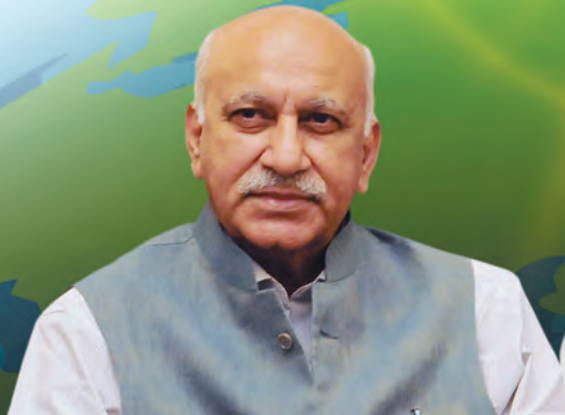


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India's Diplomatic Journey: 2014-2018





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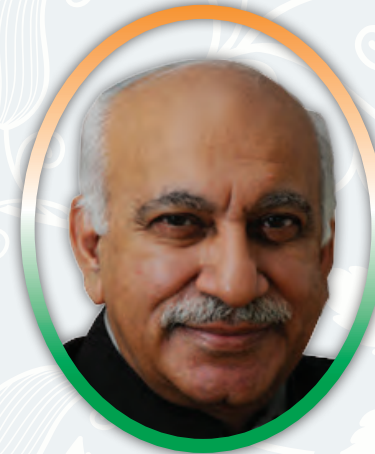
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Minister of State for External Affairs



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Preeti Saran
Secretary (East)



Ruchi Ghanashyam
Secretary (West)



Dnyaneshwar M. Mulay
Secretary (CPV & OIA)



T.S. Tirumurti
Secretary (ER)

DEDICATED 9,000 + OFFICERS AND STAFF

India First

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OUTGOING VISITS FROM INDIA

■ PRESIDENT	■ EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER
■ VICE-PRESIDENT	■ MOS - V.K. SINGH
■ PRIME MINISTER	■ MOS - M.J. AKBAR

ACROSS HEMISPHERES

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DJIBOUTI ■ ■ ■
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ENGAGING THE WORLD A-Z

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ACROSS HEMISPHERES

P



- PAKISTAN
- PALESTINE
- PANAMA
- PAPUA NEW GUINEA
- PERU
- PHILIPPINES
- POLAND
- PORTUGAL



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- VATICAN CITY (HOLY SEE)
- VENEZUELA
- VIETNAM



Q

- QATAR



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- RUSSIA
- RWANDA



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- YEMEN



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- ZAMBIA



DIPLOMATIC MILESTONES

First-ever Visits

Diplomatic Outreach acquired a new vigour and vitality during the four years of the NDA government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This included a string of first-ever visits from India at the level of Heads of State/Heads of Government to many countries, including Israel, Palestine, Mongolia, Portugal, Switzerland, Equatorial Guinea and e-Swatini. Reigniting the spark in friendship with old friends, several high-level visits took place after a gap of ten to sixty years. In sync with its rising global profile, India hosted the first-ever summit of the International Solar Alliance and the largest ever gathering of African leaders on its soil.





(Left) President Ram Nath Kovind with Djibouti's President Ismail Omar Guelleh at Presidential Palace during the first high-level visit from India to Djibouti in October 2017. (Right) Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred the 'Grand Collar of the State of Palestine' by President Mahmoud Abbas during the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Palestine.



NEIGHBOURS FIRST

A New Beginning...

In a first-ever pathbreaking initiative that underscored 'Neighbours First' foreign policy vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all leaders of SAARC countries, besides the President of Mauritius, were invited and attended the swearing-in ceremony of the NDA government on May 26, 2014. This was a unique gesture that set the tone for sustained engagement with neighbourhood, which included high-profile visits by PM Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj to all the countries in the region, many of which took place after long intervals.



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BILATERAL VISIT BY AN
INDIAN PM...

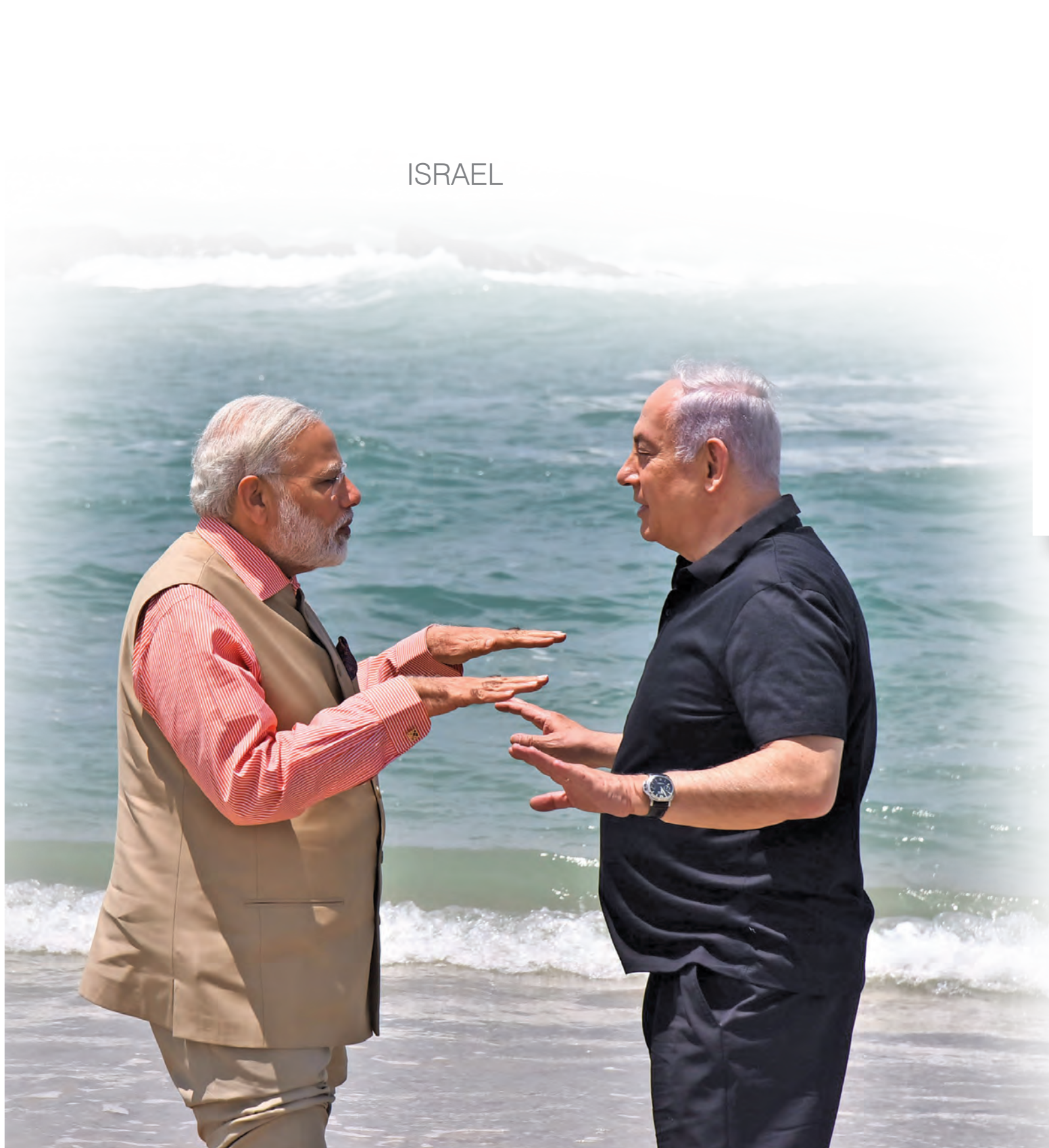


MONGOLIA



SWITZERLAND

ISRAEL



PALESTINE

PORTUGAL



First-ever visit by an Indian PM to all

CENTRAL ASIAN STATES IN SINGLE OVERSEAS TRIP



TAJIKISTAN



KAZAKHSTAN

UZBEKISTAN



KYRGYZSTAN



TURKMENISTAN

INDIA ASCENDING

In an acknowledgement of India's rising global graph, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was given a singular honour by the leaders of the countries he visited, and India was feted and celebrated at various high-profile multilateral and regional fora.

First Indian PM to address the
**BRITISH
PARLIAMENT**



First foreign leader to address from the
ROYAL BOX IN OMAN



First Indian PM to deliver the keynote address at
WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM



FIRST-EVER SUMMITS

FIPIC



The Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC) Summit was held for the first time in Jaipur in India in August 2015.

IAFS-III



India-Africa Forum Summit-III, for the first time ever, enlarged participation by African countries from 17 to all 54 African countries. IAFS-III, held in New Delhi in October 2015, unveiled a transformative agenda of mutual resurgence.

10 ASEAN leaders at Rajpath



In a special gesture, the leaders of all 10 ASEAN countries participated in India's Republic Day celebrations as Guests of Honour on January 26, 2018. This is the first time all the leaders of a region were invited at the Republic Day celebrations, which underlined the government's commitment to the Act East policy.

A Place in the Sun



India and France partnered in co-hosting the first-ever Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance in New Delhi on March 11, 2018. The ISA summit, in which the leaders and representatives of over 50 countries participated, has forged the largest global coalition of sunshine rich countries to ignite a solar revolution in the world.

FIRST INDIA-NORDIC SUMMIT



PM Modi held India's first summit with the leaders of five Nordic countries in Stockholm in April 2018. The first India-Nordic Summit, attended by Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland, culminated in a blueprint for expanding mutually empowering partnership, centered on technology and innovation.

1ST VISIT BY AN INDIAN PRESIDENT...



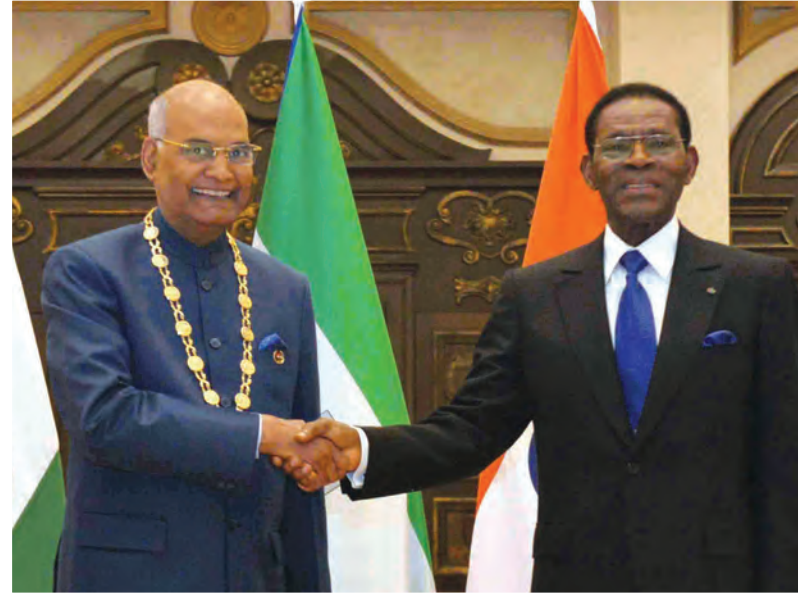
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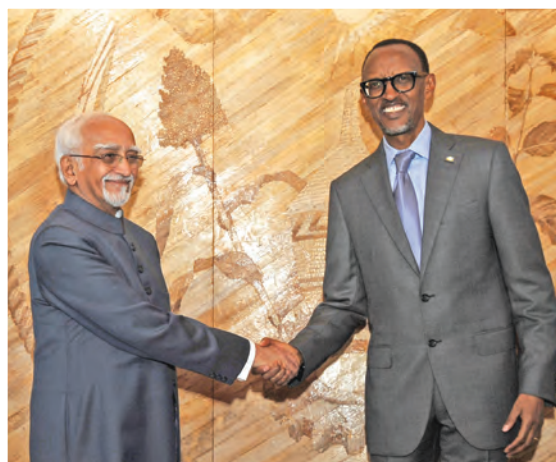


EQUATORIAL
GUINEA

e-SWATINI



1ST VISIT BY AN INDIAN VICE PRESIDENT...



RWANDA



HUNGARY



GUATEMALA



PANAMA

BRIDGING THE GAP

Revitalising India's diplomatic engagements across continents, many high-level visits from India to over twenty countries took place after a hiatus of ten to sixty years, opening new doors for mutually nourishing partnerships in a wide array of areas.

40-60 YEARS

- Ireland
- Canada

30-40 YEARS

- Mozambique
- Philippines
- Kenya
- UAE
- Fiji
- Seychelles

20-30 YEARS

- Spain
- Sri Lanka
- Mexico
- Turkmenistan
- Sweden

15-20 YEARS

- Kyrgyzstan
- Nepal

10-15 YEARS

- Iran
- Kazakhstan
- Vietnam
- The Netherlands
- Tajikistan
- Oman
- Mauritius



PROACTIVE MEA



US

509

Interactions

277

HoS/HoG/FM

166

Countries

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held **509** interactions with **277** Heads of State/Heads of Government/Foreign Ministers from **166** countries in the last four years, underlining the government's proactive diplomacy.

MoS V. K. Singh visited **56** countries and MoS M. J. Akbar visited **53** countries.



VENEZUELA



VIETNAM



EU



SRI LANKA



AUSTRALIA



SOUTH AFRICA

EXPANDING INDIA'S GLOBAL FOOTPRINTS

Across Continents & Regions

Spanning continents and hemispheres, India's diplomatic engagement saw an unmatched acceleration in the last four years. There were a record number of high-level incoming and outgoing visits at the level of President, Prime Minister, Vice-President, External Affairs Minister and ministers.

The country's top leadership engaged nearly all countries in the world cutting across time zones, which led to a qualitative upgrade in bilateral relationships and enhanced coordination on a range of regional and global issues. In sync with the ancient Indian ethos of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' this across-the-spectrum diplomatic outreach underlines the NDA government's commitment to building relationships with countries, big and small, in the spirit of "the world is one family."





PM Modi with US President Donald Trump at the White House in Washington in June 2017.
(Right) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Moscow in September 2017.

OUTGOING VISITS

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Cote d'Ivoire
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Djibouti
- Egypt
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea
- e-Swatini
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Liberia
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mauritius
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Sao Tome & Principe
- Senegal
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- South Africa
- Sudan
- South Sudan
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia

Africa

SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

- Multi-faceted India-Africa relations soared to new heights with the hosting of the Third India-Africa Forum Summit in October 2015
- IAFS-III, for the first time ever, brought leaders and representatives of all 54 African countries to India
- At IAFS-III, India pledged \$10 billion, the largest LOC package for any region in the world
- Record number of high-level visits by India, including by PM, President, Vice-President, EAM and other ministers
- Enhancement of economic and development cooperation with Africa across the spectrum
- First-ever meeting of the African Development Bank in Ahmedabad in May 2017

INCOMING VISITS

- Democratic Republic of Congo
- e-Swatini
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Republic of Guinea
- Kenya
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- Tanzania
- Tunisia
- Uganda





MADAGASCAR



MOZAMBIQUE



UGANDA



KENYA



EGYPT



GABON



LIBERIA



ANGOLA

OUTGOING VISITS

- Australia
- Fiji
- New Zealand
- Papua New Guinea

*Australia,
New Zealand &
Pacific Island
States*

INCOMING VISITS

- Australia
- Fiji
- New Zealand

RELATIONS ON UPSWING

High-level visits expanded scope of partnership with Australia and New Zealand

PM Modi's visit to Australia in November 2014, the first by an Indian PM to Canberra in nearly three decades, set the tone for an upward trajectory, followed by return visits by Australian leaders, including Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull

Enhancement of trade & investment with Australia & New Zealand

Enhanced strategic partnership with Australia, specially in area of maritime security



AUSTRALIA



FIJI



PAPUA NEW GUINEA



NEW ZEALAND



AUSTRALIA



NEW ZEALAND

OUTGOING VISITS

CHINA

RUSSIA

SOUTH ASIA

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- The Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA

- Brunei
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- North Korea
- Philippines
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Thailand
- Vietnam

WEST ASIA

- Bahrain
- Iran
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Oman
- Palestine
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- UAE
- Yemen

CENTRAL ASIA

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- Uzbekistan

Asia & Eurasia

AN ASIAN CENTURY

- Record number of two-way high-level visits
- Transformation and upgradation of Look East policy into Act East policy, which led to a more pragmatic, action-oriented agenda for enhancing relations with Southeast Asian countries and the extended East Asia region
- Upswing in Look West policy, leading to enhanced economic and strategic ties with West Asia
- Energy ties with West Asian countries acquired a strategic character
- Launch of Phase I of the Chabahar Port and India-Afghanistan Air Freight Corridor has paved the way for enhanced regional connectivity
- Connect Central Asia policy scaled new heights with PM Modi covering all five Central Asian states in an overseas trip in June 2015, followed by several two-way visits
- Greater cooperation with Asia's major power centres, including China, Japan and South Korea

INCOMING VISITS

CHINA

RUSSIA

SOUTH ASIA

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- The Maldives
- Nepal
- Sri Lanka

SOUTHEAST & EAST ASIA

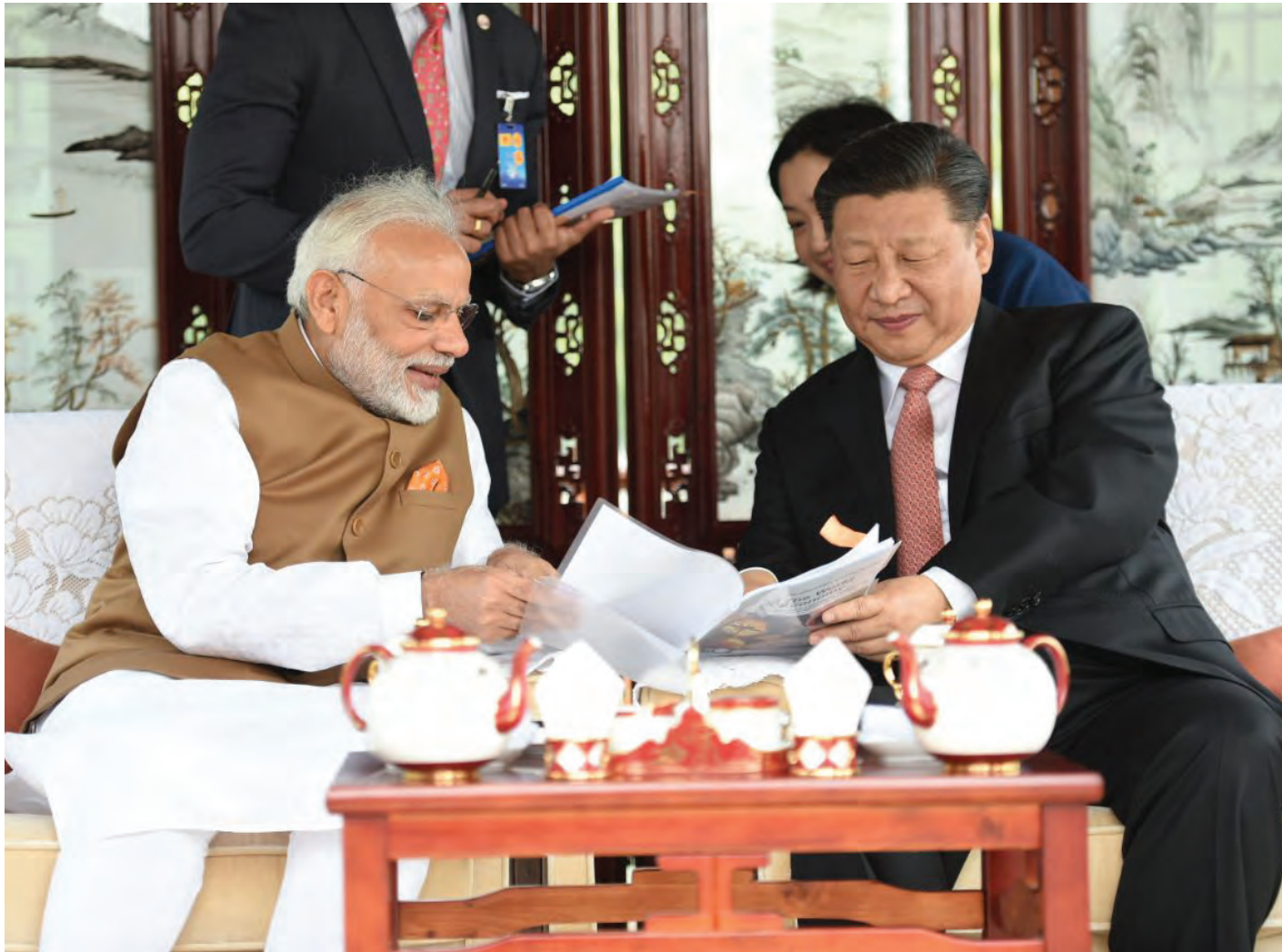
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- Myanmar
- North Korea
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Vietnam

WEST ASIA

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- Iran
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- Palestine
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syria
- UAE
- Yemen

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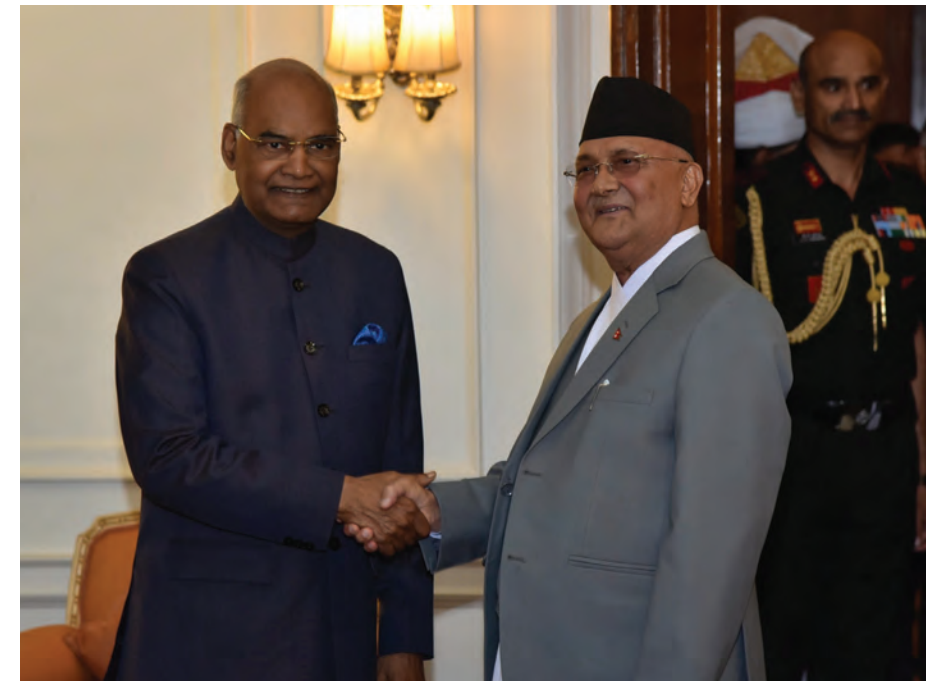
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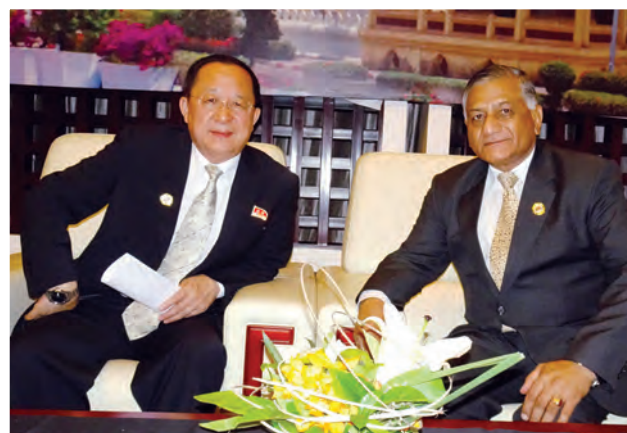
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SRI LANKA



LAOS



UAE



RUSSIA

OUTGOING VISITS

- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK

Europe

NEW MOMENTUM

Acceleration of India's Link West policy

Diplomatic outreach to Europe acquired a new momentum with a spate of high-level two-way visits

Many European countries saw the first visit by an Indian PM in decades

Enhanced investment flows from Europe boosted FDI and underlined ease of doing business in India

Proactive participation by European countries in national development agenda through programmes like Make in India, Skill India, Digital India and Namami Gange

Greater strategic and security cooperation between India and European countries in areas of counter-terrorism and cyber security

Enhanced support to India's flagship programmes and development agenda by the European Union

INCOMING VISITS

- Armenia
- Austria
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Belarus
- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Malta
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Serbia
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK

FRANCE



GERMANY



SERBIA



BELARUS





THE NETHERLANDS



UK



ITALY



LIECHTENSTEIN



CZECH REPUBLIC



FINLAND

OUTGOING VISITS

- Canada
- US

INCOMING VISITS

- Canada
- US

North America

NEW VISTAS

- Four visits by PM Modi to the US cemented and expanded India-US ties across the spectrum
- Designation of India as Major Defence Partner of the US
- Setting up of new 2+2 Dialogue Mechanism, involving Foreign Ministers and Defence Ministers
- Intensification of ties with Canada in areas of investment and manufacturing
- First shipment of Canadian uranium arrives in India
- Enhanced engagement of the US and Canada in India's flagship programmes of national resurgence, including Make in India, Skill India, Digital India and Start-up India



US



CANADA



US



US

OUTGOING VISITS

- Brazil
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Dominican Republic
- Guatemala
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Panama
- Peru
- Suriname
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Venezuela

Latin America

INCOMING VISITS

- Brazil
- Colombia
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Suriname
- Uruguay

BONDING & SHARING

- First-ever high level visits from India to many Latin American countries, including Panama and Guatemala
- PM Modi's visit to Brazil in July 2014, barely a few months after taking office, and his meeting with leaders of 11 South American countries set the stage for re-energising relations with the region
- Two-way high profile visits deepened strategic connect between India & LAC
- Enhanced economic and energy ties with LAC
- Increasing development cooperation between India & LAC



BRAZIL



MEXICO



PERU



VENEZUELA



URUGUAY



SURINAME



ECUADOR

BENEFITS TO PEOPLE OF INDIA

Shared Prosperity

Diplomacy for Development moved to the forefront of India's foreign policy. This is the first time the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has facilitated domestic programmes of national development.

Diplomatic outreach intertwined with India's transformative agenda for national renaissance during the four years of the Government. Intensified engagements with partners brought visible economic benefits to the people of India and bolstered the country's security through enhanced foreign investment and technology tie-ups, leading to the setting up of factories and creation of jobs.

This unique dovetailing of diplomacy with development and prosperity has led to forging of foreign collaborations for fructifying flagship schemes of national renewal, including Make in India, Skill India, Smart Cities, Digital India and Start-up India, which will help create a New India by 2022, when independent India turns 75.





ARC OF PROSPERITY

Unprecedented diplomatic outreach led to commitment of substantial FDI by partner countries, which are home to several Fortune 500 companies

FUNDING COMMITMENTS

UAE
\$75
Billion



JAPAN
\$33
Billion



CHINA
\$22
Billion

SOUTH
KOREA
\$10
Billion



US



UK
\$10
Billion

BENEFITS TO PEOPLE OF INDIA

FRANCE



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SWITZERLAND



SPAIN



ARC OF PROSPERITY

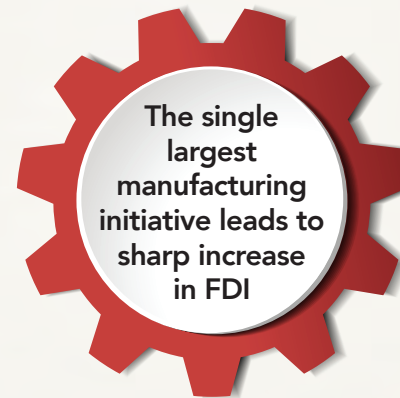
Interactions with CEOs and business leaders during foreign visits have made India a top destination for foreign investment.



BENEFITS TO PEOPLE OF INDIA



MAKE IN INDIA



“
The lions are a symbol of a new India. They roar; but with a message of friendship and promise of partnership, from 1.25 billion people of India.
”

—PM Modi at the Hannover Messe 2015



A MANUFACTURING RENAISSANCE

PARTNER COUNTRIES

FRANCE

L&T and France's AREVA to increase indigenisation of Jaitapur nuclear plant

France's Airbus assembly lines for military transport aircraft and helicopters

TATA and AIRBUS to jointly manufacture C-295 transport aircraft

Joint manufacture of helicopters by Mahindra and AIRBUS



JAPAN

Launch of \$12 billion "Japan-India Make-in-India Special Finance Facility"



UK

\$1.3 billion investment by Vodafone for "Digital India" and "Make in India"



SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

ABB to make India its manufacturing and export hub for Asia and Africa

Support by Scandinavian countries for Make in India



GERMANY

Collaboration with Germany's Fraunhofer Society in the field of manufacturing



US

Joint venture by Boeing to produce aero structures for the AH-64 Apache helicopter

Joint development of aerospace sector in India by Boeing and Lockheed Martin

RUSSIA

Russia to provide assistance for localisation of nuclear power plants in India

India and Russia to jointly produce 200 Kamov-226 helicopters in India



SKILL INDIA



AUSTRALIA

**Mission 2022:
Training
400 million
Indians**



SINGAPORE

**Empowering
Youth**



**Creating
Dynamic
Skilled
Work force**

**World's
Human Resource
Capital**



UK



MALAYSIA

PARTNER COUNTRIES

Diplomatic engagements with the UK, Germany, Canada, Singapore, China, Israel and other countries have contributed to the government's vision of Skill India programme and empowered youth by facilitating setting up of Skill Development Centres.

Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Dharmendra Pradhan felicitated twenty-two organisations and the first batch of interns being sent for a Technical Training Programme in Japan, which will enable them to acquire and master the skills of the Japanese industries and professions for a maximum of 5 years.



EMPOWERING & ENRICHING YOUTH

Collaboration between National Skill Development Council of India and 13 premier institutions of Canada



PM Modi with Donald Tusk, President of the European Council and Jean-Claude Juncker, President of European Commission, at the 14th EU-India Summit in New Delhi in October 2017. (Right) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New Delhi in January 2018.



JAPAN-INDIA SKILL CONNECT

30,000

Indian youth to be trained in Japanese-style manufacturing in the next 10 years
Japan India Institute of Manufacturing to be set up

10,000

Young Indian talents will visit Japan for Skill Development

ENERGY SECURITY

NUCLEAR ENERGY

Diplomatic outreach to energy-rich countries have complemented domestic efforts towards energy self-sufficiency and universal electrification by 2019.



JAPAN



RUSSIA



KAZAKHSTAN



CANADA

LIGHTING UP INDIA



(Left) PM Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron at the inaugural session of the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference in New Delhi in January 2018.
(Below) PM Modi at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France in 2015.

- Diplomatic engagements mobilised critical support for the India-led International Solar Alliance, which will scale up the production of solar energy and renewables, thus providing clean energy to millions of Indians.
- Development of 121 solar projects approved at the founding conference of ISA on March 11, 2018.
- Technological and financial support for enhanced production of renewable energy, which will reduce pollution and improve public health.



ENERGY SECURITY: HYDROCARBONS

SAUDI ARABIA



IRAN



RUSSIA



- Rosneft investment of USD 12.9 billion for controlling stakes in India's Essar Oil.
- Beginning of construction on Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India pipeline.
- OVL to acquire 15% stakes in Vankorneft project from Rosneft.
- Strategic petroleum reserves with UAE's assistance.
- India-Saudi Arabia Joint Ventures in petrochemical complexes and joint exploration in India, Saudi Arabia and in third countries.
- Negotiation to develop Farzad-B gas field in Iran.

TRANSFORMING RAILWAYS: ON FAST TRACK



Japan to build India's first bullet train. The Mumbai- Ahmedabad high speed rail link will cut the travel time from seven to two hours.

(Left) Railways Minister Piyush Goyal with Japan's Ambassador to India Kenji Hiramatsu.

METRO CONNECT

500 million euro German loan each for Nagpur and Bengaluru Metro

France to fund Phase II of Bengaluru, Kochi and Nagpur Metro

Delhi-Mumbai Railway Corridor with Japan

450 million euro by European Investment Bank for Lucknow Metro

Over 100 billion Yen Japanese loans for Chennai Metro Project (IV) and Ahmedabad Metro (I)



PM Modi inaugurating Madhepura Electric Locomotive factory, built by French company Alstom, in Motihari, Bihar in April 2018

SMART CITY: URBAN RENEWAL



FRANCE

CHANDIGARH • NAGPUR • PUDUCHERRY



UK

INDORE • PUNE • AMARAVATI



US

VISAKHAPATNAM • ALLAHABAD • AJMER



GERMANY

KOCHI • COIMBATORE • BHUBANESWAR





SINGAPORE AMARAVATI



THE NETHERLANDS NEW DELHI BARAPULLAH DRAIN CLEANING



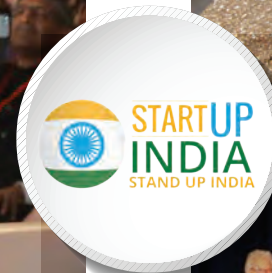
MALAYSIA WORLD CLASS CONVENTION CENTRE



Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri at India Smart Cities Forum in New Delhi in January 2018.



START-UP INDIA: IGNITING DREAMS



- Interactions with partner countries have put India on the start-up map of the world with infusion of capital and technology.
- Forging of collaborative ventures in start-ups with US, Israel, Singapore, France and Germany.

(Clockwise from left) PM Modi with Ivanka Trump, Advisor to the President of US, at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2017 in Hyderabad; PM Modi with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at a demonstration of GalMobile technology at a mobile desalination plant in Dor, Israel in July 2017; PM Modi at the India-US Start-up Konnect exhibition in San Jose, California in September 2015.

DIGITAL INDIA: MAPPING NEW PATHWAYS



- Diplomatic outreach enhanced digital connectivity and financial inclusion through JAM–Jan Dhan–Aadhar–Mobile.
- Forging of digital partnerships with the US, Germany, Britain, France, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Israel and Malaysia.



(Clockwise from far left) PM Modi with Electronics & Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Sri Lankan PM Ranil Wickremesinghe at the Global Conference on Cyber Space 2017 in New Delhi; PM Modi at the 'Digital India Dinner' in San Jose, California; PM Modi with ministers and international delegates at the Global Conference on Cyber Space in New Delhi in November 2017.



NAMAMI GANGE: REJUVENATING THE RIVER OF LIFE



■ Wide-ranging diplomatic engagements with Japan, the UK, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Israel, Australia and the European Union have forged foreign collaborations for rejuvenating the sacred Ganga.

■ Mobilising technology, expertise and funds for cleaning Ganga.



Thames/Ganga Partnership



India-EU Water Partnership

CONNECTIVITY: INTERLINKED FORTUNES

CHABAHAR ON FAST TRACK



India's development of Chabahar Port in Iran and the three-nation agreement with Iran and Afghanistan to use the port for sea-land connectivity with Afghanistan will be a game-changer.

(Right-top) Road Transport & Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari with Transport Ministers of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN), who endorsed the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA);
(Right) Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways Mansukh L. Mandaviya flagging off the India-Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Motor Car Rally 2016 in New Delhi.

BBIN



TRILATERAL HIGHWAY



GLOBAL COMMON GOOD

Mutual Empowerment

Amid the ongoing economic renaissance of the global south, expanding development and knowledge partnerships with fraternal developing countries became an important priority of the Government's foreign policy.

With mutual empowerment as its animating mantra, India shared funds, technology and expertise with countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. This multi-pronged development cooperation included assistance in capacity building, training and enhanced cooperation in education and health. In the spirit of South-South solidarity, India shared its resources in the form of Lines of Credit and grants to partner in the shared development journey to spur mutual resurgence.

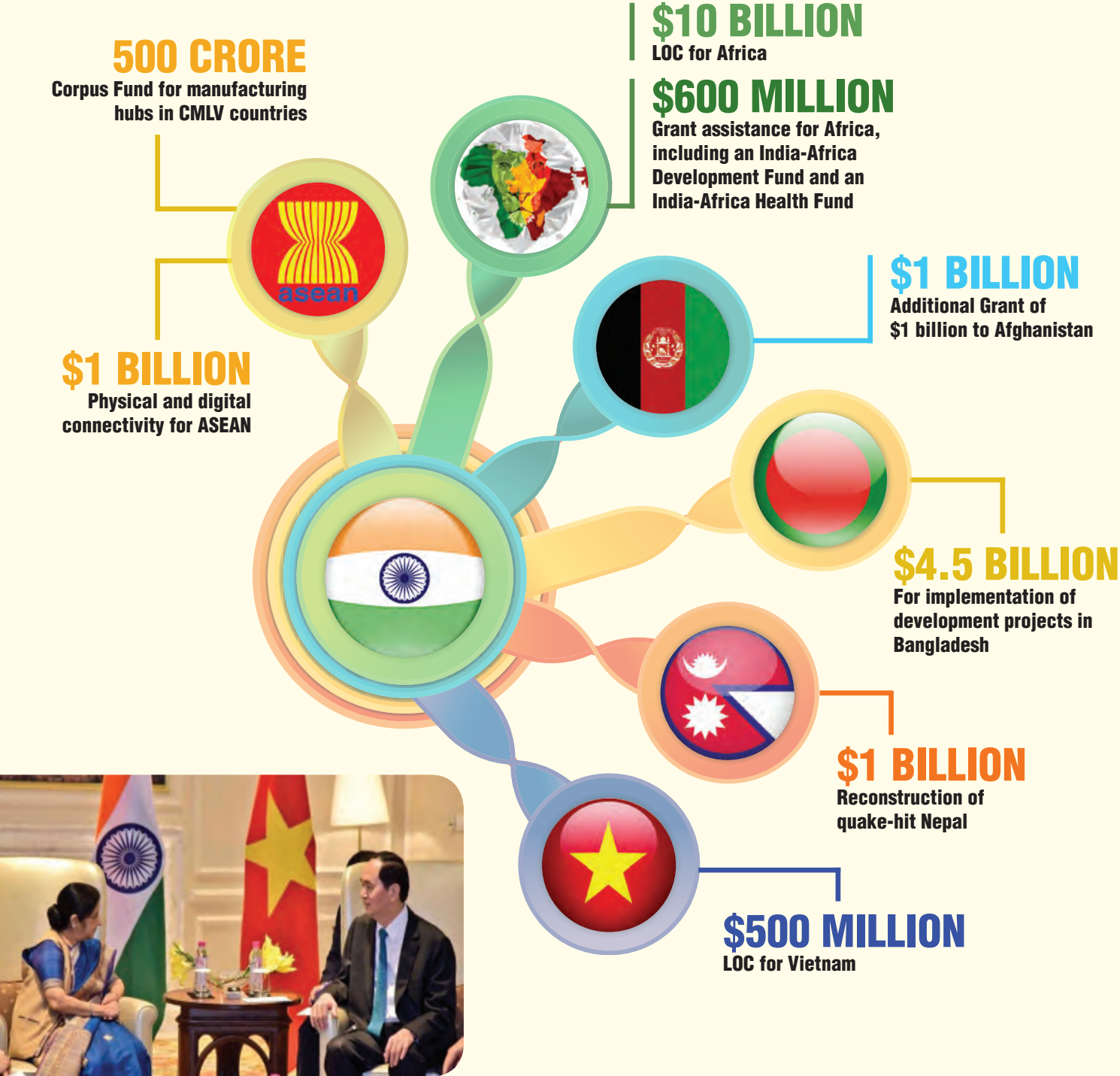




(Above) PM Modi at the inauguration of the annual meeting of the African Development Bank (AfDB), in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, in May 2017.
 (Right) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Mongolia's Foreign Minister Damdin Tsogtbaatar in April 2018.



India's Development Assistance



Rs. 5000 Crore

India continues to be largest socio-economic developmental partner of Bhutan with continuing assistance of Rs. 5000 crore to its 11th Five Year Plan



(Clockwise from Top Left) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Bhutan's Royal Couple in New Delhi in November 2017; PM Narendra Modi at the handing over of homes at Ilavalai North-West Housing Project site, in Jaffna, Sri Lanka in March 2015; EAM Sushma Swaraj announcing \$1 billion aid for reconstruction of the quake-hit Nepal; EAM Sushma Swaraj with Myanmar's State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi in Nay Pyi Taw.



(Clockwise from Top) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Mauritius PM Pravind Kumar Jugnauth in May 2017; MoS M. J. Akbar with Tajikistan's Foreign Minister Siroddin Aslov in Dushanbe May 2018; MoS V. K. Singh with Costa Rica's Foreign Minister Manuel Gonzalez Sanz in San Jose.



(Clockwise from left Top) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Ethiopia's Foreign Minister Workneh Gebeyehu in New Delhi in May 2018; PM Modi with his Cambodian counterpart Hun Sen in New Delhi in January 2018; President Pranab Mukherjee at the inauguration of Roundabout-Midan-e-al-Hind in Ramallah, Palestine, October 2015.

INDIA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Proactive & Responsible

Proactive, Pragmatic and Responsible – these attitudes defined India's global outlook as it participated in an entire spectrum of plurilateral and multilateral groupings, with a new vision of the country's place in an evolving international order. In both style and substance, India's diplomacy emerged as an ardent practitioner of multilateralism and collective decision-making. With its ancient civilisational wisdom and overarching priorities of national development as the guiding light, India brought its voice of moderation, poise and moral compass at various multilateral fora to address diverse cross-cutting challenges, ranging from combating terrorism, global warming, piracy and pandemics to reshaping of the global governance architecture.





(Top) PM Modi with leaders at the East Asia Summit in Manila in November 2017.
 EAM Sushma Swaraj at the NAM Ministerial Conference in Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan, in April 2018.

HOSTING THE WORLD IN INDIA

ISA TOWARDS A SOLAR REVOLUTION

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We want solar revolution not only in India but also in the entire world. The development and use of available solar energy, like abundant wind, will not only add to our prosperity, but also reduce the carbon footprint of the Earth.

—PM Modi at the Founding Conference of International Solar Alliance
in New Delhi on March 11, 2018

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In a heart-warming gesture, EAM Sushma Swaraj celebrated birthday of three ASEAN foreign ministers, along with their counterparts.

“ India shares ASEAN’s vision of peace and prosperity through a rules-based order for the oceans and seas. — PM Modi at the Plenary Session of the ASEAN-INDIA Commemorative Summit in New Delhi on January 25, 2018 ”

HOSTING THE WORLD IN INDIA

BRICS

REFORMING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

“Terrorism, in any shape or form, is against Humanity. There should be Zero Tolerance towards Terrorism. Humanity must unite, and isolate terrorist forces, especially states that flout basic norms. Selective targeting of terrorism will not work.

— PM Modi at the BRICS Summit in Goa in October 2016



“A BRICS-BIMSTEC partnership in this field will benefit millions of lives. A spirit of cooperation and collaboration between BRICS and BIMSTEC can be a powerful agent of change.

—PM Modi at the BIMSTEC summit in Goa in October 2016”

BIMSTEC LINKING SOUTH & SOUTHEAST ASIA



HOSTING THE WORLD IN INDIA

HEART OF ASIA UNITED AGAINST TERRORISM



“The growing arc of terrorist violence endangers our entire region. As such, support for voices of peace in Afghanistan alone is not enough....Silence and inaction against terrorism in Afghanistan and our entire region will only embolden terrorists and their masters.

—PM Modi at the Heart of Asia Ministerial in Amritsar in December 2016”

FIPIC PACIFIC CONNECT



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India and Pacific Island Countries are setting an example of partnerships for this century. It is a partnership forged by shared aspirations and challenges. It is shaped by the belief that all nations, small and large, have equal stakes in this world.

—PM Modi at the Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation Summit in Jaipur in August 2015

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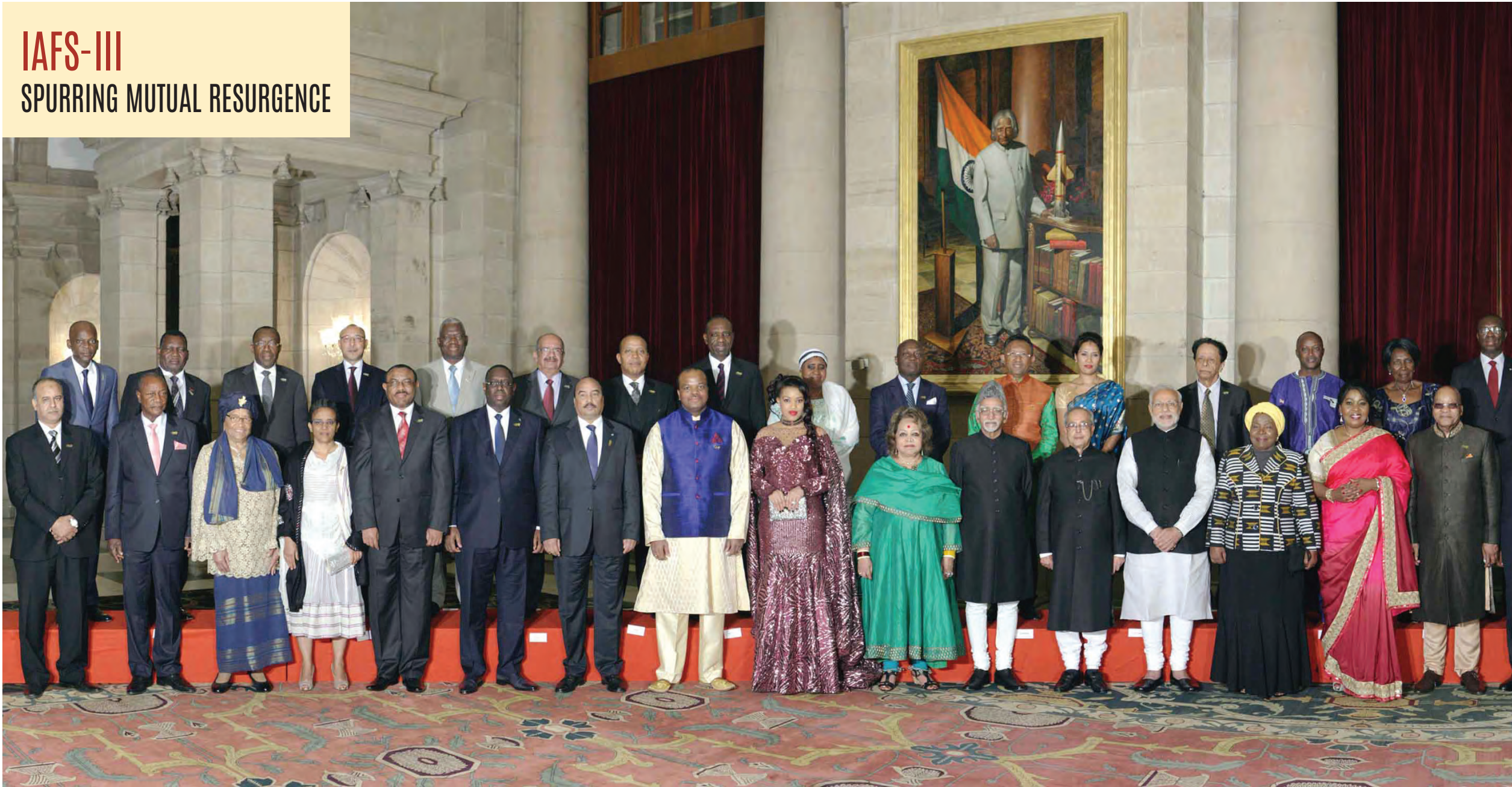
Forum for India - Pacific Islands Cooperation

19-21 August 2015
New Delhi and Jaipur



HOSTING THE WORLD IN INDIA

IAFS-III SPURRING MUTUAL RESURGENCE





“Today, we pledge to walk together, with our steps in rhythm and our voices in harmony. This is not a new journey, nor a new beginning. But this is a new promise of a great future for an ancient relationship.”

—PM Modi at the Third India-Africa Forum Summit
in October 2015



HOSTING THE WORLD ABROAD

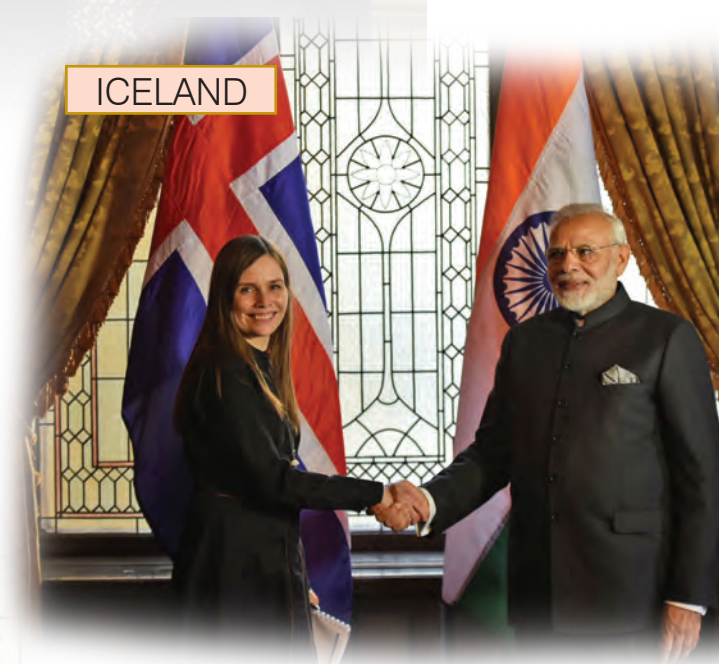
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RENEWING HISTORIC TIES



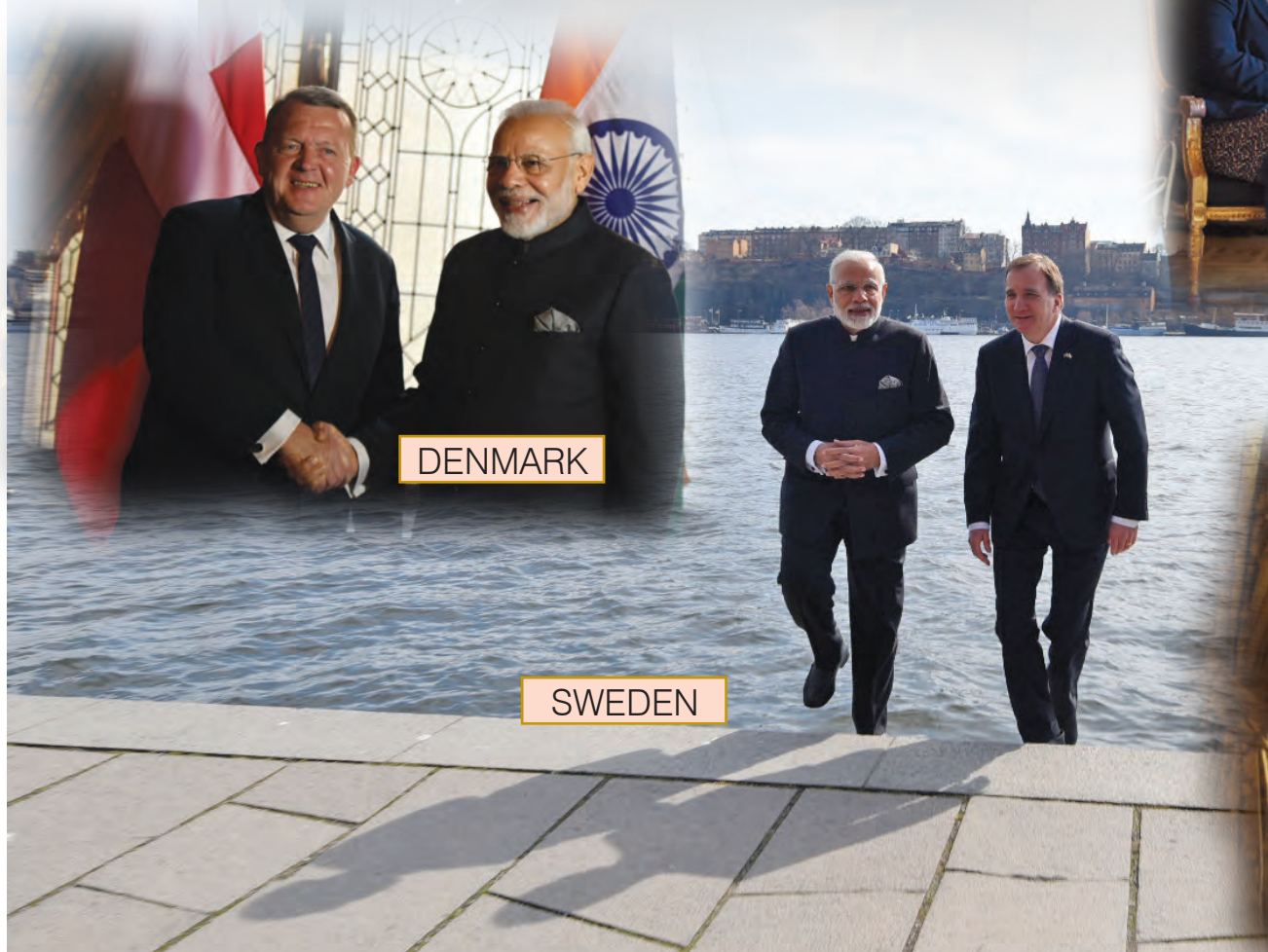
INDIA-NORDIC SUMMIT: TECH AND INNOVATION



NORWAY



ICELAND














DENMARK

SWEDEN



FINLAND

INDIA AT MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

MULTILATERAL SUMMITS ABROAD	DESTINATION	YEAR
East Asia Summits	 Myanmar  Kuala Lumpur  Laos  Philippines	November, 2014 November, 2015 September, 2016 November, 2017
G20 Summits	 Australia  Turkey  China  Germany	November, 2014 November, 2015 September, 2016 July, 2017
SAARC Summit	 Nepal	November, 2014
BRICS Summits	 Brazil  Russia  China	July, 2014 July, 2015 September, 2017
Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC)	Fiji	November, 2014
NAM Summit	 Venezuela	November, 2016
COP 21	 France	December, 2015
Nuclear Security Summit	 US	April, 2016
Shanghai Cooperation Organization 	Tajikistan Russia Uzbekistan Kazakhstan	September, 2014 July, 2015 June, 2016 June, 2017
Commonwealth Summit	 UK	April, 2018



(Above) MoS M. J. Akbar at the Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference in Baku in December 2017. (Below) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Foreign Ministers of SCO countries in Beijing in April 2018.



INDIA AT MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

COMMONWEALTH
SHAPING OUR COMMON FUTURE



NUCLEAR SECURITY SUMMIT

WASHINGTON 2016

CURBING NUCLEAR
PROLIFERATION

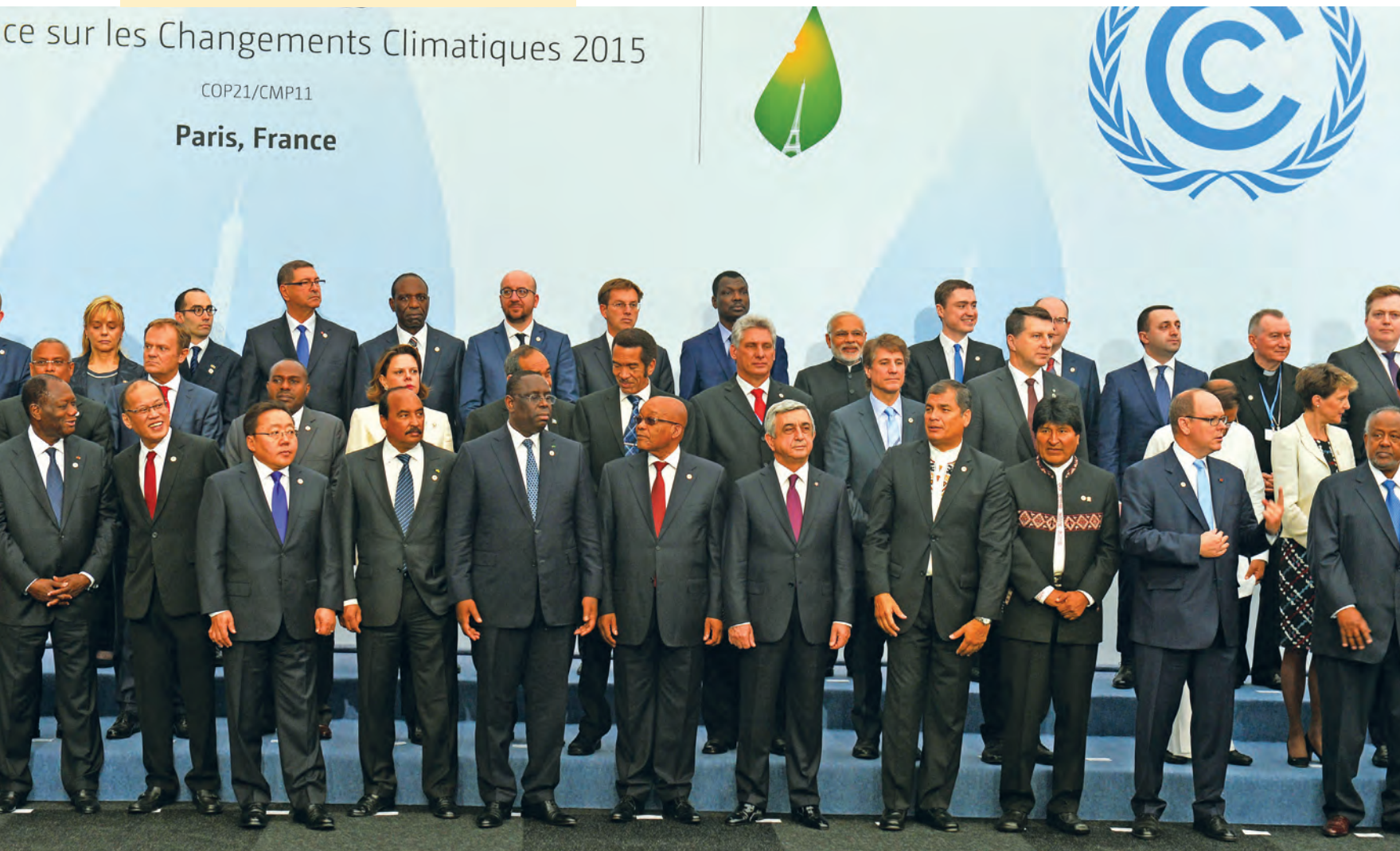


India will continue to accord a high national priority to nuclear security through strong institutional framework, independent regulatory agency and trained and specialised manpower.

—PM Modi at the Nuclear Security Summit in Washington in April 2016

INDIA AT MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

COP 21 GREEN WORLD, GREEN THOUGHTS



“Climate justice demands that, with the little carbon space we still have, developing countries should have enough room to grow... We need to scale up Green Climate Fund that will improve access to technology and intellectual property.”

—PM Modi at COP21 in Paris
in December 2015



BIMSTEC
REGIONAL SOLIDARITY



SHAPING GLOBAL AGENDA

Raising India's Global Profile

India's proactive diplomacy and its rising global stature was reflected in its pivotal role in shaping the global agenda on an array of cross-cutting issues such as terrorism, climate change, nuclear proliferation and black money. The last four years saw growing international support for India's sustained effort to isolate the sponsors and practitioners of terror. This was encapsulated in across-the-board support for PM Modi's 11-point action plan on combating terrorism at the G20 Summit in Hamburg.

Amid uneven global economic growth, India proactively pushed for expanding global cooperation against the scourge of black money. In a resounding affirmation of India's immaculate non-proliferation credentials, India was admitted as a member of the three key global nuclear export regimes, which underlined the world's growing trust and confidence in India's rise as a responsible global actor.





PM Modi and EAM Sushma Swaraj addressing the UNGA in 2014 and 2017 respectively.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

PARIS



NEW YORK



SHANGHAI



VIENNA



PM Modi's proposal at the UNGA in September 2014 was unanimously adopted through a UN resolution declaring June 21 as the International Day of Yoga. The resolution was co-sponsored by a record 177 countries and adopted in a record time of 75 days. It has been followed by celebrations of the Yoga Day across the world.



FORGING GLOBAL COMPACT AGAINST BLACK MONEY



Curbing black money has now been globally acknowledged as an international problem, helping India preserve billions of dollars which could have been stashed abroad. PM Modi proactively pitched for expanding global cooperation for the return of black money. India's proposed clause on Base Erosion and Profit Sharing Action Plan has been reflected in various G20 Declarations.

ISA: REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT



“As the first international organisation with its headquarters in India, ISA is not only a testament to India’s unwavering faith in multilateralism but also a commitment on all of our parts to a better, sustainable and greener future”

— EAM Sushma Swaraj at the International Solar Alliance Founding Conference in March 2018

11-POINT FORMULA FOR TACKLING TERROR



In an eloquent vindication of India's concerns over cross-border terror, the G20 summit of the world's most powerful economies in Hamburg culminated in a separate Leaders' Statement on jointly tackling the scourge of terrorism. In his speech, PM Modi presented an 11-point Action Agenda for combating terrorism.

1. Deterrent action by G20 nations against nations supporting terror.
2. Exchange of national list of suspected terrorists between G20 countries.
3. Compulsory joint action is necessary against the named terrorists and their supporters.
4. Simplify and expedite legal processes like extradition for effective cooperation against terrorists.
5. Swift adoption of Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism.
6. Effective implementation of UNSC resolutions and other international processes.
7. Joint efforts by G20 countries on de-radicalisation programmes and exchange of best practices.
8. Effective closure of terror funding through FATF and other means.
9. A Weapons and Explosive Action Task Force (WEATF) should be constituted on the lines of FATF so that the sources for supplying dangerous weapons to terrorists can be closed.
10. Concrete cooperation between the G20 nations in the field of cyber security that is focused on terror activities.
11. Formation of the mechanism for National Security Advisors on counter-terrorism in G20.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

WORLD GOVERNMENT SUMMIT



“ Technology is changing at the speed of thought. Technology has become a big medium of global change. It has empowered the common man via minimum government, maximum governance. In E-governance, the E stands for effective, efficient, easy, empower, and equity. ”

—PM Modi became the first Indian Prime Minister to be honoured as the Chief Guest at the 6th World Government Summit, held in Dubai on February 11, 2018



INDIA OPEN FOR BUSINESS

“ We are building a NEW INDIA where one-sixth of humanity is combined and committed to get good administration and better amenities for a better quality of life. This is not a coincidence. But an outcome of persistence of the people of India to get what they actually deserve. And we will get that sooner than anticipated. ”

—PM Modi at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland in January 2018



RAISING INDIA'S GLOBAL PROFILE



INSIDE GLOBAL NUCLEAR TENT

In a resonant global affirmation of India's impeccable nuclear non-proliferation credentials, India has been admitted as a member of top global atomic export regimes, including Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), the Wassenaar Arrangement and the Australia Group. The membership of India in these nuclear regimes has paved the way for the country's global nuclear mainstreaming and will enable the transfer of cutting-edge nuclear technologies for development and prosperity of India.

June 2016



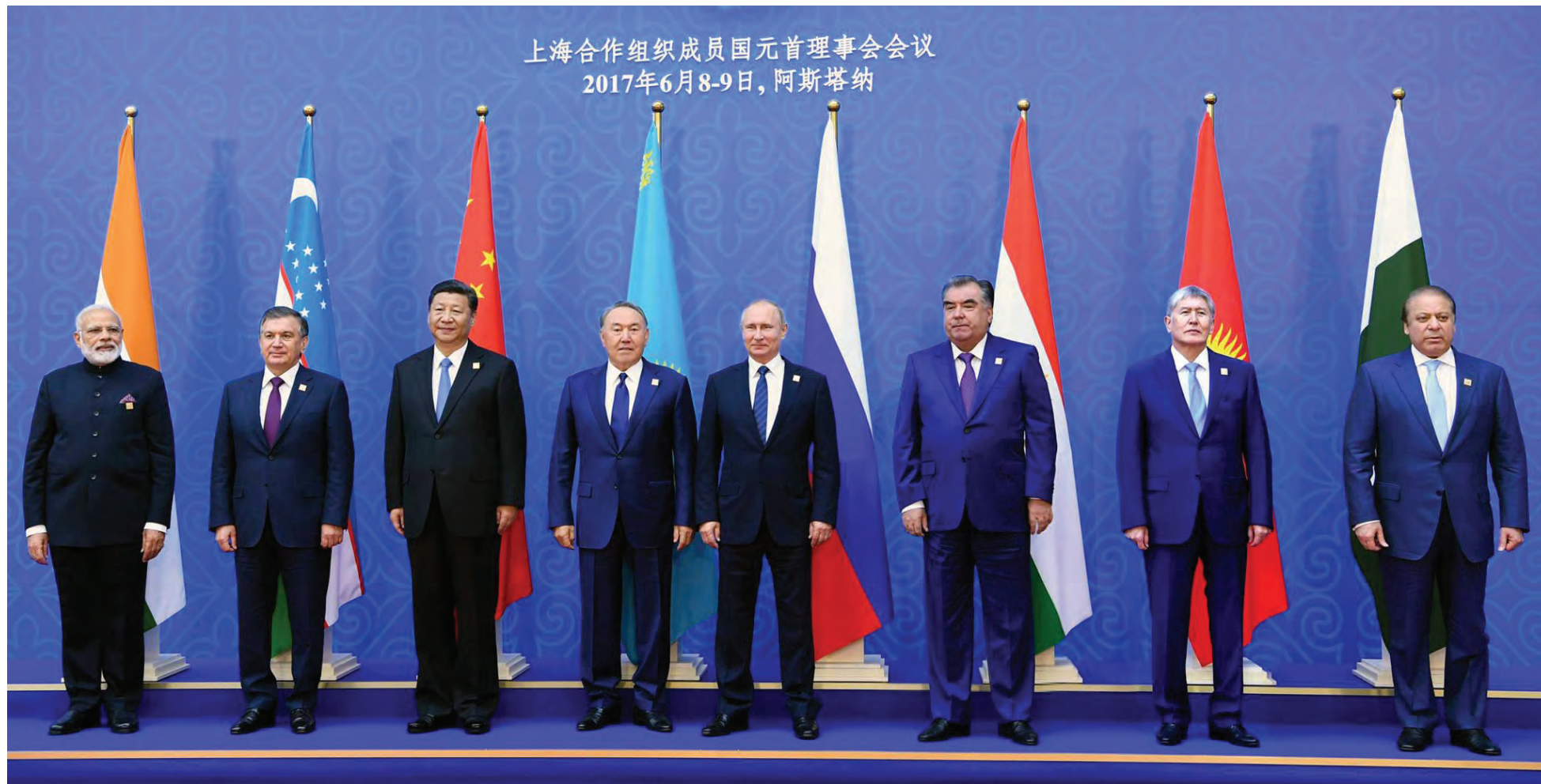
December 2017



January 2018

The Australia Group

INSIDE SCO: INTENSIFYING CENTRAL ASIA CONNECT



Signalling India's rising regional profile, India was admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation at the SCO summit in Astana in June 2017. This has bolstered India's Central Asia policy and will enable New Delhi to strengthen regional cooperation against terrorism. Energy, education, transport, agriculture, security, development and trade are set to drive India's ties with the SCO to new heights. "Though we have become a member of the SCO only today, our relations with the region have been historic," said PM Modi at the Astana Summit.

DIPLOMACY WITH A HUMAN FACE

Sharing and Caring

Caring, Listening and Healing. The humane and compassionate face of Indian diplomacy continues to shine forth in myriad ways. In the last four years, the Ministry of External Affairs, led by EAM Sushma Swaraj, proactively reached out to rescue Indians stranded in situations of crises and conflict across different regions. Powered by social media platforms and the personalised touch, the government played the kindred roles of healer, connector and rescuer. It is in this spirit that the government also reached out to the Indian diaspora across the world, rekindling their sense of belonging to India and enlisting their support in the mission of national resurgence.



(Right) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Geeta, a deaf and mute girl, who returned from Pakistan. The minister has made a fervent appeal to help locate Geeta's parents
(Below) PM Modi and EAM Sushma Swaraj with Judith D'Souza, who was kidnapped in Afghanistan, after she returned to India in July 2016.





(Clockwise from Top Left) PM Modi with Father Tom, who returned to India after being in captivity of the Islamic State, in September 2017; EAM Sushma Swaraj with trafficked Gurpreet and her eight-year-old daughter brought back from Germany; EAM Sushma Swaraj with the Nizami Brothers after they returned to India following their disappearance in Pakistan; PM Modi bonds with Indian workers in Riyadh; and EAM Sushma Swaraj with Father Alexis Prem Kumar, who returned home after his abduction in Afghanistan.



(Clockwise) A group of 46 Indian nurses, who were held hostage by the ISIS militants in Iraq, returned to an emotional reunion with their families in Kochi; MoS M.J. Akbar listening to grievances of distressed Indian workers in Kuwait; MoS V.K. Singh with injured Indian Haj pilgrims at King Abdullah Medical Complex in Jeddah.

Indians First



Ukraine 2014
1,100 evacuated



Libya 2014
3,750 evacuated



Iraq 2014
7,200 evacuated



Yemen 2015
6,710 evacuated
4,748 Indians rescued
1,962 Nationals from
48 countries



Nepal 2015
Largest ever
disaster relief
assistance through
Operation Maitri



South Sudan 2016
157 Indians evacuated



OPERATION MAITRI



OPERATION RAHAT

(Top) When Nepal was hit by a massive earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, India was the first to respond to this tragedy and launched its largest disaster response abroad, Operation Maitri.
(Right) MoS V.K. Singh oversaw rescue operations in Yemen.



OPERATION INSANIYAT



FLOODS IN SRI LANKA



OPERATION SANKAT MOCHAN



OPERATION NEER

(Clockwise) India sent the first consignments of humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh, under Operation Insaniyat, for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh; Indian Navy deployed three ships for relief and rescue operations in the flood-hit Sri Lanka; India sent aircraft and naval vessels to help the Maldives struck with a severe water crisis; Two C-17 Globemaster of the Indian Air Force rescued 157 Indians from South Sudan.

ENGAGING DIASPORA

Partners in Nation Building



(Clockwise from left Top) Marking an unprecedented engagement with the Indian diaspora, Indian leaders connected to the Indian community in different cities, cutting across continents. PM Modi addressing the Indian community in Johannesburg and at Wembley Stadium in London; President Ram Nath Kovind addressing the Indian community in Ethiopia.



DUBAI



SYDNEY

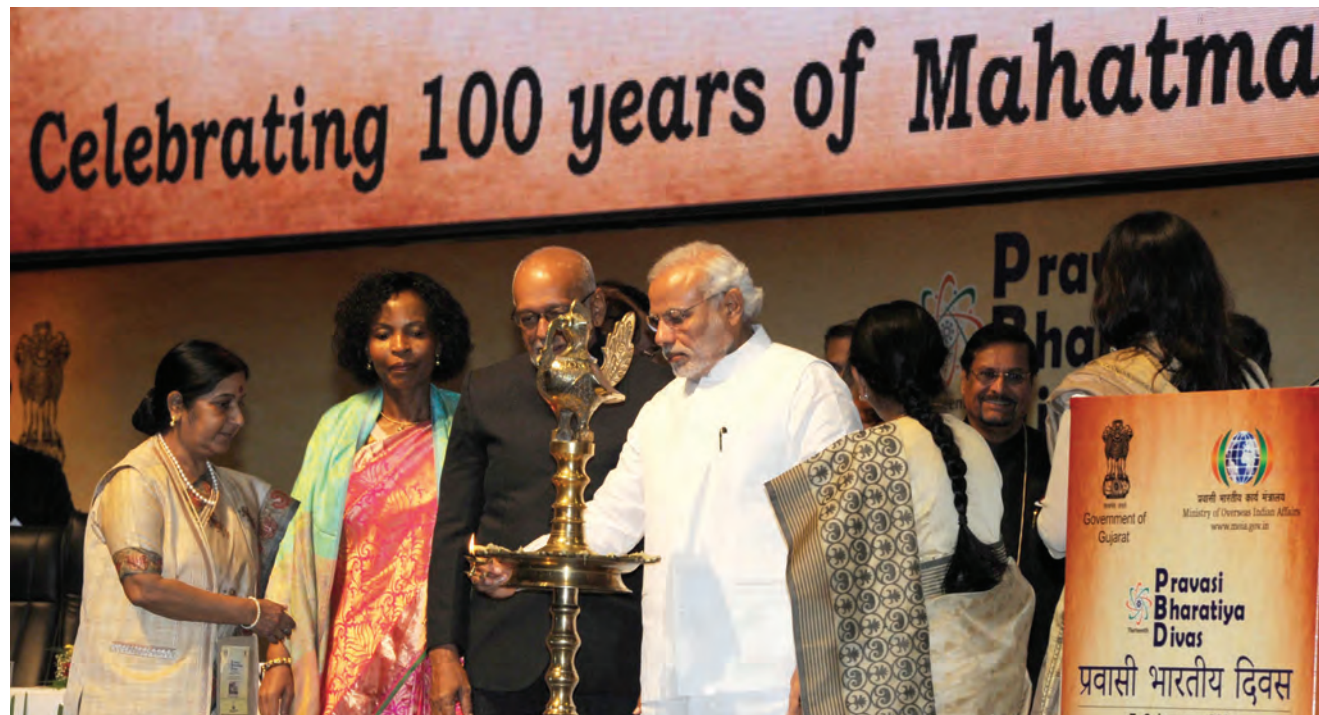


SINGAPORE



BERLIN

(Above) PM Modi addressing the Indian community at Dubai Cricket Stadium in UAE and Sydney. (Below) EAM Sushma Swaraj at the ASEAN-India Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Singapore; and addressing the Indian community in Berlin.



(Left) PM Modi inaugurating the 13th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Gandhinagar in January 2015.

(Below) President Pranab Mukherjee with PBD awardees in Bengaluru in January 2017.





The format of PBD has been changed from an earlier annual event to a bi-annual event. In between, a series of thematic diaspora sessions are being held.

First-ever PIO-Parliamentarian Conference



(Above) EAM Sushma Swaraj at a PBD theme session on 'Indian Community Organisations Working for Indian Nationals in Distressed Situation' in New Delhi. (Below) India hosted the first-ever conference of Parliamentarians of Indian Origin in New Delhi on January 9, 2018. In his address, PM Modi described PIOs as permanent ambassadors of India and partners for India's development.

A Home for Overseas Indians



Inauguration of Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi – the focal point for engaging Diaspora

KNOW INDIA: Reconnecting PIOs to Roots



(Top) EAM Sushma Swaraj with MoS V. K. Singh and MoS M. J. Akbar at the Know India Programme in New Delhi;
(Below) EAM Sushma Swaraj and MoS M.J. Akbar with talented young members of the Indian Diaspora in New Delhi.

Back to roots and rediscovery of India – with these twin goals the Government launched the Know India Programme (KIP) to make the students and young professionals of the Indian diaspora aware of transformational changes taking place in India.



CULTURE CONNECT

Spiritual Bonding

Weaving India's core values and cultural diversity into the fabric of diplomacy, the country's civilisational identity glowed on the world stage, providing a new approach to pressing global issues. The world looked afresh at an ancient civilization with millennia-old history navigating its way to modernity, while retaining its cherished traditions.

Moving beyond rituals of diplomacy, connections of mind and heart were forged, making the world more amenable to India's aspirations and values. This cultural connect was reflected in myriad ways, ranging from the worldwide celebrations of the International Day of Yoga to the designation of Kumbh Mela as 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' by UNESCO.

Shared Heritage and interconnected values of Buddhism found a fresh reaffirmation in the extended neighbourhood.





SPIRITUAL BONDING



**“ Without Nepal,
our dham and Ram
are incomplete ”**

— PM Modi

(Left) PM Modi with Nepal PM K.P. Sharma Oli at the Janaki Temple at Janakpur, in Nepal in May 2018. PM Modi flagging off the Janakpur-Ayodhya bus service, which links the two sacred towns in India and Nepal.



EAM Sushma Swaraj at the Gandan Monastery in Mongolia in April 2018.

“ Two things connect India with Southeast Asian countries: Ramayana and Buddhism.”

- EAM Sushma Swaraj

PM Modi signs the visitors' book at the Anand Temple in Bagan, Myanmar, in September 2016. India has assisted in the restoration of the famous Buddhist temple.

Shared Heritage





Shree Agneya Namah

(Facing Page) PM Modi at the iconic Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Muscat, Oman, in February 2018. (Right) EAM Sushma Swaraj with Pope Francis at the Vatican City after attending the canonisation ceremony of Mother Teresa.
(Clockwise) EAM Sushma Swaraj offering prayers at Ateshgah, the Fire Temple of Baku, in April 2018; PM Modi with his Canadian counterpart Stephen Harper at a gurudwara in Vancouver in April 2015; EAM Sushma Swaraj at a gurudwara in Tehran in April 2016.





FOUNDATION CEREMONY FOR FIRST TEMPLE IN ABU DHABI



PM Narendra Modi with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan after the foundation stone-laying ceremony for the first Hindu temple in the capital of the UAE, Abu Dhabi, in February 2018.

KASHI-KYOTO PARTNERSHIP



“I believe this temple will not be only unique in terms of architecture and splendour, but will also give a message of ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’ (world is one) to people across the world.”

PM Modi



(Left) EAM Sushma Swaraj, accompanied by Bahrain's Foreign Minister Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, at Shrinath Temple in January 2016.
(Right) PM Modi at Sheikh Zayed Mosque in Abu Dhabi in August 2015.



MEA'S NEW INITIATIVES

Breaking New Ground

Putting people at the heart of India's foreign policy, the MEA pushed the envelope and crystallised a host of new initiatives to familiarise the younger generation with nuances of diplomacy and the organic linkage between diplomatic outreach and the country's national aspirations.

Bringing foreign policy closer to towns and villages in which they grew up, IFS officers interacted with students about various facets of foreign policy. In a similar vein, MEA launched a unique initiative to reach out to regional media outfits to disseminate its approach and priorities in engaging the world.

The people-friendly face of MEA is most visible in bringing passport services to the doorstep.



Pardesh Mein Videsh



UNDER ONE ROOF: EAM Sushma Swaraj with Maharashtra's Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and MoS V.K. Singh at the inauguration of India's first Videsh Bhavan in August 2017. Videsh Bhavan integrates all offices under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) in Maharashtra.

Real-time Response

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Online verification of documents to extend contactless, cashless and paperless document attestation to applicants in India as well as abroad



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SAMEEP: TAKING FOREIGN POLICY TO STUDENTS

1

SAMEEP - Student and MEA Engagement Programme - is an outreach initiative of the External Publicity & Public Diplomacy (XPD) Division of MEA to reach out to the student community in different cities and towns across India.

2

The objective of this programme is to familiarise school and college students with the role and functions of MEA, key elements of India's Foreign Policy and success stories and achievements in the area of foreign policy.

3

This programme involves visits of the Ministry's officers to schools and colleges in their hometown/state during leave, purely on a voluntary basis. The officers interact with the students and share their experiences of working with the MEA.

4

SAMEEP programmes have already been organised in Jalandhar, Trichy, Sonapat & Imphal and many more are under process. Students have found this programme very useful in understanding the nuances of foreign policy.



Transforming Passport Services

Citizen-centric Public Delivery

Citizen-centric and people-friendly – with these guiding principles, the Passport Seva Project has completely transformed the way passport and related services are delivered to citizens. The design philosophy of the PSP has been structured with Indian citizens at the heart of this process.

Number of days for police verification decrease....

2014
42
days

2018
21
days

Passports delivered
in 4 years

4.2
crore+

285

In 2018 (May)

Total PSKs
(in 2014) **77**

Addition of PSKs
(2014-18)

208

Simplification, with Sensitivity

- Elimination of irrelevant and unnecessary rules has enhanced Ease of Living Index
- **Orphans:** Date of Birth Declaration by head of orphanage
- **Divorced women:** No requirement for ex-husband's name
- **Single parents:** Online passport application form now requires the applicant to provide the name of father or mother or legal guardian, i.e., only one parent and not both.

1400
passport melas
conducted

280
passport
camps
held



New PSKs in North-Eastern States: The government fulfilled its commitment of new Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) in all 8 North-Eastern states of India.



Passport at Doorstep

A pioneering initiative to engage Post Offices has expanded delivery of passport services in remote areas.



EAM Sushma Swaraj and Minister for Communications Manoj Sinha announced the roll-out of POPSK in June 2017.



PROMOTION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES



VISHWA SANSKRIT SAMMELAN



Inauguration of 16th Vishwa Sanskrit Sammelan in Bangkok by EAM Sushma Swaraj

(Clockwise from top) PM Modi with EAM Sushma Swaraj at the 10th World Hindi Conference in Bhopal in September, 2015; President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates the World Hindi Secretariat building in Mauritius in March 2018; EAM Sushma Swaraj with participants at a programme on 'Contribution of Hindi in India-China Friendship', organised by the Indian Embassy in Beijing in April 2018.



Bharat ek Parichay

Sharing India with the World

'Bharat ek Parichay' offers its readers a glimpse into the soul, heart and mind of India's diverse, vibrant and multi-cultural landscape. To familiarise the world the spiritual and intellectual heritage of India, where diverse faiths, languages and philosophies mingled and intersected over centuries, a set of 51 books are being provided to libraries of prestigious educational institutions across the world through Indian Missions/Posts abroad. It includes books in all official languages of India.

This gift box of knowledge invites you to discover the essence of this country and the luminous and life-affirming spirit of its over 1.2 billion people. Open this box, brimming with the fragrance of India's unique thinking and worldview, and discover the quintessential India – the INDIA of wisdom, joy, creativity and freedom.



Videsh Aaya Pradesh ke Dwaar

Connecting to Regional Media

'Videsh Aaya Pradesh ke Dwaar' is a part of the enhanced public diplomacy outreach to take the objectives of the foreign policy to the common people. This initiative involves MEA's engagement with the regional media organisations based in different cities across India, which have a unique and wide readership profile.

Through direct interaction with the local media, the Ministry seeks to communicate foreign policy priorities in simple terms, highlight the benefits accruing to the common people through diplomatic efforts and bring the domain of foreign policy closer to the people. It is also intends to create a pool of media professionals interested in foreign policy and guide them on connecting with the MEA.

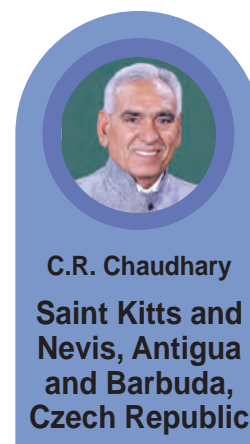
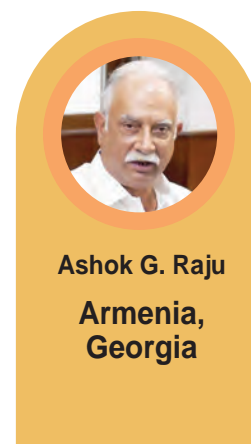
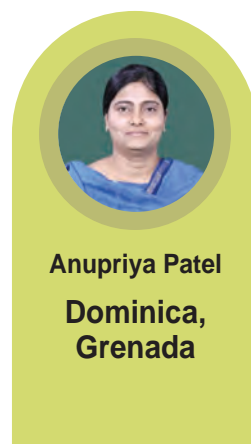
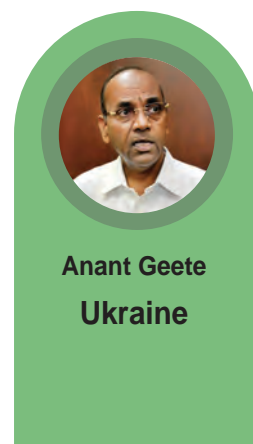


BRIHAD SAMPARK YOJANA: TARGET 192

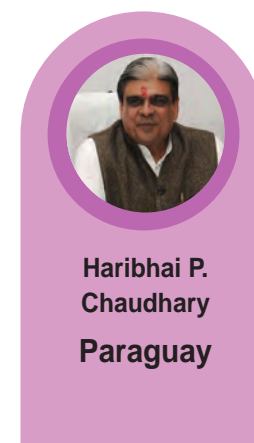
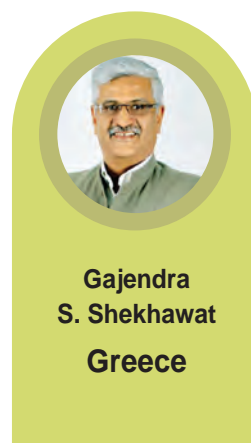
In an innovative initiative, the Government launched Brihad Sampark Yojana in 2015 to reach out to all 192 member states of the United Nations. This programme envisages at least one ministerial visit to all countries during the tenure of this Government.

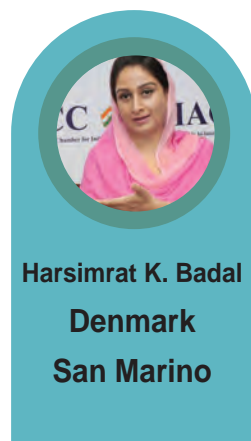
In the first four years, 185 countries have been visited and the visits to the remaining seven countries are under process.

This programme underscores **UNPRECEDENTED OUTREACH**.



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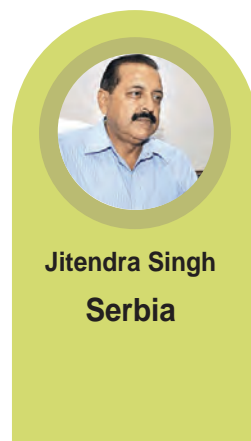




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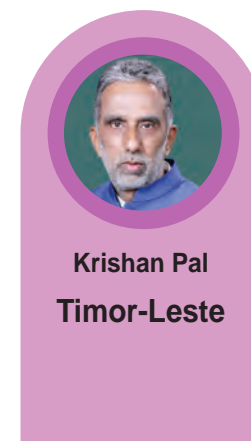
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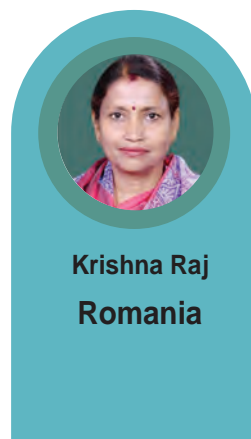


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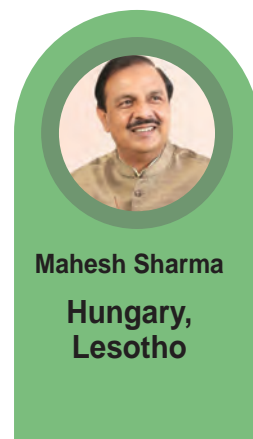


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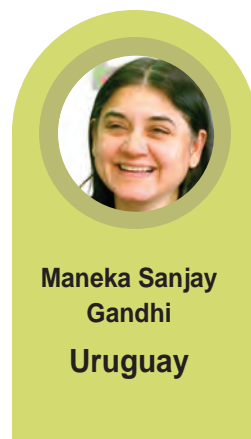
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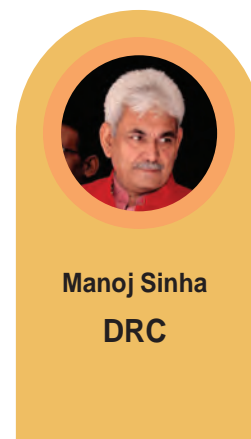
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Guinea**



**Ram Shankar
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Chad,
Cameroon,
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Panama**



**Vijay Sampala
Haiti**



**Vishnu Deo Sai
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Mauritania,
Guinea Bissau**



**Y. S. Choudhary
Palau
Comoros**



Expanding Digital Footprints

The Ministry of External Affairs has an unparalleled presence on the digital platform. The MEA has brought all Missions/Posts on all the mainstream social media platforms.



Twitter: MEA
1.87 MILLION
followers



Facebook: MEA
2 MILLION followers
• **Total Indian Missions & Posts on Facebook 167**



YouTube: MEA
59,892
followers



***Started in July 2016**
Instagram: MEA
24.6 K



Total Indian Missions & Posts on Twitter 174



Twitter: PD
1.38 MILLION
followers



Facebook: PD
3 MILLION
followers



The most followed Foreign Minister with 11.7 million followers



SETTING NEW BENCHMARKS

- MEA Twitter handle stands 3rd in the world amongst foreign ministries in terms of total followers, followed by the Indian Diplomacy handle
- MEA Facebook pages ranks No 1 amongst the Foreign Ministries in the world, ahead of the US State Department (based on no. of followers)
- MEA Instagram accounts in amongst the TOP 10 most active accounts on Instagram, as per Twiplomacy, and ranks at No 6 in the world
- Recipient of the Web Ratna awards for 2015 & 2016



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