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President, Prime Minister and the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, at the Ceremonial Reception, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi



Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with the participants of the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance

Updates from Consulate General of India, Toronto

Community Programmes in the Consular jurisdiction of Toronto



22nd Annual Queen's Park Lunch Reception, organized by the Association of Progressive Muslims of Ontario



"A Night at the Museum" inauguration of Jubilee Arts National Festival to celebrate the Artists, organized by Aga Khan Council for Canada



6th Annual Celebrating Womanhood Gala 2018, organized by Indo- Canadian Arts and Cultural Initiative (ICACI)



Dance Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony by Dance Collection Dance

Updates from India

Visit of President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier to India



Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of Germany, is visiting India from March 22-25, 2018. This is his first visit to India as the President of Germany. During this visit, the German President has been accompanied by a CEO delegation, Indologists and a media delegation. President Steinmeier, apart from Delhi, will visit Varanasi and Chennai. He has visited India several times in his former capacity as the Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor of Germany - in 2015 accompanying Chancellor Merkel to attend the 3rd Intergovernmental Consultations, in September 2014 and in November 2008. The last German President to visit India was Joachim Gauck in February 2014. This visit is significant as it will be the President's first visit after the new German Government was sworn in on March 14, 2018.

Signing of Headquarters Agreement between India and International Solar Alliance



The Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the International Solar Alliance (ISA) was signed in New Delhi on 26th March 2018 by Gen. (Dr.) V. K. Singh (Retd) and Shri Upendra Tripathy, Interim Director General as a follow up to the Founding Conference of International Solar Alliance on March 11, 2018. The Agreement has provisions covering definition; interpretation and objectives; legal status, capacity and freedom of assembly; headquarters; other premises for temporary use; the ISA Secretariat property, funds and assets; communication facility for the implementation of the ISA Secretariat activity; visas; staff of the ISA Secretariat; privileges and immunities; waiver of privileges and immunities; settlement of disputes; supplemental agreements; general provisions; entry into force; and duration.

Updates from India

News Updates from India

50 crore Indians to benefit from Modi Government's Ayushman Bharat Yojana

<https://www.narendramodi.in/cabinet-approves-ayushman-bharat-539395>

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the launch of a new Centrally Sponsored Ayushman Bharat -National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM) having central sector component under Ayushman Bharat Mission anchored in the MoHFW. The scheme has the benefit cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year. The target beneficiaries of the proposed scheme will be more than 10 crore families belonging to poor and vulnerable population based on SECC database.

At the Krishi Unnati Mela, Prime Minister reaffirms commitment to double farmer incomes by 2022

<https://www.narendramodi.in/text-of-pm-modi-s-speech-at-krishi-unnati-mela-539371>

The agricultural sector of our country has shown the path to the whole world in many cases. The aim of the Government is to double farmers' income by 2022 as well as address the challenges farmers face

Union Cabinet approves the North East Industrial Development Scheme to boost development in the Northeast

<https://www.narendramodi.in/cabinet-approves-north-east-industrial-development-scheme-neids-2017-539397>

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017 with financial outlay of Rs.3000 crores upto March, 2020. Government will provide necessary allocations for remaining period of scheme after assessment before March 2020. NEIDS is a combination of the incentives covered under the earlier two schemes with a much larger outlay.

Government's sericulture boost to promote empowerment of women and weaker sections of society

<https://www.narendramodi.in/cabinet-approves-central-sector-integrated-scheme-for-development-of-silk-industry-for-sericulture-sector-539396>

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for Central Sector Scheme "Integrated Scheme for Development of Silk Industry" for the next three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20. The scheme is expected to increase the silk production from the level of 30348 MTs during 2016-17 to 38500 MTs by end of 2019-20.

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Padma Vibhushan



Padma Bhushan



Padma Shri



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on 2nd April 2018 at Rashtrapati Bhavan!

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Know Your India Programm(e)s



Know India Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs is a three-week orientation programme for diaspora youth conducted with a view to promote awareness on different facets of life in India and the progress made by the country in various fields e.g. economic, industrial, education, science & technology, communication & information Technology, culture.

The Ministry also hosts overseas youth participants of **Know Goa Programme** for their Delhi and Agra part. Know Goa Programme is organized by the Government of Goa for NRI/PIO youths (in the age group of 18-28 years) whose forefathers have migrated from Goa and are presently residing overseas.



"Connect with Your Roots" (CYR) Programme for Young Boys and Girls of Punjabi Origin settled abroad. The Programme would provide an opportunity to the youngsters settled in different parts of the world, to visit the places from where their families hailed or where their ancestors were born, or where they themselves spent their early years.