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PM NARENDRA MODI VISITS RUSSIA AND FRANCE

As part of his four nation tour, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Russia (1-2 June) and France (2-3 June). He earlier visited Germany (29 May) and Spain (30-31 May). India and Russia issued the St. Petersburg Declaration during Russia visit, which took place in the year marking 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Russia.



The Declaration noted the 'special and privileged strategic partnership' existing between the two countries and outlined a number of measures to further deepen the bilateral relations, including efforts to settle bilateral trade in national currencies, coordinating respective positions in order to develop a credit rating industry, early commencement of negotiations on a free trade agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and India, commitment to build effective infrastructure for the international North South Transport Corridor and the implementation of Green corridor, etc. During the visit, the two countries also signed the general framework agreements for Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plants Unit V and VI.

PM Modi's visit to France was his third visit to France in the last three years. In 2015, France was the first European country that PM Modi visited as Prime Minister. PM Modi had official engagement with the newly elected

President of France, Mr. Emmanuel Macron. France is a leading strategic partner for India. The two countries have very strong ongoing cooperation in strategic areas, space, civil nuclear, defence and economic areas.



PM NARENDRA MODI VISITS PORTUGAL, USA AND NETHERLANDS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Portugal (24 June), USA (25-26 June) and Netherlands (27 June). In Portugal, PM Modi held wide-ranging discussions with Prime Minister Costa and reviewed the progress achieved since Prime Minister Costa's own landmark visit to India. Bilateral trade has grown 17% last year and the foreign direct investment from Portugal to India, though small, has doubled during 2016-17.

India and the USA issued a landmark Joint Statement- "United States and India: Prosperity Through Partnership" during PM Modi's USA visit. In the Joint Statement, the two countries inter alia highlighted their growing strategic convergence. The over-arching theme of discussion between PM Modi and President Trump was how India and USA were mutually supportive of each other in a changing world. There were discussions on defence and security issues, connectivity, counter-terrorism, Afghanistan, the Indian Ocean region, the Middle East, East Asia and issues like the NSG and the UNSC. The economic facet of bilateral relations was the second important focus. There was recognition that today India is a major engine of growth and appreciation of the structural reforms that Prime Minister Modi had undertaken.



There was also discussion on the tech side, on innovation, entrepreneurship and in fact specifically on the digital partnership between India and the United States. The third focus was on values and the world that India and USA both wanted to see, and here terrorism was identified as a key challenge to which the two countries would be responding, both separately and together and with other nations.

The fourth issue was the people to people relationship. Both leaders made references to their exposure to each other's society. President Trump referred to the fact that he had visited India as a private citizen, Prime Minister Modi also spoke of his early visits to the United States before he became Prime Minister.

PM Modi's visit to the Netherlands took place after 13

years. The visit was also a commemoration of 70 years of diplomatic relations. The Embassy celebrated this occasion with two months long cultural events. Prime Minister had a restricted tête-à-tête with his counterpart, the Prime Minister of Netherlands Mr. Mark Rutte. This was followed by a delegation level lunch and an interaction with prominent CEOs of the Netherlands. Thereafter the Prime Minister had meetings with His Majesty, The King and Her Majesty, The Queen.

Netherlands is an important economic partner for India. Since the last visit of Prime Minister Mark Rutte to India in June 2015 the investment from Netherland to India has grown by 6 billion dollars. The investment between 2000 to 2016, has been 20.5 billion dollars and Netherlands is the fifth largest investment partner of India. There are 200 Indian companies in the Netherlands and there are also 200 Dutch companies in India and many Dutch companies are actually household names in India. The CEOs interaction focused on issues like cleaning of the river Ganga, food processing, water management and purification, ports, health and development of infrastructure in India. The two sides also discussed global partnership. Netherlands supported India's membership of MTCR.

YOGA DAY CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD

The third International Day of Yoga was celebrated throughout the world with great enthusiasm on 21 June 2017. In India, Prime Minister Modi personally led the mass yoga demonstration in Lucknow.



In a unique event, the first of its kind, the Ministry of External Affairs in collaboration with the Ministry of AYUSH, organised a special yoga session for the 3rd International Day of Yoga (IDY) for nearly 100 diplomats from the Diplomatic Missions in New Delhi.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED IN NAMIBIA

The High Commission of India in Windhoek organised the 3rd International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 25, 2017. The event took place at Eros Primary School Sports Field from 09:00-10:30 Sunday morning. The event was open to all interested persons and entry was free. Limited Yoga t-shirts were available on first come first served basis.



More than 400 persons including His Excellency Mr. Kumar Tuhin, High Commissioner of India, His Worship the Mayor of Windhoek Hon. Muesee Kazapua, Member of Parliament Hon. Bernadette Jagger, Ambassadors and High Commissioners, members of diplomatic corps, teachers and students of Eros Primary School, Yoga teachers and practitioners participated in the event.



Prior to this event, the Indian High Commission had organized Yoga demonstrations at Franco Namibian Cultural Centre and the Windhoek Tourism Expo. The High Commission of India also organised a Yoga session at Dorado School in Windhoek.

INDIAN NAVY SHIP, INS TARKASH IN NAMIBIA

An Indian Navy ship, INS Tarkash, made a Port Call at Walvis Bay from June 15-18, 2017. INS Tarkash is a part of the Western Fleet of Indian Navy, which is based in Mumbai under the Western Naval Command, and was on a two month long overseas deployment in the Atlantic Ocean and the Western Indian Ocean. During the visit, the Commanding Officer of the ship, Capt. Rituraj Sahu paid courtesy call on Namibian dignitaries and senior defence officers, including the Governor of the Erongo Region, Major of Walvis Bay and Commander Naval Operations of the Namibian Navy.



The crew also interacted with the Navy personnel, including through participation in friendly sports activities. The ship was open for public visit on June 17



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