

Visits of Prime Minister

S. No.	Countries visited by the Prime Minister during the period from December 7, 2018 to March 7, 2018	the details of Memorandum of Understandings, bilateral agreements entered into with each of these countries	the prospects to strengthen bilateral relations between India and these countries
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1	Switzerland (22-23 January 2018) (World Economic Forum at Davos)	<u>World Economic Forum (WEF), Davos</u> Prime Minister visited Switzerland on 22-23 January 2018 to participate in the WEF at Davos. During the visit, PM delivered the plenary address at the opening session of the WEF at Davos on the theme, “Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World.” Prime Minister began by observing that, “The last visit of Indian Prime Minister to Davos was in 1997 when Mr. Deve Gowda came here. In 1997, the GDP of India was slightly over 400 billion dollars. Now after two decades it is almost 6 times.” In the course of his speech, Prime Minister addressed “three principal challenges that have posed the biggest threats for the mankind”, namely the threat of climate change, of terrorism and of many societies and countries becoming more and more self-centered. He also pointed out the significance of the economic reforms that have been carried out by Government and the benefits of these reforms in terms of making Indian economy more open and attractive. Earlier on 22 January, Prime Minister also attended a dinner interaction with 64 CEOs from around the world, 40 of them from	-

		<p>other countries and 24 from India; the total market capitalization of these companies was \$3.6 trillion.</p> <p><u>India-Switzerland Bilateral</u></p> <p>Prime Minister met President of the Swiss Confederation Mr Alain Berset and discussed issues of mutual interest. No MoU/ Agreement was signed during their meeting.</p>	<p><u>India-Switzerland Bilateral</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperate on maintaining people-to-people contacts and high emphasis on cultural exchanges and tourism • Implementation of Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI). • Strengthening cooperation through existing mechanisms of India-Switzerland Financial Dialogue, the Indo-Swiss Joint Economic Committee meetings and the Joint Committee on Science and Technology.
2	Palestine (10 February 2018) Bilateral	<p>During the visit of Prime Minister to Palestine on 10 February, 2018, following six MoUs were signed for Projects Assistance for around US \$ 42 million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU between India and Palestine for construction of Super-Specialty Hospital at Beit Sahour in Bethlehem Governorate at a cost of US\$ 30 million. • MOU between India and Palestine for construction of India Palestine Centre for Empowering Women, “Turathi” at a cost of US\$ 5 million. • MOU between India and Palestine for setting up of new National Printing Press at Ramallah at a cost of US\$ 5 million. 	<p>As part of India’s solidarity with the Palestinian people, we have been extending political and financial support for the Palestinian cause. Execution of these projects in Palestine will help in capacity building, human resource development and infrastructure development. India has been unwavering in its support for the Palestinian cause and hopes to see the realization of a sovereign, independent, united and viable Palestine, coexisting peacefully with Israel.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU between India and Palestine for construction of school in Muthalth Al Shuhada Village at a cost of US\$ 1 million. • MOU between India and Palestine for construction of school in Tamoon village in Tubas Governorate in Palestine at a cost of US\$ 1.1 million. • MOU between India and Palestine on Govt. of India assistance of US\$ 0.25 million for construction of additional floor to Jawahar Lal Nehru School for Boys at Abu Dees. 	
3	UAE (10-11 February 2018) Bilateral	<p>During the visit, the following MoUs were concluded :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU between Indian Consortium (ONGC Videsh Limited, Bharat Petroleum Refinery Limited & Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.) and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC). • MoU between Government of India and Government of UAE. • MoU between Ministry of Railways, India and Federal Transport Authority-Land & Maritime of UAE. • MoU between Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). • MoU between Government of Jammu and Kashmir and DP World, UAE on logistics. 	<p>MoUs concluded would contribute to further strengthening of bilateral relations through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing for acquisition of 10% participating interest in the offshore Lower Zakum Concession • institutionalising the collaborative administration of contractual employment of Indian workers in UAE • providing Technical Cooperation in Rail Sector • enhancing cooperation between both the countries in financial services industry • establishing multi-modal logistics park and hub in Jammu comprising warehouses and specialized storage solutions

4	Oman (11-12 February 2018) Bilateral	<p>During the visit, the following MoUs were concluded :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement on Legal and Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial matter • Agreement on mutual visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, special, service and official passports • MoU on Cooperation in the field of Health • MoU on Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space • MoU on Cooperation between Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, India and Oman Diplomatic Institute • MoU on Academic and Scholarly cooperation sectors between National Defence College Sultanate of Oman and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses • MoU in the field of Tourism Cooperation between India and Oman • Annexure to the MoU on Military Cooperation 	<p>MoUs concluded would contribute to further strengthening of bilateral relations through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing a basis for reciprocal legal and judicial assistance in civil and commercial matters, like service of judicial orders, summons and other legal and judicial documents or processes • permitting citizens of both countries holding Diplomatic or Official Passports to enter into, exit from and transit through the territories of each party without requirement of visas • providing for cooperation in areas of health, including in occupational and environmental health, pharmaceuticals, medical education, exchange of the best practices in the field of primary healthcare, research in the field of healthcare, technology, health care system and exchange of medical experts and scientists • cooperation in exploration and use of outer space, including application of space technology for peaceful purposes. It covers wide areas of cooperation in the fields of satellite, navigation, communication and other technologies related to space
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