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Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore (Retd.), AVSM, Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Special Envoy of the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India visited Namibia on 28 August 2015. During his visit, Honble Minister met Vice-President H.E. Dr. Nickey Iyambo and Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Peya Mushelenga. The visit of Special Envoy to Namibia was for inviting the Namibian leadership to the forthcoming Third India-Africa Forum Summit to be held in India from 26-28 October 2015.

69th Independence Day of India- Celebrations in Windhoek on 15 August 2015

The Indian Community in Namibia got together at the Flag Hoisting ceremony held at High Commission of India, Windhoek on 15 August 2015. The Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and over 150 members of the Indian community attended the event.

The High Commissioner of India to Namibia H.E Shri Kumar Tuhin hoisted the National Flag and conveyed the President’s message to the Indian Community in Namibia. The High Commissioner also interacted with guests over Indian delicacies and drinks.

Namwandi Receives Lifetime Award for Education

Former Minister of Education of the Government of Namibia, Dr. David Namwandi visited India where he received Lifetime Achievement Award for meritorious service and his praiseworthy contributions to Namibian Education. Chartered Institute of Management Accountants honoured Dr. Namwandi on 23 July 2015 at Mumbai, India. Dr. Namwandi started the International University of Management in Namibia with only one student and one lecturer. Today IUM has over 8000 students and campuses in various parts of Namibia. He dedicated the award to all Namibians, telling the Namibian daily New Era, “I’m humbled. This is not the first award I received, I received several awards before but this is something to be proud of.”

Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre set up by Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs launches several new initiatives for PIOs and NRIs

The Overseas Indian Facilitation Centre (OIFC) set up by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in collaboration...
with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is launching several new initiatives this year aimed at strengthening economic engagement of Overseas Indians (PIOs and NRIs) with India. OIFC is launching initiatives like Business Connect, Indonomy Programme, India Corporate Internship, Social Impact Investment Connect, Knowledge Re-connect. Etc. Potential investors, international partners, outreach partners and overseas Indians are welcome to join the India growth story. Please see the enclosed flyer for more details and contacts.

**Special Pension Scheme for NRIs**

The Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) of India has announced a special pension scheme for NRIs recently. Non-resident Indians (NRIs) between 18 to 60 years of age can invest in National Pension System (NPS) through their NRE and NRO accounts to get a social security cover (PIOs and OCIs are not eligible). Please see attached flyer for more details.

**National Voter Service Portal for NRIs**

The Election Commission of India has recently launched an online service called the National Voters’ Service Portal (NVSP) to facilitate the Indian citizens living abroad. The NVSP portal will be of immense use to the NRIs as the portal provides online registration facility besides all other services related to electoral registration i.e. correcting entries or change in address, searching name on electoral rolls, etc. The portal can be accessed at [www.nvsp.in](http://www.nvsp.in)

**Open House at High Commission of India, Windhoek on Friday, 11 September 2015, 1030 am to 1230 pm**

As announced by the High Commissioner of India on August 15, 2015, the High Commission will organize an Open House for all Indian citizens /persons of Indian origin in Namibia on September 11, 2015 (Friday) who can come and meet the High Commissioner and Officers of the High Commission of India with their suggestions/grievances. No prior appointment is needed to come for the Open House.

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