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India On the Move

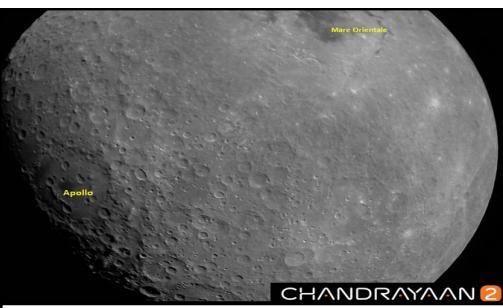
India Launched Lunar Probe "Chandrayaan 2"

On July 22, 2019 the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched unmanned lunar probe "Chandrayaan 2" (in Sanskrit means "a vehicle to go to the Moon.") from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota, Indian State of Andhra Pradesh using its Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle, GSLV MkIII-M1. GSLV launched the probe into its planned orbit with a perigee (nearest point to Earth) of 169.7 km and an apogee (farthest point to Earth) of 45,475 km. Chandrayaan 2 consists of a lunar orbiter, a landing aircraft, and a rover. The probe is expected to make a soft landing near the Moon's South Pole, and carry out exploration activities.

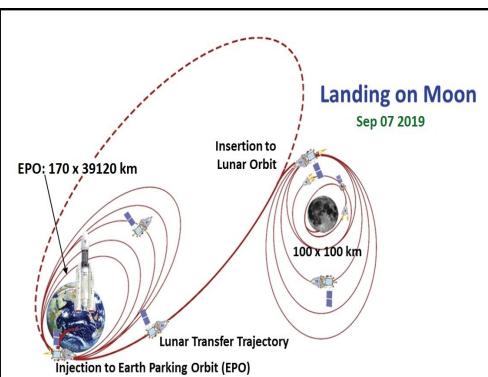
After the injection of Chandrayaan-2 spacecraft, a series of maneuvers were carried out to raise its orbit (24th July, 26th July, 29th July, 2nd Aug, 6th Aug & 14th Aug) and put Chandrayaan-2 on Lunar Transfer Trajectory (on 20th Aug). On entering Moon's sphere of influence (on 20th Aug), on-board thrusters slowed down the spacecraft for Lunar Capture. The Orbit of Chandrayaan-2 around the moon were circularized to 100x100 km orbit through a series of orbital maneuvers (20th Aug, 21st Aug, 28th Aug, 30th Aug). Last orbital maneuver will be on 1st Sept. Vikram Lander will separate on 2nd Sept and will make 02 deorbits (3rd & 4th Sept). On the day of landing (expected date Sep 7, 2019), the lander will separate from the Orbiter and then perform a series of complex maneuvers comprising of rough braking and fine braking. Imaging of the landing site region prior to landing will be done for finding safe and hazard-free zones. Subsequently, Rover will roll out and carry out experiments on Lunar surface for a period of 1 Lunar day which is equal to 14 Earth days. Orbiter will continue its mission for a duration of one year. For more details visit the link <https://www.isro.gov.in/chandrayaan2-mission>.

If the rover lands safely onto the moon surface, India is expected to become the fourth country after the former Soviet Union, the United States, and China, to make a soft landing on the moon.

India launched "Chandrayaan 1" in 2008, and succeeded in reaching the Moon's orbit. In 2013, India launched its first Mars probe. India has expressed interest in building a space station. Space development is one of the pillars of the Modi administration's



1st Moon image captured by Chandrayaan2 Vikram Lander taken at a ht of ~2650 km from Lunar surface (Aug 21). Mare Orientale basin & Apollo craters are identified in the picture.



Message from the Ambassador H. E. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma

I am pleased to bring forth this edition of the newsletter of the Indian Embassy 'The Indian Connection' .

This edition brings you stories of growing India as well as initiatives of the Indian Government and resulting success stories besides stories of India-Japan.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

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The tech startup scene in India: growing fast as a mobile first economy

India is fast-becoming a startup country, rivalling the US, UK, China, Singapore and Israel, among others. Current figures estimate there are approx 3,000 tech startups in India with 800 more emerging every year. By 2020, it is predicted that this figure will rise to 10,000 with 2000 new startups emerging every year.

Based on a NASSCOM report entitled "NASSCOM 10000 Startups Report", 6 cities in India account for 90% of the technology scene: Bangalore (now Bengaluru) and the New Delhi area account for 28% and 24% startups, although emerging scenes have established themselves in the country; from Mumbai to Hyderabad, and Pune to Chennai.

In terms of quality and talent, too, India has a clear advantage compared to other tech hubs across the world. The number of engineers and software developers dwarfs the available tech talent in the UK, for example — hence why the government needs to prioritise tech visas for different industries.

For more details visit the link <https://www.information-age.com/tech-startup-scene-india-mobile-first-123484154/>

Open innovation brings Japanese companies to Startup India

YOURSTORY Opinion by Sachino Taki, JETRO India

In the recent past, innovative collaborations between Indian companies and Japan's corporates have been in the spotlight. From OYO entering the Japanese real estate industry, and Paytm providing technology to Softbank and Yahoo's mobile payment app PayPay - startups with a 'make in India' mark, the future looks promising for collaborations between India and Japan. Both Oyo and Paytm have entered into the high growth unicorn club, having amassed more than \$1 billion in valuation. Indian startups are now capturing the Japanese market primarily due to their free-thinking abilities that disrupt existing framework, advanced development skills that enable and shape ideas swiftly, and of course, energetic youth that helm such startups, who can effectively communicate with a global perspective.

In business collaborations between Japanese companies and Indian startups, direct investment for startups and investment through venture capital (VC) are de rigueur. Startups also expect Japanese companies to invest, with cases where Japanese companies have invested in distinguished VCs to approach prominent startups.

What Japan needs to keep in mind when working with Indian startups

1. Clarify target issues and partners that you want to cooperate with.
2. Speedy decision-making and a commitment to the Indian market.
3. Proactively disseminate the company's strengths and its contribution to the ecosystem to facilitate quick business negotiations.

Yet, Japanese companies feel that it is difficult to capture India's complex and large market. Understanding it requires a long-term commitment. Now, with Indian companies being open and positive about business with Japan, they are also seeking positive and clear information. As the first step, it is important to emphasise on effective communication with Indian companies while making pertinent use of India's innovation ecosystem.

For more details visit the link <https://yourstory.com/2019/07/open-innovation-japanese-companies-startup-india>

India's tiger population rises to nearly 3,000

India's tiger population has grown to nearly 3,000, making the country one of the safest habitats for the endangered animals.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the tiger count for 2018 on 29th July'19 said it's a "historic achievement" for India as the big cat's population had dwindled to 1,400 about 14-15 years ago. India estimates its tiger population every four years. Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said the tiger population was 2,226 in the last count, in 2014. The tiger is India's national animal and it is categorized as endangered under the Wildlife Protection Act.

For more details visit the link <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframe-Page.aspx?PRID=1580622>

India's unicorn tribe grows faster than ever this year

India's coveted startup club of unicorns- firms valued at \$1 billion or more, is growing faster than ever. 2019 alone has produced over half a dozen unicorns so far, with a new one just last week. The unicorns created this year include grocery startup Icertis, a contract management software platform, BigBasket, trucking logistics firm Rivigo, ecommerce logistics firm Delhivery, software firm Druva, fantasy gaming startup Dream11, IT healthcare firm CitiusTech and Ola Electric, the electric vehicle arm spun off from ride hailing startup Ola, itself one of India's earliest unicorns, according to data from Venture Intelligence. For more details visit the link <https://www.livemint.com/companies/start-ups/india-s-unicorn-tribe-grows-faster-than-ever-this-year-1563593970553.html>

**India Ranked 52nd in Global Innovation Index-2019
Commerce & Industry Minister Releases Global Innovation Index Rankings**

Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Railways, Mr Piyush Goyal launched the Global Innovation Index (GII) in New Delhi on 24th July 2019. This was the first time that the GII is being launched in an emerging economy. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GoI, UN's World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) co-hosted the event.

India maintains its top place in the Central and Southern Asia region as the 52nd ranked economy this year. From 81 in 2015, India's 29-place move up the GII represents the biggest jump by any major economy. Thanks to its high-quality scientific publications and universities, India remains 2nd among middle-income economies in the quality of innovation. It maintains top ranks in a number of important indicators such as productivity growth and exports of services related to information and communication technologies. This year India reaches the 15th spot in global companies' R&D expenditures. It also features in the GII ranking on the world's top science and technology clusters, with Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi included in the global top 100 clusters.

The GII rankings are published every year by Cornell University, INSEAD and the UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and GII Knowledge Partners. This is the 12th edition of the GII rankings of 129 economies based on 80 indicators ranging from intellectual property filing rates to mobile-application creation, education spending and scientific and technical publications.

For more details visit the links https://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2019/article_0008.html, <https://pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1579911> & <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=192210>

Bengaluru, the IT city of India, has the highest number of start-ups in India. Globally, the Karnataka capital, stands at 11th position, as per Startup Ecosystem ranking. The city is home to around 30 % of the startups working with the Ministry of Defence to deliver latest technologies to Indian armed forces.

Defence Innovation Organisation

The Government of India has approved a Scheme of Defence Innovation Fund (DIF), aimed at creating an ecosystem to foster innovation and technology development in defence by engaging R&D institutes, academia, industry including MSMEs, start-ups and even individual innovators and provide them award based grant/ funding to carry out innovative development, which has good potential for future commercialization. The Scheme is proposed to be implemented through a ‘not for profit’ company under section 8 of the Companies Act, namely Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO) est in April 2017 with Bengaluru as its headquarter. The DIO would be funded by 2 Defence Public Sector Undertakings, namely Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). For more details visit the link <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=168797>



India's FDI 2018-19 highest ever @USD 64.37 billion

As per Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT; dipp.gov.in), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, setting a new record, India received Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of a whopping 64.37 billion USD during the fiscal year ending March 2019, which is the highest-ever FDI inflow in any year for the country. India has also received Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth 286 billion USD in the past five years. This has resulted in the inflow of resources, latest technologies & best practices to push economic growth on to a higher trajectory.

The banner features the Indian Government's emblem at the top left. Below it, the text "DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY" and "Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India". To the right is the logo for "birac", which stands for Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, with the tagline "A Govt of India Enterprise". The main title "Global Bio-India 2019" is prominently displayed in large blue letters. Below it, the subtitle "Power to Transform Lives" and the tagline "Bioscience to Bioeconomy - USD 100 Bn by 2025". The lead organization is mentioned as "Led by Department of Biotechnology, Govt. of India". The event dates "21-23 November 2019: Aerocity, New Delhi" are also included. A large rectangular box in the center contains the text "SAVE THE DATE". Below this box are six icons representing different sectors: Bio-Pharma, Bio-Agri, Bio-Industrial, Bio-Energy, Bio-Services, and Bio-Partnership. Each icon has a small descriptive text below it. To the right of the icons is a vertical column of 16 text boxes, each corresponding to one of the 30+ countries, 200+ exhibitors, 3500+ delegates, 250 startups, B2B, B2G, G2G meetings, media interaction, awards, policy dialogues, bio-partnering, key global giants, CEOs roundtable, global regulators meets, investors roundtable, country pavilion, ministries and departments' pavilions, state pavilion, start-up biotechnology grand challenge program, workshops/ bootcamp, and startup pavilion. At the bottom left is the logo for "ABLE", the Association of Bio-Pharmaceutical Laboratories of India. At the bottom center is the "CII" logo with the text "Confederation of Indian Industry". At the bottom right is the "INVEST INDIA" logo with the tagline "Invest in India | Invest in India". A green horizontal bar at the very bottom contains the text "For more information, contact: Secretariat, Global Bio-India 2019, Make in India Cell, BIRAC, Maxine M. Fisher Building, 9, CGM Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110002" and "Dr. Manish Dhanwanthary, birac@biotecindia.com www.globalbioindia.com".

Government brings Resolution to Repeal Article 370 of the Constitution (05 AUG 2019 by PIB Delhi)

Union Home Minister introduced Jammu and Kashmir (Reorganisation) Bill, 2019

President of India issues Constitution (Application to Jammu and Kashmir) Order 2019

Jammu & Kashmir Reservation (2nd Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced in Rajya Sabha (Upper House)

All of the above passed in Rajya Sabha unanimously

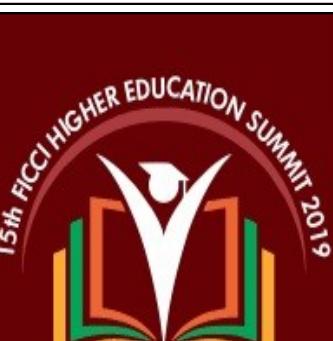
- Article 370 as discriminatory on the basis of gender, class, caste and place of origin. The youth is being taken for a ride by the political elite. This provision was temporary in the first place and it has to go in the larger interest of the people of J&K.
- repeal of the Article 370, doors to private investment in J&K would be opened, which would in turn increase the potential for development there. Increased investments would lead to increased job creation and further betterment of socio-economic infrastructure in the state.
- because of article 370, democracy never took root in J&K, corruption flourished, widespread poverty took root and no socio-economic infrastructure could come up.
- article 370 impedes people from outside the state to do business there. Absence of economic competition has prevented development and corruption flourished.

For more details visit the link <https://pib.gov.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=192487>

Parliament approves Resolution to repeal Article 370; paves way to truly integrate J&K with Indian Union (06 AUG 2019 by PIB Delhi)

- Now, local representatives would have a voice in the hill councils. The governments would be democratically elected and would run the local government and administration in J&K.
- PoK and Aksai Chin are an inalienable part of JK and the seats are still part of the legislature.
- J&K would have a Legislative Assembly with elected representatives and it is a misnomer that the administration would be run by the Centre.
- By repealing this provision, we can bring the people to the mainstream.
- Due to Article 370 Laws like Right to Education, Land Acquisition Act, Multiple Disability Act, Senior Citizens act, Prevention of Child Marriage Act, Delimitation act, Whistle Blower Protection act, laws enacted for empowerment of tribals, National Commission for Minorities, National Council for Teacher Education, among others, could not be applied to J&K.
- Pakistan has misused the presence of article 370 to sow the seeds of separatism and terrorism in J&K

For more details visit the link <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1581391>



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FICCI Higher Education Summit having emerged as the largest exhibition on Higher Education in India, will be visited by key decision makers - parents/ institution heads of students seeking admission in Universities abroad and enabling in a ready pool of students to the participating foreign universities.

Japanese universities/colleges are making efforts to invite the students from around the world, including from India, it is a great opportunity for the Japan's Universities/institutions to participate as Exhibitor at 15th FICCI Higher Education Summit 2019 and get an opportunity to promote 'Study in Japan' by engaging Indian higher educational institutions (forging effective strategic partnerships and collaborations) and enhancing existing synergies between India and Japan. The Japanese Universities/ Institutions seeking Indian students may be interested to exhibit their credentials and take up exhibition space.

The India & Japan Stories

Invest Punjab team discussed potential investments in Medical Devices with Globexi (OPC) Pvt Ltd (a new age water treatment brand which originates from Japan) & Japanese counterparts Nemoto Kyorindo. Investors appreciated the IBDP2017 incentives like employment subsidy and GST reimbursement.



FICCI India (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) signed an MoU with the Fintech Association of Japan (<https://www.fintechjapan.org/>) in the presence of the State Minister during 2nd Round Table on India-Japan Opportunities in Fintech in Delhi. MoU was also signed between FINOLAB Japan (<https://f-i-nolab.tokyo/>)

and Mumbai Fintech Hub. Collaboration in Fintech areas between India and Japan will be enhanced further more through this opportunity.



ANA to start direct Tokyo-Chennai flight from October 27

Japan's largest 5-Star airline All Nippon Airways (ANA) will begin serving a route connecting Tokyo's Narita International Airport and Chennai International Airport from October 27 onwards. The route will be the first direct connection between Japan and southern India.

This will be ANA's third route offering service to India, along with flights from Narita to Mumbai and Delhi, the airline in a statement added.

..Indian Robotic Companies Making Their Ways into Japan's Logistic Sector"

The Nikkei (30 July)

Indian robotics maker, GreyOrange, is tagging up with Japanese partners, such as Daiwa Housing Industry, to expand the market share in Japan. The company has already provided its goods-to-person system, Butler, to Japanese furniture distributor, Nitori.

According to a study done by Fuji Keizai Group, Japan's next generation logistic market is expected to expand into 3.9 trillion-yen market by 2025, registering 89.1% growth compared to the market scale of 2017. While the size of EC market in Japan continues to expand, there's a growing need to realize labor saving operation in Japan's logistic industry as there's no effective way to solve the labor shortage in the sight. And many foreign robotic makers see it as an opportunity to introduce their robots to Japanese market.

For more details visit the link <https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGKKZO47915830Z20C19A7TJ2000/>

Electric vehicle start-up SmartE gets Rs 100-crore investment from Mitsui

Delhi based Electric vehicle (EV) start-up SmartE (<https://www.getsmarte.in/>) has raised Rs 100 crore from Japanese major trading house Mitsui & Co in a Series B funding round. In addition to the capital, Mitsui will bring to SmartE multiple synergies through its existing businesses in the EV domain to enable the company for long-term growth.



Founded in 2014, SmartE provides electric mobility services and focuses on offering shared last-mile connectivity. It has moved over 35 million commuters till date. With its fleet of nearly 1,000 electric three-wheelers in Delhi-NCR, it moves around 100,000 commuters daily.

The company will use the funding to rapidly increase its fleet size within Delhi-NCR as well as other key cities around the country. It will also use the funds to significantly ramp up its charging infra network to offer both plug-in vehicle charging and battery swapping solutions.

For more details visit the link https://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/electric-vehicle-start-up-smarte-gets-rs-100-crore-investment-from-mitsui-119072100766_1.html



Japan's Uniqlo to foray into India in October, open 3 stores in Delhi-NCR

Japanese global apparel retailer UNIQLO on 17th July 2019 announced its plans to make a foray into the Indian market and will open three stores in the first year in Delhi-NCR. Given the size and fast growth of the Indian market, the launch will involve three separate stores. The first of the three UNIQLO stores will open in October in New Delhi, the company said in a statement.

The company's announcement to start operations in India comes after the country allowed 100 per cent FDI in single brand retail, although foreign retailers still need to source 30 per cent of their products from local suppliers, preferably medium and small enterprises.



In 2006, the government had allowed 51 per cent FDI in single brand retail. In January 2018, 100 per cent FDI was permitted for foreign players in single brand retail trade to set up own shops in India without government approval.

For more details visit the links https://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/uniqlo-to-kick-off-india-journey-with-3-stores-from-october-119071700565_1.html & https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXMZO47428400X10C19A7H63A00/?fbclid=IwAR20rS_BuumL1DXvqEsHoIaIv4SIUJyFUFKrtlOXm6hKGCBzZqwNKb_9YQ

Japan's Mitsubishi Corp to invest Rs 100 cr in India's SastaSundar Healthbuddy

Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation has inked a commercial agreement with SastaSundar Healthbuddy Ltd (www.sastasundar.com), one of the leading digital networks of health-care in India. As per the deal, the former will invest Rs 100 crore in digital platform.



Founded in 2011 & Supported by a network of Physical Counseling and Service Centres called "Healthbuddies", SastaSundar ensures an integrated supply chain of Pharma & Wellness Products and Services on its digital platform. It has also innovated personal health tech solutions to provide personalized services using technology. The digital healthcare firm claims to have invested in personal health technology solutions to provide personalised services to customers.

The capital infusion by Mitsubishi comes after Japanese drug maker Rohto Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd invested \$5 million (around Rs 32.4 crore) in May 2017 in exchange for a 13% stake.

For more details read the link <https://www.vccircle.com/mitsubishi-to-invest-in-digital-healthcare-platform-sastasunda/>

India's FreshtoHome raises funds in fresh round led by Iron Pillar

FreshtoHome, a Bengaluru-based online fresh fish and meat retailer, **26th August 2019** raised \$20 million in a Series B funding round that was led by Iron Pillar and also included Japanese investor Joe Hirao, Founder of ZIGExN.



The startup also announced that it crossed \$30 million (Rs 200 crore) in annualized sales, making it the largest such venture in the fish and meat e-commerce space in India. Also at 30% month-on-month growth, FreshtoHome is among the fastest-growing e-grocery companies in India.

FreshtoHome will utilize the funds to expand into other cities in India and the UAE. The company will also use the funds to diversify their product offerings in various other fresh and chemical-free food categories, such as fruits and vegetables, cold-pressed oils, organic cow & buffalo milk, dairy products, organic staples and other healthy food products. These products will eventually be distributed across e-commerce platforms, retail outlets and other channels across multiple geographies.

For more details read the link <https://www.livemint.com/companies/start-ups/iron-pillar-joe-hirao-invest-20-million-in-freshtohome-1566824078445.html>

Japan Invest–NorthEast India Conference on Japanese Investment in NorthEast Region of India

ASSOCHAM's India-Japan Business Promotion Council in association with Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India organized a "Conference on Japanese Investment in North East Region of India" on 8th Aug'19 in New Delhi. There were addresses by Hon'ble MP (Shillong) & representatives from NEC Technologies, IDAN (Investment & Dev Authority of Nagaland), Embassy of Japan in India. The conference offers attractive branding & visibility of NE Region to Indian & Japanese companies.



"Sumitomo Realty & Development Co. Ltd to develop New Office Building in India"

The Nikkei (18 July)



Sumitomo Realty & Development Co., Ltd announced on 17th that it would be developing a rental office building in Mumbai, a western Indian city. The total building expense is estimated to be around 70 billion yen, including the land acquisition and construction expenses. The company plans to open the rental office building after the March period in 2023. This is the first time in 20 years for the company to develop a rental office building abroad.

Japan's Seven Eleven to open 500 Stores in India in next 3-5 Years: Exploring 70-Trillion Yen Market

The Nikkei (17 July)



Japan's convenience store, Seven Eleven, is entering India.

Seven & I Holdings, Seven Eleven's managing company will be teaming up with Indian partner, the Future Groups, India's major retailer. Together, they aim to open over 500 stores in India in next three to five years. The size of India's retail market is estimated around 70-trillion and it is expected to further grow in the future. Many of retailers in India are small and mid-sized, and are family-owned. Convenience stores are very rare in India. The entrance of convenience-store giant to India is expected to accelerate the modernization of Indian retail sector that we may see more home-grown convenience store chains spurring in the near future.

About a half of Indian population is under the age of 25 and the country's consumption activity would pick up the pace. According to a study done by the British survey company, Euro Monitor, the sales of the retail sector in India in 2018 was 630 billion US dollars, about a half of Japan, but it is expected to touch 900 billion US dollar in 2023.

The Government of India has deregulated foreign investment regulations in various industrial sectors in order to invite foreign investment. In the retail sector, the government already opened its door to single-brand retailers, such as IKEA and Muji, by loosening the FDI regulation for them. For multi-brands retailers, the cap is set to 51% and the minimum investment amount is 100 million US dollars. Foreign multi-brand retailers have to procure at least 30% of products they sell at their stores from local partners. Moreover, they only can open their stores in Indian cities with the population over 1 million.

For more details visit the link <https://www.nikkei.com/article/DGXMZO47392020W9A710C1FFJ000/>

NPCI ties up with JCB for global RuPay

Hoping to expand its international presence, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and JCB International, along with domestic banks, have launched RuPay JCB Global Cards.



Banks including State Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, Axis Bank, Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Andhra Bank, City Union Bank, and TJSB Bank will issue these cards, which will be accepted in India at all POS terminals and ATMs that accept JCB cards.

Kimihisa Imada, President & COO, JCB International, said India has a huge population, of which, a large no. of people travel abroad. "JCB started its card business in 1961 and went global in 1981.." he said, adding that the rates for JCB product is less expensive.

For more details visit the link <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/npci-ties-up-with-jcb-for-global-rupay-card/article28657842.ece>

Paytm's Japan subsidiary PayPay nets 10 million users

Paytm's Japanese subsidiary PayPay has managed to net 10 million users in ten months.



In October 2018, Paytm had partnered with SoftBank and Yahoo Japan to offer digital payment solutions in Japan. Post this collaboration, Yahoo Japan suspended its own wallet giving PayPay direct access to all its Yahoo wallet consumers.

SoftBank is one of the major investors in Paytm. In 2017, it had made its biggest bet in the Indian ecosystem by pumping in \$1.4 billion in Paytm.

For more details visit the link <https://www.businessinsider.in/paytms-japan-subsidiary-paypay-nets-10-million-users-in-10-months/articleshow/70586466.cms>

India-Japan Business & Tourism Conclave

was held on 30-31st Aug '19 at Ahmedabad Management Association and was attended by Dy CM of Gujarat Nitinbhai Patel & large numbers of CEOs of Japanese & Indian companies & India heads of JICA, JETRO, JNTO, JCCI among others. Also had launch of digital touch screen "Nipponica Encyclopedia on Japan" & inauguration of Japan tourism photo exhibition called "Japan Surprises".



India And Business

On July 25, the 10th Joint Committee Meeting on Mumbai-Ahmadabad High Speed Railway was held in New Delhi, India. From the Japanese side, Dr. Hiroto Izumi, Spl. Advisor to PM, who served as Joint Chairman, and representatives of MOFA, MOF, MLIT, JICA, and other organizations attended the meeting. From the Indian side, Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog, who served as Joint Chairman, and representatives of the Ministry of Railways, the MEA, other related ministries and the National High Speed Rail Corporation attended the meeting.

The participants discussed the schedule of the high speed railway project, and confirmed the progress of the development of station areas, and HR trainings.

The Japanese government aims to maintain close cooperation with the Indian government to realize the introduction of Shinkansen into the Mumbai Ahmadabad High Speed Railway.

220th Tea Seminar called “Chai-Varta” organised

The 220th Indian Tea Seminar called “Chai-Varta” was organized jointly by the Embassy of India, Tokyo and Japan Tea Association (JTA) at Embassy on 9th July, 2019. About 49 member from JTA 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 Dr. Satya Pal Kumar, First Secretary (Trade) with information about Indian tea and the short film to showcase the variety of Indian Tea, such as Darjeeling, Assam, Nilgiri, Kangra and Sikkim, etc was shown to the audience. A quiz was organized to promote awareness about Indian tea. The quiz winners received Tea caddy gifts. Mr. Satoshi Tanaka, Managing Director, JTA addressed the participants and informed about the tasting of Assam tea. JTA certified tea Instructor demonstrated to make and serve delicious Indian tea during the session of the Tea Seminar.



Familiarization with Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ecosystem of Japan

A 16 member CII-IPR delegation led by Mr. Arvind Thakur, visted Japan for 3 days from Aug 5 to 7, 2019. The objective of their maiden visit was to familiarize with the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) ecosystem of Japan and to initiate industry level consultation for further cooperation between the two countries . During their two days meeting on Aug 5&6 in Tokyo, the delegation held several meetings with their counterparts in JETRO, WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), JPO (Japan Patent Office), and JIPA (Japan Intellectual Property Association). The members of the delegation also met Ambassador H.E Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma and apprised him about the objective of their visit to Japan. The delegation went to Osaka on August 7,2019 for an industry visit to Panasonic Corporation during which they shared their industry experience of IPR, licensing, taxation, R&D so as to explore areas of joint collaboration. The members highlighted India's Global Innovation Index which improved from the rank of 81 in 2015 to 52 in 2019.



India's first startup IPO by Alphalogic Techsys sails through

Startup Alphalogic Techsys became the first enterprise to float India's first startup IPO, which allowed it to raise growth capital from a group of investors instead of select VCs. The IPO got fully subscribed on Day 2 of the bidding process. received bids for 7,60,000 shares against the total issue size of 7,36,000 shares as per the BSE data.

The Pune-based boutique software consulting firm has fixed the issue price at Rs 84 per share and the minimum units one needs to buy is 1,600 shares, requiring a minimum investment of Rs 1,34,400. Overall, 7.36 lakh shares are on the block, worth Rs 6.18 crore.

Markets regulator Sebi in February 2019 paved the way for a separate platform for startups to provide young companies easier access to capital and a way to bring in a new class of investors .

For more details visit the link <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/ipo/fpos/indias-first-startup-ipo-opens-to-alternative-young-entrepreneurs-world/articleshow/70838571.cms> & <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/markets/ipo/fpos/indias-first-startup-ipo-by-alphalogic-techsys-sails-through/articleshow/70873242.cms>

Excerpts from the Prime Minister Modi's address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 73rd Independence Day- August, 15, 2019

- 'One nation, One constitution spirit' has become a reality after scrapping of provisions of Article 370 and India is proud of it.
- 'Population explosion' causes new challenges for coming generations, central and state governments should launch measures to deal with it
- There is a 'huge' scope for improvement in tourism sector, everyone should visit at least 15 tourist destinations within India by 2022.
- Chief of Defence Staff to ensure coordination and provide effective leadership to three services will be created.
- Discussions should now be held on 'One Nation, One Election', it is imperative to make the country great.
- India can become a 5 trillion dollar economy in the next five years.
- We have decided to invest Rs 100 lakh crore in infrastructure building.
- India does not want to wait too long for incremental progress. A high jump is needed, our thought process has to be expanded.
- Our aim is to reach among first 50 nations in 'ease of doing business'.
- 'Jal Jivan' Mission to make drinking water available to all households announced, govt will spend Rs 3.5 lakh crore for it
- GST brought to life the dream of 'One Nation, One Tax'. India has also achieved one nation, one grid in energy sector.
- Scrapping of triple *talaq* will help Muslim women live a better life; the decision should not be seen through political prism.
- India is strongly fighting against those supporting terrorism.
- India is not the only target of terrorism in the region — countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Afghanistan have also been affected.
- If 2014-19 was an era to fulfill people's needs, the time since 2019 is about meeting aspirations and dreams
- Peoples trust in us have given us new strength, the 2019 mandate shows that hopelessness has given way to hope among masses
- Every effort made to remove corruption and black money is welcome; these are menaces that have ruined India for 70 years
- Government should have minimal role in people's lives
- Let our people have the freedom of pursuing their own aspirations, let the right eco-system be made in this regard
- India will soon become open defecation free country

Bridges of Friendship : 16th August 2019 - Responding to a request for medical evacuation from JMSDF warship Sazanami, a Seaking helicopter of Indian Navy was launched ex- INS Shikra with medical team. The helicopter landed on the Japanese ship at sea, 234 Km off Mumbai and evacuated the injured crew member to the Naval Air Enclave at Santacruz. The patient was then shifted to a local hospital by the Japanese Consulate.





Four Clearance Divers of Indian Nave participated in J2A (Mine Warfare Exercise and Minesweeping Special Exercise) Exercise at Matsu Bay Japan alongwith US Navy and Japan's JMSDF. Indian Divers were also an intrinsic part of Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams.



JS SAZANAMI (DD 113) as the Deployment Surface Force for Counter Piracy Enforcement (34th DSPE) made port visit to Kochi, India on 13-14 Aug. During the stay, JS SAZANAMI deepened mutual understanding with Indian Navy through goodwill events.




India In Japan

HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma met Mr. Masami Iijima, Representative Director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mitsui Corporation of Japan and exchanged views on potential of cooperation in different sectors between India and Japan.



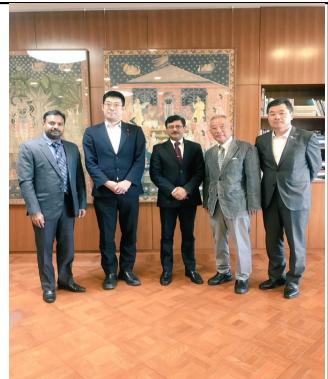
HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma called on HE Mr Norikazu Suzuki, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of MOFA Japan on 28th August 2019 and discussed various India-Japan bilateral issues.



On 16th July, Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar received delegation of Japanese Ambassadors to India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Maldives and discussed with them advancing India-Japan cooperation & synergizing India's Act East Policy.



HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma received a call by members of the Kobe City Assembly, Japan India Friendship Council and discussed ways to promote cooperation between Kobe and Ahmedabad. The two cities signed an MoU on Sister City relationship in June 2019.



HE Amb Sanjay K. Verma hosted dinner for some Japanese Venture Capitalists (VCs), corporate venture capitalists and corporations to brief them about the visit of NASSCOM's Delegation of 26 Indian Tech startups (from sectors like Finance, Automobile, Agri, Logistics, Healthcare, Robotics) that can interest Japanese VC Network.) to Tokyo on 3-4 September for the Pitching Event at the Embassy and invited them to participate in the event.



HE Ambassador presented credentials to the President of The Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)

Ambassador of India H. E. Sanjay Kumar Verma presented credentials to the President of The Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) H.E. Hilda C. Heine. During the meeting, Ambassador and the President had a fruitful discussion on a range of issues including cooperation in multilateral fora and bilateral economic cooperation consisting of cooperation in the fields of IT, Education, Health, HRD, Solar Energy and people to people exchanges.

During the occasion, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the RMI, Hon. John M. Silk signed the International Solar Alliance (ISA) framework agreement pending ratification by the Parliament of RMI.



Confederation of Asia Pacific Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CACCI) visit to Embassy

A 20 member business delegation from the Confederation of Asia Pacific Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CACCI) led by its President Mr. Samir Modi met Ambassador H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma on July 23, 2019 at the Embassy Conference room. The CACCI members comprised of a broad spectrum of sectors ranging from food processing, logistics to cosmetics from the countries of Asia Pacific including Bangladesh, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and India.

The visiting members of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) also participated in the meeting. During his interaction with the CACCI team Ambassador briefed the members about the growing Indo-Japan cooperation and scope for future economic engagement with the Asia Pacific region. While answering to the queries of the members, he explained about Japan's Indo-Pacific strategy and emphasized on emerging areas of cooperation between India and Japan in the field of start-ups, Artificial Intelligence, IOT, robotics, digital partnership, e-vehicle, food processing and healthcare sectors where CACCI may seek to explore the possibilities of joint collaborations for mutual economic benefits.

Great trade opportunities in Seafood and Related Technologies sector were explored by Indian entrepreneurs at the **Japan International Seafood & Technology Expo 2019** from 21 -23rd Aug 2019 at Tokyo Big Sight.



Ambassador H.E. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Verma delivered a key note speech on July 31, 2019. During his interactive session with Japan Akademeia on the topic "The Political and Economic situation in India and future prospect of India-Japan relations".



5th India Trend Fair 2019 Tokyo

HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma inaugurated 5th INDIA TREND FAIR 2019 on 24th July 2019 and interacted with different Indian exporters & associations such as AEPC (Apparel Export Promotion Council), EPCH India (Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts), TEXPROCIL India (The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council) highlighting potential of cooperation in Textile sector between India and Japan.

INDIA TREND FAIR has become a one stop platform for Indian exhibitors to showcase their trends and products in Japan market. The fair offers a comprehensive platform to Indian manufacturers to showcase their value added products to the most influential buyers and designers in Japan. The product profile at INDIA TREND FAIR encompasses Leather goods, Garments, Home furnishings and Handicrafts, Fashion accessories and Decorative articles etc.



The objective of the session was to allow members of the Japan Akademeia to interact with the foreign Ambassadors with a view to build a global network and to foster relations across the world through sharing ideas towards meeting challenges and providing solutions to the global community. Other Embassy officers were also present at the event. Ambassador's presentation was followed by an one hour Q&A session. The interactive session generated a lot of interest among the participants to know more about India's stand on various political, economic, military and strategic affairs relating to wide ranging issues such as energy policy, US-China trade friction, Indo-Pacific vision, China's Belt & Road Initiative, global warming, peace process in Afghanistan, middle-east peace plan, WTO reforms as well as progress in various free trade agreements including CPTPP and RCEP. Ambassador replied to all the questions with lucid explanation, clarity and frankness, which was quite appreciated by the audience.

India Day in Kanazawa

On 16 July 2019, HE Ambassador Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma visited Japan Advanced Institute of Science & Technology, Nomi City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan (JAIST.ac.jp) and met Mr Tersuo Asano President and exchanged views on potential of S&T cooperation (incl Healthcare Startups, Innovation and Patents, Electric Vehicles) between India and Japan incl JAIST. Also meet JAIST's Faculty incl Indian faculty as well as Indian Research Students.

After JAIST visit, HE Ambassador visited Kanazawa University and met Dr Koetsu Yamazaki President & other faculty members of Kanazawa University, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Japan and exchanged views on potential of cooperation in Ayurveda Research, Buddhist Studies, Innovation, Startups, Affordable Technologies, Japanese Language promotion in India.

HE Amb visited Ishikawa Prefectural Government Office and met Governor Ishikawa Prefecture HE Mr Masanori Tanimoto. Both exchanged views on potential of cooperation in fields of Economy (incl Startups), Ayurveda Research, Buddhist Studies, Tourism, Movie Industry incl Bollywood.

HE Amb also met a group of 30 Indian Students from JAIST, Kanazawa University & Alice International College, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Pref & encouraged them to act as bridge to fill technology gap by identifying technologies which can be customized as per India's need. HE Amb also replied to students queries on variety of issues.

As part of Economic Outreach, HE Amb addressed a gathering of ~80 companies from Japan's Hokuriku Region (comprises Ishikawa, Fukui & Toyama prefecture) at 1st Economic Seminar organised at Kanazawa Chamber of Commerce by Hokuriku Economic Federation (hokkeiren.gr.jp) & Ishikawa Indian Association. Seminar also had address by Chairman Hokuriku Eco Federation & presentations by First Secretary (Trade) Dr Satya Pal, Embassy of India, Research Manager from JETRO, President & CEO Ise Foods Inc, GM Chief Economist Mitsui & Co Global Strategic Studies Institute, President JAIST, Ms Shiotani Maqsooda, President Ishikawa Indian Association, CEO ALS Global Inc. Seminar informed the participants about Govt of India's initiatives to Ease of Doing Business, Startup ecosystem in India, Future possibilities in India, etc with aim to attract investments & businesses in India.

In the evening, HE Amb attended "India Day in Kanazawa" reception. Reception had presence of Mr Hajime Sasaki, Member -House of Representatives, Diet Parliament of Japan, Mr Isao Nakamura, member-Ishikawa Prefecture assembly, business leaders & members from Hokuriku Economic Federation, members of Indian community incl Indian Students. Reception had Odissi Dance, Bollywood Dance, Japanese Taiko performance & presentation on India Tourism.



Science & Technology / Sports / Education

Three Indian trainees arrived in Chubu, Japan last week to start their journey under Technical Intern Training Program (TITP). Trained by Navis Human Resource, Bangalore the trainees were received by Social Welfare Corporation, Shunseikai, Aichi, Japan as Care-Worker interns.



NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) New Delhi is the implementing and monitoring agency on behalf of MSDE, GoI. NSDC is steering impactful execution of the program in India and Japan. It has empanelled over 24 Sending Organisations to drive the desired agenda of training the youth, who will advance their careers and contribute towards economic progress of the respective countries. For more details visit the official website of NSDC at <https://www.nsdcindia.org/titp>



At the invitation of **Seisa University Japan**'s Prof Genjiro Ito, HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma delivered a talk on 20.07.19 at Kotokuin Temple in Kamakura Japan. Focus was on diversity and various cultural aspects of India incl Ayurveda, Yoga and Indian Textile.



HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma delivered a talk on the topic "India Japan Economic Relations and India's Economic Policy" at **Ryukoku University Kyoto** & replied to queries from Students. Also met the President Dr Takashi IRISAWA, other faculty members & Indian students at the University.



As part of Student Outreach, HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma & Cons (Political) Mr Brahma Kumar interacted at Embassy of India with the students of Diplomacy & International Relations from **Chuo University Tokyo** and discussed about India & its foreign policy and relations followed by Q&A.



Four members of SWADOM, Osaka University's Society for Research of International Issues, paid a courtesy call on Amb H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma on 7th Aug. Ambassador thanked them for their contribution to the logistical support provided to the visiting Indian delegation during G20 Summit in Osaka.



Amb HE Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma addressed the participants of 23rd Japan-India Student Conference (JISC) at Embassy of India, Tokyo. During the interactive session with the participants, issues pertaining the India Japan bilateral relations came up for discussions.

On same day, Director VCC Prof Siddharth gave the opening remarks in the 23rd JISC held at National Olympics Memorial Youth Center, Tokyo. A cultural programme consisting of Rabindra Sangeet by the Indian participants and Tsugaru Shamisen performance by a Japanese participant was rendered. The event concluded with a Calligraphy workshop.



Sports / Cultural Outreach

HOCKEY—Olympic Test Events

Women Hockey Players won Gold at Tokyo Olympic Test Event by beating Japan in the finals of Tokyo Olympics 2020 Test Event held in Tokyo from 17-21 Aug'19.



Men Hockey Players won Gold at Tokyo Olympic Test Event by beating New Zealand in the finals of Tokyo Olympics 2020 Test Event held in Tokyo from 17-21 Aug'19.



CRICKET - Ayushman Bharat Cricket Cup

Embassy of India, Tokyo organized the “Ayushman Bharat Cricket Cup” in association with “Men in Blue” team at Edogawa Cricket Ground, Tokyo as part of 73rd Independence Day Celebration for the 1st time. The event was inaugurated by Amb HE Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma.

In addition to the Embassy of India, Tokyo and Men in Blue, the other contesting Cricket teams of Japan were Tigers Cricket Club, Indian Engineers Club, Tokyo Falcons, Tokyo Titans and AQCC-Passion for Cricket. The cultural programme consisting of dance performances by Indians as well as Japanese artists of PJ flow Bhangra Group from Osaka and Indian Bollywood Dance School was also rendered. The winning team of the cup was Men in Blue and runner-up team was Tokyo Falcons.



73rd Independence Day of India Celebrations

73rd Independence Day of India was celebrated at Embassy of India Tokyo. H. E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India to Japan, read out the address of the Hon'ble President Of India's to the nation, delivered on the eve of Independence Day. It was followed by renditions of patriotic songs by students of Global Indian International School and Indian International School in Japan. More than eight hundred attended the event.



Gandhi@150

A public library in Edogawa ward is organizing “The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Special Exhibition—Ambassadors’ Recommendations: A Book I Want Everyone in Japan” at Shinozaki Library until 23rd September.

The Ambassador of India recommended a book on Gandhi, the father of the nation, “Gandhi AutoBiography - My Experiments with Truth”. The Ambassador of Lithuania chose books introducing Mr. Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat who was stationed in the country during the WWII. He is known to have saved lives of war refugees during his tenure by issuing visas.



HE Amb Mr Sanjay Kumar Verma met CEO & other members of **International School Network (Japan)** and talked about India's reasoning-based education system, diversity, history & culture, festivals, tourism, traditions & innovation, role of women, India's role in globalization, etc.

**YOGA Session at Yoyogi Park**

Dr Reeta Sharma, Teacher of Indian Culture at Vivekananda Cultural Centre, organized a **public yoga session in Yoyogi Park** on the morning of 3rd August. In total, there were approximately 40 participants. The yoga session focused on anti-aging, stress-relief, and heart-care. VCC students, their families, friends and members of the public enthusiastically took part.

**Seminar on YOGA & AYURVEDA**

A seminar on Yoga & Ayurveda was held in the VCC Auditorium by **Mararishi Institute of Total Education**. The programme commenced with a minute's silent prayer for former External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj who passed away on 6th August. This was followed by remarks by Amb H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma and a lecture by Dr Palakurthi Manohar. Ambassador stated that “Ayurveda and Yoga both tend to eradicate the suffering of the life by eliminating the root cause of the suffering. As Yoga is not just confined to the Asana (Bodily postures only), similarly Ayurveda is not just confined to herbs and plants only. Both are like a deep ocean encompassing the all secrets of the inner and outer life, which can be unraveled by its practice only. Both together, if incorporated properly, can make this world towards the ultimate goal of Satyam (Truthfulness), Shivam (Divinity) and Sundaram (Beauty)”. The event was well-attended by members of the public with an interest in yoga and Ayurveda.




**EMBASSY OF INDIA
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**Know India Programme
Logo Design
Contest**

Open to PIOs

The winner will be awarded with the grand prize of 25-days fully sponsored tour to India.

Guidelines of the Contest

Logo Requirements

Professional: This logo will be featured on Ministry's website, social media platforms and other mediums (stationary, pamphlets, t-shirts etc.). As a result, the logo should be eye-catching and legible.

Theme: Logo must promote the Know India Programme scheme of the Government of India which aims –“To reconnect the Indian diaspora youth of the age group 18 to 30 years with their Indian roots”.

Color: There are no limitations and any colors may be used. However, logo must look good in color (if any) or black and white. The logo may be created using pencils, crayons, markers, and paint. Also, the logo may be created with a computer drawing program.

Integrity: Logos cannot contain copyrighted material. There should be no watermarks on design entries. Logos must be created and edited by the contestant(s). Logos may not include images or licensed images that have been previously published. Logos must be easily reproducible and scalable for large and small formatting. The logo should be simple, not be complicated or confusing, and all elements must be discernible when reproduced in smaller sizes.

Participation Eligibility Criteria

The competition is open to all People of Indian Origin (PIOs).

Contest Details

Winners will be selected by the Ministry of External Affairs. Contestants agree that the Ministry may publish their logo and name(s) and may use both for advertising campaigns and/or marketing materials in the future. Contestants assign all ownership rights, including all intellectual property rights of the logo, to Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Additionally, the Ministry may alter, modify or revise the logo. The Ministry also reserves the right to not select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

How to Enter the Contest

The contest begins on September 1, 2019. Submissions will be accepted through **October 15, 2019**. Winner will be announced via the website of the Ministry and its Missions/Posts, social media websites and by direct contact to the winners' email accounts. In order for the entry to be submitted and reviewed by the judges, all entries must be:

- Submitted by email to edu.tokyo@mea.gov.in upto October 15, 2019.
- Submitted in their original source file and
- Submitted as a high resolution .pdf with 300 dpi or higher.

Websites:
<https://www.mea.gov.in/>
<https://www.kip.gov.in/>

GRASSROOTS AMBASSADOR: Japanese Individuals Contributing Worldwide New Breeze Blowing in Bollywood

GoJapan's magazine "We Are Tomodachi" Summer 2019 Edition

Bringing a new style of supple sensibility, a Japanese female director of photography is constantly receiving offers in Bollywood, the home of India's giant movie industry.

The mention of Bollywood movies conjures an image of brightly-clad and gorgeously made-up beautiful women singing and dancing in dazzling movies shot with light hitting every nook and cranny to prevent shadows. However, Japanese director of photography (DOP) Keiko Nakahara applies shadow with near-natural light and uses handheld cameras to bring subtle nuance and reality to Bollywood.

The use of such realism in filming technique used to be unpopular in India, but Nakahara's style has disproven this assumption by charming not only Bollywood directors but also the audiences and media as well.

Nakahara says, "The Indian people are truly rich in emotional expression." Although a rich mix of emotions can bring forth stormy behavior on set, the same richness is also why India has a culture that enjoys movies wholeheartedly. Seeing their smiling faces is what drives Nakahara's work.

For more details visit the link

https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2019/summer2019/india.html?bitly_hash=iL1s9Rn3kk



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हिंदी दिवस Hindi Diwas 2019



13th September 2019 (Friday)

Venue: VCC Auditorium, Embassy of India
Open: 14:00 Duration: 14:15-16:00
Attendance Fee: Free (Advance reservation required)

About the Event

The Embassy of India cordially invites you to join us in celebrating Hindi Diwas (Hindi Day) at the VCC Auditorium.

The programme will feature talks by Prof. Hideaki Ishida from Daito Bunka University and H.E. Sanjay Kumar Verma, Ambassador of India of Japan, as well as various cultural performances by students of Indian schools and Vivekananda Cultural Centre.

We hope you will join us for this special occasion with your family and friends.

2019年9月13日（金）

会場：インド大使館VCC講堂
開場：14:00 時間：14:15-16:00
入場料：無料（要事前申込）



本イベントについて

インド大使館は皆様をヒンディー・ディワス（ヒンディー語の日）祝賀会にご招待いたします。

本プログラムでは大東文化大学の石田英明先生やサンジェイ・クマール・ヴァルマ駐日インド大使閣下による講演に加え、インド人学校の学生やヴィヴェーカンダ文化センターの受講生によるカルチャーパフォーマンスをお楽しみいただけます。

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How to Join: Entrance is free. Email your attendance, specifying date & event to the following email address by 17:00 12th September.

参加方法：本公演は入場無料です。9月12日17:00までに下記メールアドレス宛にご氏名と入場希望日をご連絡下さい。※電話による申込不可
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*Large bags, cameras, recording equipment and food & beverage items are not allowed inside the Embassy.

*Children under the age of 13 are not allowed.

*大型のバッグ、カメラ、録画・録音機器並びに飲食物の持ち込みは一切お断りしております。

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BOLLYWOOD ボリウッド

Story

ムラド（ランヴィール・シン）は、雇われ運転手の父を持ち、スラムに暮らす青年。両親はムラドが今の生活から抜け出し成功できるよう、彼を大学に通わせるために一生懸命働いていた。しかしムラドは、生まれで人を判断するインド社会に憤りを感じ、地元の悪友とつるみ、内緒で身分の違う裕福な家庭の恋人と交際していた。ある日大学構内でラップをする学生MCシェール（シッダーント・チャトゥルヴェーディー）と出会い、言葉とリズムで気持ちを自由に表現するラップの世界にのめりこんでいく。そして“ガリーボーイ”（路地裏の少年）と名乗り、現実を変えるためラップバトルで優勝を目指す事を決意する。

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