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HIGHLIGHTS FROM INDIA

INDIA-CHINA INFORMAL SUMMIT AT WUHAN

Prime Minister of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi and President of People's Republic of China, H.E. Mr. Xi Jinping held their first Informal Summit in Wuhan on April 27-28, 2018, to exchange views on overarching issues of bilateral and global importance, and to elaborate their respective visions and priorities for national development in the context of the current and future international situation. They shared the view that peaceful, stable and balanced relations between India and China will be a positive factor for stability amidst current global uncertainties. They also agreed that proper management of the bilateral relationship will be conducive for the development and prosperity of the region, and will create the conditions for the Asian Century. The two leaders agreed to push forward bilateral trade and investment in a balanced and sustainable manner by taking advantage of complementarities between their two economies. They also discussed ways to promote greater cultural and people-to-people exchanges and agreed to explore establishing new mechanisms in this direction. The two leaders highly assessed the opportunity for direct, free and candid exchange of views offered by the Informal Summit and agreed on the utility of holding more such dialogues in the future. It also helped them in forging a common understanding of the future direction of India-China relations built upon mutual respect for each other's developmental aspirations and prudent management of differences with mutual sensitivity.



INDIA-JAPAN-US TRILATERAL MEETING

India, Japan and the United States held the 9th Trilateral Meeting at Joint Secretary/Director General/Assistant Secretary level in New Delhi on 4 April 2018 to hold consultations on regional and global issues of mutual interest. In accordance with the directions received from their Foreign Ministers, who met in New York on 18 September 2017 on the margins of UNGA, the officials explored practical steps to enhance cooperation in the areas of connectivity and infrastructure development; counter-proliferation; counter-terrorism; maritime security, maritime domain awareness and HA-DR. The officials reviewed the outcomes of the Trilateral Infrastructure Working Group that met in Washington in February and agreed to continue to collaborate to promote increased connectivity in the Indo-Pacific.

All sides agreed to remain engaged and strengthen cooperation in support for a free, open, prosperous, peaceful and inclusive Indo-Pacific region through partnership with countries in the region.



INDIA - WIESBADEN CONFERENCE 2018 (APRIL 16 -17, 2018)

The Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, in cooperation with the Government of Germany and the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) hosted the India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 on April 16-17, 2018 in The Federation House, Tansen Marg, New-Delhi. Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was the industry partner for the event. The title of the Conference was 'Securing Global Supply Chains through Government-Industry Partnerships towards Effective Implementation of UNSC Resolution 1540'. Representatives from the Government and Industry of 39 countries, as well as experts from the UNSC 1540 Committee and UN Office for Disarmament Affairs in New York, participated in the two-day conference. The Conference provided an opportunity to participants to share experiences on their export control systems and to identify legal & technical assistance, action plans & challenges in national implementation of UNSC 1540.

India, with its long standing commitment to international non-proliferation has established a legally backed robust export control system to implement UNSC 1540.

EVENTS REPORT

India pips Germany, ranks 4th largest auto market

India has overtaken Germany to become the fourth largest automobile market in the world, latest global data showed Automobile sales, including passenger and commercial vehicles, in Asia's third largest economy grew 9.5%, the fastest among major global markets last year, to more than 4 million units, outpacing Germany's 3.8-million vehicle sales, which rose by a modest 2.8% in the same period.

HeliTaxi Shuttle Service opens in Belgaluru

A helicopter shuttle service (HeliTaxi) was opened in Bengaluru on March 5, 2018 for the public between the Bengaluru airport and the city. It is operated by Thumbby Aviation with a Bell 407 helicopter and a capacity of six passengers, according to a report of IANS. A commuter can opt for the helicopter shuttle service between BIAL and Electronic City in the south (about 70 km from the airport), which is home to hundreds of technology firms including, Infosys and other multinationals, or Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Airport in the city centre.

Mega food park in Ajmer

The first mega food park was inaugurated at Roopangarh village in Ajmer, Rajasthan. The Park has been set up at a cost of Rs 113.57 crore and will benefit around 25,000 farmers in this as well as neighbouring districts. The mega food park, which has been set up in an area of 85.44 acres, would have a central processing centre as well as four Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) at Jaipur, Nagaur, Tonk and Churu. It also has facilities for primary processing and storage near farms. It will also provide direct and indirect employment to 5,000 persons.

STATE PROFILE

GOA



FACTFILE

Capital:Panaji

Geographical Area (sq km):3,702

State Language:Konkani, Marathi, Portuguese, Hindi and English

Literacy Rate:88.7 per cent

Key Industries:Tourism, food processing, IT & ITeS, mining, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and fishing

Goa is located in the western region of India. The state shares its borders with the Arabian Sea to the west, Maharashtra to the north and Karnataka to the south and the east. It is traditionally known as a tourist paradise for its natural beauty, unique beaches and cultural diversity. Goa is one of the fastest growing states in the country. Goa's economic growth is driven by the strong performance of industrial sectors such as mining, tourism and pharmaceuticals. Goa is the second state in India to achieve a 100 per cent automatic telephone system with a solid network of telephone exchanges. Goa has a well-developed social, physical and industrial infrastructure and virtual connectivity. It has an international airport that is in line with its importance as a globally-recognised leisure destination.

Key Sectors:

- Around 32.29 million tonnes of iron ore was extracted from 44 operational mines in the state between September 2015 and October 2017.
- The state is in the process of developing the logistics sector in Goa by forming a special logistics group and constructing several bridges to address the existing deficiencies with regard to logistics and warehousing.
- The Government of India has granted approval to the state government for constructing the Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in Tuem by providing a central assistance of US\$ 7.63 million.
- During 2016, the number of passengers who arrived in the state on the basis of e-tourist visas was recorded to be 1,04,442. The state recorded a total of 6,80,683 foreign tourists from over 141 countries across the globe.
- During 2015-16, the state government created a separate District Mineral Foundation under the MMDR Act, 1957, as per which the state's mining firms need to deposit an additional amount of 30 per cent of the royalty paid to this fund.

- Goa has a coastline of about 104 kms and inland waterways of about 250 km. The coast is full of creeks and estuaries formed by rivers. Fish production in the state reached 101.1 thousand tonnes in 2016-17.

INDIAN ECONOMY

World's largest solar park launched in Karnataka

The world's largest solar park set up at an investment of Rs 16,500 crore at Pavagada in Karnataka's Tumakuru district was launched by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on March 1st, 2018. The 2,000 MW park, named as 'Shakti Sthala', spans across 13,000 acres spread over five villages and is a benchmark in the unique people's participation in power model put on ground, according to officials. The park's development is anchored by the Karnataka Solar Power Development Corp. Ltd (KSPDCL), an entity formed in March 2015 as a joint venture between Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Ltd (KREDL) and Solar Energy Corp. of India (SECI). The project has been executed within a record time of two years, with zero land acquisition. Moreover, the farmers who have leased out their land are reaping greater benefits with Rs 21,000 per acre being offered as rentals. The park will create employment and act as an incentive for natives and farmers to explore new opportunities of socio-economic growth in the region, state Energy Minister D K Shivakumar said. "This ambitious project, spanning five villages, looks at farmers as the key partners, as also beneficiaries. Shakti Sthala is creating new job opportunities and economic growth leading to the prosperity of the people of Pavagada," he said. The state has witnessed an overall increase in capacity to 2,3379 MW as on January 2018, he said. Shivakumar said 600 MW solar power generation has been commissioned during December 2017 and additional capacity of 1400 MW will be available by December this year.



ITPO's FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN , NEW DELHI

Sl. No.	Name of the Fair	Dates	Products	Contact Person
1	Smart City Expo (In Association with M/s. Exhibition India)	May, 2018	Infrastructure development, materials & technologies for green building technologies, green & autonomous transport and water technologies	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011- 23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in
2	India Intl. Footwear Fair	Aug.3-5, 2018	Leather & leather products, Footwear, Accessories, Chemicals, Machinery etc.	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011- 23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in
3	Delhi Book Fair	Aug.2018	Books, Publications, Journals etc.	Mr. D.K. Jain, General Manager Tel: 011-23371671/1529 E-mail: dkj@itpo.gov.in
4	Stationery & Office Automation Fair & Corporate Gift Fair	Aug.2018	All Education, Office Stationery items & Gifts	Mr. D.K. Jain, General Manager Tel: 011-23371671/1529 E-mail: dkj@itpo.gov.in
5	MSME Forum Exhibition	Aug.2018	Start Up Expo and Laghu Udyog Vyapar	Mr. S.R. Sahoo, General Manager Tel: 23371965/0257 E-mail:

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6	India Wellness Expo (In Association with M/s. Exhibition India)	Aug.2018	Health India Expo, Biotech India Expo, Organic India Expo	Mr. S.R. Sahoo General Manager Tel: 91-11-23371965 Fax: 91-11-23370257 E-mail: companysecretary@itpo.gov.in
7	India International Security Expo	Oct.5-7, 2018	Security & safety equipment systems, including fire & industrial safety etc.	Mr. A.K. Vashisht General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378511 Fax: 91-11-23379338 E-mail: avashist@itpo.gov.in
8	Tex-Styles India	Oct. 2018	Textile items – Cotton yarns, Fabrics & Home furnishing	Mr. Jayanta Das, Sr. General Manager Tel: 011- 23378929/1673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
9	India International Trade Fair	14-27 November, 2018	Multi-Products	Mrs. Hema Maity, General Manager Tel:011- 23371819 E-mail: hemamaity@itpo.gov.in

More information available at:

www.indiatradefair.com

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www.assochem.org/events/index.php

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www.biztradeshows.com/india/

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The National Portal of India <http://india.gov.in>

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The Federation of Indian Export Organizations www.fieo.org

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry www.phdcci.in

