The World Bank released its latest Doing Business Report (DBR, 2020) today on 24th October 2019. India has recorded a jump of 14 positions against its rank of 77 in 2019 to be placed now at 63rd rank among 190 countries assessed by the World Bank. India’s leap of 14 ranks in the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) ranking is significant considering that there has been continuous improvement since 2015 and for the third consecutive year India is amongst the top 10 improvers. As a result of continued efforts by the Government, India has improved its rank by 79 positions in last five years [2014-19].

The Doing Business assessment provides objective measures of business regulations and their enforcement across 190 economies on ten parameters affecting a business through its life cycle. The DBR ranks countries on the basis of Distance to Frontier (DTF), a score that shows the gap of an economy to the global best practice. This year, India’s DTF score improved to 71.0 from 67.23 in the previous year.

India has improved its rank in 7 out of 10 indicators and has moved closer to international best practices (Distance to Frontier score). Significant improvements have been registered in ‘Resolving Insolvency’, ‘Dealing with Construction Permits’, ‘Registering Property’, ‘Trading across Boards’ and ‘Paying Taxes’ indicators. The changes in seven indicators where India improved its rank are as follows:

The important features of India’s performance this year are:
- The World Bank has recognized India as one of the top 10 improvers for the third consecutive year.
- Recovery rate under resolving insolvency has improved significantly from 26.5% to 71.6%.
- The time taken for resolving insolvency has also come down significantly from 4.3 years to 1.6 years.
- India continues to maintain its first position among South Asian countries. It was 6th in 2014.

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Ease of Doing Business - Example for Japanese Investors
UNIQLO applied for single brand retail in 2018 Jan. In less than 20 months they have launched one of their biggest stores in Delhi & will open two more stores in NCR region in next two months. A Great Example of Ease of Doing Business & red carpet for investors.
Since March 2014, India’s renewable power capacity has increased from 34000 MW to 82,580 MW recording 138 percent growth. By the end of September 2019, India has installed more than 82,580 MW of renewable energy capacity with around 31,150 MW of capacity under various stages of installation. By the first quarter of 2021, India would have installed more than 1,13,000 MW of renewable power capacity. This would constitute nearly 65 per cent of the targeted capacity of 1,75,000 MW. Besides this, around 39,000 MW of renewable power capacity is at various stages of bidding which would be installed by September 2021, taking the percentage of installed capacity to over 87 percentage of the targeted capacity.

Globally, India stands 5th in solar power, 4th in wind power, and 4th in total renewable power installed capacity. If large hydro included, India stands 3rd in renewable power capacity globally. India’s renewable energy programme is much beyond production of electricity and covers a basket of applications including use of solar thermal energy for cooling, heating, drying and other industrial applications.

In a major decision to give a boost to Electric Vehicles in country, Government of India has approved amendments in Electric Vehicle Charging Guidelines and Specifications. These Revised Guidelines and Specifications for charging infrastructure shall supersede the earlier guidelines and standards issued by the Ministry of Power on 14.12.2018.

- ‘Revised guidelines will address the concerns of EV owners’.
- At least one Charging Station to be available in a grid of 3 Km x 3 Km in the cities and one Charging Station at every 25 Km on both sides of highways/roads All Mega Cities & expressways connected to these Mega Cities to be taken up for coverage in first phase, other big cities to be taken up in second phase.
- For inter-city travel, Fast Charging Station to be installed at every 100 Kms
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) nominated as the Central Nodal Agency to facilitate installation of Charging Infrastructure.

For more details visit the link [https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=193630](https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=193630)

Indian startups have raised a record $11.3B till October 2019

With two months of 2019 still to go, Indian tech startups are already having their best year as a record amount of capital flows into the local ecosystem in a major rebound since the darkened funding environment of 2016. The unlisted tech startups in India have raised $11.3 billion this year, a substantial jump from last year’s $10.5 billion fundraise, as per a report. This year’s fundraise, the largest sum for the local ecosystem in any year, further moves the nation’s burgeoning startup space on a path of steady growth. Since 2016, when tech startups accumulated just $4.3 billion — down from $7.9 billion the year before — flow of capital has increased significantly in the ecosystem. In 2017, Indian startups raised $10.4 billion, according to Tracxn.

Startups with consumer-facing offerings including financial services have attracted most of the venture capital this year — about $8.2 billion. Following that is retail startups that have bagged about $2.3 billion and those that offer enterprise services, with $1.5 billion. (There is some overlap of startups whose offerings fall under more than one category.) There are some other promising signals as well: Of the top 150 Indian startups that raised capital in the first half of this year, 17.3% of them were either led or co-led by women, based on data from research firm Venture Intelligence.

Abhijit Banerjee alongside Esther Duflo & Michael Kremer conferred with the 2019 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel “for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty”.

The research conducted by these Laureates has considerably improved ability to fight global poverty. In just two decades, their new experiment-based approach has transformed development economics, which is now a flourishing field of research.

Abhijit Banerjee, born 1961 in Mumbai, India. Did Ph.D. 1988 from Harvard University, USA. Presently is Ford Foundation International Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA. His research work has made notable contributions in the field of poverty alleviation.

Researchers at Shiv Nadar University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh have discovered two strains of 'plastic-eating' bacteria from the wetlands of Greater Noida, an advance that may lead to eco-friendly alternative clean-up methods for plastic waste worldwide. The bacterial strains have the potential to decompose polystyrene -- a key component in Single-Use Plastic (SUP) items such as disposable cups, cutlery, toys, packaging materials etc. The bacterial species namely *Exiguobacterium sibiricum* strain DR11 and *Exiguobacterium undae* strain DR14 were isolated from the wetlands adjoining the university.

The finding assumes significance in India given the recent announcement by the Prime Minister to eliminate SUP by 2022. The research team identified that upon coming into contact with the plastic (polystyrene), the two isolated bacteria strains use it as a carbon source, and create biofilms. This alters the physical properties of polystyrene, and initiates a process of natural degradation with the release of hydrolysing enzymes to break the polymer chains.


As part of the natural languages translation mission, GoI’s Ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) has planned to jump in as a seed investor for over 100 AI-backed startups that offer translation services in Indian languages. The natural language translation mission is a 100-day action plan by MeitY, which is one of the key missions of PM Narendra Modi’s Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

MeitY is planning to engage the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Hyderabad, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) Pune and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for the same. The platform will work on building centres of excellence and engineering to provide a space to develop and build this technology. In addition, the government expects the institutes to collaborate and approach players in the industry for the project.

For more details visit the link https://inc42.com/buzz/govt-to-invest-in-100-ai-backed-translation-startups-for-national-mission/

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For more details visit the link https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1588422
Everwards India: Founded by Veena Balakrishnan and Sudarshana Pai in 2018, Everwards India offers eco-friendly alternatives for more than 40 everyday products, including pencils made from newspaper, bamboo toothbrushes, copper water bottles, silicone menstrual cups, and sanitary napkins made of cloth. The Chennai-based startup also offers sustainable body care products like handmade soap and powder shampoo.

Soapworks India: Founded in 2015 by Harini Sivakumar, Soapworks India manufactures safe skincare products, and claims to be nearly 100 percent plastic free. Priced between Rs 118 and Rs 2,189, the Gurugram-based startup offers products like cold press soaps, scrubs, body butter, deodorants, facial oils and masks, shampoo bars, and lip balms. It also offers bamboo straws, menstrual cups, and coconut wood cutlery. Customers are encouraged to return empty bottles so that they can be recycled responsibly, with an added cashback offer.

Bare Necessities: Founded in 2016 by Sahar Mansoor, Bengaluru-based Bare Necessities manufactures eco-friendly products like organic bath salts, body scrubs, shampoo, toothpaste, facial cleansers, and lip balms. It also offers items like menstrual cups, laundry detergent, bamboo toothbrushes, and stainless steel straws. The startup uses organic, local and fair trade ingredients, and its products are non-toxic, non-GMO, and cruelty-free. It also uses 100 percent recyclable packaging.

TruCup: Founded in 2018 by Alakshi Tomar and Shivangi Bagri, Delhi-based TruCup manufactures menstrual cups, an alternative to pads that contain high amounts of plastic. Menstrual cups by TruCup can be reused for 10 years with proper care, and prevent large amounts of plastic from ending up in landfills. The cups are available in two different sizes, and are priced at Rs 999. Like most urban women, Alakshi and Shivangi both used sanitary napkins in the past. But when they started to use menstrual cups, their outlook completely changed.

Carmesi: Co-founded by Tanvi Johri and Rikshav Bohra in 2017, Delhi-based Carmesi manufactures sanitary napkins made of bamboo and cornstarch, without any harmful chemicals or synthetic components. The pads come with eco-friendly wrappers and disposal bags as well. The startup also offers biodegradable panty liners and a safe intimate cleanser.

For more details visit the link https://yourstory.com/herstory/2019/10/women-entrepreneurs-5-ecofriendly-alternatives-plastic
On the recommendation of Parliament, the President effectively dismantled Article 370 of the Indian Constitution and gave assent to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019. Thus, the former state of Jammu & Kashmir has been reorganized as the new Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the new Union Territory of Ladakh on 31st October 2019.


In 1947, the former State of Jammu and Kashmir had the following 14 districts - Kathua, Jammu, Udhampur, Reasi, Anantnag, Baramulla, Poonch, Mirpur, Muzaffarabad, Leh and Ladakh, Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and Tribal Territory.

By 2019, the state government of former Jammu and Kashmir had reorganized the areas of these 14 districts into 28 districts. The names of the new districts are as follows - Kupwara, Bandipur, Ganderbal, Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Shupian, Kulgam, Rajouri, Ramban, Doda, Kishtivar, Samba and Kargil.

Out of these, Kargil district was carved out from the area of Leh and Ladakh district. The Leh district of the new Union Territory of Ladakh has been defined in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Removal of Difficulties) Second Order, 2019, issued by the President of India, to include the areas of the districts of Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and Tribal Territory of 1947, in addition to the remaining areas of Leh and Ladakh districts of 1947, after carving out the Kargil District.

On this basis, the maps prepared by Survey General of India depicting the new Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, as created on 31 October 2019, along with the map of India, are shown below.

Joint Military Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN-2019 between India and Japan was conducted at counter Insurgency and Jungle Warfare School, Vairengte from 19 Oct 2019 to 02 Nov 2019. Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) comprising 25 soldiers each participated in the exercise with an aim to share experience gained during various Counter Terrorism Operations in respective Countries.

Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN is an annual training event which is being conducted in India since 2018. Notably, in the series of military training exercises undertaken by India with various countries Exercise DHARMA GUARDIAN with Japan is crucial and significant in terms of security challenges faced by both the nations in the backdrop of global terrorism. The scope of this exercise covers platoon level joint training on counter-terrorism operations in jungle and urban scenario.

The joint military exercise will enhance the level of defence co-operation between Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) which in turn will further foster the bilateral relations between the two nations.

On 24th October 2019, one of Japan's largest engineering consulting firm TechnoPro said it would invest $10 million in India for R&D and developing supportive infrastructure for EVs. TechnoPro, which plans to hire 10,000 engineers in India over 3 years, will focus on clients building charging and battery swapping infrastructure, where it is a domain expert. The firm said it has mapped out locations and is working with potential partners. It has R&D centers in Hyderabad and Pune and has recently opened a global delivery center in Bengaluru.

TechnoPro is valued $2.2 billion and has presence in Malaysia and Singapore besides Japan. In India, it established presence in 2017.


From Oct 15-25, 2019, Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF) & Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted Japan-India bilateral exercise “SHINYUU-MAITRI 19” in India. This is the 2nd time (first time in 2018) for JASDF to conduct the bilateral exercise with IAR. During exercise both JASDF and IAF conducted formation flight training, material drop training and rough terrain takeoff and landing training. The exercise will further promote defense cooperation and exchanges.

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On 23rd October 2019, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur signed an agreement with NTT DATA Services, a global technology services firm, to support and encourage entrepreneurship among recent graduates who are working on path-breaking technologies with socioeconomic impact in the fields of agriculture, healthcare, energy, water & sanitation, and education. NTT DATA Services has committed financial support to IIT Kanpur's Startup Incubation and Innovation Center (SIIC).

For more details visit the link https://www.ndtv.com/education/iit-kanpur-ntt-data-join-hands-to-support-entrepreneurship-among-recent-graduates-2121507?amp=1

METI Japan launched a website giving information about future Job Fairs including in India, which can be accessed at https://japanjobfair.go.jp/.

The next Job fair in India will be on 8 December 2019 in Delhi.
Johnson Controls-Hitachi JV sets up global development centre in Gujarat

In a bid to enhance innovation in advanced controls, energy efficiency and Internet of Things (IoT), Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning on 4th October 2019 inaugurated a global development centre (GDC) at the joint venture's Kadi plant in Gujarat. The GDC at the facility is equipped with research and testing laboratories, such as reliability labs, annual performance factor labs, electromagnetic compatibility labs, electronics labs and semi-anechoic labs besides capabilities to create designs, simulation, controls, project management and engineering information systems.

Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning's GDC at Kadi is fourth for the company globally, after two in Japan and one in China. Johnson Controls-Hitachi Air Conditioning is a global joint venture for design and manufacturing of heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) products. The JV has invested around Rs 157 crore or $22.5 million for the new GDC.


Maruti Suzuki to mentor five startups to develop automotive technology

Maruti Suzuki, which makes one in every two cars sold in the country, announced mentorship for five startups in the automotive space as part of its Mobility & Automobile Innovation Lab (MAIL) program.

The five startups - Enmovil, Docketrun, Eyedentify, Xane, and SenseGiz - underwent a three-month-long acceleration program where they were mentored by domain experts and given access to Maruti Suzuki's facilities and data to fine-tune their business model. Following a presentation, the top three startups, SenseGiz, Xane, and Eyedentify, have been awarded sponsorship for developing the proof-of-concept with Maruti Suzuki. The other two startups will also be assisted in developing their proof-of-concept, the company said. The initiative will help create value additions in the areas of logistics, IoT-based safety and monitoring, and plug-and-play solutions.

For more details visit the link https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/small-biz/startups/newsbuzz/maruti-to-mentor-five-startups-to-develop-automotive-technology/articleshow/71585307.cms?from=mdr

OYO Hotels launches Japan service

Hospitality startup OYO Hotels and Homes' has formally launched its services in Japan in over 100 hotels across 50 cities including Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto. The Indian unicorn's hotel business in Japan, OYO Hotels Japan, had commenced operations in April 2019, through a joint venture with the SoftBank Group. OYO has appointed Prasun Choudhary, a founding member, as the Operating Partner for OYO Hotels Japan. OYO Hotels and Homes is backed by investors such as Airbnb, SoftBank Vision Fund, Lightspeed Venture Partners, Greenoaks Capital, Sequoia India, and Hero Enterprise.

Shuttl to raise $42 million from Toyota, others, at $213 million valuation

Gurugram-headquartered Shuttl, the bus aggregator startup which focuses on safe, reliable and sustainable mobility in bigger Indian cities, which recently claimed to have crossed 100,000 rides per day is in the process of raising about $42 million (or Rs 297 crore) in a Series C funding round. It is raising the funds from Toyota Group’s trading arm Toyota Tsusho Corporation, SMBC Trust Bank Ltd acting as trustee of Mirai Creation Fund II among other investors. After the completion of this round, Gurugram-headquartered Shuttl will be valued at $213 million, up from $150 million (when the company raised about $20 million in March).

For more details visit the link https://www.cnbctv18.com/startup/shuttl-to-raise-42-million-from-toyota-others-at-213-million-valuation-4601801.htm

On 22nd Oct’19, delegates of Japan Association for Logistics and Transportation (www.butsuryu.or.jp) visited One Hub Chennai (A Future Ready Industrial City in Chennai; www.onehubchennai.com). With over 9 million pop, 35-40% of Automobile industry in India & Emerging Electrical Vehicle ecosystem, Chennai is a great opportunity to Logistics industry.

METI Japan has launched a on-line portal website for internship program in Japan which is open to various countries incl from India. By participating in this internship, one can learn business strategies at Japanese company and acquire the skills and expertise from Japanese companies, and have trained as global leaders capable of working in Japan, in their home countries, and all over the world in the future. For details please visit: https://internshipprogram.go.jp/english/
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Ambassador His Excellency Mr Sanjay K Verma addressed participants at Mobile Content Forum (mcf.or.jp) Seminar on 3 Oct 2019 organized in association with Tokyo Asia Relation Channel (www.tarc.jp) and Japan Education Center & Information (www.jeci.in). Seminar focused on Hiring Indian Engineers from India to work in Japanese IT Companies in Japan. Ambassador in his address mentioned that Digital Partnership includes Digital Talent Facilitation too and there is lot of potential to collaborate in areas like AI, IOT, ICT and Healthcare.

Fashion World Tokyo - India's Participation

Fashion World Tokyo is the largest fashion show in Japan where 26 Indian promoters under the aegis of Council for Leather Exports (CLE) participated in the 2019 edition of the trade show at the Tokyo Big Sight. On the opening day (Oct 2, 2019) Indian stalls showcased items of fashion accessories such as fashion wear garments, leather products including bags, hat and footwear. First Secretary (Eco) Mr. Bhagirathi Behera accompanied by the Regional Director of CLE Mr. Atul Kumar Mishra exchanged business cards at the fair and interacted with the Indian participants. Most of the attendants were first timers and hailed from different parts of India like Delhi, Greater Noida, Agra, Chennai, Kanpur, Kolkata and Mumbai. Some of the old participants who attended the event for consecutive years were quite happy with the trend of Japanese market which continued to notice and appreciate the quality of Indian leather items covering high-end fashion accessories. However, the new participants were of the opinion that Japanese market is tough for which the initial hurdles of establishing contacts with the clients remains a challenge due to language problem. They were confident of overcoming the problem by publishing promotional materials in Japanese as well as using Japanese interpreters to deal with the Japanese clients.

A 7-member delegation led by Mr. R. K. Jain, Executive Director Civil Engineering from Ministry of Railways visited Embassy of India on 7th Oct 2019 and met Ambassador HE Sanjay Kumar Verma to apprise the technical cooperation and Indian Railways Safety Action Plan. The objective is to see the practice of track maintenance under limited track possession time and condition monitoring. Ambassador highlighted the key elements of technical cooperation, identification of technologies & resources for it’s practical application in Railway Safety Management. Under the ongoing JICA Technical Corporation Project ‘Capacity Development on Railway Safety’, Ministry of Railways officials visited Japan in order to deepen mutual understanding of methodology and practice for Safety Management and Track maintenance. The program also

Toyota Kirloskar Motor partners ASDC to make ITI students industry-ready

In line with its consistent efforts to contribute to India's skill development mission, Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM) on 18th Oct 2019 announced its partnership with the Automotive Skill Development Council (ASDC). This partnership is part of Toyota’s mission to upscale quality technical training in the Indian automotive industry and aims to bridge the skill gap between ITI and industry requirements. Under the agreement, in the first phase, TKM will extend this ASDC association with already associated 49 ITI/Diploma TTEP Institutes. T-TEP (Toyota Technical Education Program) will curate a cutting-edge training module, educate and mentor the aspirants on various facets of the automotive system and give them on-job training at their dealership. Based on the training garnered during the course, ASDC will certify the students enhancing their employability quotient. In phase two, the Dealership Centralised Training Centres (DCTC) across Toyota dealerships in major metros in the country will offer a month-long crash course. For more details visit the link https://www.autocarpro.in/news-national/toyota-kirloskar-motor-partners-asdc-to-make-iti-students-industryready-44418
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Coir Board of India participated in 13th Gardex - Japan - October 9-11. 2019.

Coir Board (http://coirboard.gov.in/) along with 11 entrepreneurs from Indian Coir Sector participated in the 13th International Garden Expo (Gardex) held at Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan during October 9-11. 2019. First Secretary (Eco) Mr. Bhagirathi Behera paid a visit to the fair on the second day (October 10) to encourage the Indian entrepreneurs from coir sectors as part of export promotion activities of the Mission. He exchanged business cards and interacted with the participants at the Indian pavilion. The participants from Coir Board were advised to share their feed back with the Indian Embassy after conclusion of the International fair. Most of the entrepreneurs representing the Southern States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Andhra Pradesh were old timers who continued to participate in the event in Japan for the last 10 to 12 years. Gardex is Japan’s largest garden industry trade show which invites companies from all over Japan and the Asia Pacific region to exhibit products of agriculture, forestry, horticulture as well as rubber, plastic, coir and industrial equipment. Indian exhibitors participating in the Gardex 2019 international trade fair were quite enthusiastic about the trends of the Japanese market which showed preferences of the Japanese clients for the high quality Indian coir products which included garden articles, tuffed matting's, fibre and pith products. The Indian delegates attended to several business enquiries effectively through employing Japanese interpreters at the venue of the trade fair.

Indian Tea Seminar “Chai-Varta”

The 221st Indian Tea Seminar called “Chai-Varta” was organized jointly by the Embassy of India, Tokyo and Japan Tea Association(JTA) at Embassy of India on 10th October, 2019. About 49 member from Japan Tea Association participated in the event. The Basic objective of the seminar was to promote Indian tea in the Japanese market. The inaugural address was made by Mr. Bhagirathi Behera, First Secretary (Economic) with information about Indian tea and the short film to showcase the variety of Indian Tea, such as Darjeeling, Assam, Nilgiri, Kangra and Sikkim tea, etc were shown to the audience. A quiz was organized to promote awareness about Indian tea. The quiz winners received Tea caddy gifts from First Secretary (Economic) Mr. Satoshi Tanaka, Managing Director, Japan Tea Association addressed the participants and informed about the tasting of Darjeeling tea. JTA certified tea Instructor demonstrated to make and serve delicious Indian tea during the session of the Tea Seminar.

Under GoJ’s Host Town Initiative, Toyama Prefecture’s Kurobe City and Indian MoYA&S signed an MoU on 7th Oct 2019 at Kurobe City Office. Under the agreement, Kurobe City will host Indian Archery Team before Tokyo 2020 by organizing pre-Olympic camp from mid-June to mid-July 2020 for duration of 3-4 weeks. There will be promotion of a friendly relationship between the Indian archers and Kurobe residents too through exchange programs.

Incredible !ndia at JATA Tourism Expo Osaka

Tourism departments from the States of Kerala, Tamilnadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh participated in Tourism Expo Japan at Osaka. They put up beautiful stalls with attractive travel packages for information of tour operators. The Expo was organized by JTTA, JATA, JNTO and attracted more than 1.5 lakh visitors in 03 days.
A 5 Member delegation headed by Mr Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary Ministry of HousingUrban Affairs (MoHUA) participated in the 11th India-Japan Joint working group meeting on Urban development, held on October 17, 2019 at Tokyo. From the Indian Mission, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Raj Kumar Srivastava, Minister (Eco) Ms. Mona Khandhar and First Secretary (Eco) Mr. Bhagirathi Behera attended the JWG meeting. The Japanese side was led by Mr. Hideki Hirai, Deputy Minister for International projects from the Ministry of Land Infrastructure Transport & Tourism (MLIT). During the sessions of JWG meeting, both sides made presentation on policy and challenges faced in the field of smart city, storm water management, waste water reclamation, sludge treatment and urban transportation including station area development, transit oriented developments and multi-modal integration. The meeting witnessed intense interaction between the two side for Joint collaboration on sectors of Urban development, Secretary, MoHUA Mr. Durga Shanker Mishra proposed to revise the MoU signed between the two side to in corporate changes according to current developments. He also proposed the Japanese government to adopt three to five of the smart cities in India which would provide insight to Japanese companies to collaborate in the development of 100 small cities being implemented by India government. During the deliberation five Japanese companies namely Tokyo Rope, Kochi Mautaka, Koken, Taiyu Kasetu Co Ltd and Aomi Construction Co. Ltd. made presentation to prevent land slide, rockfall, debris flow and flood control.

Secretary, Mr Durga Shanker Mishra appreciated the Porous Asphalt pavement technology demonstrated by M/s Taiyu Kasetu Co. Ltd. and wanted to use it in India. The company is promoting Japanese pavement technology in Asian countries including China, Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia since 2000. The delegation members as part of their site visit toured Tsukuba, Moriya Depot, Shinjuku multi modal integration unit, Kashiwanoha smart city, transit oriented development at nagoreyama Otakonomori and Roppongi Ichome projects. The delegation visited Ota solid waste plant, Iriezaki water and Sludge treatment Centre as well as UR Housing site at Minami Hiyoshi, apart from meeting with Mr Junichi Yamada, Senior Vice President of JICA on October 17. The delegation also attended a smart city Seminar organised by the Indian Embassy where 20 Japanese companies including representatives from METI and MLIT participated. At the round table discussions on smart cities, many Japanese companies showed a great deal of interest in working in different aspects to improve liveability, economic-ability and sustainability in India’s selected 100 smart cities. In a separate meeting held at the conference room of the Indian Embassy, a Japanese company namely Pacific consultant made a presentation before the delegation about flood control measures in Mumbai. Ambassador H. E. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Rajkumar Srivastava and First Secretary (Eco) Mr. Bhagirathi Behera were present during the presentation. Secretary Mr. Durga Shankar Mishra invited the team of the pacific consultants to visit India for a detailed presentation on flood control.

Delegation also visited Shinjuku and Tokyo Station to experience Transit Oriented and Multi Modal (Inter State Bus Terminal, Metro Rail, Suburban trains and Taxi stand) Development through exceptional FAR system, integrated improvement and promoting rebuilding by selling unused air space. The delegation also visited Shin-Shirakawa General Education Center to see the Shinkansen training facilities, Shinkansen Train Driving Simulator and Exhibition Hall of Historical Accidents.
On 14th Oct 2019, Rear Admiral Suraj Berry, FOCEF and COs of Indian Navy ships INS Sahaydri and INS Kiltan called on HE Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India to Japan and discussed issues to further deepen cooperation between Indian Navy and JMSDF.

DPG (Delhi Policy Group) - JIIA 2nd Japan-India Indo-Pacific Forum/ 5th Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue (Tokyo, October 3-4, 2019). How is Japan India strategic partnership formed in the midst of US China New Cold War? On Oct. 3-4, JIIA invited DPG delegation headed by Amb. Hemant Krishan Singh and discussed the importance and role of cooperation in realizing the Free and Open Indo Pacific.

On Oct 30, 2019, HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma paid a courtesy call on Japan's Minister of State I/C of Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens HE Mr Seiichi Eto. A wide range of subjects incl Yoga, Ayurveda, marine policy were discussed.

On Oct 30, 2019, HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma paid a courtesy call on Japan's Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy HE Mr Yasuyoshi Nishimura. A wide range of subjects incl Smart City, Regional Trade Agreements, Parliamentary Exchanges were discussed.

On Oct 27, 2019, HE Ambassador Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma attended a ceremony to inaugurate ANA (All Nippon Airways) direct flight from Narita to Chennai at Narita International Airport, Japan with President of ANA Co. Ltd, Narita Airport, JIA (Japan India Association) & ICIJ (Indian Commerce and Industry Association Japan) and other dignitaries.

HE Ambassador Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma attended on 2nd Oct a welcome reception hosted by Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. HE Ms OMI Asako on the occasion of Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue (3-4 Oct) in Tokyo.

HE Ambassador Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma delivered keynote during roundtable by NASSCOM India at CEATEC, Tokyo. Roundtable turns into a seminar, saw great turnout with over 85 Japanese companies participated. There was panel discussion of working with Indian IT companies.
On 29th October 2019, Defence Minister of India Shri Rajnath Singh had a telephonic conversation with the Minister of Defence of Japan, Mr Taro Kono. Raksha Mantri congratulated him on behalf of the Government of India for the enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor Naruhito.

Shri Rajnath Singh also expressed deep condolences for the loss of lives and property caused due to recent Typhoon Hagibis that hit Japan earlier this month. He commended the Government of Japan for its efforts to provide relief and succour to the people affected by the typhoon.

Expressing satisfaction on the robust defence cooperation between India and Japan, Defence Minister Mr Singh recalled his successful meetings with the Prime Minister of Japan Mr Shinzo Abe and the then Defence Minister of Japan Mr Takeshi Iwaya during his visit to Japan in September, 2019. Shri Rajnath Singh looked forward to meeting the Minister of Defence of Japan during the forthcoming ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Plus Meeting in Bangkok in November, 2019. The two Ministers also exchanged views on bilateral relations and regional security situation.

A 4 member delegation led by Steel Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan participated in the Ministerial meeting (Oct 26, 2019) of the Global Forum of Steel Excess Capacity (GFSEC) at Chinzanso Hotel, Tokyo. The meeting was chaired by the newly appointed METI Minister of Japan Mr. Hiroshi Kojiyama and was attended by Ministers and Industry representatives from 33 steel producing countries among others China, Japan, USA, UK, India, South Africa, Germany, Saudi Arabia as well as other countries of the European Union and OECD. Minister met the new METI Minister at the luncheon meeting and exchanged greetings with a brief discussion on bilateral matters. In the sidelines of the GFSEC meeting, the Steel Minister also met the concerned Ministers from South Africa, Saudi Arabia and Russia.

The Ministers at the conference, initiated intense discussion to tackle the problem of steel excess capacity but failed to extend the mandate of their forum, due to opposition from China which insisted that the forum achieved its goal and hence needs to end its term by December 2019 as originally scheduled. However, Japan in the chair expressed its intention to continue discussion on measures against steel over supply by setting up a new multilateral framework with the European Union and others. On the eve of the GFSEC Ministerial Conference, Indian Steel Minister attended meetings (October 25, 2019) organized by the Indian Embassy with six Japanese Steel Companies namely Nippon Steel, Sumitomo Corporation, Mitsubishi Steel, Sanyo Steel, JFE Steel and Primetal. The Minister invited these companies to set up new manufacturing base and expand their ongoing activities in India. He assured all help needed to alleviate their concerns including high rate of electricity, obtaining mining rights and security concerns resulting in delay of project implementation. He hoped that the ongoing initiative to establish a Steel Dialogue with Japan will materialize during the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to India.
Hon’ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind was on a 3-day tour from 21-23 October 2019 to attend the enthronement ceremony of Emperor Naruhito on 22nd October 2019.

On 21st Oct, Hon’ble President arrived in Tokyo in late afternoon. In the evening, Hon’ble President visited and paid respects at the Tsukiji Hongwanji Buddhist Temple in Tokyo. The temple architecture is an amalgam of cultures from East Asia, Europe and Middle East. At the Temple, he planted a Bodhi Tree sapling that he carried from India. This sapling would grow in its new august surroundings and symbolise the Indo-Japan civilizational ties and our common heritage. Hon’ble President also paid his respects at Meiji Shrine at Tokyo that is dedicated to the deified spirit of Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Meiji restoration in 1868 was a watershed moment in Japanese history in which Japan was completely transformed into a modern country. In late evening, Hon’ble President also interacted with a delegation from the Gotemba Peace Pagoda.

On 22nd October, Hon’ble President attended the enthronement ceremony of the Japan's new Emperor Naruhoito in Japan in the Imperial Palace. Japan's Emperor formally proclaims enthronement in centuries-old ceremony.

On sidelines, Hon’ble President of the enthronement ceremony, the President met President Bidya Devi Bhandari of Nepal. During the discussions, the President said that continuously expanding and strengthening partnership with Nepal is a priority for our government. It is in consonance with India’s vision to promote economic growth and prosperity in the neighbourhood. He said that India values its development partnership with Nepal. India is committed to support Nepal in its economic growth and development as per the priorities set by the Government of Nepal.

In the early evening of 22nd October, Hon'ble President addressed the members of Indian Community in Japan at Embassy of India Tokyo. In his address, he mentioned that India is on a transformational path. Economy is growing at a fast rate. New infrastructure apace being created. Efforts are to lead the world on digital economy, on new technologies, on climate change action and on fashioning the contours of the knowledge society. India offers immense opportunities for Indian Diaspora to participate in our progress and prosperity. He said that India seeks their support and commitment to create an India of our vision and dream, an India that promises to light millions of homes with progress and prosperity; an India that cares for one and for all. The President said that our cultural relations with Japan are deep and historic. We share spiritual and religious connections, from Buddhism to Hinduism and more. Our strategic, political, security and economic collaboration has assumed a new high. Japan is a lead partner for us in transforming our economy. Their participation in the High Speed Rail project from Mumbai to Ahmedabad is a symbol of our deep mutual trust and friendship. To deepen our technology collaboration, we have established the India-Japan Digital Partnership. He applauded the efforts of various organizations who are promoting Ayurveda and Yoga for healthy living in Japan.

In the evening of 22nd October, Hon'ble President attended the dinner hosted by Emperor at Imperial Palace Tokyo.

On 23rd October, Hon'ble President attended the founding stone ceremony of Sri Sathya Sai Sanathana Samskruti at Sathya Sai Spiritual Centre at Kakegawa city, Japan. The city has strong presence of companies like Suzuki, Honda Yamaha etc. Sai no Sato will be developed as a temple on the lines of Akshardham and Swaminarayan Temple to promote Indian traditional culture. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that in today’s world, where we are searching for inner peace and happiness, looking to bring communities and cultures together, places like Sai no Sato provide us the right answers. We need not just one but many more such fonts of peaceful existence, where women and men can contemplate about self and society, individual and community and eliminate the distance between "us and them".

In the evening of 23rd October, the Hon'ble President also attended a banquet hosted in his honour by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan. Later in the night, the Hon'ble President embarked his return journey to New Delhi in the early morning of October 24, 2019.
Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Science, Technology & Earth Sciences visited Tokyo from 17-18 October for bilateral meetings before going to attend the G20 Health Ministers Meeting in Okayama from 19-20 October, 2019. He had an excellent bilateral meeting on 17 October with H.E. Mr Koichi Hagiuda, MEXT (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, S&T) Minister of Japan at Tokyo and discussed various bilateral issues in the Sci. & Tech and Health sector.

On 18 October he co-chaired the 1st JCM (Joint Committee Meeting) along with Dr. Hiroto Izumi, Special Advisor to PM under the 2nd MOC signed on Healthcare and wellness in Oct 2018 during the visit of PM Modi to Japan in context of Ayushman Bharat of India and Asia Health and Well-Being Initiative (AHWIN) of Japan. Both sides discussed areas of collaboration in Human Resource development, cooperation amongst tertiary care centres, collaboration on provisioning of trained Indian Care Givers to Japan and collaborative skill development in field of geriatric care between India and Japan. Both sides also discussed setting up of Indo-Japanese Innovation Hub & Joint Testing Labs. Hon'ble Minister spoke on collaboration in developing high standard generics & medical devices with special focus on establishing manufacturing units in India under MakeInIndia program. Hon'ble Minister emphasised the need for increased collaboration between the two countries in the field of traditional medicine, especially to recognise Ayurveda & allow practitioners to practice in Japan.

Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Scientific Secretary to the Office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India visited Kyoto from 6-8 October to attend the STS Forum (Science & Technology in Society). He then visited Tokyo from 9-10 October for holding bilateral meetings with various government ministries/departments and agencies including MEXT (Ministry of Culture, Education, Science & Technology and Sports), Cabinet Office, METI (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry), MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), JST (Japan S&T Agency), JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), and AMED (Japan Agency for Medical Research & Development) to discuss collaboration in the area of STI (Science, Technology & Innovation) for SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) and bilateral S&T collaboration. As a part of the Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM), the UN Inter-agency Task Team (IATT) is working towards developing STI Roadmaps for SDGs. It may be noted that India is one of the pilot country while Japan is partner country for the same.

During the visit to Tokyo, Embassy of India organized a talk by Dr Mitra on the Technology roadmap of India with Indian scientists and researchers in Japan and Japanese stakeholders as coordinated by PM-STIAC (Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council). His talk focused on 9 National Missions under the PM-STIAC and other policy initiatives being taken by Government of India to promote STI eco-system in India.

(Council for Scientific & Industrial Research) has recently published a compendium of Technologies that are Technology Readiness Levels (TRL)-6 or above. More Information on https://www.csir.res.in/csir-compendium-technologies-trl-6-above
Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare attended the G20 Okayama Health Ministers’ Meeting on October 19-20, 2019, held under the Presidency of Japan in Okayama City, Japan. The deliberations of the G20 Health Ministers focused on four major global health issues, namely (i) Achievement of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) (ii) Response to population aging (iii) Management of health risks and health security management including Anti-Microbial Resistance (AMR) and its containment.

**Intervening on UHC**, Union Health mentioned about GoI’s focus on inclusive health with initiatives Ayushman Bharat, FIT India Movement and Eat Right Campaign. He confided that India is on the path to UHC and will contribute effectively in sustaining UHC at the global level. **On “Response to Population Aging”** Union Health Minister, during his intervention, shared India’s vision for its projected 20% elderly population by 2050. He conveyed the efforts done so far under National Programme for Health Care of Elderly to provide accessible, affordable, and high-quality long-term, comprehensive health care services to an ageing population. In his intervention he also made a mention of public health measures to tackle Dementia. He concluded his intervention by highlighting India’s commitment to ensure dignity with care for its elderly. **De-liberating on Health risk and health security**, Union Health Minister made intervention on AMR, seen as a serious emerging threat to global public health. He conveyed G20 Health Ministers that in a short span of time India has made commendable progress by implementing a national action plan, establishing a national antimicrobial resistance surveillance system, and its decision to contribute to global AMR R&D efforts. While voicing his concern on AMR, he called upon all relevant UN agencies to align themselves in their endeavour to combat antimicrobial resistance.

During the Simulation Exercise on “Public Health Emergency during mass gathering” on 20th October, 2019, Union Health Minister shared two best practices (i) successful pulse polio campaign in Delhi in 1994 threatened by a major outbreak of Plague during the same period and (ii) the risk communication management to bring down the mass hysteria created by Social media during Nipah outbreak in Kerala in 2018.

The G20 Health Ministers meeting concluded by adopting the “Okayama Declaration of the G 20 Health Ministers”. The declaration, having 52 articles endorses the Commitment of G20 countries to address the major global health issues, as highlighted above and to pave the way towards an inclusive and sustainable world, as envisioned in the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. Further, G20 members have committed to continue this dialogue during the upcoming G20 presidency in Saudi Arabia.

This opportunity was also utilized to have bilateral meetings with Italy, Singapore, United Kingdom and United States of America.


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The G20 Tourism Ministers' Meet concluded on 26 Oct'19 in Kutchan, Hokkaido Japan. Mr. Yogendra Tripathi, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism represented India. This meeting adopted declaration for Women’s Empowerment in Tourism & Role of Innovations Digital transformation in Sustainable Tourism. On the sidelines Secretary Mr. Yogendra Tripathi met Mr. Hiroshi Tabata, Commissioner, Japan Tourism Agency and discussed strengthening tourism ties between both the countries.
On 7th Oct 2019, Ambassador HE Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma visited DBT (Department of Bio-Technology, GoI) and AIST joint research facility DAICENTER (DBT-AIST International Center for Transnational and Environmental Research) at AIST, Tsukuba campus, Japan. He visited the facility and interacted with researchers and students from various institutions from India such as IIT Delhi, Silkkim University and IIT Guwahati etc. He commended the initiative and suggested collaboration with industry, start-ups and focus on affordable and scalable research.

On 7th Oct 2019, Ambassador HE Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma visited JAXA’s (Japan Space Exploration Agency) Tsukuba Space Center and got briefing about India-Japan Space Collaboration and also visited some space facilities and exhibition.

The Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) Tokyo organized the 4th international educational exchange programme for 12 Teachers & Educational Administrators from India (from MHRD, Kendriya Vidhayala Schools, Navodaya Vidhalaya Samiti Schools, CBSE Schools, NCERT, CEE) from 13-20 October 2019 with aim to learn & share with Japanese teachers and students good practices including ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) & exchange of ideas about each other educational systems, culture, society.

The Embassy of India supported the programme by organising the Orientation Programme on 14 Oct 2019 at the Embassy where Consular (Political & IEC) Mr Brahma Kumar delivered the welcome remarks where he stressed upon the benefit of such exchange programmes on enhancing people-to-people understanding and encouraged the participants to take full benefit of the programme. Second Secretary (IEC) represented the Embassy in Closing ceremony in Tokyo on 19th October 2019.

The programme was conducted in close cooperation with the MEXT of Japan and MHRD, GoI and Centre for Environment Education (“Centre of Excellence” under MoEF&CC, GoI). Since 2016, every year 12-15 Elementary and Secondary Education teachers, Non-formal Education centre teachers, or school managers or educational administrators in India recommended by his/her institution & MHRD/CEE are invited to Japan for 7-8 days Programme.

HE Ambassador Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma met on 2nd Oct 2019 at Embassy of India Tokyo scientists from KEK Japan (www.kek.jp) and University of Tokyo (UoT) led by Distinguished Prof Takaaki KAJITA (2015 Physics Nobel Prize Laureate and 2019 IUPAP-TIFR Homi Bhabha Award) and discussed about Science and Technology collaboration between India and Japan. Other scientists are Professor Masato Shiozawa from UoT and Professor Takanashi Kobayashi from KEK Japan.

Ambassador His Excellency Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma met Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports led delegation in Tokyo and discussed about Tokyo2020 Olympics & Paralympics games preparations. Delegation had members from Athletics Federation of India, Boxing Federation of India/Indian Olympic Association, JSW sports, etc. Delegation also met representatives from Indian Community in Japan and discussed ways & means of support by Indian Community for games.
An event celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was held at Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India on 2nd October 2019 (Gandhi Jayanti). The event was co-organised by the Embassy of India, Discover India Club, Japan-India Association and Japan-India Cultural Exchange Network.

The event began with the plantation of Sakura (cherry) tree at Embassy Premises by H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India to Japan. HE Ambassador gave the inaugural remarks followed by a congratulatory message by Mr Hiroshi Hirabayashi, Representative Director of Japan-India Association and former Ambassador of Japan to India. After that HE Ambassador along with Amb Hirabayashi, Mr Kameko Vice president of Discover India Club, Mr Rev Yamada of Japan India Cultural Exchange Network and Mr Ryuko Hira of HMI Group released the Manga (Japanese Comic) on "Life of Gandhi". The programme also featured keynote lectures by Dr Kaori Kurihara (Title "Gandhi's Educational Thought and Gujrat Vidyaapeeth") and message by Prof. Chiharu Takenaka from Rikkyo University, Prof Chiharu Takenaka from Rikkyo University (Title "Gandhi-A man spinning peace"); a Kathak performance by Mr Mohit Shridhar and Ms Nao Tsutsumi; and a rendition of Vaishnav Jan To Tene Kahiye with participation by all members of the audience.

On this day, the winners of the Gandhi Essay (title "Relevance of Gandhi in Present World"), Quiz (on "Life of Gandhi") and Painting (on the theme of "Gandhian Philosophy) Competitions were announced and were awarded by H.E. Ambassador. There was also display of Digital Projection showcasing the famous quotes by Gandhiji with background music of "Vaishnav Jan Te" bhajan. Simultaneously, photos from the life of Mahatma Gandhi, paintings on the theme of Gandhian Philosophy by school children, a vegetable carving of Mahatma Gandhi and Khadi items were exhibited in the cultural centre.

To conclude the programme, vegetarian snacks and light refreshments were served for the enjoyment of the visitors.

On 19th October 2019, Ambassador of India to Japan Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma gave remarks at an event organized by University of Tokyo to celebrate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Ambassador in his remarks mentioned that Gandhiji understood the feeling and sympathy of youth and called them as instruments of social change and thus wanted youth and students to become the means to form idealistic thoughts. He encouraged young minds about self-reliance as a crucial necessity to success. This Gandhian philosophy applies to all youth irrespective of their ideologies as youth is the future.

Japan and India Weaving Closer Ties
October marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of the father of India's independence movement. Mahatma Gandhi helped popularize a type of cloth known as Khadi, as part of his efforts to make Indian villagers self-reliant. And as NHK World's Naoko Hattori reports a group of Japanese and Indian women in now working to promote the textile here in Japan.

For more details visit the link https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/videos/20191029133937492/?fbclid=IwAR2BBIC8-8aWc5JJo3XIsksDn1wwhDL-DYJUisKZtQM34IR0rhBULX0Ye8
On 10th Oct 2019, H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India to Japan, delivered congratulatory remarks on the occasion of the 29th "Hajime Nakamura Eastern Study Prize Award Presentation Ceremony". He presented the 29th "Hajime Nakamura Eastern Study Prize" certificates to Dr Sanki Murakami, Emeritus of Tohoku University; and Dr Sinkai Oikawa, Director of Joen-ji Institute of Nichiren Buddhism. The prize is awarded each year to distinguished scholars in the field of Eastern Studies in honour of the late Dr Hajime Nakamura, who is considered one of the greatest scholars of Indian philosophy and Buddhism in Japan.

On 9th October, a combined workshop and the open class day was held at the Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, by the centre's instructors to reach out to prospective students for the coming January to June 2020 semester. Teacher of Indian Culture, Dr Reeta Sharma; dance teachers Ms. Kyoko Nobi and Ms. Kazuko Yasunobu; and Tabla teacher Mr. Shigeru Moriyama conducted demo lessons on Yoga, Odissi, Bharatanatyam, Indian Movie Dance and Tabla for members of the public to join for the day and experience each class first hand.

As part of community outreach, Ambassador His Excellency Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma graced the auspicious Durga Puja event (30th, Since 1990) organized by Bengali Association Tokyo (BATJ) in Tokyo on 6th October. Event was attended by a large number of Indians & Japanese friends. Ambassador also released BATJ's literary magazine “Anjali”.

As part of community outreach, Ambassador His Excellency Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma hosted a dinner at his residence "India House" for friends of Embassy who are contributing to India-Japan cultural exchanges. The gathering was attended by figures from the arts, music, dance, Yoga, traditional medicine and culinary arts, etc. There were interesting interactions on furthering cultural exchanges.

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Seminar: Business Opportunities in India <Osaka>

Consulate General of India, Osaka-Kobe in partnership with India’s Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and National Skill Development Corporation will organize a Seminar on ‘Technical Intern Training Programme (TITP)’ followed by ‘Business Matching’ between Indian Sending Organisations and Japanese Receiving Organisations from 10:00 am on Thursday, 21st November, 2019. The programme is supported by Japan International Training Cooperation Organization (JITCO).

For more details visit the link https://www.indembassy-tokyo.gov.in/pdf/Seminar_on_TITP_Osaka_JITCO_Embassy_of_India_CGI_Oska_nov8_1.pdf

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