



Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi

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- ***High level delegation from CII visited UAE***
- ***CII is going to open UAE office***
- ***Start-up India Summit held in UAE***
- ***DP World plan to invest \$1 bn more in Indian infrastructure Sector***
- ***Etihad Airways expanded its operations to Kerala***
- ***Neopharma invested Dhs880 million in Japan***
- ***Construction of Abu Dhabi's largest solar power plant started***
- ***UAE's non-oil trade reached Dhs1.56 trillion in 2016. UAE 3rd biggest trading partner of India in the year 2016-17 and India-UAE trade reached to 53 billion USD in the year 2016-17 with a growth of 6.17%***
- ***Total 41 trade enquiries were received and promptly replied by the Embassy during the Month***

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

(i) Important Meetings of Ambassador

During the month under report, Ambassador hold meetings/discussions with several prominent UAE dignitaries/events which, includes

- H.E. Mr. Khadem Al Rumaithi, Executive Director of Real Estate & Infrastructure Development of Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) to discuss investment opportunities in India.
- Harvard Kennedy School Alumini Network in Dubai and addressed to the gathering about Indian economy
- Mr. Shrinidhi Prahlad from Etihad Engineering to facilitate Etihad Engineering Operations in India
- H.E. Mr. Mohammed Sharaf, UAE Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation for Economic & Trade Affairs to highlight some issues being faced by Indian companies in UAE
- Mr. Omar Sultan Al Olama, Managing Director, World Government Summit in Dubai to discuss Indian participation at next World Government Summit in Dubai.
- H.E. Mr. Mohammed Khalifa Al Mubarak, Chairman, Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority to discuss initiatives to promote culture and tourism
- Dr. Suresh Kumar and Dr. V.S. Shyam of Al Falah Natural Centre, Abu Dhabi to discuss major international conference to promote Ayurveda in November 2017.

(ii) Important Meetings of First Secretary (CA, E&C)

During the month under report, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, First Secretary (CA, E&C) attended the following meetings/events related to Economic & Commercial matters

- Mr. Muhammad, Second Secretary, Yemen Embassy to discuss the cooperation in bilateral trade and investments related matters
- Attended “Masdar Institute Annual Commencement Ceremony” organized by Masdar University at Abu Dhabi.
- Mr. Aaditya Gandhi of Morbi Ceramics Cluster for the promotion and participation of companies from UAE at Vibrant Ceramics Expo and Summit 2017.
- Mr. Prasannas Kumar, DGM, ONGC Limited, Mumbai to discuss the issues faced by ONGC with M/s. Gulf Piping Co. Abu Dhabi.
- Indian Social Centre (ISC)’s Professional and Entrepreneurs Forum (IPF) Networking evening at ISC, Abu Dhabi attended by prominent NRIs and members of IPF, addressed the gathering about the investment opportunities in India and the promotion of India-UAE bilateral trade and investment relations.
- Received Hon’ble Minister of State (IC) for Commerce and Industry, Smt. Nirmla Sitharaman on 27.5.17 at Abu Dhabi International Airport during her transit visit.