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Visit of Prime Minister to the Republic of Korea (February 21-22, 2019)

Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi visited Republic of Korea on a bilateral visit on 21-22 February 2019. In a Press Conference, PM expressed his heartfelt gratitude to President Moon for the invitation to visit Korea and for a very warm reception. He stated that Korea's progress is a source of inspiration for India. He expressed his gratitude for the message of President Moon's condolences and support after the terrorist attack in Pulwama in India. He showed his commitment towards further strengthening bilateral and international cooperation and coordination with Republic of Korea, against terrorism. He said that India consider Korea as a valuable partner in India's economic transformation and agree to to enhance cooperation between the two countries in sectors like Infrastructure, Port Development, Marine and Food Processing, Start-ups and Small and Medium Enterprises. Defense sector has an important role in growing strategic partnership



between the two countries and this can be seen in the inclusion of the K-9 "Vajra" artillery gun in the Indian Army. He congratulated President Moon for his untiring efforts to prevail peace and stability in today's Korean peninsula. The 14th Seoul Peace Prize was conferred on the Prime Minister for his policies for regional stability, world peace, for his economic policies which have improved the quality of lives of Indian and his social inclusion policies as well. Prime Minister accepted the Peace Award and he also announced that the money which was with the Peace Award, i.e. \$2,00,000 which is about Rs. 1.3 crores, he said that he would give it to the Namami Gange project.

Visit of External Affairs Minister to Abu Dhabi, UAE to attend 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation as 'Guest of Honour' (February 28-March 01, 2019)

Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj visited Abu to attend 46th Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation as 'Guest of Honour' to attend the Inaugural Plenary. In her address she expressed that she felt honoured to join colleagues from nations, that represent a great religion and ancient civilisations. She conveyed the greetings of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modiji and 1.3 billion Indians, including more than 185 million Muslim brothers and sisters who are a microcosm of the diversity of India. They speak Tamil and Telugu, Malayalam and Marathi, Bangla and Bhojpuri or any of the numerous languages of India.



They have diverse culinary tastes, myriad choices of traditional attire, and they maintain strong cultural and linguistic heritage of the regions they loved and have lived for generations. They practice their respective beliefs and live in harmony with each other and with their non-Muslim brethren.

She conveyed her deep appreciation to Foreign Minister His Highness Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed for his sagacious leadership and for his invitation. She also expressed her special gratitude to Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh and others friends, for their strong support for, hearing India's voice in the forum. She mentioned that OIC members constitute more than one fourth of the members of the United Nations, and nearly a quarter of the humanity. It is an organisation, that has a key role in shaping our world. It brings together nations, on the foundation of a common faith, but also by a shared desire for a better future for their people,

- (i) From Southeast Asia to the shores of Latin America;
- (ii) from the steppes of Central Asia to the vast expanse of the African continent;
- (iii) from South Asia to the great arc of West Asia and North Africa, the nations represented here, also reflect a magnificent diversity of language and literature, customs and culture, history and heritage.

She further mentioned that at 50, Organisation of Islamic States is making a new beginning. The choices it makes, the direction it sets, will have a profound impact on humanity. The OIC has a huge responsibility and a great opportunity to lift humanity to a higher level of peace and prosperity, and to make this planet a better place. And, we will work together to:

- (i) spread the true meaning and mission of all religions;
- (ii) promote respect for and between faiths;
- (iii) counter the language of hate with the message of harmony;
- (iv) advocate moderation over extremism and pluralism over exclusion;
- (v) inspire youth to the path of service, than of destruction;
- (vi) build bridge of understanding and reduce barriers across cultures and religions.

To sum up she said "I come from the land of Mahatma Gandhi, where every prayer ends with the call for Shanti or Peace for all. I convey our best wishes, our support and our solidarity in your quest for stability, peace, harmony, economic growth and prosperity for your people and the world".

Twin Success for Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed Quick Reach Surface-to-Air missiles (QRSAM) from ITR Chandipur, off the Odisha Coast on 26.02.2019. The two missiles were tested for different altitude and conditions. The test flights successfully demonstrated the robust Control, Aerodynamics, Propulsion, Structural performance and high manoeuvring capabilities thus proving the design configuration.

Radars, Electro Optical Systems, Telemetry and other stations have tracked the Missiles and monitored through the entire flights. All the mission objectives have been met.

Defence Minister Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman congratulated DRDO on the successful test flights and said the indigenously developed state-of-the-art QRSAM will significantly boost the defence capabilities of our armed forces.



India's communication satellite GSAT-31 launched successfully

India's latest communication satellite, GSAT-31 was successfully launched from the Spaceport in French Guiana during the early hours on 06.02.2019.

The launch vehicle Ariane 5 VA-247 lifted off from Kourou Launch Base, French Guiana at 2:31 am (IST) carrying India's GSAT-31 and Saudi Geostationary Satellite 1/Hellas Sat 4 satellites, as scheduled.

After a 42-min flight, GSAT-31 separated from the Ariane 5 upper stage in an elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit with a perigee (nearest point to Earth) of 250 km and an apogee (farthest point to Earth) of 35,850 km, inclined at an angle of 3.0 degree to the equator.

With a lift-off mass of 2536 kg, GSAT-31 will augment the Ku-band transponder capacity in Geostationary Orbit. The satellite will provide continuity to operational services on some of the in-orbit satellites. GSAT-31 derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT satellite series.

GSAT-31 has a unique configuration of providing flexible frequency segments and flexible coverage. The satellite will provide communication services to Indian mainland and islands.

"GSAT-31 will provide DTH Television Services, connectivity to VSATs for ATM, Stock-exchange, Digital Satellite News Gathering (DSNG) and e-governance applications. The satellite will also be used for bulk data transfer for a host of emerging telecommunication applications.

After separation from Ariane-5 upper stage, the two solar arrays of GSAT-31 were automatically deployed in quick succession and ISRO's Master Control Facility at Hassan in Karnataka took over the command and control of GSAT-31 and found its health parameters normal.

In the days ahead, scientists will undertake phase-wise orbit-raising manoeuvres to place the satellite in Geostationary Orbit (36,000 km above the equator) using its on-board propulsion system.

During the final stages of its orbit raising operations, the antenna reflector of GSAT-31 will be deployed. Following this, the satellite will be put in its final orbital configuration. The satellite will be operational after the successful completion of all in-orbit tests.

India's communication satellite GSAT-31 successfully launched from French Guiana

GSAT-31, the communication satellite of India configured on ISRO's enhanced G2K Bus, utilising the maximum bus capabilities of this type. The satellite will augment the Ku-band transponder capacity in Geostationary Orbit.

GSAT-31, launched by Ariane-5 (VA-247), will provide continuity to operational services on some of the in-orbit satellites.

The satellite derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT satellite series. The satellite provides Indian mainland and island coverage.

GSAT-31
40th communication satellite of India

Salient Features

- Lift off Mass : 2536 kg
- Spacecraft Power : 4.7 kW
- Payload : Ku-band transponders
- Coverage Area : Indian mainland and island
- Mission Life : Around 15 years

Applications

- GSAT-31 will be used for supporting VSAT networks, Television uplinks, Digital Satellite News Gathering (DSNG), DTH-television services, cellular backhaul connectivity and many such applications.
- The satellite also provides wide beam coverage using a wide band transponder.
- Two Ku-band beacon downlink signals are transmitted by the satellite for ground tracking purpose.

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Festival of Kazakh and Hindi languages in Almaty

"Centre for Indian Classical Dances, Almaty-Kazakhstan" in collaboration with the National library of the Republic of Kazakhstan and Department of the Middle East and the Southern Asia of faculty of Oriental studies named after Al-Farabi conducted the Festival of Kazakh and Hindi languages on February 8th, 2019 at the National library of Almaty.

The event was held within the Days of India in Almaty and was organized on the occasion of the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The Deputy director of the National library held the excursion around the library for Mr. Martin Cyriac Clemense - the Consul of Representative Office of India in Almaty. They introduced the Indian book centre and the exhibition of books on occasion of the 150th birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Official part of the program was opened by Mr. Martin Cyriac Clemense, the Consul of Representative Office of India in Almaty and Mrs. Bakhytzhamal Ospanova, the Deputy director of the National library of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The colorful program included the Indian classical dances Bharatanatyam and Kathak, the Indian folk dance Giddha from the State of Punjab, fusion of the Kazakh dance and Indian dance Bharatanatyam. Aidana Turar, the Hindi teacher of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, spoke on general roots and proximity of Kazakh and Hindi languages, students of Al-Farabi Kazakh National University recited in Kazakh and Hindi, the Kazakh dances were performed from the National library side.

Teachers of educational institutions of Almaty and students of faculty of oriental studies of Al-Farabi, librarians of Almaty, members of the media and readers of library attended the program.

Ms. Akmaral Kainazarova thanked the management of the National library and Al-Farabi Kazakh National University and all participants for cooperation and participation.



Kazakh national participates in Kumbh Mela 2019 on 21-24 February 2019

Kumbh Mela is a mass pilgrimage of faith in which Hindus gather to bathe in a sacred or holy river. This time around India government made it as one of the largest event in the country not only for the religious devotees but also for the large number of foreign tourists. For the first time, a Kazakh national was invited to visit this year's Kumbh Mela by the Government of India. Mr. Yuriy Shestakov, participated in Kumbh Mela 2019 on 21-24 February 2019. Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed representatives of 190 countries who participated in the Event.



Online e-ITEC course on "Big Data Analytics" at IKCEICT in L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian University

An online e-ITEC course by Indian Institute of Technology Madras on "Big Data Analytics" has been organized by Ministry of External Affairs for Kazakh IT professionals. The course was inaugurated at India Kazakhstan Centre for Excellence in Information and Technology (IKCEICT) in L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian University on 13 February 2019. The inaugural session was also attended by the Ambassador. The online course is being organized via video conferencing. The duration of the course is eight weeks and the participants will be awarded with a certificate from IIT Madras after successful completion of the course and passing of online Assessment.



Experience of an ITEC Participant on undertaking Advanced certificate programme on “Skill development in Electronics for TVET trainers and planners” in National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai.

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I acquired knowledge and skills in latest technologies to meet the challenges of TVET. We used PLC for electrical control applications. Applied graphical programming tool LabVIEW for solving industrial instrumentation. Utilized effectively solar energy sources and used pneumatic systems for automation. During the study we had industrial visits to Orchid Chemical and Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Vi Microsystems Pvt Ltd and National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE).

I want to note that professors were well trained and delivered lectures very professionally. They were all very eager to help and I had no issues in understanding the course material.

I was provided comfortable accommodation and authentic Indian breakfast which was very delicious. I opened to myself South Indian cuisine which is spicier than North Indian and mostly vegetarian.

We also had a tour to Ooty, where we experienced the beauty of South India and had cultural nights to share about our countries.

Undoubtedly, this was an unforgettable trip where I gained new friends and learned about the Indian culture. Chennai is very proud of Dr. Abdul Kalam, a former president of India and I was surprised that he worked in NITTTR.

Last but not least, I appreciate all help and guidance from Indian Embassy in Astana. I am sincerely grateful to the Government of India and I hope Kazakh-Indian relationship will expand further.



First meeting with participants



Group visit to NIWE



Meeting with the principal of NITTTR



Receiving a certificate



Group photo with academic staff of NITTTR.

Incredible India Destination: PORT BLAIR

Port Blair is the capital of the 350 odd islands that comprise the Andaman and Nicobar group. Visiting the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is a unique and exhilarating experience. Spectacular scenery, white sandy beaches and swaying palms combine with monuments and museums, world-class diving, swimming and sun basking make this a truly out-of-the-world experience. The Archipelago contains 362 volcanic islands scattered in the Bay of Bengal, with only 37 of these being inhabited. These lush green islands have a colourful historical past, with a string of invasions by the French, Dutch, Japanese and British and wars between settlers and the native tribes. The Cellular Jail, where hundreds of Indian revolutionaries were imprisoned during the Indian freedom struggle, still stands tall. The tropical rain forests that loom close to the seashore are home to unique species of birds, and to tribes that still haven't learned to use fire.

BARREN ISLAND

Barren Island is situated in the Andaman Sea, and lies about 138 km (86 mi) Northeast of the territory's capital, Port Blair. It is the only active volcano along the chain from Sumatra to Myanmar and also the only active volcano in India.

ROSS ISLAND

Ross Island is one of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, about 2 km east of Port Blair. It is an island where no settlement is allowed by the authorities. The island is a scenic beauty and attracts not only an adventurous crowd but also many history buffs due to its historic significance.

CELLULAR JAIL (KALA PANI)

Located in Port Blair, Cellular Jail is a mute witness to the inhuman treatment meted out to the soldiers of the freedom struggle, who were sent to this Jail. Solitary confinement was implemented as the British government desired to ensure that political prisoners and revolutionaries be isolated from each other. Dedicated to the nation as a National Memorial, the Jail is now a pilgrimage destination for all. The Son-et-Lumiere show at the Cellular Jail brings alive the history of the freedom struggle. Within the campus of the Cellular Jail are a museum, an art gallery, and a photo gallery, which are open on all days from 9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm.

FISHERIES MUSEUM

Fisheries Museum exhibits specimens from underwater life, starting from little fishes and anemones. There are a huge collection of specimens, almost around 350 in total. There are corals, shells and fossils of the kind, and also skeletons and remains. Moreover, there are also live exhibits on display of some species. The specimens collected here are mainly found in the Bay of Bengal and Indo-Pacific Bay.

HAVELOCK ISLAND

Named after a British general, Havelock Island is the largest island covering an area of 113.93 sq km. Havelock is one of the most popular islands for tourists. This island has three major beaches viz. Radhanagar Beach (Beach #7), Elephant Beach and Kalapatthar Beach. Famed for its white sand, breathtaking sunsets and turquoise blue waters, Radhanagar beach is amongst the most beautiful places to visit in Andaman.

CORAL REEF

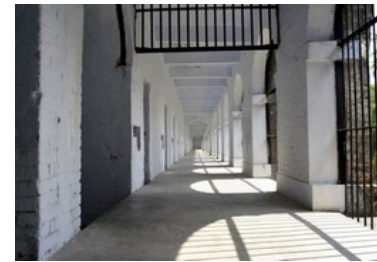
Grab the best view of the multi-colored coral reefs at Jolly Buoy Island or Red Skin Island, with over 560 different species of corals recorded here until date. The islands are open for tourists alternately for six months each.



Barren Island



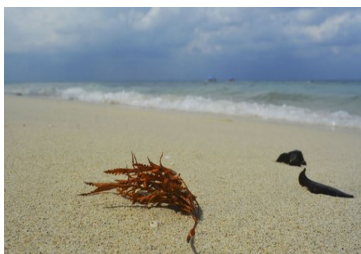
Ross Island



Cellular Jail



Fisheries Museum



Havelock Island



Coral Reef

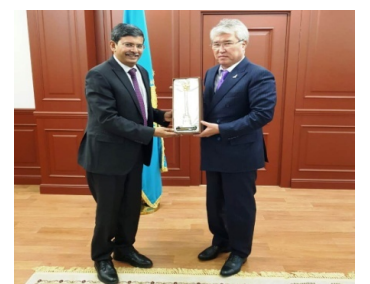
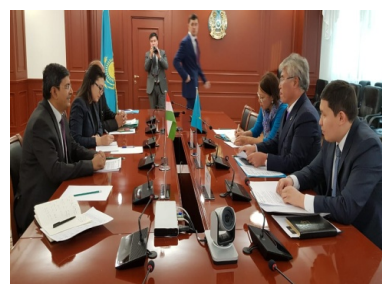
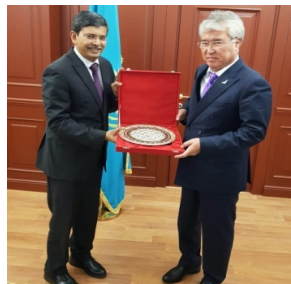
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Ambassador's visit to L N Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Nur-sultan, on 14th February 2019



Ambassador meets H E Mr. Muhamediuly Arystanbek, Minister of Culture and Sports of the Republic of Kazakhstan on 12.2.2019



Ambassador participating in the inaugural session of e-ITEC conducted at IKCEICT



Festival of Kazakh and Hindi languages in Almaty



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