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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.
Meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Deputy Foreign Minister Ambassador Keiichi Katakami on 08 July to review the economic ties between India and Japan in a run up to CEPA talks, which was held in New Delhi on 28 July.

Visit to Okinawa

Ambassador H. E. Sujan Chinoy visited Okinawa from 11 -13 July and during the visit, he paid a courtesy call on Okinawa Governor Mr. Takeshi Onaga; met Mr. Yoshimi Nagahama, Mayor Onna Municipality and discussed the avenues for promotion of Indian tourists & English teachers to Okinawa. Ambassador also visited Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology where about 20 Indian researchers are engaged in diverse projects. He attended a reception hosted by the Okinawa-India Friendship Association, and interacted with the local Indian business community.

Visit of National Security Advisor

National Security Advisor Mr Ajit Doval visited Japan and held consultations on 19 July in Tokyo. During the visit NSA also met Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga; Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and his counterpart Mr. Shotaro Yachi.

Courtesy Call on the Chief Justice of Japan

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy called on the Chief Justice of Japan Mr. Itsuro Terada on 13 July to brief him about bilateral relations & exchanges.

Meeting with Acting Secretary-General, LDP and Chairman, JIPFL

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Mr. Hiroyuki Hosoda, acting Secretary-General, LDP and Chairman, Japan-India Parliamentary Friendship League, on 29 July and discussed about his forthcoming visit to India scheduled for September 2016.

Meeting with Mayor of Taito ward

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Mr. Yukuo Hattori, Mayor of Taito Ward of Tokyo City on 30 July on the occasion of the annual Sumida River Fireworks Display.

1st Japan High Level Policy Dialogue on Education

The first India Japan High Level Policy Dialogue on Education was held on 7 July, 2016 in Tokyo. The Dialogue was Co-Chaired by Mr. V.S. Oberoi Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Human Resource Development on the Indian side and by Mr. Shinjirō Komatsu, Deputy Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, MEXT on the Japanese side. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Sujan Chinoy gave the opening remarks. The discussions ranged from cooperation in elementary and secondary education, higher education and technical and vocational education.

Visit of Skill Delegation from FICCI

A Skill delegation from FICCI led by Shri Mohandas Pai visited Japan from July 5-10 with the objective of providing an opportunity to skill’s stakeholders to understand the various facets of skilling eco system in Japan and explore collaboration opportunities. The delegation met with Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy on July 8. They exchanged views on possible tie-ups with Japan.

Visit of Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development

A delegation led by Shri Rajiv Gauba, Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development visited Japan from July 11-14, 2016 and attended the 9th India – Japan Working Group on Urban Development. The meeting was held in furtherance of the Cooperation between the two countries being long term partners in the development efforts, particularly, in the field of urban development and in continuance of the efforts made by Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, Government of Japan.
GIFTEX World Tokyo Fair

India's EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL FOR HANDICRAFTS (EPCH), the apex body for promotion of exports of Handicrafts participated in the GIFTEX World Tokyo Fair from 6-8 July at Tokyo Big Sight. Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Giftex-World-Tokyo Fair on July 6. A total of 11 member exporters of the EPCH displayed their products during the fair by setting up thematic pavilion in an area of 891 sq mtr to display wide range of innovated and newly designed Indian Handicrafts products.

Seminar on the Indian Chemical Industry

A Seminar on the Indian Chemical Industry and opportunities in this sector in India was organized at the Embassy of India on 7th July. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Sujan R. Chinoy delivered the Opening Remarks at the Seminar. The Seminar was organized during the visit of delegation led by Mr. Anuj Kumar Bishnoi, Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Government of India along with senior officials from the Indianoil Corporation and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), to Tokyo for promoting and facilitating investments in the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs) in India and to garner participation of Japanese companies at the 9th edition of the India-Chem 2016 scheduled from 1-3 September, 2016 at Mumbai. The Seminar included an address by Secretary, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Government of India, Mr. Hiroshi Watanabe, Director General, Japan Chemical Industry Association (JCIA), and presentations by Mr. A. N. Jha, Executive Director (Petrochemicals), Indian Oil Corporation, and Mr. Manoj Mehta, Joint Director, FICCI on the Indian chemical and petrochemical industry and the India-Chem 2016. The Seminar was well attended by the industry associations and senior representatives from the Japanese chemical and petrochemical sector businesses

37th India Garment Fair and the 27th India Home Furnishing Fair

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy, Shri L. C. Goyal, Chairman & Managing Director, India Trade Promotion Organisation, Consul General of India, Osaka-Kobe, Shri T. Armstrong Changsan along-with other Japanese dignitaries inaugurated the 37th India Garment Fair and the 27th India Home Furnishing Fair at Mydome, Osaka on July 20. The twin fairs which took place from July 20-22, have a long history, spanning more than 64 editions in total aimed at promoting Indian garments, textiles and home furnishings in Japan.

Meeting of Japan-India Association

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy attended the bi-annual dinner meeting of Japan-India Association (JIA), on 01 July which was well attended by many prominent Japanese from business, academia and culture fields.

Meeting with Chairman & MD Bharat Forge Ltd.

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Mr. Baba Kalyani, Chairman & MD Bharat Forge Ltd. and Co-Chairman of India-Japan Business Leaders' Forum on 28 July at the Embassy and discussed on ways to further enhance the economic partnership.

153rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda

Nippon Vedanta Kyokai celebrated the 153rd Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 10 July, 2016 at the Vivekananda Cultural Centre. Mr. Amit Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission read out Ambassador’s message and gave welcoming remarks on behalf of the Embassy of India. This was followed by presentations by Mr. Tadateru Konoe, President, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Japanese Red Cross Society and Swami Bodhasarananda, Assistant General Secretary: Ramakrishna Math & Mission. A dance drama on Swami Vivekananda was performed by Nupurnad group from India.
Lecture at Otemon Gakuin University and to the Museum of Ethnology

Ambassador H. E. Sujan R. Chinoy visited Osaka on 15 July, during which he lectured at Otemon Gakuin University and visited the Museum of Ethnology for addressing and interacting with scholars on Indian music, Hinduism, Indian languages, and Indian society.

Premiere of the popular Bollywood movie "PK"

The Embassy of India, Tokyo in collaboration with the Nikkatsu Corporation, Japan, had organized a premiere of the popular Bollywood movie "PK" on 28 July at the VCC Auditorium. After a successful run worldwide including in East Asia, the film PK is scheduled to be released in Japan in October 2016. Ambassador of India, H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy made the opening remarks at the event. He spoke about the immense opportunities available for the Indian films in Japan that is yet to be explored. Further he expressed that 'Films are a special contemporary addition to our cultural exchanges and represent the best of India’s soft power’. Mr. Rajkumar Hirani, the 4 time National Award winning Director of the movie PK who was in Japan for the promotion of the film spoke at the event followed by a press interaction. Famous Japanese film Director Mr. Takashi Yamazaki and Japanese actress Ms. Rei Dan also attended premiere event and shared their experiences about the film. Later, the film with Japanese subtitles was screened at the VCC Auditorium.

Japan-India Summit Telephone Talk

On July 6, commencing at 9:10 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes, Mr. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, held a telephone talk with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India. The overview of the talk is as follows.

1. Prime Minister Abe conveyed his heartfelt condolences over the Indian national whose life was lost in the recent terrorist attack in Dhaka, and Prime Minister Modi also conveyed his condolences over the seven Japanese casualties.

2. The two leaders firmly condemned this atrocious and inhuman act of terrorism, and shared the view that they will further deepen the international community’s cooperation on eradicating terrorism and ensure the prevention of the recurrence of such a tragedy.

3. The two leaders shared the view that they will never give in to terrorism and will closely share information and cooperate with each other toward the goal of stability in South Asia, and will contribute to the further development of countries in the region, including by strengthening counterterrorism and connectivity.

4. Additionally, Prime Minister Abe expressed Japan’s determination to steadily provide Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), and explained that Japan is reviewing the necessary safety measures for that purpose.

(Courtesy Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan)

"Do not say, 'It is morning,’ and dismiss it with a name of yesterday. See it for the first time as a newborn child that has no name."
– Rabindranath Tagore
Visit of Japanese Defence Minister to India

The Defense Minister of Japan Gen Nakatani paid a bilateral visit to India at the invitation of Raksha Mantri Shri Manohar Parrikar. The two Ministers held the annual Defence Ministerial Meeting on 14 July 2016 in New Delhi. The Ministers exchanged ideas in a constructive, productive and positive atmosphere under the framework of the “India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership”. There was shared recognition that imperatives of a stronger bilateral strategic partnership require deep and broad based cooperation and concrete actions in defence and security fields. The two countries can work together to respond to global and regional challenges and jointly contribute to the peace, stability and prosperity of the Indo-Pacific region. The Ministers exchanged views and ideas on a wide range of issues pertaining to the current regional and international security situation as well as deepening of bilateral defence cooperation and exchanges. The Ministers also explained to each other their respective defence policies to promote mutual understanding.

India-Japan Social Security Agreement

1. The Social Security Agreement between India and Japan was signed in Tokyo on November 16, 2012. The Ministry of External Affairs (Investment, Technology Promotion and Energy Security Division), the competent authority for negotiating and concluding SSAs along with the Employee’s Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has completed the formalities for the Agreement to enter into force.

2. The Implementing Arrangement under the SSA and the Administrative Arrangement for implementation of the agreement between the two countries were exchanged on 9th June 2016. Earlier today the two sides have exchanged Note Verbales in accordance with Article 28 of the Agreement notifying the completion of the respective constitutional and legal procedures required for the entry into force of the Agreement. The Article 28 also mentions that the Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the fourth month following the date of receipt of last notification. Therefore, the Agreement on Social Security between India and Japan shall enter into force with effect from 1st October 2016.

3. Bilateral SSAs are concluded with other countries protect the interests of Indian professionals, skilled workers working abroad by providing the following benefits:

   a) Avoiding making double social security contributions: Once an SSA is signed between India and a foreign country, it exempts the Indian worker (working on short term contracts abroad) from making a social security contribution in that foreign country. This exemption is provided only if the Indian worker is covered under the social security system of India and continues to pay his/her contribution during the period of overseas contract.

   b) Easy remittance of benefits (Exportability): An SSA between India and a foreign country enables the Indian worker/professional to remit his/her accumulated social security contribution made in a foreign country, in case of relocation to India/third country.

   c) Aggregating the contribution periods (in two countries) to prevent loss of benefits (Totalization): An SSA allows aggregating residency periods of social security contribution made by the Indian worker / professional in India and the foreign country to qualify for retirement benefits.

4. As on date, India has signed and operationalized similar comprehensive Social Security Agreements (SSAs) with 15 countries. They are Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark,
Finland, France, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, South Korea, Austria, and Australia. We have also signed a comprehensive SSA with Portugal, which is in the process of getting operationalized. In addition, we have a partial SSA with Germany, which is already operationalized.

5. The comprehensive SSA between India and Japan when operational from 1st October 2016 will favourably impact the profitability and competitive position of Indian and Japanese companies with foreign operations in either countries by reducing their cost of doing business abroad. Thousands of Indian and Japanese workers who are working in Japan and India respectively will benefit from the agreement. The SSA will also help more Japanese companies to consider India as a destination for their manufacturing investments.

(Courtesy Ministry of External Affairs, July 20, 2016)

“The biggest problem in the world today is not poverty or disease but the lack of love and charity and the feeling of being unwanted.”

– Mother Teresa

Textile Industry in India

Introduction

India’s textiles sector is one of the oldest industries in Indian economy dating back several centuries. Even today, textiles sector is one of the largest contributors to India’s exports with approximately 11 per cent of total exports. The textiles industry is also labour intensive and is one of the largest employers. The industry realised export earnings worth US$ 41.4 billion in 2014-15, a growth of 5.4 per cent, as per The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (Texprocil). The textile industry has two broad segments. First, the unorganised sector consists of handloom, handicrafts and sericulture, which are operated on a small scale and through traditional tools and methods. The second is the organised sector consisting of spinning, apparel and garments segment which apply modern machinery and techniques such as economies of scale.

The Indian textiles industry is extremely varied, with the hand-spun and handwoven textiles sectors at one end of the spectrum, while the capital intensive sophisticated mills sector at the other end of the spectrum. The decentralised power looms/ hosiery and knitting sector form the largest component of the textiles sector. The close linkage of the textile industry to agriculture (for raw materials such as cotton) and the ancient culture and traditions of the country in terms of textiles make the Indian textiles sector unique in comparison to the industries of other countries. The Indian textile industry has the capacity to produce a wide variety of products suitable to different market segments, both within India and across the world.

Market Size

The Indian textiles industry, currently estimated at around US$ 108 billion, is expected to reach US$ 223 billion by 2021. The industry is the second largest employer after agriculture, providing employment to over 45 million people directly and 60 million people indirectly. The Indian Textile Industry contributes approximately 5 per cent to India’s gross domestic product (GDP), and 14 per cent to overall Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

The Indian textile industry has the potential to reach US$ 500 billion in size according to a study by Wazir Advisors and PCI Xylenes & Polyester. The growth implies domestic sales to rise to US$ 315 billion from currently US$ 68 billion. At the same time, exports are implied to increase to US$ 185 billion from approximately US$ 41 billion currently.
**Investments**

The textiles sector has witnessed a spurt in investment during the last five years. The industry (including dyed and printed) attracted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth US$ 1.77 billion during April 2000 to September 2015.

Some of the major investments in the Indian textiles industry are as follows:

- Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) plans to enter into a joint venture (JV) with China-based Shandong Ruyi Science and Technology Group Co. The JV will leverage RIL’s existing textile business and distribution network in India and Ruyi’s state-of-the-art technology and its global reach.
- Giving Indian sarees a ‘green’ touch, Dupont has joined hands with RIL and Vipul Sarees for use of its renewable fibre product Sorona to make an ‘environment-friendly’ version of this ethnic ladies wear.
- Grasim Industries has invested Rs 100 crore (US$ 15 million) to develop its first fabric brand, Liva’, which it will distribute through 1,000 outlets as part of a plan to stay in sync with changing consumer behaviour.
- Snapdeal has partnered with India Post to jointly work on bringing thousands of weavers and artisans from Varanasi through its website. “This is an endeavour by Snapdeal and India Post to empower local artisans, small and medium entrepreneurs to sustain their livelihood by providing a platform to popularise their indigenous products,” said Mr Kunal Bahl, CEO and Co-Founder, Snapdeal.
- Welspun India Ltd (WIL), part of the Welspun Group has unveiled its new spinning facility at Anjar, Gujarat - the largest under one roof in India. The expansion project reflects the ethos of the Government of Gujarat’s recent ‘Farm-Factory-Fabric-Fashion-Foreign’ Textile Policy, which is aimed at strengthening the entire textile value-chain.
- American casual fashion retailer Aéropostale, Inc. has inked a licensing agreement with Arvind Lifestyle Brands Ltd to open standalone stores in the country. Aéropostale will open 30 stores and 25 shop-in-shop locations over the next three years.

**Government Initiatives**

The Indian government has come up with a number of export promotion policies for the textiles sector. It has also allowed 100 per cent FDI in the Indian textiles sector under the automatic route.

Some of initiatives taken by the government to further promote the industry are as under:

- The Government of India has started promotion of its ‘India Handloom’ initiative on social media like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with a view to connect with customers, especially youth, in order to promote high quality handloom products.
- The Ministry of Textiles launched Technology Mission on Technical Textiles (TMTT) with two mini-missions for a period of five years (from 2010-11 to 2011-12 in the 11th five year plan and 2012-13 to 2014-15 in 12th five year plan) with a total fund outlay of Rs 200 crore (US$ 30 million). The objective of TMTT is to promote technical textiles by helping to develop world class testing facilities at eight Centres of Excellence across India, promoting indigenous development of prototypes, providing support for domestic and export market development and encouraging contract research.
- The Government of India is expected to soon announce a new National Textiles Policy. The new policy aims at creating 35 million new jobs by way of increased investments by foreign companies, as per Textiles Secretary Mr S K Panda.
- Subsidies on machinery and infrastructure
  - The Revised Restructured Technology Up gradation Fund Scheme (RRTUFS) covers manufacturing of major machinery for technical textiles for 5 per cent interest reimbursement and 10 per cent capital subsidy in addition to 5 per cent interest reimbursement also provided to the specified technical textile machinery under RRTUFS.
  - Under the Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP), the Government of India provides assistance for creation of infrastructure in the parks to the extent of 40 per cent with a limit up to Rs 40 crore (US$ 6 million). Under this scheme the technical textile units can also avail its benefits.
• The major machinery for production of technical textiles receives a concessional customs duty list of 5 per cent.
• Specified technical textile products are covered under Focus Product Scheme. Under this scheme, exports of these products are entitled for duty credit scrip equivalent to 2 per cent of freight on board (FOB) value of exports.
• The Government of India has implemented several export promotion measures such as Focus Market Scheme, Focus Product Scheme and Market Linked Focus Product Scheme for increasing share of India’s textile exports.
• Under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme, financial assistance is provided for export promotion activities on focus countries and focus product countries.
• Under the Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme, financial assistance is provided for a range of export promotion activities implemented by Textiles Export Promotion Councils.
• The government has also proposed to extend 24/7 customs clearance facility at 13 airports and 14 sea ports resulting in faster clearance of import and export cargo.
• The Ministry of Textiles has approved a 'Scheme for promoting usage of geotechnical textiles in North East Region (NER)' in order to capitalise on the benefits of geotechnical textiles. The scheme has been approved with a financial outlay of Rs 427 crore (US$ 64.1 million) for five years from 2014-15.
• A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between India and Kyrgyzstan seeking to strengthen bilateral cooperation in three fields - Textiles and Clothing, Silk and Sericulture, Fashion.

Road Ahead

The future for the Indian textile industry looks promising, buoyed by both strong domestic consumption as well as export demand. With consumerism and disposable income on the rise, the retail sector has experienced a rapid growth in the past decade with the entry of several international players like Marks & Spencer, Guess and Next into the Indian market. The organised apparel segment is expected to grow at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of more than 13 per cent over a 10-year period.

Exchange Rate Used: INR 1 = US$ 0.015 as on December 17, 2015

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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.” —Mahatma Gandhi
Goa – a popular tourist destination in India

Goa, a tiny emerald land on the west coast of India, the 25th State in the Union of States of India, was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961. It was part of Union territory of Goa, Daman & Diu till 30 May 1987 when it was carved out to form a separate State.

Goa covers an area of 3702 square kilometers and comprises two Revenue district viz North Goa and South Goa. Boundaries of Goa State are defined in the North Terekhol river which separates it from Maharashtra, in the East and South by Karnataka State and West by Arabian Sea. Goa lies in Western Coast of India and is 594 Kms (by road) away from Mumbai city.

Goa, for the purpose of revenue administration is divided into district viz. North and South Goa with headquarters at Panaji and Margao respectively. The entire State comprises 11 talukas. For the purpose of implementation of development programmes, the State is divided into 12 community development blocks.
Administratively the State is organised into two districts North Goa comprising six talukas with a total area of 1736 sq. kms. and South Goa comprising five talukas with an area of 1966 sq. kilometers. In all there are 383 villages of which 233 are in North Goa district and 150 in South Goa district. As per the 2001 census, there are 44 towns of which 14 are Municipalities and remaining are census towns.

A very striking feature of Goa is the harmonious relationship among various religious communities, who have lived together peacefully for generations. Though a late entrant to the planning process, Goa has emerged as one of the most developed States in India and even achieved the ranking of one of the best states in India with regards to investment environment and infrastructure.

The state of Goa covers an area of 3,702 sq. km. Panaji is the capital of Goa. At present, Marathi and Konkani are two major languages of Goa. Hindi, the national language of India, is well understood in Goa. In major towns, English is widely used in writing and conversation.

Sights to See

Beaches

Beaches Anjuna Beach: 8 km west of Mapusa and 18 km from the capital city of Panaji, Anjuna Beach is has become one of the most sought after getaways in the state of Goa.

Calangute Beach: Rightly called the "Queen of Beaches", Calangute Beach is one of the most crowded beaches in the Goa, but still very beautiful.

Miramar Beach: Also known as Panaji Beach in popular parlance, Miramar Beach is located 1 kilometer ahead of the confluence of the Arabian Sea and Mandovi River. One of the most visited beaches in India, Miramar Beach is located on the way towards Dona Paula. The beach is crowded with locals and tourists alike on most days. The Dhempe College of Arts and Science is located here and so is the memorial to Goa's first chief minister, the late Dayanand Bandodkar. A lovely golden beach of soft sand gridled with palm trees facing the blue Arabian Sea, is the nearest to Panaji.

Vagator Beach: Synonymous with unbridled beauty, Vagator Beach is 22 kilometer from the capital city of Panaji. The beach’s main claim to fame is the magnificent red cliffs overlooking the Arabian Sea.

Baga Beach: Baga Beach is one of the prominent beaches in Goa. Visitors can easily spot dolphins, explore coral reefs and be amazed by types of colourful fish.

Arambol Beach: Situated some 50 km away from Panaji, the Arambol Beach is strikingly beautiful and has a peaceful ambience.

Benoaunim Beach: Never overpopulated or hurried, Benaulim Beach provides great alternative to vacationers who are tired of crowded destinations. Located in South Goa, Benaulim Beach starts with the end of the Colva beach and is 8 kilometers from Marago and 41 kilometers from Panaji. The nearest railhead is Marago.

Palolem Beach: Just 3 km away from Canacona Railway station, now on the Konkan Railway, Palolem is situated at the West of Chaudi in South Goa. About 1.61 km long, Palolem Beach is endowed with crystal-clear azure waters of the Arabian Sea.

Sinquerim Beach: With a magnificent 17th century fort which has now been converted into a prison. 13 km from Panaji, it is one of the best beaches in Goa with international class facilities for water-skiing, para-sailing, fishing, scuba-diving and wind-surfing.

Churches

Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception
Reis Magos Church
Basilica of Bom Jesus
Se Cathedral
Saint Cajetan Church
Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
Saint Augustine Tower

**Secretariat**
Other attraction of Panaji is an old palace of a ruler of Adil Shah Dynasty of Bijapur, now the Secretariat.

**Temples**
Mahalaxmi Temple
Shri Saptakoteshwar Temple at Narve
Shri Mahalsa at Mardoli
Shri Mahalaxmi at Bandode
Shri Naguesh at Bandode
Shri Ramnath, Bandode
Shri Manguesh Temple at Pirol, Ponda
Mahadev Temple at Tambdi Surla
Shri Shantadurga Temple

**Mosques**

**Safa Masjid at Ponda**: Built in 1560 by Ibrahim Adil Shah, the Sultan of Bijapur, the Safa Masjid lies 2 km west of the centre of the town of Ponda, in a district known as Shahpur.

**Forts**

**Aguada Fort**
**Tiracol Fort**

**Waterfalls/Lakes/Springs**

**Dudhsagar Waterfalls**: Located 60 km from Panaji and 10 km from Colem, the magnificent Dudhsagar Waterfall is perched in the high peaks of the Western Ghats and is a sight to behold especially in the monsoons when it is in full and furious flow. From a distance, the waterfall appears like streams of milk rushing down the mountainside. The exuberant and spectacular waterfall is located in the Sanguem taluka. Measuring a mighty 600m from head to foot, this waterfall on the Goa-Karnataka border, attracts a steady stream of visitors from the coast into the rugged Western Ghats.

**Mayem Lake**: Located in Bicholim taluka in north Goa, east of the market town of Mapusa, it is the most famous lake in Goa and is also one of the most popular tourist destinations on the itinerary of all the conducted sight-seeing tours.

**Harvalem (Arvalem) Waterfall**: A short distance from the regional town of Bicholim, along the road from Mayem Lake, is the village of Sanquelim. Of interest near Sanquelim are the Arvalem Caves, about a mile from the south-eastern end of Sanquelim. A short 10-minute drive from the caves, the Harvalem Waterfalls are worth visiting after the monsoon (in October) when they cascade noisily through the surrounding trees.
**Kesarval Spring**: Located 22 km away from Panaji, near the Verna plateau, the spring at Kesarval can be reached after crossing the bridge on the Zuari River and passing through the village of Cortalim.

**Museums**

**Goa State Museum at Patto**: A crucible of Christian art, Goa State Museum also, located in the EDC Complex in Patto, contains some of the finest specimens of Hindu and Jain sculptures. Here you can also find Indian paintings of different styles. Archaeological Museum & Portrait Gallery, Museum of Christian Art, Wax World Museum, Galleries at Se Cathedral, St. Francis of Assisi and Bom Jesus at Old Goa, the Customs & Central Excise Museum at Panaji, the Big Foot Museum, Art Gallery, Cross Museum & Local Handicrafts Centre at Loutolim (9 Km. from Margao), Calliz Museum at Candolim, Vintage Car Museum at Nuvem, Xavier Centre of Historical Research, Houses of Goa at Porvorim, Gallery Attic, Gallery Gitanjali, Picturesque Gallery are other famous museums and art galleries in the state of Goa.

**Other attractions in Goa**

**Fontainhas**: Fontainhas, which means “little fountain” in Portuguese, is a place where Portuguese influence is still visible in the form of narrow winding streets, quaint bye lanes, old villas and buildings.

**Reaching Goa**

**By Air**
Dabolim airport of Goa is well connected by flight with major cities in India.

**By Rail**
Madgaon, Vasco-da-Gama, Tivim and Karmali railway stations of Goa are well connected by trains with major cities and places in India.

**By Road**
Panaji, Mapusa, Margao, and other main cities of Goa are well connected by motorable roads with different cities and places in India.

Panaji is:
- 104 km from Amboli
- 706 km from Aurangabad
- 312 km from Badami
- 598 km from Bangalore
- 833 km from Kochi
- 350 km from Hospet
- 425 km from Mahabaleshwar
- 371 km from Mangalore
- 594 km from Mumbai
- 458 km from Pune

One can choose from variety of city accommodations, beach accommodations and economy accommodations.

**Courtesy**: [https://www.goa.gov.in/home.html](https://www.goa.gov.in/home.html) & [https://www.incredibleindia.org](https://www.incredibleindia.org) & [www.mapsofindia.com](http://www.mapsofindia.com)
State Profile: Rajasthan

Rajasthan, the largest (area-wise) state in India, is located in the north-western part of the subcontinent. It is surrounded on the north and north-east by Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, on the east and south-east by Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh and on the south-west by Gujarat.

Rajasthan offers tremendous opportunities in the areas of organic and contract farming as well as in infrastructure developments related to agriculture. Rajasthan is the largest producer of rapeseed, bajra and mustard. It is the second largest producer of oilseeds and spices and third largest producer of soya bean and coarse cereals in India.

Rajasthan is a leading producer of limestone, silver, gold, copper, marble, sandstone, rock phosphate, and lignite. The state is the largest producer of cement in India. It has 21 major cement plants, having a total capacity of 55 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). Rajasthan is also the second-largest producer of milk and the largest producer of wool in India.

Rajasthan has reserves of numerous precious and semi-precious stones and is the largest manufacturer of cut and polished diamonds in the country. The world’s largest centre for gemstone cutting and polishing is located in Jaipur.

In 2014-15, tourist arrivals in the state reached 34.59 million. Historic palaces, especially those in Jaipur and Udaipur, offer opportunities to expand the luxury tourism segment.

The gross state domestic product (GSDP) of Rajasthan expanded at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12.83 per cent over 2004-05 to 2014-15. The state attracted cumulative foreign direct investment (FDI) worth US$ 1.28 billion from April 2000-September 2015.

The state has immense potential for electricity generation through renewable energy sources and wind power. Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd has actively promoted solar energy and biomass projects. As of January 2016, Rajasthan had a total installed power generation capacity of 17,783.89 megawatt (MW).

The state has a considerable pool of skilled and technically qualified human resources with more than 200,000 students enrolled in technical institutions. In line with this, a number of IT parks with special infrastructure are being developed.

The policy environment has been favourable for the establishment of industrial units. A single window clearance system (SWCS) for investment approvals is operational in the state and the Bureau of Investment Promotion (BIP) was set up to focus on investments above US$ 2.2 million. Rajasthan stands sixth among Indian states in rankings based on ease of doing business and reforms implementation, according to a study by the World Bank and KPMG.

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### Trade Fairs & Business Exhibitions in India in August – October, 2016

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*Arise! Awake! and stop not until the goal is reached*  - Swami Vivekananda
## Trade Queries from India

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M/s PMRC Corporation  
8/3 Central Park [Ground Floor], P.O - Jadavpur University, Kolkata: 700032, India  
E-mail: pmrc corp@gmail.com | Vegetables, handicrafts, spices, cardamom |
| 2.  | Mr. K. Vimal Prasath  
M/s VIMAL INTERNATIONAL  
address : 3/345, Aranmanai Thottam, Chinnaveeram Patti, Pukkullam (P.O.), Udumalpet(T.K), Tirupur (D.T), Tamil Nadu (State)  
E-mail: vimaludt@rediffmail.com | Honey, coir products |
| 3.  | Mr. Rajesh Mandal  
M/s Monalisha International Exports  
Rajesh Mandal (Propreitor)  
GOVINDA NIWAS MATHPARA  
P.O-PO-HATIARA, NEW TOWN, N 24 PGS WEST BENGAL KOLKATA-700157  
E-mail: handicraftsmonalisha@gmail.com | Handicrafts |
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12 a/4 greenland society, b/h Sarjan society, Surat, Gujarat 395007, India  
Tel: +91 99137 59610  
E-mail: superproducts.international@gmail.com | Herbal extracts and herbal |
| 5.  | Kind Attn: Mr. K. Jagan  
M/s AK Enterprises  
E-mail: akenterprisess12@gmail.com | Agro foods, herbals, coir and handicrafts |
| 6.  | Mr. Kiran Panchal  
M/s BRIGHTECH VALVES AND CONTROLS PVT.LTD.  
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Tel: +91-79-22902911, 22902187  
Fax: +91-79-22900538  
E-mail: exports@brightechvalves.com  
info@brightechvalves.com  
URL: www.brightechvalves.com | Valves |
| 7.  | Mr. Denish Modi  
M/s Dhanlaxmi Micro Powder Pvt.Ltd.  
Plot No.229, Phase-II, Vatva GIDC, Vatva-382 445, Ahmedabad(Gujarat), India.  
Tel: +91-79 29700143, +91-9712152143  
E-mail: dhanlaxmitradechem@gmail.com  
sales@dhanlaxmimicropowder.com  
URL: www.dhanlaxmimicropowder.com | Cast Iron Powder and dyes & Intermediates |
| 8.  | M/s ASTHA ENTERPRISE  
Add: 194 Varsha Society 2 L H Road, Matawadi Varachha Surat, Surat, Gujarat, India 395006  
Mob:+917878178119/ +919979887581  
E-mail: asthaenterprise.exim@gmail.com;  | PAPAD, Dietary & Organic Supplements, Agriculture products, Cotton bales and Cotton roll. |
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Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy met Mr. Hiroyuki Hosoda, Acting Secretary-General, LDP and Chairman, JIPFL

Delegation talks headed by the National Security Advisors of India and Japan

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The First Meeting of the India-Japan High Level Policy Dialogue on Education

Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy inaugurated the India Pavilion at the Giftex-World-Tokyo Fair

Visit of Ambassador H.E. Sujan R. Chinoy to Otemon Gakuin University