT TRADE COMMITTEE (JTC)

The 3rd Session of India-Namibia Joint Trade Committee was held in New Delhi, 07th September, 2016. The Indian delegation was led by Minister for State for Commerce and Industry (IC) Ms Nirmala Sitharaman. The Namibian delegation was led by Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development, Mr Piet Van der Walt.

On the issue of Bilateral trade, it was shared that during 2015, India was the seventh largest country from whom Namibia sourced its imports. JTC further noted that five rounds of India-Southern Africa Customs Union(SACU) Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) negotiations have been held so far. The fifth round of negotiations was held in New Delhi in October 2010. Conclusion of the PTA would create opportunities for increased trade flows.

Indian side conveyed to the Namibian side that leather, Gems and Jewellery, food processing products and engineering goods like electrical and mechanical appliances are sectors that India can cooperate with Namibia to meet Namibia’s requirements. Metals and

Addressing the world leaders on the day 2 of the Summit, the Prime Minister highlighted why a stable global economic and financial system is absolutely imperative for growth. He remarked that long-delayed 15th general review of quotas must be completed by 2017 annual meetings. Calling for efforts for zero tolerance for corruption & black money; zero administrative policy & treaty loopholes; zero barriers & full commitment to action, he said, “Fighting corruption, black money & tax evasion were central to effective financial governance”. He also professed India's support for BEPS recommendations and called on countries to commit to the timeline of 2017-2018.

Addressing the world leaders at the G20 Summit in Hangzhou, Prime Minister Modi stated that G20 needed an action oriented agenda of collective, coordinated and targeted action. On nurturing India’s growth aspirations, he said that Indian government aimed to improve financial system, boost domestic production, enhance infrastructure investment and create a pool of human capital.

Towards an Innovative, Invigorated, Integrated and Inclusive World Economy

Excellence in Software Development and Training and protocol between Vietnam and India on celebrating 2017 as 'The Year Of Friendship' were also signed.
A mineral from Namibia was sought for the Indian requirement.

The Namibian side encouraged Joint Ventures in Mining and Mineral exploration with Epangelo Mining and Exploration company, trade of precious and semi precious Gems and Stones was discussed. Namibia expressed interest in development of skills through training in the fields of Gems and jewellery to encourage local value addition and employment opportunity in Namibia. Namibia also expressed willingness to utilise $100 million of line of Credit for them. Water management related infrastructure development was also discussed in the meeting. India offered to share its experience with Namibia and assured the Namibian side of its fullest cooperation in this field.

Co-operation between both the countries in hydro-electric projects and solar projects and water resource management were important items in the agenda. Co-operation in development of Micro, small and medium enterprises also found a prominent place. Co-operation in the fields of tourism was also discussed. It was decided that an agreement would be facilitated wherein joint training, development of tourist destinations, enhancement of people to people interaction etc would be undertaken.

From the Namibian side the issue of extension activities in production of Bajra by India was highlighted. Namibia also expressed need for handholding and technology transfer for fertilizer manufacturing and vaccine production in Namibia. Besides this, provisioning of market for table grapes and dates was also discussed. The discussion concluded in a warm and cordial atmosphere reflecting the friendly relations between the two countries. The meeting concluded with the signing of the mutually agreed document.

MINISTER OF HEALTH OF NAMIBIA VISITS INDIA FOR THE INDIA AFRICA HEALTH SCIENCES MEET

Honble Minister of Health and Social Services of Namibia Dr. Bernard Haufiku visited India to attend three-day India-Africa Health Sciences Meet, jointly organised by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Ministry of External Affairs from 1-3 September, 2016, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. Haufiku also held discussions with the Health Minister of India Mr. J P Nadda. Four Ministries, i.e., Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Commerce collaborated for holding this event.

Discussions focused on capacity building for health and biomedical research, medical and health professionals’ education, disease priority and research areas of focus, human resource development for industrial processes, Africa based manufacturing and IPR/regulations/pharmacopeia.

An industry exposition showcasing innovative technologies in the health sciences sector was also organised during the Meet.

NAMIBIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVEATION STUDY TEAM VISITS INDIA

A Namibian delegation led by Hon’ble Sylvia Makgone, Deputy Minister of Rural and Urban Development and Honble Priscilla Beukes, Deputy Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare visited India from September 1-12, 2016 for studying India’s experiences with poverty eradication and rural development.
The delegation visited Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Jaipur and Delhi among other cities, and saw several sites and rural programme being organized by the Govt of India.

The delegation also held meeting with Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon’ble Minister of Rural Development and Shri Ram Kripal Yadav, Hon’ble Minister of State for Rural Development on 12th September, 2016.

YOGA WORKSHOP AT KALAHARI FESTIVAL OF ARTS, WINDHOEK

The High Commission of India participated in "Kalahari International Festival of The Arts" with Special Yoga Sessions held for the visitors on September 3, 2016 at Goethe Institute, Windhoek.

Dr B.R. Ambedkar’s Life Remembered- Turning Challenges into Opportunities-The Journey Continues

The High Commissioner of India delivered a motivational address to the student learners at S.R.C High School, Dobra on the occasion of the Annual 2016 Academic Awards programme.

The High Commission gifted academic books for the meritorious students from disadvantaged backgrounds, motivating them by sharing the life experiences of Dr. B. R Ambedkar. The High Commissioner in his address stressed that Dr Ambedkar’s legacy lives on and his journey continues through every student learner who strives to overcome various socio-economic handicaps and
empowers his or her own self as well as community through education.

The High Commissioner at S.R.C High School, Dobra

BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA

Medical Expo 2016

Indian Industries Association brings to you the Sanjeevani Medical Expo 2016 - 2nd edition of this mega event, which is a unique Expo being organized in Lucknow (the capital of the largest state in India, Uttar Pradesh). This expo will showcase the latest technologies in the Medical, hospital infrastructure & fitness Sector.

Sanjeevani Medical Expo 2016 is an excellent opportunity for all the hospitals, medical institution, fitness equipment manufacturers, medical professionals and prospective entrepreneurs to interact with the national and international players of the industry under one roof. The Expo will also provide an opportunity to medical companies, fitness equipment manufacturer companies & medical institutions to exchange knowledge, expertise, facilities available & technical competencies with the potential buyers. The expo will also facilitate networking between all concerned in medical industry for mutual benefit. For further information and space booking, please go to http://tradeshows.tradeindia.com/sanjeevaniexpo/

Steel & Power Expo 2016

We invite you to participate in the upcoming 8th Year-National Expo 2017 (Steel & Power) from 2-4 Dec 2016 at BTI Ground, Raipur, Central India's largest Steel and Power Expo and an International platform for buyers and sellers. On offer will be: Steel/Power/Mining/Cement/Construction plants Equipments and machineries for steel plant, rolling mills sponge iron plants and power plants. For further details, registration, exhibitors profile as well as visitors profile, please visit http://tradeshows.tradeindia.com/steel-powerexpo-raipur/register.html?fairid=2666&type=Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS IN WINDHOEK

S. Ramanujan-The Mathematician & His Times
The greatest mathematical gift of India to the world, Srinivas Ramanujan, his life and works, the times he lived in and the struggles he coped with during his career are covered in this documentary on his life. S. Ramanujan-The Man & His Times will be screened at Namibia Scientific Society, Windhoek on 17 October 2016, at 7 pm.

INDIA WEEK: You will be treated to a week of Indian culture, cuisine, Bollywood Films, Mehendi Tattoo Art, and other articles and activities with a quintessential Indian flavor from 18-24 October. The Prime Attraction of the programme will be Kathak Dance performances on 21 October 2016, for which dancers and musicians are being flown in all the way from India. Join us for a whole week of dance, song, films and unbridled fun!

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT CELEBRATIONS: The Indian Community in Namibia is cordially invited to Diwali (Festival of Light) Celebrations at the High Commission of India, Windhoek on 29 October 2016.