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Visit of Prime Minister H.E. Shinzo Abe to India

Prime Minister H.E. Shinzo Abe visited India from 13-14 September 2017 for the 12th Annual Bilateral Summit Meeting with Prime Minister H.E. Narendra Modi. This was the tenth meeting between the two leaders since 2014. It was a valuable opportunity for the two leaders to meet, as friends and as leaders of two of Asia’s largest economies, to advance India-Japan bilateral engagement. Prime Minister Abe’s visit to India and the warm reception accorded to him by Prime Minister Modi and the people of India is emblematic of the special friendship between our two countries, our leaders and our people. Prime Minister Modi received Prime Minister and Mrs. Abe at the airport and accompanied them to Sabarmati Ashram and Dandi Kutir, which are associated with Mahatma Gandhi and Siddi Sayyaid ki Jaali, a mosque dating back to the 16th century. Thousands of Indians, both adults and children, lined the streets of Ahmedabad to welcome PM and Mrs. Abe, waving Japanese and Indian flags, as the VIP guests rode with PM Modi, standing in an open jeep. At Sabarmati Ashram, PM Modi gifted PM Abe the replicas of the three monkeys, first received by Mahatma Gandhi from Rev. Nichidatsu Fujii of Nipponzan Myohoji in the 1930s during the latter’s visit to India.

PM Abe attended a ground-breaking ceremony for the Mumbai-Ahmadabad High-Speed Railway near Sabarmati Station in Ahmedabad on 14 September as well as a planned construction site for a training facility for the High-Speed Railway’s staff. During the bilateral Summit the two Prime Ministers held strategic discussions on a wide range of issues under the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries. This was followed by a meeting with prominent industrialists and members of the India-Japan Business Leaders Forum. A total of 15 documents were concluded during the Summit. The highlights were a Joint Statement signed at the level of the two leaders and MOU/MOCs covering the broadest possible sectors, such as co-operation in disaster risk management, Japanese language education, connectivity, civil aviation, investment, science and technology and sports.

Visit of H.E. Mr. Arun Jaitley, Minister for Finance, Defence and Corporate Affairs, India

H.E. Mr. Arun Jaitley, Minister for Finance, Defence and Corporate Affairs, India visited Tokyo from September 4–6, 2017. During the visit, the Hon’ble Minister for Finance, Defence and Corporate Affairs met Prime Minister H.E. Shinzo Abe and conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister of India H.E. Narendra Modi. They discussed deepening of defence and security cooperation in light of the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between India and Japan. He also met Japan’s Defence Minister H.E. Itsunori Onodera for the Annual India-Japan Defence Ministerial Dialogue between the two Ministers. A B2B session between Indian and Japanese Defence Industry was also organised with the Joint Working Group on Defence Equipment and Technology Cooperation during the visit.

Ambassador met H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi, MEXT Minister

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy met MEXT Minister H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi on 7 September and discussed measures to further deepening the existing India-Japan cooperation in Education, Culture, Sports and S&T.

Ambassador met Mr. Masahiko Tominaga, Vice Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy met with Mr. Masahiko Tominaga, Vice Minister for Policy Coordination (International Affairs), Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication on 1 September. During the meeting, India Japan cooperation in the field of ICT under the JWG framework and Postal cooperation projects such as Cool EMS service were discussed.
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Ambassador met Yokohama Sparkling Club

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Mr. Utazo Okonogi and his delegation, representative of Yokohama Sparkling Club on 1 September to promote friendship and people to people exchanges. The club organizes annual fireworks display at Yokohama harbour.

Visit of FICCI Ladies Organization( FLO) delegation

The FICCI Ladies Organization( FLO) delegation led by Ms Vasvi Bharat Ram, National President , FLO visited Japan and held meeting with Japan India Parliamentarian Friendship League( JIPFL) led by Mr Hiroyuki Hosoda including Diet members from both the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors on September 6, 2017. Both sides held fruitful discussions on women empowerment and exchange of ideas on India Japan and more people to people exchanges. During the meeting Deputy Chief of the Mission Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava handed over official invitation to Mr. Hiroyuki Hosoda to lead the MPs delegation to visit India. The delegation also held meeting with members of Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (JCCI) Women Chamber.

Meeting with Japanese artist Mr. Kokyo Hatanaka

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy received Japanese artist Mr. Kokyo Hatanaka on 1 September. Mr. Hatanaka’s collection of “Masterpieces of Old Indian Textiles” was exhibited at the Shoto Museum of Art in Shibuya from 5 August-24 September. He was given a tour of the various art collection of the Embassy of India, including the pichhawai paintings in Ambassador’s office. Mr. Hatanaka has travelled extensively in India and has a deep knowledge about the art and culture of India.

Meeting with Mr. Onoe Kikunosuke V, Kabuki actor

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy received Mr. Onoe Kikunosuke, renowned Kabuki actor at the Embassy on 7 September. Mr. Onoe who will be performing Indian epic Mahabharata at the prestigious Kabukiza theatre in Ginza, Tokyo in October, had just returned from his visit India in August. He performed with Kathakali dancers at the Japanese Embassy in New Delhi and visited sacred Hindu sites in Haridwar and Rishikesh. During the meeting with Ambassador of India, he conveyed his deep appreciation for Indian culture and Indian people. He expressed how honoured he is to play the role of Karna in the Mahabharata, which is a very important and cherished story by Indian people. Ambassador congratulated him on drawing upon the ancient and classical dance drama form of Japan in synergy with an ancient epic of India, the Mahabharata. They discussed further on the shared values between India and Japan, the Buddhist links and the Indian deities worshipped in Japan.

Tokyo Cricket Association’s two-day Blitz Tournament

Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of India inaugurated the Tokyo Cricket Association's two-day Blitz Tournament on 16 September.

Meeting with H.E. Dr. Bashir Mohabbat, Afghanistan Ambassador to Japan

Ambassador H.E Mr. Sujan R Chinoy met Afghanistan Ambassador to Japan H.E. Dr. Bashir Mohabbat at the Indian Embassy on 19 September. Both sides discussed issues of mutual interest.
Business Environment at Nagoya

State Bank of India and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) organized an Indian Seminar for Business Environment at Nagoya on 20 September with co-sponsorship of Nagoya Chamber of Commerce & Industry. H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy Ambassador of India to Japan addressed the gathering attended mostly by entrepreneurs of SMEs. While addressing the participants of the Seminar on the topic "Investment opportunity in India", he highlighted the robust business environment of India which offered immense possibility for boosting Japanese Investment in India. He remarked that India is one of the most liberal FDI regimes in the world, where more than 90% of the FDI approvals have been put on automatic route. India was the most attractive destination for foreign investment registering FDI inflows of a record $ 60.1 billion during the period 2016-17. He concluded with the remark that combining Japan's capital and technology with India's rich human resource and skills would make a perfect winning combination for both the countries.

JATA Tourism Expo 2017

Ambassador HE Sujan R. Chinoy inaugurated the Indiatourism Pavilion at the JATA Tourism Expo 2017 on September 22 at Tokyo Big Sight. In his remarks he highlighted the vast potential for increasing tourism to India and interacted with tour and travel operators. He also visited the stalls set up by the Departments of Tourism of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Karnataka.

Ambassador met delegates of Shimane Prefecture Assembly

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy received delegates of Shimane Prefecture Assembly who offered their training facilities in Okuizumo for the Indian hockey team on 22 September.

Namaste India 2017

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy released Ramayana commemorative stamps at Namaste India 2017 at the famous Yoyogi Park on 23 September in the presence of a very large gathering of Japanese and Indian people, comprising an ICCR sponsored cultural troupe from Ladakh, members of Japan India Association, Discover India Club, Indian Associations, Japanese cultural organizations interested in India and the media.

2. In his remarks Ambassador said India and Japan share traditionally warm and friendly relations which are cemented by close historical bonds forged on the anvil of Hindu-Buddhist thought and philosophy. He spoke about Ramayana, which celebrates the story of Shri Ram, the Prince of Ayodhya’s triumph over the evil Ravana. On 22 September 2017, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated commemorative postage stamps on the Ramayana in the holy city of Varanasi. The stamps are being launched by our Embassies and Missions around the world. He said that it was an honour and privilege to release the stamps at Namaste India.

3. Ambassador Chinoy also brought attention to another classic epic of India, the great Indian epic Mahabharata which will be performed at the prestigious Kabukiza by renowned Kabuki actor Onoe Kikunosuke in October.

4. Namaste India is the biggest Indian cultural festival held in Japan. The Festival which started in 1993 celebrates the many splendoured culture of India showcasing Indian cuisine, yoga, handicrafts, music and live cultural performances over two days with over 200000 attendees.

Ambassador inaugurated new High School campus of Global Indian International School

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy and MLIT State Minister HE Tsukasa Akimoto inaugurated the new High School campus of Global Indian International School (GIIS) in Higashi-Kasai on 24 September.
Indian Fountain Memorial Ceremony of Great Kanto Earthquake

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary of the Embassy of India, attended the Indian Fountain Memorial Ceremony of Great Kanto Earthquake, hosted by the Yokohama Mumbai Friendship Committee at the Yamashita Park in Yokohama City. 28 Indians had lost their lives on 1 September 1923. Yokohama city rendered assistance to the Indians living there during the disaster, in its aftermath and continue support to this day in commemorating the event. A fountain and gazebo was built in memory of the Indians who had lost their lives by the Indian community living in Yokohama. Mr. Hanaue Kiyoshi, Vice Chairman of the Yokohama Mumbai Friendship Committee made remarks on the occasion on behalf of the Chairman Mr. Chanderban G. Advani, who was absent as he was not keeping well, followed by remarks by Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary and Mr. Sekiyama, Director General for International Affairs of Yokohama city. At 1159 hours one could hear the ship anchored in the water, blowing its horn in memory of the event. The gathering comprising of the Indian community, the Yokohama city officials and Council members and the Friendship Committee kept a moment of silence. Yokohama and Mumbai have a sister city relationship. After the gathering, Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi was given a tour of the Yokohama India Centre.

Seminar on North East India

Ms Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary gave a presentation introducing her home state of Mizoram at a seminar on North East India organised by Discover India Club (DIC) on 20 September. Dr Rabinder Malik, President of DIC, Mr Tsutomu Sato, Mr Markus and Mrs Bela Chandrani introduced various aspects of the culture, history and tourist destinations of the states comprising North East India. The programme was well-attended by DIC members.

Visit of ICCR troupe from Leh-Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir

The Embassy hosted an evening of traditional performing arts of Leh-Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir, India by the Northern Arts and Cultural Society, sponsored by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations. The troupe performed various items such as Mentok Stadmo, or Flower Dance, originally performed by inhabitants of Leh and Kargil and the Changskyan Dance, performed by royal court dancers known as Takshospas who dance while balancing decorated pots containing elixir called Changskyan on their heads. During the last dance item, audience members were invited to participate on stage. Some of the Japanese audience saw similarity in the dance with their Bon-odori dance.

2. The troupe have so far performed in Miyagi, Aomori and Gunma, Namaste India 2017 held at Yoyogi Park in Tokyo, Niigata, at Durga Puja celebrations in Tokyo. They will also perform in Namaste India in Kariya City, the Toyama Indian Association and Tagajo City Cultural Centre in October. Their tour in Japan is supported by Mr. Tokio Hasegawa, NPO Society to Promote India-Japan Cultural Relations.

Namaste Yoga in Yoyogi Park

A special edition of Dr Hemant Sharma, VCC Yoga teacher’s Morning Yoga workshops called “Namaste Yoga in Yoyogi Park” was held in Yoyogi Park on Sunday 24 September. A total of approximately 49 participants practiced yoga in the lush greenery of Tokyo’s most popular park. This was in conjunction with the Namaste India 2017 festival held at the park over the same weekend. As part of Namaste India, Dr Hemant Sharma and advanced VCC yoga class students also gave a demonstration on the main stage on the 23 September and an in-depth lecture at the Air India Seminar House on 24 September.

3rd India Trend Fair 2017

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India and Ms.Hiromi Sugiura, Director for Information Affairs and Technology, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan, inaugurated 3rd India Trend Fair 2017 on 27 September. Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava in his remarks
conveyed that our bilateral economic interaction is set to grow following the signing of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) that came into effect from August 1, 2011. CEPA has been good for the textile sector, in particular, as the tariff duty on textile products came down to zero from the 1st of August, 2011. This is the right time for Japanese importers to take advantage of CEPA and the many strengths of the Indian textiles sector, such as easy and abundant availability of raw material like cotton, silk, polyester and silk, a vast pool of cheap and talented workforce, and top-class designers using the latest technologies. He mentioned that the next five years should see a lot of growth in Indian apparel export to Japan. With a number of Japanese settlements increasing in India, we can be optimistic about a redefined interest in Indian garments in Japan. He talked about four states- including Haryana, Kerala, Gujarat, which have been shortlisted for the Japanese settlements.

Three rounds of Fashion shows, a Fashion seminar and some Classical Indian performances have been scheduled throughout the day under the branding initiative of India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF). The fashion show was a wonderful showcase of select garments from the Indian exhibitors, to the reverberating beat of the Indian Tabla. Ms. World Japan Priyanka Yoshikawa who has also spent a part of her childhood in India, also walked the ramp in all the shows.

Durga Puja celebrations

Ambassador HE Sujan R. Chinoy graced Durga Puja celebrations organised by the Bengali Association of Tokyo Japan (BATJ) and released their literary magazine Anjali on 30 September. He shared thoughts on the importance of our traditional values. This is the 28th celebration of this festival in Tokyo by BATJ. Indian Council for Cultural Relations sponsored troupe from Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir, India performed at the festival.

Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission graced the Durga Puja celebrations organised by India (Bengal) Culture Association Japan on 30 September and released their magazine Agomoni. ICCR troupe also performed on the occasion.

Goodwill visit by two Indian Naval Ships to Sasebo, Japan from 12- 15 October 2017

In pursuant of India’s ‘Act East Policy’, two Indian Naval Ships are on a deployment to East and South-East Asia this year. INS Satpura and INS Kadmatt are visiting 12 ports in Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, South Korea, Japan, Brunei and Russia from Sep – Dec 17. During this deployment, the ships will participate in the International Fleet Review hosted by the Association of South East Asian Countries (ASEAN) at Thailand in Nov 17. They visited Singapore, Vietnam and Philippines and will also visit Cambodia and Brunei to commemorate the 25th anniversary of India-ASEAN dialogue. The ships will also participate in the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise at Malaysia. At Russia, the ships will participate in the annual India-Russia bilateral exercise INDRA. This year, for the first time, Ex-INDRA will witness the joint participation of Army, Navy and Air Force of both countries, thus, a major milestone in the bilateral relations between the two countries.

The two ships will be visiting Sasebo, Japan on a good will visit from 12- 15 Oct 17. During the visit the ship’s crew will interact with JMSDF professionally and socially with professional interactions, reciprocal ship visits and sports fixtures. The ships will remain open for visitors from 0900 – 1200h and 1400 – 1600h on 14 Oct 17. INS Satpura and INS Kadmatt are both indigenously built warships. India had made great strides in field of warship design and construction and the visitors will be able to appreciate India’s ship design and manufacturing capabilities. INS Satpura, synonymous with the formidable mountain range in Central India, is a multi-role stealth frigate and is commanded by Captain Rahul Shankar. INS Kadmatt, named after an island in the beautiful Lakshadweep chain, is an Anti-Submarine Corvette and is commanded by Commander Nithin Cariappa.

“You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.” – Mahatama Gandhi
Digital technologies are being harnessed to empower people, create employment opportunities and bring about transparency.

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Digital India is a flagship programme of the Narendra Modi government to empower India and Indians using technology. More significantly, it is a transformational initiative incorporating the spirit of “sabka saath” to create a new India by ensuring “sabka vikas”.

Digital India aims to bridge the gap between the digital haves and have-nots. Digital India BRIDGE (Bringing Revolution In Digital Governance and Economy) channelises initiatives like Aadhaar, eSign, digital lockers, Aadhaar Pay and BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) to offer citizen-centric services at marginal costs — or zero cost. The trinity of Jan Dhan, Aadhaar and mobile (JAM) uses more than 116 crore Aadhaar cards, 118 crore mobile phones, including 40 crore smart phones, 110 crore bank accounts, including 29 crore Jan Dhan accounts, to bring about inclusive development.

The Narendra Modi government has been able to tap the true potential of the Aadhaar platform and use it to transform the lives of the poor, and strengthen digital governance. The use of Aadhaar enables nearly 3 crore e-authentications every day at no cost. Citizens can get new mobile connections, open bank accounts or avail government services based on Aadhaar-based e-KYC in a paperless manner.

Digital India has been a driver of good governance, epitomising the government’s credo of “Minimum Government, Maximum Governance”. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is an example of that. Former PM Rajiv Gandhi had famously said that of the Rs 100 released by the Centre, only Rs 15 reaches the beneficiary. Welfare schemes had to pass through layers of bureaucracy at the Centre and states, as well as at the district, block and panchayat levels. Their implementation would get delayed by months and involved administrative overheads. The Modi government not only releases Rs 1,000 but ensures that the entire amount reaches the beneficiary’s account instantly. Direct transfers of cooking gas subsidies (PAHAL), ration subsidies — through the public distribution system — MGNREGA wages, scholarships and many other entitlements have ensured transparency and also saved Rs 57,000 crore of public money. DBT has been extended to over 316 schemes of 51 ministries leading to the transfer of Rs 2.16 lakh crore as benefits to the common man in the last three years.
Government eMarketplace (GeM) is another example of this regime’s commitment to removing corruption and ensuring good governance. Savings of around 10 per cent have been observed in the procurements made on GeM. The World Bank is studying India’s innovation in public procurement.

Common Service Centres (CSCs) have been galvanised into becoming agents of rural transformation. About 83,000 CSCs were operational in May 2014. Today such service centres number 2.59 lakh. These CSCs deliver over 300 services. Women, tribal people and Dalits have used CSCs to become digital entrepreneurs, transforming their own lives and the lives of others in the process. These CSC owners have collectively earned over Rs 1,800 crore for the various services they have rendered. The monthly income of several CSC owners is in excess of Rs 1 lakh. Over 10 lakh persons are employed, formally and informally by the CSCs. Digital literacy initiatives are further helping in bridging the digital divide. Under the new Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) programme, another six crore adults are to be made digitally literate in the next two years.

The Rural BPO scheme is another initiative to take the IT industry to smaller towns and cities. More than 19,000 BPO seats have been allocated in 64 towns across 23 states/Union Territories, including four in the Northeast. This will not only uplift the employment ecosystem in small towns but will also help in reducing migration to cities.

India had a very high cash to GDP ratio. Unaccounted cash was one of the main reasons for corruption, black economy, funding of terrorism and Naxalism, electoral malpractices and market distortions. On November 8, 2016 the prime minister delivered a big blow to the black economy by announcing the demonetisation of high value currency notes. The move also gave a huge boost to digital payments.

Such payments bring transparency and accountability in the economy. Prices have fallen and tax collections have risen. India’s unique innovations in the field of digital payments such as BHIM, UPI (Unified Payments Interface), USSD (Unstructured Supplementary Service Data) and Aadhaar Pay have offered affordable digital payment solutions to people. Steep growth has been registered in digital transactions in the last six months. UPI/BHIM transactions have increased to 3.31 lakh transactions per day from near zero. Digital wallet transactions have doubled, and debit card payments (Rupay) have increased four-fold. Hundreds of villages and towns across the country have become completely digital payment enabled in a very short span of time. The government is targeting 2,500 crore digital payment transactions this year. According to a Boston Consultancy Group-Google study, India is poised to become a 500 billion dollar digital payments market by 2020.

Soil health cards and e-NAM (e National Agricultural Mandi) are programmes to empower farmers. More than eight crore soil health cards have been issued, helping farmers save crores on their inputs. The e-NAM brings together disparate mandis into a single marketplace. More than 450 mandis and 48 lakh farmers use e-NAM today and 585 mandis across the country are expected to be integrated on the portal by the end of this year.

The online registration system, e-Hospital, has empowered patients in rural India. They can seek appointments in AIIMS and other big hospitals from their villages without having to wait for days in Delhi or other big cities. More than 170 government hospitals have been brought on the digital platform.

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is one of the biggest financial reforms after Independence. It is a completely digital tax administered through the GST network that is capable of handling 60,000 simultaneous users per second. The network is expected to process 3.5 billion transactions every month.

Rural electrification is happening at an unprecedented pace; this can be easily tracked on the Garv mobile app. More than 14,000 villages have been provided electricity in record time. Efforts to promote renewable energy have, for the first time, made solar power cheaper than coal-based power in India. Coal or wood-based cooking systems were a bane for poor women, causing them serious health problems; treatment costs would aggravate their poverty. The Ujjwala Yojana has provided free LPG cooking gas connections to 2.5 crore BPL families, who now have a clean cooking option.
Loans amounting to Rs 3.55 lakh crore have been provided to Rs 8.17 crore youth under the Mudra scheme. Small and medium entrepreneurs have been given easy institutional credit. To make India a vibrant digital democracy, a unique initiative, MyGov, was undertaken by the government. With over 45 lakh registered users, MyGov is the world’s largest digital platform for citizen’s participation in governance.

The government believes in encouraging innovation and nurturing talent. With nearly 1,000 start-up deals, engaging around 50,000 youth and valued at Rs 50,000 crore a year, India is the world’s third largest start-up hub. More than 80 new mobile manufacturing and component manufacturing units have come up in the past two years. Mobile production has grown from 6.5 crore units to 17.5 crore units in two years and is expected to touch 50 crore units by 2020.

Digital India is one of the biggest government programmes in the world to bring about sustainable and inclusive societal transformation using digital technologies. The process of making India into a trillion-dollar digital economy has begun and Digital India is making this dream a reality. Digital India will surely create a new India.

“When we tackle obstacles, we find hidden reserves of courage and resilience we did not know we had. And it is only when we are faced with failure do we realise that these resources were always there within us. We only need to find them and move on with our lives.” – **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**
Renewable Energy Sector in India

Introduction

The Indian renewable energy sector is the second most attractive renewable energy market in the world.\(^1\) The country ranks fourth in the world in terms of total installed wind power capacity.\(^2\) It added record 11.0 GW in wind and solar power capacity in 2016-17. The focus of Government of India has shifted to clean energy after it ratified the Paris Agreement. With the increased support of government and improved economics, the sector has become attractive from investors perspective and India ranked second in Renewable Energy Attractive Index 2017. As India looks to meet its energy demand on its own, which is expected to reach 15,820 TWh by 2040, renewable energy is set to play an important role.

Market Size

Total installed renewable energy capacity in India touched 57.5 GW as of April 2017, which is around 17.5 per cent of total energy capacity of the country (329.4 GW).

During April 2017, total installed wind power capacity in the renewables mix stood at 32.3 GW (56.2 per cent), while solar power capacity was 12.5 GW (21.8 per cent). Total solar capacity is expected to touch 18.7 Gigawatt (GW) by the end of 2017, which is about 5 per cent of global solar capacity, and further increase to 8 per cent by 2035.

With a potential capacity of 363 gigawatts (GW) and with policies focused on the renewable energy sector, Northern India is expected to become the hub for renewable energy in India.\(^3\)

Investments/ Developments

According to data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), FDI inflows in the Indian non-conventional energy sector between April 2000 and March 2017 stood at US$ 5.2 billion.

The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) expects investment in India's power transmission sector to reach Rs 2.6 trillion (US$ 40.3 billion) during the 13th plan (2017-22), and to enhance the transmission capacity of the inter-regional links by 45,700 megawatt (MW).

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

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, Government of India, has approved the issue of 139 million fresh equity shares of Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) of Rs 10 (US$ 0.15) each through an Initial Public Offer.
- Tata Capital Ltd and International Finance Corporation (IFC) have invested Rs 200 crore (US$ 31.0 million) in their joint venture (JV), Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd (TCCL), to increase its loan book for investing in renewable energy projects.
- 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.
- India’s first ever multi-modal electric vehicle project has been launched at Nagpur, which will bring together a fleet of 200 electric vehicles including taxis, buses, e-rickshaw and auto rickshaws, on cab aggregator Ola’s app platform in Nagpur.
- 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.
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Construction bagged an order worth Rs 5,250 crore (US$ 814.6 million)
from Qatar General Electricity and Water Corporation (Kahramaa) for electricity transmission and expansion of network.

- The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a loan agreement for US$ 175 million to be provided to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) for construction of interstate transmission systems for solar power projects which will enable the transfer of surplus solar energy to power-deficit states.
- The Government of India and the Government of UK plan to jointly invest up to GBP 240 million (US$ 298.95 million) in an India-UK fund, which will invest in India's energy and renewable sector.
- 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.
- Renewable energy company ReNew Power has announced securing US$ 390 million debt funding from its existing investor Asian Development Bank (ADB), and will use the funds to develop and expand 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.

Government initiatives

Some initiatives by the Government of India to boost the Indian renewable energy sector are as follows:

- The Government of India has announced plans to implement a US$ 238 million National Mission on advanced ultra-supercritical technologies for cleaner coal utilization.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has decided to provide custom and excise duty benefits to the solar rooftop sector, which in turn will lower the cost of setting up as well as generate power, thus boosting growth.
- The Indian Railways is taking increased efforts through sustained energy efficient measures and maximum use of clean fuel to cut down emission level by 33 per cent by 2030.
- The Union Cabinet has approved raising of bonds worth Rs 2,360 crore (US$ 366.2 million) by the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), which will be used in various renewable energy projects in FY 2017-18.
- The Union Cabinet has approved construction of 10 units of indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWR), with a nuclear capacity of 700 MW each, which is expected to bring substantial economies of scale and maximize cost and time efficiencies, and thereby boost India’s nuclear industry.
- Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi, has proposed building model cities where power demand is met only by solar energy and further stated that bio-ethanol refinery projects should be accelerated to control India's dependency on fossil fuels.
- Mr Ashvini Kumar, Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), outlined Government of India’s plan to tender 750 MW of solar capacity, along with offering deals covering four GW of wind capacity during FY 2017-18.

Road Ahead

The Government of India is committed to increased use of clean energy sources and is already undertaking various large-scale sustainable power projects and promoting green energy heavily. In addition, renewable energy has the potential to create many employment opportunities at all levels, especially in rural areas. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set an ambitious target to set up renewable energy capacities to the tune of 175 GW by 2022 of which about 100 GW is planned for solar, 60 for wind and other for hydro, bio among other.

Exchange Rate Used: INR 1 = US$ 0.016 as on June 13, 2017
“India’s progress is dependent on how quickly we can free our nation from the clutches of poverty and provide every Indian a life of dignity, opportunity and aspiration” – Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya
Ahmedabad (Gujarat) – a popular tourist destination in India

**Fast Facts**

**Temperature:**
- Summer: 43-23 °C
- Winter: 36-15 °C

**Season:**
Throughout the year

**Clothing:**
Tropical

**Languages spoken:**
Gujarati, English and Hindi

**STD Code:** 079

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Sabarmati Gandhi Ashram, Ahmedabad

Latticework Screen (Jalis), well known as Sidi Saeed ki Jali, depicting the tree of life, at Sidi Saeed Mosque is the symbol of Ahmedabad
Named after Sultan Ahmed Shah, who founded the city in 1411, Ahmedabad has a strong association with India’s struggle for independence. It was here that Mahatma Gandhi lived for several years and from here that he started the Dandi March. Today, the city is as famous for its burgeoning IT and scientific industries and avant-garde design as it is for its medieval architecture. Located on the banks of the Sabarmati River, the cutting-edge city once served the capital of Gujarat from 1960 to 1970. It built its fortune on the thriving textile industry, which earned it the nickname "the Manchester of the East." Notwithstanding its newfound attractiveness as a business destination, this largest city in Gujarat remains steeped in history and has a wealth of historical attractions.

Ahmedabad is the first urban centre in India to be given the certificate of inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List on 1 September 2017.

Sights to See

Sabarmati Gandhi Ashram
Situated on the west bank of Sabarmati River, this famous ashram was Gandhi's residence from 1917-1930 during his fight for Indian independence. In 1931 from here he started his famous salt march to Dandi on the Gulf of Cambay. You can experience the serene ambience of the Ashram and see Gandhi’s belongings on display.

Ahmed Shah's Mosque
One of the most famous monuments in Ahmedabad, Ahmed Shah's Mosque is located southwest of Bhadra Fort. One of the earliest mosques in the city, it was built in 1414 and is reminiscent of Hindu and Jain architecture. The beautiful pillars and jalis of the mosque are treat to see.

Sidi Saeed Mosque
The mosque of Sidi Saeed was built in the 1572 A.D. by an Abyssinian known as Sidi Saeed. He came from Habshah (Ehtiopia) via Yemen to Gujarat and later served Sultan Nasir-ud-Din Mahmud III. He was known as a nobleman who helped the poor and had a large collection of books. He built this magnificent monument during the reign of Sultan Muzaffar Shah III, the last ruler of Gujarat. The mosque is renowned worldwide for its delicately carved and artistic stone screens (jalis), decorated with intertwined trees, foliage and a palm motif. The mosque was used as a government office during the British Rule. In 1880 A.D., paper cutouts of the carved screens were taken and two wooden models were made for Museums in London and New York. Today these Jalis, depicting the Tree of Life, have become a distinguished symbol of the city of Ahmedabad. The grave of the Sidi Saeed is situated within the compound of the mosque. He died on 24th December 1576 A.D.
Balvatika
A popular children’s park in Ahmedabad, Balvatika is a wonderful place to visit with something to entertain your children. Located in a dramatic setting on the banks of Kankari Lake, it offers a whole lot of recreational activities for kids and families.

Bhadra Fort
As you enter this fort through its arched gates, it is like stepping into the medieval period. Built by Ahmed Shah, it was completed in 1413.

Dada Hari Step-well
Built in 1500 AD by Bai Harir Sultani during the reign of Mahmud Shah, this step-well is a famous monument of Ahmedabad. Bai Harir Sultani, locally known as Dada Hari, was the superintendent of the royal harem of Gujarat Sultanate.

Other places of interest
Daria Khan’s Ghummat, Geeta Mandir, Hatheesingh Jain Temple, Jumma Masjid, Jhulta Minar (Shaking Minarets), Kankaria Lake, Kochrab Ashram, Rani Rupmati Mosque, Rani Sipri’s Mosque, Sarkhej Rauza, Shah Alam’s Rauza, Sundervan Snake Park, Swami Narayan Temple, Kalupur and Teen Darwaja are other places of interest in Ahmedabad.

Excursions
Adalaj Vav (19 km):
A popular vacation spot in Gujarat, the place is known for the exquisitely carved and ornamented step wells.

Gandhinagar (25 km):
One of the most planned cities of India; Gandhinagar is the capital of Gujarat. Located on the banks of Sabarmati River, it is home to Akshardham Temple. This intricately carved temple is dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan.

Water World Resort (50 km):
A great family outing, the famous ‘Shanku’s Water Park’ is 15 km from Mehsana and has indeed created an enchanted world.
**Nalsarovar (60 km):**
Rich in avian population, Nal Sarovar is a natural lake covering an area of over 116 sq km. Important and most commonly spotted migratory avians at Nalsarovar are Rosy Pelicans, White Storks, Flamingoes, Herons and Brahminy Ducks.

**Mehsana (64 km):**
The place is famous for the palace of the Maharaja of Baroda which now houses Govt. offices. One of the largest cities in North Gujarat is also known for many temples and mosques.

**Lothal (80 km):**
An excavated Harappan site dating as far back as the 2nd millennium BC. It is the largest and the only full-fledged Harappan town in India.

**Modhera (106 km):**
One of the three main temples dedicated to the Sun God ‘Surya’. The Modhera Sun temple though now in ruins is an imposing structure and is considered the best specimen of Solanki art and architecture.

**Siddhpur (115 km):**
It is a famous pilgrim centre for Hindus with several temples.

**Shamlaji (126 km):**
The place is home to an exquisitely carved Vaishnav Temple whose presiding deity is Shamlaji or the ‘dark one’ one aspect of Lord Krishna.

**Patan (133 km):**
Patan has many beautiful Jain temples and carved wooden houses. Ran-ki vav, intricately carved step well represents Solanki architecture at its height.

**Jessore Sloth Bear Sanctuary (190 km):**
Located 5 km away from Palanpur, this sanctuary is famous for the sloth bear, sambar, nilgai, wild bear and a variety of birds.

**Palanpur (142 km):**
It is known for its perfumeries. Off the Abu-Palanpur Highway is the Balaram Palace Resort, (Heritage).
Ambaji (207 km):
Ambaji is dedicated to the worship of shakti and is one of the most popular pilgrim centres in Gujarat.

Kumbharia (185 km):
This is a Jain pilgrim centre known for its exquisitely carved temples.

Vadnagar (108 km):
One of the ancient towns of Gujarat, the place is home to Hakteshwar Mahadev.

Mahudi (77 km):
The place is famous for a Jain temple dedicated to Vir Ghantakarna.

Reaching Ahmedabad

AIR
The city’s airport is connected by flights from major cities in India.

RAIL
Ahmedabad is a railhead and an important junction on the Western Railway connected with important cities and towns in the country.

ROAD
Ahmedabad is connected by good motorable roads to all places in India.

- 402 km from Bhuj
- 203 km from Bhavnagar
- 450 km from Dwarka
- 25 km from Gandhinagar
- 304 km from Jamnagar
- 216 km from Rajkot
- 267 km from Surat
- 545 km from Mumbai


"We are what our thoughts have made us; so take care about what you think. Words are secondary. Thoughts live; they travel far.” – Swami Vivekananda
Goa is located in the western region of India. The state shares its borders with the Arabian Sea to the west, Maharashtra to the north and Karnataka to the south and the east. It is traditionally known as a tourist paradise for its natural scenery, unique beaches and cultural diversity.

Goa is one of the fastest growing states in the country. The state’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) growth rate was at about 11.39 per cent between 2004-05 and 2015-16. The state’s per capita Net State Domestic Product (NSDP) was US$ 4,765.7, one of the highest in India, in 2015-16. Goa’s economic growth is driven by the strong performance of industrial sectors such as mining, tourism and pharmaceuticals.

Goa is the second state in India to achieve a 100 per cent automatic telephone system with a solid network of telephone exchanges. As of June 2016, Goa had a total installed power generation capacity of 412.45 MW. Goa is also one of the few states in India to achieve 100 per cent rural electrification.

Goa has a well-developed social, physical and industrial infrastructure and virtual connectivity. It has an international airport that is in line with its importance as a globally-recognised leisure destination. It also has significant port infrastructure. The state has an established base for the pharmaceuticals industry and an emerging destination for knowledge-based industries such as biotechnology and IT.

FACTFILE

Capital: Panaji

Geographical Area (sq km): 3,702

State Language: Konkani, Marathi, Portuguese, Hindi and English

Literacy Rate: 88.7 per cent

Key Industries: Tourism, food processing, IT & ITeS, mining, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and fishing

Latest update: July, 2017

Economic Snapshot: GSDP of Goa

Goa’s gross state domestic product (GSDP) was at US$ 8.23 billion over 2014-15.
According to the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), FDI inflows into the state of Goa, during April 2000 to March 2016, totaled to US$ 841 million.

**Recent Developments:**

- Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has identified five islands in Goa, namely St George Island, Grande Island, Pequeno Island, Conco Island and Bhindo Island to carry out holistic development.
- Goa government has approved the Rs 981 crore (US$ 144.1 million) proposal for Panaji Smart City which will have a major focus on eco-mobility, public transport system and improvement of conservation zones.
- For the development of ‘Ease of doing business’ and ‘investor friendly ecosystem’ initiatives in the state, the State Government has proposed to establish an EMS (Electronic Monitoring System) that will track the progress of all IPB granted single window clearances, as per state budget 2016-17.

**Key Sectors:**

- The Government of India has granted the approval to the state government for constructing the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Tuem by providing a central assistance of US$ 7.63 million.
- As of 2015-16, the number of passengers who arrived in the state on the basis of e-tourist visas was recorded to be 80,928. Moreover, the state recorded a total of 541,480 foreign tourists from over 141 countries across the globe.
- During 2015-16, the state government created a separate District Mineral Foundation under the MMDR Act, 1957, as per which the state’s mining firms need to deposit an additional amount of 30 per cent of the royalty paid to this fund.
- Export of pharmaceuticals products from Goa was recorded to be 5,076 metric tonnes during 2015-16.
- During 2015-16, production of fish in Goa was recorded to be 115.09 thousand tonnes. Moreover, in order to boost ornamental fish farming in the state, a model ornamental fish farm is expected to be set up during 2016-17 by the Department of Fisheries.

Courtesy: [www.ibef.org](http://www.ibef.org)

"A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society." - **B. R. Ambedkar**
## Trade Fairs & Business Exhibitions in India in October - December, 2017

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E-mail: har.impex@gmail.com  
URL: www.harimpex.com  
Ravi Patel: +918866409966 Sales Managers  
Ayaj Patel: +918866409900 Director | Peanut |
| 16 | Nimesh Maniare  
OneWorld Corporation  
203,"Sangath",Shilpinagar, Kalanala,Bhavnagar-364001,Gujarat State,India  
Phone-02782513311 Fax-02782513311  
Mob-:+919409147520  
Email- export.oneworldcorporation@gmail.com  
info@oneworldcorporation.co  
URL: www.oneworldcorporation.co.in | Dehydrated (onion,garlic,fruits and vegetables), and spice |
| 17 | Mr. Chetan Singhal  
M/s Mediator Land Base  
#201, Pocket-8, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 075  
Mob: +91 981411712  
E-mail: response@mediatorlandbase.com | Mica |
| 18 | Ms. Sangeetha Devi  
M/s GreeNeem Agri Pvt Ltd.  
3-229, Varaloti, Villipathri post, Virudhunagar 626001, Tamil Nadu, India  
Tel: +91-4562-280885  
Fax: +91-4562-281448  
E-mail: shipment@greeneem.com  
| 19 | Mr. Rajiv Sharma  
Bajaj Carpet Industries Limited  
Village: Sutheyana, P.O.:Kulesra, Noida Dadri Highway, Greater Noida-201304, UP  
E-mail: rajiv.sharma@bajajcarpet.com  
URL: www.bajajcarpet.com | Automotive fabric and carpet, etc for joint venture in Japan |
| 20 | Mr. Hardik A. Gaglani  
M/s LOTUS INTERNATIONAL  
103, Akshardham Apartment, Nr. Kashi Plaza, Majura Gate, Surat-395002, Gujarat(India).  
Tel: +91 97 27 424 393  
E-mail: info@lotusintindia.com  
URL: www.lotusintindia.com | Pigments, men’s cloths, soap, tile, agricultural products and fruits. |
| 21 | Mr. Krishnan  
M/s Conscience clothing Company Chennai  
Mob: +91-9500036307  
E-mail: conscienceclothings@gmail.com | Mens and Ladies Tops and Bottoms and children garments |
| 22 | Mr. Harsh Kanugo  
M/s MOXY STEEL IMPEX  
42, Neo Pearl, 1st floor, Mumbai-400 004, India.  
Tel: +91-22-2385 1592 / 2384 0420 / 6743 6733  
Fax: +91-22-2380 4044  
E-mail: moxy@vsnl.com; harshmoxy@gmail.com  
URL: www.moxysteel.com | Steel raw materials |
| 23 | Mr. K. Venkatraman  
M/s KvRam Universal Exports  
No.1577-A, Pillaiyar Kovil Street, Thallai Nagar, Vila Road, THANJAVUR-613 006, Tamil Nadu, | Coir, Coir Pith, Coco-shell products. |
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<td>M/s Proveda Herbals A-42, First Floor, Ashoka Crescent Road, DLF Phase 1, Near Gate No.10, Gurugram, Haryana – 122002, India. Mob: +91-9205895296 E-mail: <a href="mailto:export@tbcbynature.in">export@tbcbynature.in</a></td>
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The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, in collaboration with other Central Ministries and State Governments is organizing a “Paryatan Parv” across India from the 5th to 25th October 2017. The objective of the programme is to draw focus on the benefits of tourism, showcase the cultural diversity of the country and reinforce the principle of “Tourism for All”. The event envisages large scale participation by the public as well as industry stakeholders.

Paryatan Parv 2017 was inaugurated by Dr. Mahesh Sharma, Union Minister of State for Culture (I/C) and Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and by Shri K J Alphons, Minister of State for Tourism (I/C) and Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology at New Delhi on 5 October 2017. The celebrations will run from October 5-25 2017 across several cities and iconic tourism destinations in the country. Throughout these 20 days, the ‘Paryatan Parv’ will give an opportunity for the citizens of the country to explore the cultural heritage and enjoy the diverse cuisine, cultural programmes, music, theatre, etc. The detailed calendar of events is available in the Ministry of Tourism website at http://tourism.gov.in.

Indians living in Japan and Japanese people interested in India are requested to share this information in order to promote inbound tourism to India. 2017 is jointly being celebrated as the year of India-Japan Friendly Exchanges in the field of Culture and Tourism.
PM H.E. Narendra Modi and PM H.E. Shinzo Abe at Ground Breaking ceremony of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project, at Ahmedabad on 14 September

PM H.E. Narendra Modi and PM H.E. Shinzo Abe exchanging the Joint Statement on 14 September

PM H.E. Narendra Modi and PM H.E. Shinzo Abe and Mrs Abe pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Sabarmati Ashram, in Ahmedabad on 13 September

PM H.E. Narendra Modi presents Sanzaru/Three Monkeys to PM H.E. Shinzo Abe and Mrs Abe at Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad on 13 September
H.E. Arun Jaitley, Minister for Finance, Defence and Corporate Affairs of India escorted by Japan's Defence Minister H.E. Itsunori Onodera inspect Guard of Honour at the Japanese Ministry of Defence

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy met MEXT Minister H.E. Yoshimasa Hayashi.

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with MP Mr. Shigeru Ishiba

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy with, Mr. Onoe Kikunosuke, V Kabuki actor
Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy inaugurates the India Pavilion at the JATA Tourism Expo 2017

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy releases Ramayana Stamps at Opening of Namaste India in Yoyogi Park

Ambassador HE Sujan R. Chinoy graced Durga Puja celebrations organised by the Bengali Association of Tokyo Japan (BATJ)

Mr Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission graced the celebrations of Durga Puja organised by India (Bengal) Cultural Association Japan
Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Deputy Chief of Mission inaugurates 3rd India Trend Fair 2017

Traditional performing arts of Leh-Ladakh from Jammu and Kashmir, India by the Northern Arts and Cultural Society

Ambassador HE Sujan R Chinoy and MLIT State Minister HE Tsukasa Akimoto inaugurate new High School campus of Global Indian International School (GIIS)

Ms. Muanpuii Saiawi, First Secretary, prays at the Indian Fountain Memorial Ceremony of Great Kanto Earthquake, hosted by the Yokohama Mumbai Friendship Committee at the Yamashita Park in Yokohama City