
At the invitation of the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi, the President of the European Council, Mr. Donald Franciszek Tusk and the President of the European Commission, Mr. Jean-Claude Juncker visited New Delhi from October 04-07, 2017. This was a working visit where they inter-alia participated in the 14th India-EU Summit on October 06, 2017.

During the summit, the leaders reviewed the wide-ranging cooperation under the India-EU Strategic Partnership. Recognising that India and the EU are natural partners, the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further deepen and strengthen the India-EU Strategic Partnership based on shared principles and values of democracy, freedom, rule of law and respect for human rights and territorial integrity of States.

At the summit, India and EU signed three major agreements, first was the Implementing Arrangement between the European Commission and the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) for Indian Researchers hosted by the European Research Council grantees in Europe. Second agreement was a Finance Contract of Bangalore Metro Rail Project Phase-2-Line R6 for Euro 300 million out of total loan of Euro 500 million. The third agreement was the Joint Declaration between the Interim Secretariat of the International Solar Alliance and the European Investment Bank.

The leaders welcomed the growing convergence on contemporary global issues and agreed to enhance India-EU cooperation in all multilateral fora. They also looked forward to intensified exchanges between scholars, think tanks and cultural delegations.
STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO DJIBOUTI (OCTOBER 03-04, 2017)
The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, visited Djibouti on October 03-04, 2017 in the first leg of his state visit to two African countries - Djibouti and Ethiopia. The visit was at the invitation of the President of Djibouti Mr. Ismail Omar Guelleh and it was President Kovind’s first overseas visit after assuming office.

On October 04, 2017, the two leaders engaged in official talks on bilateral relations and themes of common interest between the two countries. During the official talks, both sides acknowledged the long-standing excellent bilateral relations between India and Djibouti and re-affirmed the mutual desire to deepen economic, commercial, technical, educational, scientific and cultural cooperation between the two countries. The leaders called for an urgent need for the reform of the UN Security Council, including its expansion, to make it more representative, accountable, effective and responsive to the geo-political realities of the 21st century.

STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF INDIA TO ETHIOPIA (OCTOBER 04-06, 2017)
The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, paid a visit to Ethiopia at the invitation of the President of Ethiopia Dr. Mulatu Teshome from October 04-06, 2017.

On October 05, 2017, the two countries signed Agreement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Government of the Republic of India on Cooperation in the field of Information, Communication and Media.

The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, also addressed an Indian community reception in Addis Ababa on October 4, 2017.

STATE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY TO INDIA (OCTOBER 29-30, 2017)
Prime Minister of the Republic of Italy, Mr. Paolo Gentiloni accompanied by Mrs. Emanuela Mauro Gentiloni was on a State Visit to India on October 29-30, 2017 at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The last visit of the Italian Prime Minister to India was in February 2007.

PM Gentiloni met with the Prime Minister, President and Vice President.

A 15-member Italian CEO delegation also accompanied the official delegation and interacted with the Indian companies.

VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN TO INDIA (OCTOBER 24, 2017)
The President of Afghanistan Mr. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani visited India on October 24, 2017 at the invitation of Prime Minister Modi.
This was President Ghani’s 4th visit to India in the last 3 years and 12th personal interaction between the two Leaders. Detailed discussions were held between the Prime Minister and President Ghani in one-on-one format, restricted meeting and a working lunch.

Both sides agreed that the recent convergence and alignment of views at regional and international arenas have created opportunities for bringing peace, security and stability in Afghanistan. It was agreed to further deepen the bilateral strategic dialogue and consultations at all levels in order to achieve the shared objectives. Both sides also agreed to work closely with the regional and international partners; and consult, coordinate and cooperate in various international fora, with the view to further the objective of seeing Afghanistan emerge as a stable, peaceful, united, progressive, prosperous and pluralistic nation.

DIWALI WAS CELEBRATED IN WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

The High Commission of India in Windhoek celebrated the festival of Diwali at its premises on October 14, 2017. High Commissioner, Mr. Kumar Tuhin lit the candle and addressed the attendees.

THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA CELEBRATED PARYATAN PARV (OCTOBER 05-25, 2017)

"Paryatan Parv" was organised at the High Commission of India, Windhoek from October 05-25, 2017. Main event was organised in conjunction with the Diwali function. The theme of the event was "Dekho Apna Desh".

More than 200 Indian nationals and PIOs participated in the event.
SWACHHATA WEEKS
Swachhata weeks during Deepavali were observed in the Mission in two parts - from October 10-16, 2017 and from October 24-30, 2017. During the period, ‘Clean India’ logos were displayed at prominent places and special cleaning drives were conducted in the Mission.

CELEBRATION OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL
Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was celebrated as National Unity Day on October 31, 2017. The event included administering the Pledge for “Rashtriya Ekta Diwas” by the High Commissioner to all members of Mission, highlighting the life and contribution of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel to the members of Indian community, display of a small photo exhibition on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for viewing of Indian community, organising of a quiz competition on the life and contribution of Sardar Patel and screening of a documentary film “Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel - A Recalling”.

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