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Opening the Door to a Special Relationship with UK

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tour to the United Kingdom from November 12-14 was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister in almost a decade. Prime Minister Modi's visit to UK was aimed at consolidating ties and outlining a roadmap towards advancing partnership and deepening cooperation between the two countries.



The Royal Air Force marked the moment of Prime Minister Modi's arrival with a flypast in the Indian tri-colours, making India the first foreign country to have its flag colours flown in a British flypast.

During the three day visit, Prime Minister Modi held talks with British Prime Minister, David Cameron, paid homage to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Parliament Square, addressed a distinguished group of parliamentarians and eminent persons at the iconic Royal Gallery in the British Parliament, becoming the first head of Indian government to do so; addressed the City of London at the symbolic Guildhall, interacted with the CEOs at the India-UK CEOs Forum, called on Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II unveiled the statue of Lord Basaveshwara, inaugurated the Ambedkar Memorial at the house where Dr B R Ambedkar lived while studying at LSE (London School of Economics) and visited Tata Jaguar Land Rover vehicle manufacturing unit in Solihull.

With a focus on the 3 Ds - Democracy, Demography and Demand and its movement towards E-entrepreneurship, the visit also saw commercial deals worth £9.3 bn being sealed and the two sides releasing a vision document that captured the essence of shared history and a natural partnership, poised to take giant strides forward.

The United Kingdom reaffirmed its continued support for India's permanent membership of an expanded UNSC and India's enhanced role in other international bodies and membership of International Export Control Regimes.

Founding President of Namibia Dr. Sam Nujoma visits India

Founding President of Namibia Dr. Sam Nujoma visited India from 17-22 November 2015. He met Vice President of India Shri Hamid Ansari in New Delhi on November 17, 2015. A Programme 'Dr. Sam Nujoma in Conversation' was organised at India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg on 18 November 2015 in his honour.



The visit of Dr. Nujoma to India took place at the invitation of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) under their Distinguished Visitor's Programme. The delegation of Dr. Nujoma also included the Vice Chancellor of University of Namibia and other senior officials. Apart from New Delhi, the delegation also visited Chandigarh and Pune.

ITEC DAY celebrated in Windhoek

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Day (ITEC) Day was celebrated in Windhoek over cocktails and dinner at the High Commission of India on 26 November 2015. Deputy Minister of International Relations & Cooperation Hon. Dr. Peya Mushelenga graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Among other dignitaries from the Government of Namibia were Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Innovation & Training as well as Director(Training), Ministry of Defence. A large number of ITEC and ICCR alumni participated in the event.



The Alumni meet started with the ceremonial lighting of lamp by High Commissioner Shri Kumar Tuhin and the Chief Guest. In this address, the High Commissioner highlighted the philosophy behind ITEC, mentioning that several hundred Namibian participants have so far benefitted from this programme. Deputy Minister Hon

Peya Mushelenga in his speech urged the Namibian participants to make full use of the opportunity provided by the Government of India.



The opening address of Hon. President of Namibia H.E Dr. Hage Geingob at the India Africa Forum Summit – III in New Delhi delivered on 28 October 2015 was screened on the occasion. This was followed by the screening of a documentary on ITEC and two films entitled *India – Africa Partnership for Progress* and *Bonding with Africa*.



The evening also saw some distinguished ITEC/ICCR Alumni share their success stories and India experience with the gathering. The evening was a culinary delight for the Namibian guests, with Indian cuisine being served for dinner.

DIWALI FESTIVAL celebrated in Windhoek



The Indian Community in Namibia congregated from all over the country in Windhoek to celebrate the festival of lights, Diwali, on 7 November 2015 at the High Commission of India. The cultural evening saw

unprecedented participation from the Indian Community with beautiful festive songs and dances being presented, as well as some games in which winners took home prizes.

Windhoek International Day 2015



The High Commission of India participated in the International Day organised by Windhoek International School on 14 November 2015. The India Stall was decorated with traditional Indian theme highlighting tourism, medical facilities, business opportunities and educational avenues in India with brochures on these themes being handed out to visitors. Traditional Indian delicacies and Mehendi (Henna) tattoo art were a special attraction at the stall, with visitors queuing up for these.

Indians Contribute to Buy A Brick Campaign launched by Standard Bank, Namibia



Infosys India Ltd Team Members, Windhoek in action raising funds for Buy A Brick Campaign launched by Standard Bank, Namibia for the benefit of homeless/shack dwellers in Namibia. 'Buy a Brick' is a Campaign launched by Standard bank, Namibia as part of their CSI Initiatives under the track Poverty Alleviation.

Invitation for ICCR Scholarships 2016-17

Applications are invited from Namibian nationals for Africa Scholarship Programme fully sponsored by the Government of India for academic courses at reputed universities in India at undergraduate, postgraduate as well as doctoral level in **ALL** streams and disciplines except Medical, Paramedical and Fashion. Forms can be downloaded at www.iccr.gov.in alongwith scholarship guidelines and List of Universities. The forms must be typed offline and submitted with attachments to the High Commission of India, Windhoek before **15 January 2016** by prospective candidates.

Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz

The Indian diaspora in Namibia between 18-35 years of age is hereby invited to participate in the **Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz** which is aimed at creating awareness among Indian diaspora youth abroad about Indian history, culture and art forms etc. For details of the quiz and participation modalities, please see <http://www.bharatkojaniye.in>. The winners of both NRIs and PIOs categories will be felicitated at the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conference 2016 in New Delhi. Further, the top 10 participants of the final round will be taken on an all paid tour for 25 days to know more about India.

Jaipur Literature Festival 2016

The Jaipur Literature Festival 2016 is scheduled to be held from 21-25 January, 2016 in Jaipur. The event has attained international standing and is attended by renowned literary figures from across the globe. More information can be seen at <https://jaipurliteraturefestival.org>

India ranks as World's No. 1 Investment Destination-Ernst & Young's Indian Attractiveness Survey 2015

Economic fundamentals stand strong, global interest is on a steady upswing, the election of a pro-reform Government and its various investor friendly initiatives like *Make In India*, *Digital India*, and *100 Smart Cities* have successfully branded India as the investors' choice. In its newfound status as the No. 1 FDI destination, India is the most attractive market right now for experienced investors and greenfield ventures alike. Manufacturing is likely to lead the investment models being projected by global analysts.

Ernst and Young 's Indian Attractiveness Survey is based on the views of over 500 global decision makers from 28 countries and was conducted in the first half of 2015. Read more at <http://www.ey.com/IN/en/Issues/Business-environment/EY-india-attractiveness-survey-2015>

Latest Business Policies/ Trade Fairs and Exhibitions:



Namibian Businesses and Garment/Fabric importers /Chain Stores/Buyers/Sourcing Heads interested for clothing/garments area are invited to participate in the India International Garment Fair from 20 -22 January, 2016 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

AEPC organises India International Garment Fair, which is the flagship event of the Council. IIGF is a specialized B2B fair and has been extensively recognized as one of the leading fairs for the Indian Garment Export Industry, the world over. Visit <http://indiaapparelfair.com/> for event registration and other details.

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