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HIGHLIGHTS FROM INDIA

Visit of Foreign Minister of Jordan to India (27-28 December, 2017)



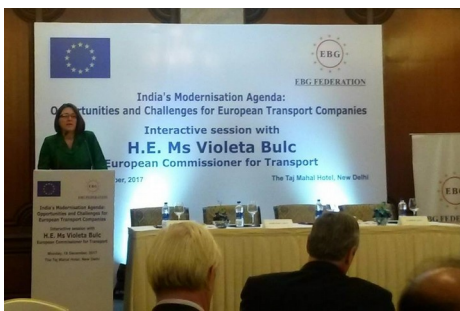
H. E. Mr. Ayman Safadi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Jordan visited India from 27-28 December, 2017. This was his first visit to India. During the visit, H. E. Mr. Ayman Safadi held bilateral discussions with External Affairs Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj and with Minister of Commerce Shri Suresh Prabhu. Jordanian Foreign Minister also delivered a lecture at ICWA.

International Consumer trade fair. PITEX - Punjab International Trade Expo 2017

The Czech Republic was a Partner Country at the 12th edition of the Punjab International Trade Expo (PITEX 2017) held in Amritsar from December 7th to December 11th, 2017. The official Czech stall under the auspices of the Embassy in New Delhi showcased skills of companies offering organic fertilizers, transportable petrol pumps, nanotechnologies applicable for treatment of water, biotechnologies cleaning air, soil and water, as well as services in the area of training.



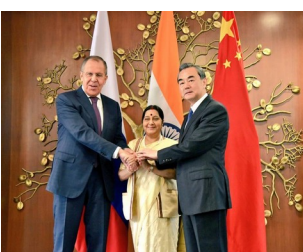
European Union-India co-operation



European Union Commissioner for Mobility and Transport Ms. Violeta Bulc visited New Delhi to meet Indian counterparts for talks on EU – India co-operation in the area of Transport. During her visit an Interactive session with the European Business Group in India (EBG) took place. Representatives of Czech Embassy as well as Czech companies CATC (Czech Aviation

Traning Centre) and Flying Academy took active part on the interaction with the Commissioner.

15th Russia-India-China Trilateral Foreign Ministers' Meeting



The 15th Trilateral Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Russia-India-China (RIC) took place in New Delhi on 11 December 2017. During the meeting External Affairs Minister of India Sushma Swaraj and Foreign Minister of Russia Sergey Lavrov and Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi discussed issues of common concern.

EVENTS REPORT



The Hindustan Times chose the Czech Republic, together with other countries, to portray some of Christmas Traditions in Europe in its edition dated December 9th, 2017. The Hindustan Times wrote that: „Christmas in the Czech Republic is about more than just celebrating the current holiday season. It’s also about predicting what the new year will bring. On Christmas Eve, families take part in a variety of fortune-telling practices. For example, they slice open apples to determine their health. Star shaped cores predict good health, while square shared cores predict poor health. Families in the Czech Republic also float walnut shells, pour molten lead into water, and perform many other acts to help determine the future in the coming year.”

Plastindia Road show in Prague



Embassy of India, Prague in cooperation with Plastindia Foundation and Czech Plastic Cluster organized a Road show for Plastindia 2018 at Marriott Hotel, Prague on December 11, 2017. The aim of the Road Show was to promote PLASTINDIA 2018 –10th International Exhibition, Conference and Convention, which is scheduled to take in Gujarat, India from 7th – 12th February, 2018. This mega global event will be held for 6 days and is expected to attract 2 000 exhibitors including 600 overseas participants from 40 countries.

Indywood Film Carneval



The Czech Republic has been selected as the Best Country-Foreign Production Revenue-2017 in the awards segment related to “International Film Commissions & Tourism



Awards” at the 3rd edition of the Indywood Film Carneval held at Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad from 1st to 4th December, 2017.

STATE PROFILE

Assam

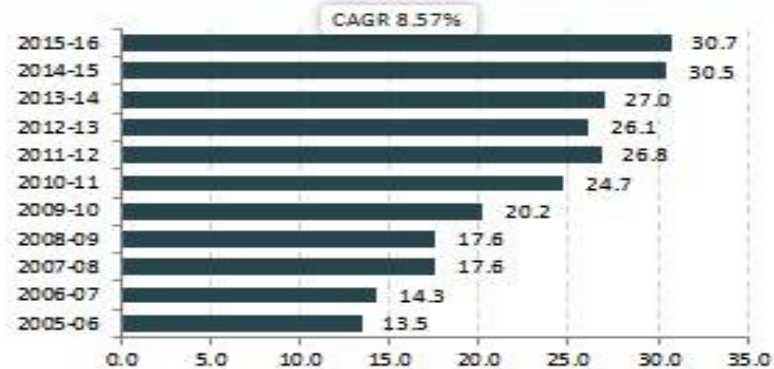
Tourism, Industries, Agriculture, Economy



FACTFILE

- **Capital:** Dispur
- **Geographical Area**
- **(sq km):** 78,438
- **State Language:**
- Assamese, Bodo, Bengali and English
- **Literacy Rate:**
- 72.2 per cent
- **Key Industries:**
- Tea, coal, oil, gas, Limestone and Cement,
- agriculture, horticulture,
- food processing and tourism

GDP of Assam at current prices (in US\$ billion)



Assam is located in the northeast of India. The state shares international borders with Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Bhutan. Assam is India's gateway to Northeast India and acts as a vital link for trade with Southeast Asian countries. The state is known for its tea, petroleum resources, muga silk and bio-diversity. It is also becoming an increasingly popular destination for wildlife tourism.

Key Sectors:

- **Tea:** In February 2017, Goodricke Group announced plans to acquire tea estates in Assam for an investment of US\$ 5.95 million to produce 1 million kg of tea, annually. In 2016-17, tea production was recorded at 657.24 million kg.
- **Energy-Coal, Oil, and Gas:** In March 2017, ONGC made new discovery of 10 million metric tonnes (MMT) of oil in the state. Two wells, one each at Sufayam and Dayalpur, have been drilled to exploit this 10 MMT oil reserve. For FY 2017-18, the government has announced setting up of 2 solar power plants with capacities of 69 MW at Amguri in Sivasagar district and of 20 MW at Chandrapur in Kamrup district of Assam respectively.
- **Medical Herbs and Plants:** Assam, with its vast area under hills and forests, is home to a variety of medicinal herbs and plants. About 300 types of medicinal herbs and plants are found in abundance in the state with the Brahmaputra valley alone having 150 varieties of herbs and plants of commercial value.
- **Sericulture:** Assam enjoys global monopoly in terms of Muga silk (also known as golden silk) production. The state accounts for around 95 per cent of global Muga production.

INDIAN ECONOMY



Indigenous GPS

India has deployed its own regional navigational system, namely NavIC comprising of a constellation of seven navigational satellites and associated ground segment for providing position, navigation and timing services to Indian region.

The IRNSS (NavIC) enables providing position, navigation and timing information that could be utilised for a large range of civil and strategic applications and services that include terrestrial, aerial and marine navigation; precise timing; disaster management and alert messages; mapping and Geodetic data capture; vehicle tracking and fleet management; visual & voice navigation for drivers, etc.

Seven satellites of NavIC constellation are currently in orbit, the realization of IRNSS-1I, by DOS/ISRO is under progress using a contract to a consortium of private companies for carrying out assembly, integration and testing of this satellite. The satellite is planned for launch during first quarter of 2018.

NavIC provides signals in a space covering India and its surroundings, this could be utilised by using receivers on ground to determine position and time accurately. Signal in space is provided globally by GPS of USA, GLONASS of Russia, Galileo of Europe and Beidou of China. Current global trend is to make use of ground receivers which utilise as many signals as available for providing timing and position solutions.

ITPO's Fairs in Pragati Maidan , New Delhi

Sl. No.	Name of the Event	Dates	Products	Contact Information
1	New Delhi World Book Fair	Jan/ Feb. 2018	Books, Periodicals, Journals, Publications etc.	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929/9810189400 Fax: 91-11-23371673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
2	Nakshatra Delhi	Jan./Feb. 2018	Holistic products, Astrology, Numerology, Yoga	Mr. S.R. Sahoo General Manager Tel: 91-11-23371965 Fax: 91-11-23370257 E-mail: companysecretary@itpo.gov.in
3	India International Leather Fair, Chennai	01-03 February, 2018	Leather & Leather Products, Chemicals Machinery & Accessories.	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929 /9810189400 Fax: 91-11-23371673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
4	India International Leather Fair, Chennai	01-03 February, 2018	Leather & Leather Products, Chemicals Machinery & Accessories.	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929

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5	Tex-Styles India, Delhi	Feb/March 2018	Textile items, Cotton yarns, fabrics & Home Furnishings	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929 /9810189400 Fax: 91-11-23371673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
6	India International Leather Fair, Kolkata	Feb./ March 2018	Leather & Leather Products, Chemicals Machinery & Accessories.	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929/ 9810189400 Fax: 91-11-23371673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
7	Tex-Styles India, Kolkata	Feb/March 2018	textile items-Cotton yarns, fabrics & Home Furnishings	Mr. Jayanta Das General Manager Tel: 91-11-23378929/ 9810189400 Fax: 91-11-23371673 E-mail: jd@itpo.gov.in
8	Aahar- The International Food & Hospitality Fair, Delhi	March 2018	Food , Beverages Hotel & Restaurant Equipment & Supplies etc.	Mr. J. Gunasekaran General Manager Tel: 91-11-23371829 Fax: 91-11-23371916 E-mail: sekaran@itpo.gov.in

More information available at:

www.indiatradefair.com

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www.ficci.com/ficci-exhibitions.asp

www.assochem.org/events/index.php

www.fieo.org/view_detail.php?lang=0&id=0,22&evetype=0

www.biztradeshows.com/india/

Useful Links

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

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India <http://mea.gov.in/>

India Public Diplomacy www.indiadiplomacy.in

Invest India www.investindia.gov.in

India In Business <http://indiainbusiness.nic.in>

Incredible India www.incredibleindia.org

India Brand Equity Foundation www.ibef.org

India Trade Promotion Organization www.indiatradefair.com

EXIM Bank <http://eximbankindia.com>

The Confederation of Indian Industry www.cii.in

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The Federation of Indian Export Organizations www.fieo.org

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry www.phdcci.in