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## Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2016

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organized the celebration of 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Overseas Indians Day) in New Delhi on 9th January, 2016. In her keynote address, External Affairs Minister (EAM) Smt. Sushma Swaraj extended her heartiest congratulations to Overseas Indians. She said that Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on 9th January since it was on this day that Mahatma Gandhi, the greatest Pravasi Bharatiya, returned to India from South Africa in 1915.



External Affairs Minister addresses PBD

Smt. Swaraj recalled Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's engagements with Overseas Indians during his visits abroad saying that a large number of members of Indian community enthusiastically attended his Diaspora events. She spoke about the timely evacuation of 1000 Indian students from Ukraine, 7500 Indians from Iraq, 3500 Indian nationals from Libya and 4500 Indians and 2500 foreigners from Yemen when the crisis erupted there. She particularly mentioned about the challenges faced in the evacuation process in Yemen where the air space, ground and the seas were under the control of different forces and even foreign powers such as USA, UK, France and Germany requested India to evacuate their citizens. Minister requested the overseas Indians to heed to the advisories issued by the government of India in times of impending crises. She further explained how in the age of social media, a single tweet can enable the government to respond to the citizens in distress in a foreign land.



Minister of State for Employment of UK addresses PBD

She invited the members of Indian Diaspora to fully participate in the flagship programmes of the government viz., Make in India, Skill India and Digital India. She also invited them to participate in mission mode programmes viz., Swasth Vidyalaya, which is healthy school; Swachh Bharat, which is Clean India; and Namami Gange, which is Clean Ganga Campaign. She took pride in noting that members of Indian community had risen to top posts in their countries of adoption in such fields as Politics, IT, Medicine, Engineering and Corporate world. She called the Overseas Indians as the unofficial Ambassadors of India because it is largely through their behavior that the people of other countries know what India is.

In her address, Minister of State for Employment of United Kingdom Ms. Priti Patel recalled Prime Minister Modi's visit to the UK and the deep bonds existing between the two countries. She called it a privilege to be present at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebration as Prime Minister David Cameron's Diaspora Champion.

Using information technology, Smt. Swaraj outreached Indian community in several countries through video conference. She answered a wide range of questions from merger of PIO and OCI to Aadhaar and Diaspora participation in flagship projects. Experts among the NRIs and PIOs were invited to brainstorm on the issues confronting Indian Diaspora such as labour issues, consular services, tourism, medical treatment, education and hospitality industry.

Government of India conducts several programmes to engage with the Diaspora. The government has conducted 34 Know India Programmes, in which 1053 overseas Diaspora youth participated. Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children introduced in 2006 aims to make higher education in India accessible to the children of overseas Indians. Study India Programme introduced in 2012 generates appreciation of India's culture, history and development among Diaspora youth. India Corporate Internship Programme provides short term (2-6 months) paid internships to students of persons of Indian origin and non-resident Indians in top Indian companies. Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Suraksha Yojana provides pension and life insurance cover for overseas Indian workers. India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians serves as a credible institutional avenue to enable overseas Indians to engage in philanthropy to supplement India's social and development efforts.

## Bhutanese Prime Minister attends Bengal Global Business Summit

The government of the State of West Bengal organized the third edition of Bengal Global Business Summit 2016 at Kolkata on January 8-9, 2016. Chief Minister of West Bengal Ms. Mamata Banerjee extended warm welcome to Prime Minister of Bhutan Mr. Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay and the Bhutanese delegation. Prime Minister thanked Ms. Banerjee for the kind hospitality accorded to him and conveyed that her visit to Bhutan in October last year reinforced the close bonds of friendship, goodwill and cooperation between the people of Bhutan and people of West Bengal.

At the inauguration of the Business Summit on 8th January, Union Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley reaffirmed that the central government would work hand in hand with the state government to ensure that investment comes to the State of West Bengal and the eastern region grows at a faster clip. Chief Minister Ms. Banerjee invited the investors saying that West Bengal has a peaceful atmosphere conducive for setting up industries. The Summit focused on emerging areas such as start-ups, smart cities, growth of IT and financial hubs, development of industrial infrastructure, skills and services and MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) clusters, which are expected to drive growth in the coming years. Bangladesh Commerce Minister Mr. Tofail Ahmed also attended the Summit.

Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister Mr. Tobgay and the Bhutanese delegation. Prime Minister Mr. Tobgay thanked the ICC for their gracious welcome and said that he looked forward to working in close cooperation with the organization for further strengthening India-Bhutan economic ties.



West Bengal CM meets Bhutanese Prime Minister



Bhutanese Prime Minister addresses ICC event

## Deputy Prime Minister of Syria Visits India

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Syria Mr. Walid Al Moualem paid an official visit to India from January 11-14, 2016. External Affairs Minister Ms. Sushma Swaraj met him on 12th January. The leaders discussed strengthening of cooperation between the two countries on bilateral issues. The grant of scholarships to Syrian students for their higher studies in Indian universities and conducting of training programmes to Syrian professionals under ITEC programme also featured in the discussions. National Security Advisor Mr. Ajit Doval also met the Deputy Prime Minister of Syria.



## Vishwa Hindi Divas

Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organized the celebration of Vishwa Hindi Divas (World Hindi Day) on 10th January, 2016 with the objective to promote the knowledge and use of Hindi as an international language.

A Russian girl, Ms. Evgeniya, who has been learning the Hindi language for just five months at Kendriya Hindi Sansthan in India, recited the former Indian Prime Minister Mr. A.B. Vajpayee's poem "Pehchan" immaculately on the occasion. External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj appreciated her command over Hindi saying that not just the pronunciation, but also the diction, the throw of words and the pitch were perfect. She praised Kendriya Hindi Sansthan for its commendable work in promotion of Hindi.

Minister Swaraj spoke about the efforts made by the government to promote Hindi abroad. She said that she takes pride in speaking in Hindi with foreign dignitaries and at multi-lateral forums. She informed that she converses in Hindi only with the visiting dignitaries from abroad who speak languages other than English such as French, German, Japanese and Chinese. She recalled the addresses delivered at UN General Assembly in Hindi by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi as well as by her in the last two years.

The Indian Missions abroad also celebrated the Vishwa Hindi Divas across the world to promote the Hindi language.



## President Nazarbayev Congratulates Kazakhstanis on New Year

President of Kazakhstan Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev congratulated the people of Kazakhstan on the New Year 2016. He said that people of Kazakhstan were welcoming the new year together as one big and unified Kazakh family. He listed the launch of economic reforms, adoption of new laws as per the Plan of Nation, commencement of second five-year phase of industrialization and Nurlı Zhol programmes, building of 120 new industrial enterprises and creation of thousands of new jobs as the achievements made by the country in 2015.



He thanked all Kazakhstanis for their constructive work to ensure peace, harmony and prosperity in the motherland. He said that 2016 is the year of the 25th anniversary of Kazakhstan's independence and all Kazakhstanis have a common dream to make their nation one of the most developed countries in the world. He wished Kazakhstanis happiness and fulfillment of all their wishes.

## Kazakhstan Approves New Privatization Plan for 2016-2020

The Government of Kazakhstan approved a new comprehensive plan for privatization of public and quasi-public sector entities for the period 2016-2020 on December 25, 2015. The plan envisages privatization of 65 large companies, which are currently owned by the state or part of the structure of National Welfare Fund "Samruk-Kazyna" or the national holdings "KazAgro" and "Baiterek". The investors will also be able to acquire interests and shares in 173 quasi public sector affiliates and subsidiaries of Samruk-Kazyna and the national holdings. In addition, 545 units of state organizations will be transferred to the competitive environment through mechanisms of public-private partnerships and privatization.



Minister for National Economy Mr. Yerbolat Dossayev informed that a new law would be introduced providing for abolition of preferential rights to investors in acquiring the assets in quasi public sector. He underlined that large-scale privatization is the number one priority for the government in 2016. The privatization will be effected by direct sale or through IPOs (Initial Public Offering). He stated that a special project office would be set up with the involvement of international consultants to monitor and track the privatization process. He said that due attention would be paid to the development of Astana International Finance Centre (AIFC) and the shares issued through IPOs in privatization of the public and quasi public sector companies would be listed for trading in the AIFC on 1st January, 2018. He also said that a large scale PR campaign would be launched to popularize the privatization projects.

## Kazakhstan's Plan of the Nation Comes into Effect

Kazakhstan's Plan of the Nation called "100 concrete steps on realization of five institutional reforms" to create the pillars of a developed, democratic and economically strong state came into force on January 1, 2016. An article by President Nazarbayev published on 6th January titled "Plan of the Nation—The Path to the Kazakhstan Dream" provides details on the efforts to implement the Plan of the Nation.

The Article says that majority of 59 laws adopted by the Parliament last year as part of the reform agenda have come into force on 1st January to create a new legal environment for the development of the state, economy and society. They are meant to lead the nation to become one of the 30 most developed countries in the world.



President Nazarbayev stated that the Plan of the Nation includes five institutional reforms, while the 100 concrete steps are more detailed measures to implement the reforms. The first reform is the creation of a modern and professional civil service with an objective to improve the effectiveness of the entire public administration. The second reform aims to strengthen independence of judiciary, rule of law, domestic and foreign investors' trust in Kazakhstan's judiciary, and enhance public confidence in the judicial system. The third reform involves measures to increase industrialization and economic growth such as attracting at least ten transnational corporations into the processing sector of the Kazakh economy. The main goal of fourth reform is to further unite the nation by ensuring that the middle class has access to and experience a genuine rule of law, and modern and valid political, economic and civil institutions. The fifth reform involves increasing the transparency and accountability of the state, which seeks to minimize government's role while empowering citizens. President called upon the people of Kazakhstan to take an active part in the implementation of the Plan of the Nation and harness the opportunities they offer.

## Embassy of India Celebrates Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

The Embassy of India in Astana celebrated the first Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Kazakhstan at Almaty on January 16, 2016, which was attended by about 75 Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs). Ambassador Shri Harsh K. Jain welcomed the guests. In his address, Ambassador informed that the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated in India since 2003 to connect India to its vast overseas Diaspora. He said that the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas has been celebrated like a festival recognizing and commemorating the achievements of the Indian Diaspora and it proved to be useful in networking with Overseas Indian community, understanding their issues and co-opting them in India's development.



Ambassador stated that last year was the 100th anniversary of the return of Mahatma Gandhi to India and hence, the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was celebrated with great pomp and show. He informed the new format of celebrating the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas from this year where by it would continue to be organized every year, but the main event would be held every two years. He explained that the new format allows a more structured dialogue with the Indian Diaspora on various issues of mutual interest and coming up with the recommendations that can be implemented.

Ambassador acknowledged that the Indian Diaspora is a great asset and source of strength to India and contributed to India in many ways including direct contributions in terms of investments and remittances, bringing back knowledge and expertise and indirect contributions by being Ambassadors of Indian ethos of peace, respect for plurality, culture and values. He mentioned that the members of Indian Diaspora are in influential position in many countries and contributed in developing close bilateral relations with those countries.

Ambassador stated that although much younger and smaller in number, Indian Diaspora in Kazakhstan has earned a good name and respect for it. He commended the Diaspora's efforts in promoting India's trade and business interests and awareness of Indian culture in the country. He urged the Diaspora to build on the momentum created by Prime Minister Modi's visit to Kazakhstan last year by exploring new opportunities to expand their activities.

A video of the keynote address by External Affairs Minister Smt. Sushma Swaraj on the occasion of 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on Jan 9, 2016 in New Delhi was shown. The address was very well received. It was followed by panel sessions spreading over four sessions on eight themes identified for discussion at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas this year.

Several prominent members of the Indian community made presentations during the sessions. (i) Mr. Sheshdari spoke on ways and means to realize the full potential of Government of India's Make in India policy by Indian Diaspora; (ii) Mr. Adil Vadoliwala—Investment potential of India; (iii) Mr. Shiva Kumar—The global business matrix and the Indian Diaspora; (iv) Mr. Abdul Mokatdir—Investment potential under Digital India and Skill India initiatives; (v) Mrs. Kalpana Rajput—Transferring knowledge and encouraging innovation; (vi) Mr. Nitul—Role of Indian Diaspora in strengthening India's social and development efforts; (vii) Mr. Rajpal Singh—Potential for collaboration with Indian Universities in Education, Science and Technology, and Research and Development; (viii) Mr. Nopany—Development of tourist potential between India and Kazakhstan, and Delivery of consular services and issues facing Indian community; (ix) Mr. Sandeep Jadhav—Making India preferred destination for holistic health care; (x) Mr. Rajput—Medical tourism in India; (xi) Mrs. Meghna Nitul—Connecting with Diaspora through social media; and (xii) Mrs. Sunita—Role of Diaspora community organizations in strengthening bilateral relations between India and host countries. The presentations were followed by discussions during which other members of Diaspora made their contributions.

Mr. R. Gururaj, First Secretary(Com) at the Embassy of India in Astana and Shri Naveen Kapur, Second Secretary(Cons) at the Representative Office of India, Almaty also participated in the discussions.

## Indian Cultural Centre to Move to New Premises

The Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) in Astana would be moving to new premises at Villa No.2, Zhlyy Oi Street, Karaotkel Microdistrict, Yesil District in Astana in about a month's time. The Embassy of India signed a lease deed to this effect with the owner of the premises on 14th January, 2016.

The new premises is more spacious and easily accessible. It contains a mini-auditorium and multipurpose hall. It will help the Indian Cultural Centre execute its mandate more effectively strengthening bilateral relations between India and Kazakhstan.

The Indian Cultural Centre in Astana conducts regular Yoga and Kathak Dance Classes besides other activities.

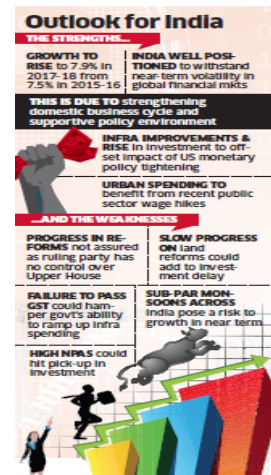


## India Brightest Spot on Global Map with 7.8% Growth : World Bank

The World Bank projects India to be the fastest growing economy in the world for the next three years. It pegs India's growth in the current year at 7.3%, the same as last year, and expects its growth to pick up to 7.8% in the next financial year riding on stronger domestic policy reforms. The World Bank further expects India to notch near 8% growth in subsequent years.

"South Asia will be a bright spot, reflecting improved conditions in India", the World Bank said in its flagship "Global Economic Prospects" released on 6th January, 2016. The report says that the government of India made progress in key areas such as energy and in November, announced major reforms to liberalize foreign direct investment (FDI) in several sectors. The World Bank mentioned India's reduced external vulnerabilities, a strengthening domestic business cycle and a supportive policy environment as the factors which are working in favour of India.

According to the report, weak growth among major emerging markets will weigh on global growth in 2016, but economic activity should still pick up modestly to 2.9% from 2.4% in 2015, as advanced economies gain speed. The report says that growth in China would slow down even more, and Russia and Brazil—the other emerging markets—will continue to grapple with recession in 2016.



## Systems like India's Aadhaar are Transformational : World Bank

The World Bank described systems like India's Aadhaar-based welfare delivery mechanism as transformational, helping save billions of Dollars in subsidies. According to "World Development Report 2016 : Digital Dividends" released by the World Bank on 13th January, 2016, in India's fuel subsidy programme, implementation of cash transfers to Aadhaar-linked bank accounts to buy Liquefied Petroleum Gas cylinders saved US\$ 1 billion per year when applied throughout the country.

"It is just one of many subsidy programmes in India which are being converted to direct transfers using digital ID, potentially saving over US\$ 11 billion per year in government expenditures through reduced leakage and efficiency gains", said the World Bank's report. It further said that technology can be transformational and a digital identification system such as Aadhaar helps willing

governments to promote the inclusion of disadvantaged groups by overcoming complex information problems. The World Bank also lauded that India is on track to register its entire 1.25 billion population using its Aadhaar digital Id.



Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique identity number issued to each resident by Unique Identification Authority of India by collecting biometric and demographic data of residents. Aadhaar was issued to over 940 million people as on 30th November, 2015. The digital identity systems enable targeted cash transfers to bank accounts linked to unique identifier. It ensures that those who are entitled to receive subsidies or benefits are actually getting them.

## India is a Bright Spot among Emerging Markets : Moody's

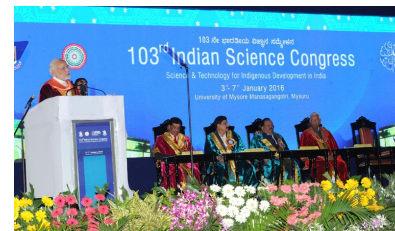
Global credit rating agency, Moody's, and its Indian affiliate, ICRA, emphasized that the India's sovereign rating (Baa3) carries a positive outlook for the year 2016. The agency observed that healthy domestic growth and accommodative monetary policies would benefit corporates. It said that the Baa3 rating incorporates credit strengths such as India's diversified economy, robust growth prospects, relatively high domestic savings rate and high international reserve buffers. The positive outlook is an indication that there is an increasing probability that actions by policy makers would enhance the country's economic strength and, in turn, the financial strength over coming years. The Agency stated that India entered 2016 on the cusp of a cyclical growth recovery, with inflation under control and the economy benefiting from lower commodity prices.



According to Moody's, low inflation indicated a greater balance between domestic demand and supply conditions and would help India's private sector remain internationally competitive. The Agency declared that stronger corporate profits would support the government's fiscal consolidation efforts because corporate profit taxes are an important source of government revenues. ICRA expects the growth of India's gross value added at basic prices to rise to 7.7 per cent in Financial year 2017 from 7.2 per cent in financial year 2016. The Agency believes that the lagged impact of reforms, the pay revision for government employees and pensioners, as well as the likely cyclical upturn in agriculture and rural demand would provide a modest boost to economic activity in 2016.

## Indian Science Congress at Mysore

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 103rd session of Indian Science Congress organized by the University of Mysore at Mysore in the State of Karnataka from January 3-7, 2016 on the theme "Science & Technology for Indigenous Development in India". In his address, Prime Minister Modi emphasized the need to bridge the gap between Science and indigenous knowledge. He drew the attention of the delegates towards defining a path to a more prosperous future for the world and a more sustainable future for the planet. He reiterated his suggestion made in the Paris Climate Change Conference in November, 2015 for an international network of 30-40 universities and labs focusing for next ten years on transforming the way countries produce, distribute and consume energy.



He emphasized the need to find affordable and practical solutions for solid waste management, conversion of waste into building material and energy, and recycling of waste water. He stressed that urban agriculture and ecology should get more attention and the people should be able to breathe cleaner air in the cities and called for solutions which are comprehensive and rooted in science and innovation. He sought inputs from the scientists to make the cities more immune to the consequences of natural disasters and make the homes more resilient. He called for raising the level of scientific efforts in marine science. He said that revival of rivers is an essential part of his commitment for a cleaner and healthier future and the attempt to clean the rivers and keep them healthy would succeed only when technology, engineering and innovation are integrated into the efforts.

6 Nobel Laureates, 500 Scientists and over 12,500 delegates from India and abroad participated in the Science Congress. Over 150 institutions from India and abroad took part in the event. 100 eminent speakers and 400 senior scientists delivered 30 plenary talks on subjects like Nano Science, Space Science, Technology & Applications, Diabetes, Evolution : The Frontiers, Atomic Energy, Safe Water and Sanitation, Diseases and Drug Development and Public-Private Partnership for Swachh Bharat Mission. The Nobel Laureates who spoke at the event are Prof. Dan Shechtman from Israel (Nobel in 2011 for Chemistry); Prof. Arthur B. Mc Donald from Canada (Nobel in 2015 for Physics); Sir John B. Gurdon from UK (Nobel in 2012 for Medicine); Prof. Manjul Bhargava (Fields Medal in 2014 for Mathematics); Prof. David Gross from USA (Nobel in 2004 for Physics); and Prof. Serge Haroche from France (Nobel in 2012 for Physics).

Prime Minister Modi awarded gold medals to twelve Indian scientists who made a mark in their respective fields and six Nobel Laureates who attended the event.

## Government Approves "Stand Up India" Scheme

The government of India approved the "Stand Up India" scheme to promote entrepreneurship among Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) and women entrepreneurs on 6th January, 2016. The Scheme provides for refinance window through Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) with an initial amount of Rs.10,000 crore (US\$ 1.5 billion). The overall intent of the scheme is to leverage the institutional credit structure to reach out to the underserved sectors of the population by facilitating bank loans from Rs.10 lakhs (US\$ 15,000) to Rs.100 lakhs (US\$ 150,000) repayable up to seven years for Greenfield enterprises in the non-farm sector set up by the targeted beneficiaries. The scheme is intended to facilitate at least two projects per bank branch—on an average, one for each category of entrepreneur. It is expected to benefit at least 250,000 borrowers within three years.



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had announced the 'Stand up India' initiative in his address to the nation on the occasion of 69th Independence Day Celebrations on August 15, 2015.

## India Crowned World's Fastest Growing Aviation Market in 2015 : IATA

India was the world's fastest growing aviation market in 2015, expanding more than 20% as economic growth on the subcontinent picked up. According to International Air Transport Association (IATA), India's air travel industry outpaced the 10% growth registered in China and 5% in the USA. The IATA says that falling fuel price and booming domestic demand are lifting the country's airline industry because fuel prices make up 60% of an Indian airline's cost.

India is one of the fastest-growing markets for aircraft manufacturers-Airbus and Boeing, which forecast that Asia would overtake the USA as the world's biggest plane market in two decades. According to Boeing, Indian airlines will need 1,740 new planes valued at US\$ 240 billion over the next 20 years.



## Incredible India Destination : Amritsar

Amritsar in the State of Punjab derives its name from Amrit Sarovar (pool of nectar), the holy tank that surrounds the splendid Golden Temple. Amritsar founded in 1579 by Guru Ramdas, the fourth Guru of the Sikh faith, is the most important seat of Sikh history and culture. Amritsar district was once a part of the vast area covered by the Indus Valley Civilization during the early period of history. The Khalsa college established at the beginning of the 20th century turned Amritsar into a hub of education. Amritsar is also famed for its textiles, particularly shawls, and carpets.

Golden Temple, also known as Harmandir or Darbar Sahib, is a white and gold majestic building. It was designed by the fifth Sikh guru, Guru Arjan, who had its foundation stone laid by a Muslim Saint, Mian Mir, in 1588. The top structure of the temple is covered with pure gold leaf, hence, the popular name, Golden Temple. The 'Guru Ka Langar' located near the eastern entrance offers food to all visitors. Akal Takht, adjacent to the Golden Temple and supreme seat of Sikh religious authority, was established by the sixth Sikh guru, Guru Hargobind in 1609. The Akal Takht also houses ancient weapons used by Sikh warriors.

Baba Atal Rai Tower, an octagonal and nine-storeyed tower, represents the nine years of life of Atal Rai, son of the sixth Guru Hargobindji. The inner walls are decorated with frescoes on the life of Guru Nanak. Central Sikh Museum atop the Tower of Baba Atal Rai houses some old paintings of battles fought by the Sikhs, manuscripts, coins and weapons.

Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar is one of the most poignant memorials of free India. British General O'Dyer opened fire on people attending a peaceful freedom movement meeting on April 13, 1919, which took the lives of about 2,000 innocent men, women and children.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh's summer palace, which is now a museum, is located in Rambagh gardens. Weapons dating back to Mughal times, portraits of ruling houses of Punjab and a replica of the diamond Kohinoor are on display there.

Ram Tirath, 10 kms away from Amritsar, is believed to be Maharish Valmiki's ashram where Sita reportedly gave birth to her twin sons, Luv and Kush. Hari Ke Patten, 38 kms from Amritsar, is a picnic spot where the rivers Beas and Sutlej meet. Many species of migratory birds congregate there in winter. Gurudwara of Taran Taran (22 km); Wagah, an army outpost on the Indo-Pakistan border (28 km); Gobindwal Sahib, headquarters of the third guru, Guru Amar Dasa (30 km); Gurudwara of Baba Bakala (45 km); Pathankot, a tourist centre at the foot of the Himalayas (107 km); and Shahpur Kandi Fort (114 km) are other tourist attractions near Amritsar.



*Maharaja Ranjit Singh Museum at Rambagh Gardens*



*Golden Temple*



*Baba Atal Rai Tower*



*Memorial at Jallianwala Bagh*



*A migratory bird at Hari Ke Patten*



*Pathankot*

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