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“To be successful in life what you need is education, not literacy and degrees.” - Munshi Premchand
Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy attended New Year Greetings Ceremony at the Imperial Palace

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy attended New Year Greetings Ceremony at the Imperial Palace hosted by the Imperial family on 1 January to mark the New Year and personally greeted His Majesty the Emperor and the Crown Prince.

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy called on H.E Itsunori Onodera, Defence Minister of Japan

Ambassador of India to Japan H.E Sujan R Chinoy called on H.E Itsunori Onodera, Defence Minister of Japan on 16 Jan at Ministry of Defence, Ichigaya and discussed issues to further strengthen defence cooperation between India and Japan on 16 January.

Meetings of Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy

- Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy hosted lunch for Special Advisor to PM Abe H.E. Kentaro Sonoura, Chief of Staff Joint Staff of Japan Self Defense Forces Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, and other Japanese participants who would later attend the Raisina Dialogue in Delhi on 16-18 January. (Jan 11)

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy met the following:

- Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary H.E. Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura and had a good discussion on strengthening India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership in the New Year. (Jan 11)
- Admiral Satoshi Nakajima Commandant of Japan Coast Guard before his departure for India and they discussed enhanced co-operation with Indian Coast Guard. (Jan 12)
- Prof (Dr.) Sugata Bose, MP (Lok Sabha), Member-Standing Committee on External Affairs and Gardiner Professor of History, Dept of History who was visiting Tokyo for giving a lecture. (Jan 13)
- H.E. Thomas D. Kijiner, Ambassador of Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) to Japan (former Foreign Minister/concurrently accredited to India) in his capacity as Ambassador of India to RMI. They had good talks on promoting bilateral ties. (Jan 16)
- Dr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to PM Abe, and they discussed potential India-Japan bilateral cooperation in healthcare sector under Japan’s Asia Human and Wellbeing Initiative (AHWIN) including acceptance of Indian nurses and care workers in Japan. (Jan 17)
- Hon’ble Minister for Education from Chhattisgarh, Shri Kedar Nath Kashyap and they discussed opportunities of bilateral cooperation between India-Japan in primary education. (Jan 15)
- Ms. Michiko Ueno, Member of the House of Councillors, LDP from Tochigi Prefecture who briefed him about her recent successful visit to India. (Jan 19)
- Prof. Yohsuke Yamamoto, Executive Vice President Hiroshima University and they discussed ongoing & future research collaboration between Hiroshima University and
Indian institutions like CSIR, IIM Ahmedabad, BITS Pilani etc in areas like sensors, robotics & AI etc. (Jan 10)

- President of JAIST Dr Tetsuo Asano and had useful discussions on promoting bilateral co-operation in S&T particularly with IIT Gandhinagar with which JAIST concluded an MOU in 2017. (Jan 12)

- Mr. Ken Matsuzawa, President of International Friendship Exchange Council (FEC) and discussed the visit of an FEC delegation to India in March 2018. (Jan 12)

- NTPC delegation led by Mr. Gurdeep Singh, Chairman, NTPC and they exchanged views about NTPC’s Loan Facility Syndication Roadshows and investor meetings in Tokyo. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission participated in NTPC’s roadshow in Tokyo which was organized by a consortium of three Japanese Banks SMBC, MUFG and Mizuho. (Jan 15)

- Governor of Wakayama, Mr. Yoshinobu Nisaka hosted a lunch for Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy. (Jan 23) The Governor led a 40-member delegation to Maharashtra from Jan29-Feb 1 to promote tourism and investment ties.

- Mr Masafumi Shukuri Chairman, International High Speed Rail Association and they exchanged views on Mumbai Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) corridor before his forthcoming visit to India in February 2018. (Jan 25)

- Senior officials from JICA who briefed about the existing JICA projects being implemented in India. The JICA officials also gave presentations on the major JICA projects along with the roadmap for the future. They also expressed appreciation for the continuous dialogue between the Embassy of India in Tokyo and JICA. (Jan 30)

- Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy was interviewed by Japan Times on 29 January.

**Visit of Hon’ble Minister of Telangana**

A delegation of Telangana Government led by Hon’ble Minister of IT E&C, MAUD, Industries & Commerce K.T. Rama Rao visited Japan from 17-20 January. Apart from discussions with Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy, they held investment promotion meetings with business entities like Suzuki Motor Corporation; Softbank; and Meiji Seika Pharma organised by the Embassy of India. The delegation signed a Letter of Intent with ISE Foods Inc. for egg production based on advanced technology in Telangana, setting up of a solar park for this facility and local human capacity building; and a MOU with Clean Authority of Tokyo for sharing knowhow, technical and human resource cooperation in Municipal Solid Waste Incineration Facilities. Hon’ble Min also held talks with Governor Heita Kawakatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture and Mr. Junichi Yamada, Senior Vice President, JICA.

**Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas**

Mr. Avnish Sharma, Minister (Consular) and Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary interacted with the Indian community on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas on 10 January at the Embassy of India. They shared with them highlights of the speech of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Hon’ble External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj and also discussed deeper engagement with the Indian community in Japan.
Vishwa Hindi Divas

Vishwa Hindi Divas was celebrated at the Embassy of India on 10 January. Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy delivered inaugural remarks and read out the message by PM Narendra Modi on the occasion. Professor Emeritus Osaka University of Foreign Studies Tomio Mizokami and well-known Japanese Hindi scholar gave a riveting lecture on India-Japan relations. [On 26 January the Government of India announced the prestigious Padma Shri award to Prof. Mizokami for Literature and Education.] This was followed by a play in Hindi by Japanese students of Tokyo University of Foreign Studies enacting Angulimala story of Lord Buddha. On the same day, interaction with Indian community was also held on the occasion of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas.

High Level Meeting between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Japanese Coast Guard (JCG)

17th High Level Meeting was held between Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Japanese Coast Guard (JCG) on Jan 15 at the Coast Guard HQ, New Delhi to discuss augmenting the operational level interaction and capacity building in areas of search and rescue; pollution response; and maritime law enforcement. The meeting was followed by a joint ICG-JCG exercise off the coast of Tamil Nadu, which included maritime SAR, anti-piracy and various other procedures of mutual interest. Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy received Admiral Nakajima, Commandant Japan Coast Guard, before his visit to India.

Annual Essay Competition of Japan Foreign Trade Council (JFTC) for 2017 Award ceremony

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission attended the prestigious Annual Essay Competition of Japan Foreign Trade Council (JFTC) for 2017 Award ceremony in which Chairman of JFTC Mr. Eizo Koyabashi awarded the winners. The Selection Committee Chair's Special Prize of 100,000 yen was awarded to Ms.Surabhi Chaturvedi from India for her essay on "Free Trade: Satisfying the Double Co-inccidence of Economic and Social Wants in the Twenty-First Century." The competition received a total of 266 submissions from 64 different nationalities. After a strict screening of all the essays, four submissions were selected as the winners of the competition in 2017.

Visit of Dr. Girish Sahni, DG, CSIR and CSIR-Hiroshima University Workshop

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy discussed India-Japan S&T collaboration with senior management from Japanese S&T Agencies, R&D organisations and Universities at a networking dinner hosted by Counsellor (S&T) on 15 January during the visit of Dr. Girish Sahni, DG, CSIR and Secretary, DSIR and his delegation to Japan. The CSIR delegation visited Japan to participate at the CSIR-Hiroshima University Workshop and explore possibilities of collaboration with AIST, RIKEN and University of Tokyo. Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy delivered the keynote address at the CSIR-Hiroshima University Workshop on 17 January and met Mr. Mitsuo Ochi, President of Hiroshima University and discussed possible opportunities of India-Japan Science and Technology Cooperation between Hiroshima University and Indian R&D institutes: CSIR; IITs: BITS; and IIM Ahmedabad for jointly developing technology for smart infrastructure, new energy and environmental sustainability.
**Saraswati Puja Celebrations**

Mr Avnish Sharma, Minister (Consular) attended and made remarks at the celebration of Saraswati Puja organised by the Bengali Association of Tokyo, Japan (BATJ) on 21 January.

**Desh Prem Diwas/ 121st Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Celebrations**

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary attended and gave remarks at the celebrations of “Desh Prem Diwas” and 121st Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose organised by Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Japan on 21 January.

**International Recovery Forum 2018**

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission attended the International Recovery Forum 2018 organized jointly by IRP and Central Disaster Management Council of Cabinet Office of Government of Japan in Kobe on 24 January. India and Japan have an active cooperation agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction and Disaster Management.

**14th Asia Senior-level Talks on Non-proliferation (ASTOP-XIV)**

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission represented India in the 14th Asia Senior-level Talks on Non-proliferation (ASTOP-XIV) in Tokyo on 31st January. Japan has been hosting this meeting since 2003. India was invited for the first time given its increasing role in the export control regimes and the close bilateral cooperation with Japan.

**Workshop on "Opportunities for Science & Technology Innovation Collaboration between India-Japan"**

A Workshop on "Opportunities for Science & Technology Innovation Collaboration between India-Japan" was organised at the Embassy on 24 January by the Japan Science & Technology Agency (JST) under the Japan-Asia Youth Exchange Program in Science (SAKURA Science Program). Thirty-three young researchers and science administrators from Department of Science & Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology(MEITY), IIT-Bombay, IIT-Hyderabad and CSIR who were visiting Japan under the SAKURA Science Programme participated in the workshop. Japanese participants from JST, STI Bureau of Cabinet Office, JISTEC, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) and National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT) also participated in the workshop. Mr. Hiroshi Ikukawa, Deputy Director-General for Science, Technology and Innovation, Japanese Cabinet Office delivered the keynote address at the Workshop. Presentations were also made by the Indian and Japanese participants in the area of ICT. Dr. Purnima Rupal, Counsellor (S&T) presented the inaugural address giving an overview of the India-Japan S&T Cooperation.

**“National Voters’ Day” Pledge**

Ambassador HE Sujan R. Chinoy administered the “National Voters’ Day” Pledge to all Embassy officials on 25 January.
69th Republic Day of India

In an unprecedented gesture, the 69th Republic Day of India Luncheon Reception hosted at the landmark Okura Hotel in Tokyo on 26 January 2018 by H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy, Ambassador of India to Japan, was attended and addressed by H.E. Taro Kono, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

2. The star-studded gathering of over 700 guests at the reception included former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Chairman of Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League Hiroyuki Hosoda, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Iwao Horii, Chief Representative of Komeito Party Natsuo Yamaguchi, several Vice Ministers, Members of the Diet, captains of the business community, senior officials from various Ministries of the Japanese government, heads of cultural and religious organizations and representatives of think-tanks, the scientific community, academia, media, the Indian community and the diplomatic corps.

3. In his remarks after the National Anthems of India and Japan and the welcome remarks, Foreign Minister Taro Kono greeted the guests with “Namaskar” and stated in a lighter vein that after hearing Ambassador Chinoy deliver his remarks in fluent Japanese, he felt he should also speak in Hindi, but would have to apologize for not being able to do so.

4. Foreign Minister Kono expressed his heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of India’s Republic Day and also conveyed his appreciation to the hosts, Ambassador Chinoy and Mrs. Vidya Chinoy, for bringing together such a large gathering to celebrate an event of such great significance for India.

5. Foreign Minister Kono emphasized that Japan and India are strategic partners that share values such as democracy, human rights and the rule of law. He warmly recalled the close relationship between the two countries as personally experienced by him when he visited India last year at the gracious invitation of the Government of India (before he became the Foreign Minister of Japan). He particularly highlighted that he was struck by the remarkable relationship of friendship and respect that existed between India and Japan. He cited India as one of the most important partners for promoting Japan’s Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy. He added that 2017 had witnessed many positive developments in the bilateral relationship. In September 2017, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had visited Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s home state of Gujarat for the Annual Summit Meeting. He pointed out that there were about 1400 Japanese companies with over 4800 Japanese establishments in India, with the number rising every year. He referred to 2017 as a great year for bilateral relations, particularly as the Japan India Year of Friendly Exchanges in which about 200 cultural events were held in India and Japan. He said he would strive for even greater progress in bilateral ties during 2018, and also expressed his hope to pay a visit to India this year. He conveyed his heartfelt good wishes for the prosperity of the people of India and the continued development of the Japan-India partnership. The large gathering responded enthusiastically with a huge round of applause when he ended his remarks with a resounding “Dhanyavad”. Senior LDP MP Hiroyuki Hosoda also addressed the gathering in his capacity as the Chairman of the India-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League.

6. Earlier in the morning of 26 January 2018, H.E. Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy unfurled the National Flag at the Embassy of India in Tokyo in the presence of hundreds of Indians who turned out in large number despite the cold weather and the fact of it being a working day in Japan. This was followed by the singing of the National Anthem and the customary reading
out by the Ambassador of the President’s Address to the Nation on the eve of Republic Day. Students of India International School and Global Indian International School sang patriotic songs.

7. Two newspapers, Japan News and Japan Times, brought out a special supplement on India’s 69th Republic Day. They carried the Ambassador of India’s Message as well as congratulatory messages by Japanese dignitaries. A photo exhibition of Prime Minister Abe’s visit to Japan in September 2017 and "Incredible India" was showcased at the Republic Day reception. There was also a cultural performance of Kathak dance by Ms. Atsuko Maeda and her students. Ms. Maeda, an ICCR alumnus is one of the foremost Kathak performers in Japan and head of the Kadamb Japan Dance School. Ambassador drew a lucky prize of two return tickets to New Delhi sponsored by Air India, which was won by a Japanese Member of Parliament.

8. Well-known Hindi scholar Tomio Mizokami, Professor Emeritus of the Osaka University of Foreign Studies, who was conferred the Padma Shri for Literature and Education on Republic Day, also attended the Republic Day celebrations.

Yokohama India Centre 2018 New Year Seminar and Networking Event

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, Director Vivekananda Cultural Centre of Embassy of India gave a presentation on the culture of India and its dynamic economy at the Yokohama India Centre 2018 New Year Seminar and Networking Event. The audience participated enthusiastically and asked many questions about India. 29 January

Workshop of the Inbound Programme from SAARC Member Countries under JENESYS-2017

Mr Ravindra Verma, Counsellor (DRA) attended the Workshop of the Inbound Programme from SAARC Member Countries under JENESYS-2017. The workshop was organized by Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE), wherein, 121 participants attended the programme including 14 from India. Presentations were made on Sectoral Connectivity, Transportation, Infrastructure and Energy sector. At the end, certificates were distributed to the participants for successful completion of the programme on 30 January 2018

Gandhiji Martyrs' Day organised by Japan Bharat Mitrata Sangh/ Nipponzan Myohoji

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, Director, Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, Toyko paid respects to Mahatma Gandhi on the occasion of Martyrs' Day organised by Japan Bharat Mitrata Sangh/ Nipponzan Myohoji on 30 January.

Economic and Commercial Meetings

- Mr. Kenichi Takano, Executive Director of Japan National Tourism Organisation (JNTO) in India met Mr. Tshering W Sherpa, Counsellor (Political & Commerce) and Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary (Info., Educ. and Cul.) & Director, Vivekananda Cultural Centre in the Embassy on 25 January. Mr. Takano briefed on the activities of JNTO in India and the future roadmap.

- Mr. Vikram Gulati, Vice-President, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited and his team met Mr. Tshering W. Sherpa, Counsellor (Political &Commercial) at the Embassy to
update on the Toyota Technical Training Institute located at Bangalore. Mr. Gulati also briefed on the company’s roadmap in India on 10 January

- Officials from Nissan Motor Corporation met Mr. Tshering W Sherpa, Counsellor (Political & Commerce) and Mr. Gaurav Gupta, Third Secretary to brief on Nissan Motor Corporation’s “Nissan Vehicle Electrification Strategy” and also on their future overseas plans. Mr. Gupta also made a concise presentation on the EV policy of the Government of India on 30 January.

- Officials of Softbank met Mr Tshering W. Sherpa (Counsellor Political & Commercial) and Mr Gaurav Gupta (Third Secretary) to introduce their new officer in-charge for Indian affairs and to brief about their India investment plans on 31 January.

Meetings on Railways

- Mr Ravindra Verma, Counsellor (DRA) had a meeting with Mr Satoru Osanai, President of JARTS regarding technical cooperation in various Railway Technologies with Japanese Railway related Industries viz. Railway operators, Rolling stock, Electronics and Manufacturing companies on 23 January.

- Mr Ravindra Verma, Counsellor (DRA) had a meeting with Mr Yoshihiro Kumamoto Sr. Executive Office & Dy. Director General JR-EAST, Mr. Takeshi Tsuyoshi Director, Indian High Speed Rail Division and Prof. KE Seetha Ram Special Adviser to JR-EAST in the International Affairs Headquarters of JR-EAST. Discussions were held on the progress of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project, training needs for operation & maintenance, technological support and workshops for industries on 23 January.

“Complain is the work of cowards! Braves took over the task of preparing the way!”
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
E-Governance: The Indian paradigm for citizen friendly governance
By R S Sharma, Chairman, TRAI

Building trust between governments and citizens is fundamental to good governance. Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been recognized as an essential tool for achieving the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by United Nations for the welfare of mankind. It is globally recognized that ICT promotes good governance. ICT can help build trust by enabling citizen engagement in the policy process, promoting open and accountable governance. Through e-governance, government services can be made available to citizens in a convenient, efficient and transparent manner. ICT can help in improving efficiency in mass processing tasks and public administration operations.

India is ranked at position 107 on e-Government Development Index (EGDI) published by United Nations for the year 2016. Due to consistent efforts by all stakeholders, ranking of the country has improved by 11 positions in comparison to the year 2014 where it was 118. Similarly improvements have been reflected in e-Participation Index (EPART). India has been ranked at 27 for the year 2016 in comparison with the rank 40 in 2014. However, notwithstanding the economic progress over the last decade, the digital divide in the country continues to be significant. As per telecom data released by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), at the end of May 2017, the Urban Tele-density has reached to 172.28 and the Rural Tele-density has reached to 55.89.

Government’s Citizen friendly initiatives on e-Governance

Digital India Program

‘Digital India’ initiative, announced as flagship program in 2015 by Government aims to transform India into a digital economy with participation from citizens, businesses and promises to transform the country into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy with high intellectual capital. Among the nine pillars of ‘Digital India’, the government has inter-alia stressed upon to:

(1) Create Broadband Highways;
(2) E-Governance – Reforming government through Technology;
(3) eKranti – Electronic delivery of services.

Broadly, Digital India initiative aims to help in achieving the vision of:

i. Digital Infrastructure as a Utility to Every Citizen
ii. Governance & Services on Demand
iii. Digital Empowerment of Citizens

The government has taken numerous initiatives on citizen friendly e-governance in recent years. Some of the initiatives can be termed as unique to our country since there is huge diversity in cultural, language and traits.
India's Digital Identity Infrastructure

The government has initiated an ambitious e-governance projects Unique Identification (UID) project by organisation The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI). The UID aims to provide a real-time service for verifying the identity of any Indian resident through biometrics and demographic information by name called 'Aadhaar'. The government has initiated delivery of services and several welfare schemes which have been intended to uplift and benefit the bottom line of citizens in society. Further, governments have been successful in linking Aadhaar number with several welfare scheme like LPG subsidy, scholarship to the students, pension and Public Distribution System (PDS) etc to pass the benefits to the authorised persons only.

India's Payment Infrastructure

Unified Payments Interface

Unified platforms and applications have been developed to promote and facilitate digital financial transactions by every stratum of citizens. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) is one such system that powers multiple bank accounts into a single mobile application (of any participating bank), merging several banking features, seamless fund routing & merchant payments into one hood.

Introduction of Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app has enabled the masses to make digital financial transactions simpler, easier and quicker. Aadhaar number linked with mobile number makes the application an unique one.

Other e-Governance Initiatives

Unified Mobile Application for New Age Governance (UMANG) application launched by the government provide a vast unified platform to citizens to access more than 200 e-Governance services from the Centre, States and even from local bodies and other private agencies on their mobile phone. UMANG services have been made available to the citizens in multiple channels like mobile app, web, IVR and SMS which can be accessed through smart phones, features phones, computers, and tablets. UMANG also utilises Aadhaar based authentication mechanism.

Government e-Marketplace (GeM) introduced by the government aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement. It provides the tools of e-bidding, reverse e-auction and demand aggregation to facilitate the government users achieve the best value for their money.

e-Pramaan offers secure authentication with various levels of assurances by verifying the credentials of e-Pramaan users accessing different e-Governance services through internet or mobile devices. e-Praman provides uniformity in authentication method and eliminated to provide different types of identity proofs for accessing public services by the citizens. This application is benefitting the Lakhs of pensioners in the country.

Role of telecom sector in implementation and sustenance of e-Governance

Telecom sector plays a vital role which will help in realizing the 'Digital India' vision and facilitate inclusive growth. In particular, telecom infrastructure provides the foundation to achieve the objectives of creation of broadband highway covering both rural and urban
areas, universal access to mobile connectivity, public internet access and to develop smart cities in the country. The Government of India (GoI) has played a significant role in strengthening the telecom sector through various policy supports.

**e-Governance Initiatives of the Government of India (GoI)**

(i) **Provision of Universal Service Obligation (USO) fund:** The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has been envisioned since NTP-1999 to provide a balance between the provisions of Universal Service to all uncovered areas, including the rural areas. USOF so far has been able to help in deployment and strengthening of telecom infrastructure in rural, under-covered and inaccessible zones in the country.

(ii) **National Broadband Policy-2004:** In order to provide ubiquitous e-Governance access to all citizens, availability of high speed, affordable Broadband as underlying telecom infrastructure is essentially important. In this dimension, National Broadband Policy-2004 can be treated as first step on telecom infrastructure in reflecting the vision of the government to implement e-Governance.

(iii) **National Telecom Policy-2012:** Broadband infrastructure deployment is a key to Digital inclusion of citizens of the country. There has been direct correlation between penetration of broadband and GDP of the country. Recognizing this fact, the government’s vision document, the National Telecom Policy 2012 (NTP-2012) envisages transforming the country into an empowered and inclusive knowledge-based society using telecommunications as a platform. One of the objectives of NTP-2012 has been to enable citizens to participate in and contribute to e-governance in key sectors like health, education, skill development, employment, governance, banking etc. to ensure equitable and inclusive growth.

(iv) **Digital India and implementation of BharatNet:** As an initiative to strengthen broadband infrastructure, GoI setup National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) in 2011 to provide connectivity to 2,50,000 Gram Panchayats of the country in phased manner which would ensure broadband connectivity with adequate bandwidth. Services like G2C, B2B, P2P, B2C etc. covering e-education, remote health monitoring, e-governance, weather, agriculture etc. can be accessed by common man through NOFN. In order to further the goals and objectives under ‘Digital India’ initiative, NOFN has been eventually upgraded to a full-fledged project BharatNet.

**Initiatives by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to synergise the e-Governance initiatives by the government**

a. **Delivering Broadband Quickly:** TRAI in April, 2015 recommended to the Government for single-window and time-bound clearance for all Right of Way (RoW) proposals at the level of the States and in the Central Government for the proliferation of Broadband. TRAI has also recommended Governments to act as model users and anchor tenants through delivery of e-Government services including e-education, e-governance, m-health, m-banking and other such services provision of Broadband connectivity to Government schools in the rural and remote areas through subsidy from USOF.
b. **Implementation of BharatNet**: TRAI in February, 2016 sent its recommendations to the Government on Implementation Strategy for BharatNet suggesting Public private partnership (PPP) that aligns private incentives with long term service delivery in the vein of the Build-Own-Operate Transfer/Build-Operate-Transfer models as the preferred choice for the national broadband network, BharatNet.

c. **USSD based mobile banking transactions**: There are large numbers of people in rural areas having feature (basic) phone. USSD based program can be used for making banking transactions by using basic feature phone. TRAI, in order to provide relief to masses and broaden financial inclusion, in November, 2016 lowered the ceiling tariff to a maximum of 50 paise per transaction, each having 8 steps, from earlier rate of Rs 1.50 per session, where each session comprised 5 steps.

d. **Aadhaar based e-KYC norms**: TRAI put forth its recommendations to the Government to allow electronic KYC of Aadhaar as one of the valid documents for getting a new mobile connection. Consequently, the Government issued e-KYC guidelines in August, 2016 to make the process of application and authentication faster and simpler for subscribers.

e. **Broadband penetration through public Wi-Fi**: In order to increase Internet penetration in the country, TRAI in its latest release in March, 2017 on ‘Proliferation of Broadband through Public Wi-Fi Networks’ has inter-alia recommended Government to overcome the regulatory and commercial constraints that potentially hinder the growth of scalable and ubiquitous WiFi in the country.

**Bridging the Affordability gap**: In order to bridge the affordability gap in rural areas, TRAI sent its recommendations on ‘Encouraging Data usage in Rural Areas through Provisioning of Free Data’, in December, 2016, suggesting a reasonable amount of data, say 100 MB per month, be made available to rural subscribers for free. The cost of implementation of the scheme may be met from The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

Various initiatives enumerated above will certainly help in proliferation of eGovernance services to the citizens. These will also help make India a digitally empowered society and bring in transparency and accountability in the systems.

Source: XPD Division, MEA

“**Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model**”

– Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Power Industry in India

Introduction

Power is one of the most critical components of infrastructure crucial for the economic growth and welfare of nations. The existence and development of adequate infrastructure is essential for sustained growth of the Indian economy.

India’s power sector is one of the most diversified in the world. Sources of power generation range from conventional sources such as coal, lignite, natural gas, oil, hydro and nuclear power to viable non-conventional sources such as wind, solar, and agricultural and domestic waste. Electricity demand in the country has increased rapidly and is expected to rise further in the years to come. In order to meet the increasing demand for electricity in the country, massive addition to the installed generating capacity is required.

India ranks third among 40 countries in EY’s Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index, on back of strong focus by the government on promoting renewable energy and implementation of projects in a time bound manner.

India has moved up 73 spots to rank 26th in the World Bank’s list of electricity accessibility in 2017, according to Mr Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Power, Coal, Renewable Energy and Mines, Government of India.

In September 2017, the Government of India launched the Saubhagya scheme to provide electricity connections to over 40 million families in rural and urban areas by December 2018 at a cost of US$ 2.5 billion.

Market Size

Indian power sector is undergoing a significant change that has redefined the industry outlook. Sustained economic growth continues to drive electricity demand in India. The Government of India’s focus on attaining ‘Power for all’ has accelerated capacity addition in the country. At the same time, the competitive intensity is increasing at both the market and supply sides (fuel, logistics, finances, and manpower).

Total installed capacity of power stations in India stood at 330,260.53 Megawatt (MW) as on May, 2017.

The Ministry of Power has set a target of 1,229.4 billion units (BU) of electricity to be generated in the financial year 2017-18, which is 50 BU’s higher than the target for 2016-17. The annual growth rate in renewable energy generation has been estimated to be 27 per cent and 18 per cent for conventional energy.

The Government has added 10.2 Giga Watts (GW) of conventional energy generation capacity.

The total solar power capacity addition from new installations in India in the first half of 2017 reached 4,765 MW and has exceeded the total capacity addition done in 2016*.
Two under-construction hydro projects of NHPC in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), expected to be commissioned in 2018, will produce 4,458.69 million units of additional power, according to the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

A total of 13,872 villages out of 18,452 un-electrified villages in India have been electrified up to June 30, 2017 as part of the target to electrify all villages by May 1, 2018.

A total of 26.3 million households which are below poverty line (BPL) have been electrified under the Rural Electrification component of Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana (DDUGJY), according to the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

**Investment Scenario**

Around 293 global and domestic companies have committed to generate 266 GW of solar, wind, mini-hydel and biomass-based power in India over the next 5–10 years. The initiative would entail an investment of about US$ 310–350 billion.

Between April 2000 and March 2017, the industry attracted US$ 11.59 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Some major investments and developments in the Indian power sector are as follows:

- International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank Group, is planning to invest about US$ 6 billion through 2022 in several sustainable and renewable energy programmes in India.
- GE Energy Financial Services (GEEFS) plans to invest US$ 90 million to develop a solar power project of 500 megawatt (MW) in partnership with Rattan India Group.
- Greenko Energy Holdings has raised US$ 155 million from its existing investors, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) and Singapore’s sovereign wealth fund GIC, which will be utilised for expanding its clean energy portfolio to 3 gigawatts (GW) from 2 GW at present.
- Private equity (PE) investment firm, Actis LLP, is planning to invest about US$ 500 million in Solenergi Power Pvt Ltd, its second renewable energy platform in India.
- Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd is planning to invest in high-end electric powertrain technology in a move towards the future of mobility as well as for the electrification of its existing and future line-up of products.
- Hero Future Energies Pvt Ltd is planning to foray into the battery storage business and set up solar charging stations for electric vehicles (EV) in India to capitalise on India's emerging EV market.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Punjab National Bank (PNB) have signed a financing loan worth US$ 100 million, which will be used to support solar rooftop projects on commercial and industrial buildings across India.
• Tata Capital Ltd and International Finance Corporation (IFC) have invested Rs 200 crore (US$ 31.05 million) in their joint venture (JV), Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd (TCCL), to increase its loan book for investing in renewable energy projects.

• CDC Group Plc, a development finance institution, plans to set up its own renewable energy platform in the eastern states of India like Bihar, Odisha and Assam, and other neighbouring countries to focus on developing hundreds of megawatts (MWs) of high-quality greenfield generational capacity.

• Japan’s JERA Co. Inc, has acquired a 10 per cent stake in ReNew Power Ventures Pvt. Ltd for US$ 200 million, valuing the company at US$ 2 billion before its proposed Initial Public Offer (IPO).

• The Indian Railways is looking to award six tenders worth Rs 8000 crores (US$ 1.2 billion), for setting up of a country-wide electricity transmission network, as part of a strategy to reduce electricity bills.

• Renewable energy company ReNew Power has announced securing US$ 390 million debt funding from its existing investor Asian Development Bank (ADB) for developing and expanding capacities of 709 megawatt (MW) across various states of India.

• International Finance Corporation (IFC), along with IFC Global Infrastructure Fund, the private equity fund of IFC Asset Management Company, has announced investment of US$ 125 million equity in Hero Future Energies, which will help the firm set up 1 gigawatt (GW) of greenfield solar and wind power plants over the next one year.

**Government Initiatives**

The Government of India has identified power sector as a key sector of focus so as to promote sustained industrial growth. Some initiatives by the Government of India to boost the Indian power sector are as follows:

• The 'Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana', with an outlay of Rs 16,320 crore (US$ 2.51 billion), has been launched by the Government of India with the aim of providing electricity access to over 40 million families in the country by December 2018.

• The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has clarified that solar PV (photovoltaic) power, solar thermal power projects, and solar parks will not require the environment clearance which was mandatory under the provisions of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) notification, 2006.

• By installing 3 million LED street lights to illuminate 50,000 kilometres of roads in India under the Street Lighting National programme (SLNP), the state-run Energy Efficiency Services Limited has achieved 390 million KWh in annual energy savings, according to the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

• The Ministry of Power, Government of India, has taken various measures to achieve its aim of providing 24X7 affordable and environment friendly 'Power for All' by 2019, which includes preparation of state specific action plans, and implementation of Green Energy Corridor for transmission of renewable energy, among other measures.
• India has become an associate member of the International Energy Agency (IEA), which makes the Paris-based body more significant, indicating India's growing prominence in playing an important role in the global energy dialogue, according to the IEA.

• The Government of India plans to auction coal blocks for commercial mining by the end of December 2017, which would end the monopoly of state-run firms in coal mining and help in achieving the country's target of producing 1 billion tonnes of coal by 2020.

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a new coal linkage policy, aimed at providing necessary supply of fuel to power plants through reverse auction.

• The Government of India has announced plans to implement a US$ 238 million National Mission on advanced ultra-supercritical technologies for cleaner coal utilisation.

• The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the enhancement of capacity of the Scheme for Development of Solar Parks and Ultra Mega Solar Power Projects from 20,000 megawatt (MW) to 40,000 MW, which will ensure setting up of at least 50 solar parks each with a capacity of 500 MW and above in various parts of the country.

• The Union Cabinet, Government of India has given its ex-post facto approval for signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Renewable Energy between India and Portugal, which will help strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

• The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy plans to introduce a fixed-cost component to the tariff for electricity generated from renewable energy sources like solar or wind, in a bid to promote a green economy.

• The Union Cabinet has approved the ratification of International Solar Alliance's (ISA) framework agreement by India, which will provide India a platform to showcase its solar programmes, and put it in a leadership role in climate and renewable energy issues globally.

**The Road Ahead**

The 2026 forecast for India's non-hydro renewable energy capacity has been increased to 155 GW from 130 GW on the back of more than expected solar installation rates and successful wind energy auctions.

India could become the world's first country to use LEDs for all lighting needs by 2019, thereby saving Rs 40,000 crore (US$ 6.23 billion) on an annual basis.

India's solar power capacity addition is forecasted at 9.4 gigawatts (GW) in 2017 which is even higher than the previous estimates of 8.8GW of capacity addition.
The Indian power sector has an investment potential of Rs 15 trillion (US$ 225 billion) in the next 4–5 years, thereby providing immense opportunities in power generation, distribution, transmission, and equipment, according to Union Minister Mr Piyush Goyal.

The government’s immediate goal is to generate two trillion units (kilowatt hours) of energy by 2019. This means doubling the current production capacity to provide 24x7 electricity for residential, industrial, commercial and agriculture use.

The government has electrified 13,000 villages so far out of the total 18,452 villages and is targeting electrification of all villages by 2019, within the targeted 1,000 days.

The Government of India is taking a number of steps and initiatives like 10-year tax exemption for solar energy projects, etc., in order to achieve India's ambitious renewable energy targets of adding 175 GW of renewable energy, including addition of 100 GW of solar power, by the year 2022. The government has also sought to restart the stalled hydro power projects and increase the wind energy production target to 60 GW by 2022 from the current 20 GW.

Exchange Rate Used: INR 1 = US$ 0.015 as on October 10, 2017

References: Media Reports, Press Releases, Press Information Bureau (PIB)

Note: *- Mercom India Research, #-BMI Research, &- Bridge to India

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“All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think we become.” – Gautama Buddha.
Chandigarh, capital of Punjab & Haryana – a popular tourist destination in India

**Fast Facts**

**Temperature:**
- Summer: 37-23°C
- Winter: 24-5°C

**Season:**
- October to March

**Clothing:**
- Summer - Cotton, Tropical,
- Winter - Woollens

**Languages spoken:**
- Hindi, Punjabi and English

**STD Code:**
- 0172

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Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh

Rock Garden, Chandigarh
Chandigarh comes lauded as India’s most beautiful city, and it lives up to it - it’s delightful. Lying in the valley surrounded by Shiwalik Hills that hem the great Himalayas, the city, apart from being a Union Territory, also serves the capital of two states of India – Punjab and Haryana.

A model for urban planners throughout the world, Chandigarh is an appealing, well-functioning clean city featuring wide avenues, grand parks, beautiful lakes, awesome gardens and architectural gems of the great French architect Le Corbusier. The place is also the reference point to visit the famous hill resorts of Shimla Kullu, Manali, Dharmashala and Dalhousie.

Sights to See

Rock Garden
The Rock Garden of Chandigarh has been created by putting together the fossils of ancient life forms found in the Shivalik hills and by recycled waste material. Its creator, Nek Chand, was an inspector in the engineering department. Rock fossils have been arranged into an open air sculpture exhibition. Some of the sculptures include a wall made out of discarded fluorescent tubes, an army of clay monkeys and broken chinaware soldiers and shapes of women made out of discarded glass bangles. The garden covers an area of 6 acres. In summers, it is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and again from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. From October to March it is open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Sukhna Lake
Another tourist attraction in Chandigarh is the Sukhna Lake spread over an area of 3 sq. km in sector 6. The waters of a seasonal rivulet that ran through the city were impounded to create the Sukhna Lake. Migratory birds arrive here from Siberia during the winter. A love for the lake draws many volunteers to 'desilt' it just before the monsoon rains set in. While the lake promenade is a place for peace and tranquility, but just at the entrance the area has been developed for children to enjoy themselves.

Zakir Hussain Rose Garden
Zakir Gulab Baag is Asia's largest Rose garden, spread out over 30 acres of land, in sector 16. Established in 1967, today around 50,000 Rose trees of 1600 different species bloom here. Apart from roses, the other trees planted have medicinal value and some unique specimen trees were planted to enhance the beauty of the garden. The garden is located next to the city centre.

The Secretariat
The Secretariat is the largest building in the Capitol Complex and is the headquarters of both the Punjab and Haryana governments. It is one of the Capitol buildings and houses all the ministries. The Secretariat and Vidhan Sabha (Legislative Assembly) buildings are in Sector 1.

Government Museum & Art Gallery & Punjab University Complex
Located in sector 14, the parks and pools around the university building have enhanced the feel of the whole area. The Punjab University was founded in 1882 at Lahore. After partition and initial
dislocation, the University shifted to Chandigarh in 1956. It is as famous for its landscaping as for its architecture.

**Leisure Valley**

During the monsoon, there runs a natural storm-water channel through the middle of the city, locally called a nullah. The nullah, along with the adjoining land has been converted into what is called the leisure valley. Starting from the foot of the hills to the west of the Capitol Complex, the leisure valley extends into sector 3 and crosses over into sector 10. The leisure valley is spread over 6 km and is in accordance with the plan. No vehicular traffic interrupts a pedestrian taking a walk in the park.

**Excursions**

**Pinjore Gardens- (25 km)**

Located a short distance from Chandigarh, on the Pinjore-Kalka road is the Pinjore Yadavindra Gardens. This is a traditional Mogul style garden, created in the 17th century by Nawab Fidal Khan, architect to the Mogul emperor Aurangzeb. These gardens were developed along a slope with a central channel of water in which fountains were placed at regular intervals. On either side of the channel are spacious walkways with shady trees and a carpet of green grass. Pinjore Garden is a favorite picnic spot for the citizens of Chandigarh. It is open on all days and accommodation is available at Rang Mahal and Sheesh Mahal.

**Bhima Devi Temple (22 km)**

Bhima Devi Temple, located at a distance of about 100 metres from the famous Yadavindra Gardens in Pinjore, is an ancient shrine dating back to circa 9-11th century A.D.

**Chattbir Zoo (22 Km)**

Also known as Mahendra Chaudhary Zoological Park, Chattbir Zoo is located near Zirakpur. It is home to hundreds of different mammals, birds and reptiles.

**Mansa Mandir / Chandi Mandir (10 km)**

A place of religious importance which is visited by devotees in good numbers.

**Bhakra Nangal (116 km)**

Built over the Sutlej River, the dam is the second highest in Asia.

**Ponta Sahib (135 km)**

A place of Sikh pilgrimage, it attracts visitors. Paonta Sahib is an important place of worship for Sikhs, hosting a large Gurudwara named Gurudwara Paonta Sahib, on the banks of the river Yamuna. The river is the boundary between the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The town was founded by Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh. The Gurudwara
Paonta Sahib has linkages to the tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh and the Sikh leader Banda Singh Bahadur.

**Naina Devi- (110 km)**
Situated on a hilltop in the Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh, the shrine attracts thousands of devotees.

**How to reach Chandigarh**

**By Air**
The city’s airport is connected by flights from major cities like Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai.

**By rail**
Chandigarh, the terminus of Northern Railway, is a major railway station connecting several important cities in India.

**By Road**
Chandigarh is connected by good motorable roads to all places in India. Chandigarh is:

- 240 km from Amritsar
- 230 km from Dehradun
- 248 km from Delhi
- 117 km from Shimla
- 380 km from Jammu
- 267 km from Rishikesh

**Courtesy:** [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org), [www.mapsofindia.com](http://www.mapsofindia.com), [https://en.wikipedia.org/](https://en.wikipedia.org/)

“God, our Creator, has stored within our minds and personalities, great potential strength and ability. Prayer helps us tap and develop these powers” – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
Gujarat is located on the western coast of India and has the longest coastline of 1,600 km among all states in the country. The state shares its borders with Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and the Union Territories of Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli. The Arabian Sea borders the state both to the west and the south-west.

Gujarat is one of the leading industrialised states in India. At current prices, Gujarat’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) was about US$ 158.2 billion over 2015-16. Average annual GSDP growth rate from 2004-05 to 2015-16 was about 11.56 per cent. As of October 2017, Gujarat had a total installed power generation capacity of 30,298.11 megawatt (MW).

Gujarat is considered the petroleum capital of India due to presence of large refining capacity set up by private and public sector companies. As of December 2015, Gujarat ranked second in the production of crude oil (onshore) in India. The state produced 4.61 million tonnes of petroleum (crude) during 2016-17.

The state is the world’s largest producer of processed diamonds, accounting for 72 per cent of the world’s processed diamond share and 80 per cent of India’s diamond exports. With a contribution of 65 to 70 per cent to India’s denim production, Gujarat is the largest
manufacturer of denim in the country and the third largest in the world. The state has excellent infrastructure as compared to other states. There are 45 ports, 18 domestic airports and one international airport. There are 106 product clusters and 60 notified special economic zones (SEZs). Large scale investment is expected in Gujarat as part of the US$ 90 billion Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).

According to the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) inflows in the state of Gujarat totalled US$ 17.01 billion during April 2000-June 2017. Gujarat accounted for about 4.97 per cent share in the overall FDI inflows in India. The Vibrant Saurashtra Expo and Summit, was held in Rajkot in January 2016. MoUs worth US$ 341.88 million were realised for the development of various sectors of the state during the event.

**Key Sectors:**

- During 2016-17 (up to December 2016), state held 218 agriculture produce market committees (APMCs) and there were 218 main yards and 182 sub-market yards operational in the state.

- The state government has announced plans for the setting up of brown and green field projects to facilitate environment friendly processing standards in the textile units of the state.

- As per the state budget 2017-18, allocation of US$1.26 billion was proposed by the Government of Gujarat for the Energy department.

- By 2020, the state aims to achieve 10 per cent of engineering output from auto and auto components from the existing level of 3.7 per cent.

- Eight out of 10 diamonds in the world are polished in Surat.

- The Central Government plans to set up a medical device park in the state of Gujarat, for which a high level committee has also been constituted.

- During 2016-17, Kandla port handled maximum cargo amongst major ports, estimated at 105.44 million tonne.

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P. Subramaniyan  
Email: stexporters17@gmail.com | T-shirts |
| 25 | M/s NEXUS International  
Abhishek Tiwari  
Tel: 91-9825715364  
Email: Abhishek@nexusinternational.in | Fabrics, Polyester Fabrics and Turmeric Powder |
| 26 | M/s PLEXCONCIL  
www.capindiaexpo.in  
rbsm@plexconcil.org | Chemicals, Plastics, Construction etc |
| 27 | M/s Credence International  
M. Akram Gagnani  
Tel: 91-92-27-786-787  
Email: credenceinternational@gmail.com | Crust bones, bones grist, bones meal, gel bones and ossein |
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| 29 | M/s Green Jackpot Commodities  
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Email: greenjackpotcommodities@gmail.com | Natural Organic & Conventional food i.e. rice, nuts and seeds |
| 30 | M/s Kanha International  
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Email: info.kanhaint@gmail.com | PVCV Regrind and PVC Scrap |
| 31 | M/s Glector International Pvt. Ltd.  
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91-9717688744  
Email: contact@glector.com | Ayurveda, Herbal medicines, Cosmeceuticals and Cosmetic care products |
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201, 2F, Dom’s Vasai, Mumbai 401208  
Tel: 91-8828379043  
Email: ronak@ronakpackaging.com | Bopp tapes, Roll |
| 33 | M/s Altret Bioteck Ltd  
Raj Lokhandwala  
12/2881 Altret House, Sayedpura Main Road, Surat-395007, Gujarat-India  
Tel: 91-261-2913404  
Email: export@altretbiotech.com | Bio fertilizer, Growth Promoters, Organic Pesticide and Micronutrient |
| 34 | M/s Reva Industries Limited  
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Plot No 28, Sector 25, Faridabad 121004, Haryana  
Tel: 91-129-4185407  
Email: exports@revacranes.com | Crane Manufacturing, Handling and Storage Equipment |
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Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Mr. Taro Kono, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan and Mr. Hiroyuki Hosoda Chairman of Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India Celebrations in Hotel Okura Tokyo.

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy unfurls the national flag at the 69th Republic Day of India.

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy and Mrs Vidya Chinoy with students of IISJ & GIIS at the 69th Republic Day of India.

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary
Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Mr. Kentaro Sonoura, Special Advisor to PM Abe & Admiral Katsutoshi Kawano, Chief of Staff Joint Staff of Japan Self Defence Forces

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Admiral Satoshi Nakajima Commandant of Japan Coast Guard

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Shri Kedar Kashyap, School Education Minister of Chhattisgarh state

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Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Prof. Mitsuo Ochi President of Hiroshima University

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with Professor Tomio Mizokami, Prof. Emeritus, Osaka University of Foreign Studies and students of Hindi department Tokyo University of Foreign Studies on the occasion of Vishwa Hindi Diwas

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission with Ms. Surabhi Chaturvedi, Selection Committee Chair’s Special Prize awardee for the Annual Essay Competition of Japan Foreign Trade Council (JFTC) for 2017 Award
Mr. Avnish Sharma, Minister and Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary interacted with the Indian community on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas

Dr. Purnima Rupal, Counsellor attends the Workshop by the Japan Science & Technology Agency (JST) under the Sakura Science Program

Mr Ravindra Verma, Counsellor (DRA) with Mr Satoru Osanai, President of JARTS

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary at the Yokohama India Centre 2018 New Year Seminar and Networking Event