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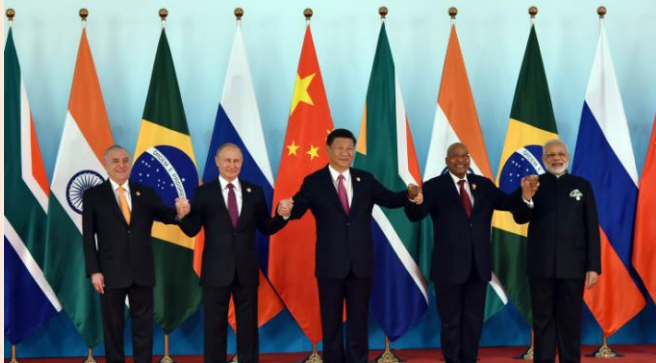
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PM MODI VISITED CHINA TO ATTEND 9TH BRICS SUMMIT

At the invitation of the President of People's Republic of China, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi visited Xiamen in China's Fujian province during September 3-5, 2017 to attend the 9th BRICS Summit.

The meetings for 9th BRICS Summit started in a restricted format followed by plenary session at the end of which the leaders adopted the Xiamen Declaration. Four agreements were signed at the BRICS summit, namely (i) BRICS action agenda on economic and trade cooperation (ii) BRICS action plan for innovation cooperation (2017-2020) (iii) Strategic framework of BRICS customs cooperation, and (iv) MOU between BRICS business council and the New Development Bank on strategic cooperation. The BRICS leaders came up strongly in condemning terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. The leaders also called to make United Nations counter terrorism framework more effective.

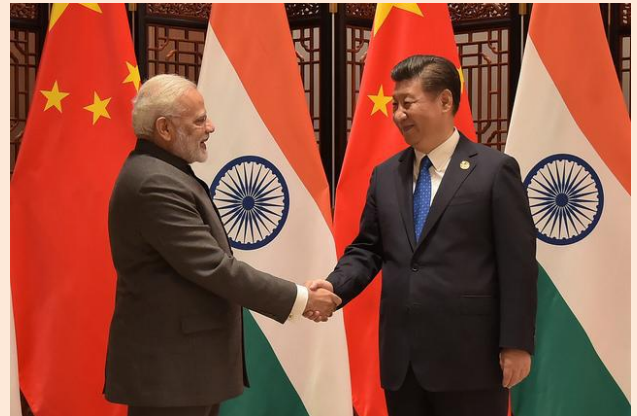
BRICS XIAMEN SUMMIT



BRICS leaders at the Dialogue Session of 9th BRICS Summit, Xiamen, China (September 04, 2017).

During his intervention PM Modi gave a futuristic, forward looking, and transformational blueprint for BRICS for the next decade.

A BRICS Business Council meeting was also held. PM Modi said that India is changing fast into one of the most open economies in the world today. The Goods and Services Tax that introduced in July 2017 is India's biggest economic reform measure ever. Programmes like Digital India, Start Up India and Make in India are changing the economic landscape of the country.



PM MODI VISITED MYANMAR (SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2017)

At the invitation of H.E. U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi paid his first bilateral State visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from September 5-7, 2017. The visit was part of the continuing high level interaction between the leaders of the two countries and followed successive State visits to India by H.E. President U Htin Kyaw (August 2016) and H.E. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (October 2016) last year.



Eleven agreements were signed during PM Modi's visit. These include (i) Memorandum of Understanding on Maritime Security Cooperation Between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (ii) Cultural Exchange Programme between the Government of the Republic of India And the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for the year 2017-2020 (iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India on Enhancing the Cooperation of the Upgradation of the Women's Police Training Centre at Yamethin, Myanmar (iv) Memorandum of Understanding for Sharing White Shipping Information between the Indian Navy and Myanmar Navy (v) Technical Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government Of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for providing Coastal Surveillance System (vi) Memorandum of Understanding between the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare of the Republic of India and Food and Drugs (FDA), Ministry of Health and Sports of Myanmar on Cooperation in Medical Products Regulation (vii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Health and Family welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Health And Sports of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on cooperation in the field of Health and medicine (viii) Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on the establishment of MIIT (ix) Exchange of Letter for Extension of MoU on

the establishment of India-Myanmar Centre for Enhancement of IT-Skill (x) Memorandum of understanding in the field of elections between the Election Commission of India and The Union Election Commission of Myanmar (xi) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between Myanmar Press Council and the Press Council of India.



Apart from his engagements in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw, PM Modi also visited Ananda Temple in Bagan and interacted with the Indian Community, at the Indian Community event at Yangon, Myanmar on September 06, 2017. PM Modi's Myanmar visit was the second leg of his two nation tour, which earlier took him to China for the BRICS Summit. He had earlier started Myanmar in 2014 to attend the ASEAN-India Summit.

STATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT OF BELARUS TO INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2017

At the invitation of the President of India, the President of the Republic of Belarus, H.E. Mr. A.G. Lukashenko, paid a state visit to the Republic of India from September 11-12, 2017.

The visit took place in a year when Belarus and India are celebrating 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. During the visit, President Lukashenko had meetings with President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, Vice President Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and the External Affairs Minister Mrs. Sushma Swaraj.



During the visit, the two sides discussed bilateral cooperation in defence & security, trade & investment, science & technology and people to people exchanges. A business forum and parallel meetings organized for the members of the large delegation accompanying President Lukashenko explored business opportunities and cooperation avenues. The two sides signed 10 MoUs/Agreements, (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus (ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship of the Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Education of the Government of the Republic of Belarus for Cooperation in the Field of Vocational Education and Training (iii) Agreement on Scientific and Technical Cooperation between Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (iv) MoU between Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, India and Belarusian State Agricultural Academy, Gorki, Belarus for Cooperation in Agricultural Research and Education (v) Protocol amending the Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Republic of Belarus signed on April 16, 2007 (vi) Programme of cooperation between the Government of Republic of India and the Government of Republic of Belarus in the field of culture for 2018-2020 (vii) MoU between M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas of the Republic of India and Belarusian State Concern

of Oil and Chemistry in the Oil and Gas Sector (viii) Memorandum of Understanding between JSV "Belzarubezhstroy" and National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd (ix) Memorandum of Understanding between JSC Belarusian Potash Company (BPC) and Indian Potash Ltd (IPL) (x) Agreement on the implementation of MoU signed between OJSC Minsk Tractor Works and Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd. India in Pune.

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN TO INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2017

At the invitation of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan undertook an official visit to India on September 13-14, 2017 during which the two leaders held the 12th India-Japan Annual Summit in Ahmedabad/ Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

This was the fourth Annual Summit between Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Abe. The two Prime Ministers welcomed significant deepening of bilateral relations in the past three years and the growing convergence in the political, economic and strategic interests, based on the firm foundation of common values and traditions, as well as on an emerging consensus on contemporary issues of peace, security and development. They decided to work together to elevate their partnership to the next level to advance common strategic objectives at a time when the global community is faced with new challenges.



The two Prime Ministers welcomed the exchange of notes for the construction of a state-of-art Convention Centre in Varanasi as a symbol of friendship between India and Japan and expressed their hope for its early completion. The two leaders attended a public function to mark the commencement of work of India's first high-speed rail project between Ahmedabad and Mumbai. The train is expected to significantly reduce travel time between the two cities.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed to cooperate towards conclusion of a modern, comprehensive, high quality and mutually beneficial Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement, in order to achieve a balanced outcome. Fifteen agreements were signed during the visit, including (i) MOC between the Ministry of Home Affairs, of the Government of the Republic of India and the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan (ii) MoC in the field of Japanese Language Education in India between MEA and MOFA, Japan (iii) India Japan Act East Forum (iv) Arrangement between India Post and Japan Post on Administrative Instruction for the Implementation of Cool EMS service (v) India-Japan Investment Promotion Road map between DIPP and METI (vi) MOC between METI and the State of Gujarat on 'Japan-India special programme for Make In India' in Mandal Bechraj-Khoraj in Gujarat (vii) Exchange of RoD on Civil Aviation Cooperation (Open Sky) (viii) Agreement for International joint exchange programme between interdisciplinary theoretical and mathematical sciences programme (iTHEMS), RIKEN and National Centres for Biological Sciences (Simons-NCBS) (ix) Joint Research Contract between National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), Japan and Department of Biotechnology (DBT) (x) MOU Between DBT and National Institute of Advanced Science & Technology (AIST) (xi) MoU on International Academic and Sports Exchange between Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE) and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU) (xii) MoU on International

Academic and Sports Exchange between Sports Authority of India and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU) (xiii) LETTER OF INTENT between Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIFE) and University of Tsukuba, Japan (xiv) LETTER OF INTENT between Sports Authority of India and University of Tsukuba, Japan (xv) MoU between RIS and IDE-JETRO for promotion of Cooperation in Research Related Activities.



100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA

100th Birth Anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was celebrated at the Chancery of High Commission of India, Windhoek on 25th September 2017, during which the presentation was made on the efforts underway in India to empower the poor through various poverty alleviation schemes.



UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA



5TH INTERNATIONAL AGRI & HORTI TECHNOLOGY EXPO 2017

Bharti Media & Events Pvt. Ltd is Organizing 5th International Agri & Horti Technology Expo - 2017, From 25 to 27 December 2017 at Exhibition Centre Indore, Madhya Pradesh. In its 5th year it is the place to experience the present and future of Indian agriculture & horticulture. International Agri & Horti Technology Expo 2017 offers the business potential both in terms of quality and quantity. It is one place where you can make direct contacts with customers, key players and even your competitors. Become a part of International Agri & Horti Technology Expo 2017 and play your role in defining the future of Indian agricultural & horticultural in terms of technology and innovation. To register please log on to <http://tradeshows.tradeindia.com/the-architect2017/>

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