India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS) concluded: The Third edition of India-Africa Forum Summit took place at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, Delhi from 26-29th October 2015. It was the largest international gathering of leaders in Delhi after the Non-Aligned Movement summit in 1983.

The summit provided opportunity for consultations at the highest political level between the 54 nations across Africa and the Indian Government to give a new thrust to age-old partnership. The Summit was a celebration of the close partnership between Africa and India. It was also an acknowledgement of India and Africa’s shared history as well as future prospects. From struggle against colonialism and apartheid, both have emerged to jointly accept the challenges of a globalizing world. A vibrant India and a resurgent Africa have a vision of a close partnership. A partnership that is anchored in the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual benefit.

It was India’s biggest ever engagement with Africa to recharge its ties with all 54 African countries which concluded with announcement of increased cooperation and interaction in areas like energy, healthcare, and agriculture and also offering of an additional concessional credit of $10 billion by India. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi described the Summit as “historic”. The summit was attended by 41 Heads of State and Government including of South Africa, Egypt, Nigeria, Ghana, Morocco, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique and Liberia and comprising two kings, 25 presidents and six Prime Ministers besides six Vice Presidents, Foreign and Trade Ministers and Senior officials.

The summit adopted a Delhi Declaration seeking a decisive push for United Nations Security Council reform and calling on all countries to ensure that their territories were not used for cross-border terrorist activities, while also adopted was a Framework Agreement on Strategic Cooperation. Prime Minister Shri Modi also announced 50,000 scholarships to African countries in the next five years.

Andhra Pradesh signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Japan for development of capital: Japan and Andhra Pradesh signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the development of capital of Andhra Pradesh “Amaravati”. The MoU was signed on 22nd October before Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the capital. The MoU would facilitate foreign
investments and development of infrastructure in the new capital of Andhra Pradesh. Japan has also assured a helping hand with its experience and technology in the development of the capital.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released book on martyrs of CRPF: On the occasion of the Police Commemoration Day, the Prime Minister on 21st October 2015 released a book, "Warriors Remembered." The book is a commemoration of the brave CRPF personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty. The Prime Minister, during the Annual Conference of the DGP's in 2014, had desired that every police force compile the acts of bravery of its officers and men, so that they can inspire future generations. A copy of the book would be presented to the family member of every martyr by CRPF formations across the country.

Guidelines for bringing Medicines & Drugs in United Arab Emirates (UAE):

1. As certain chemicals and drugs are banned in UAE, it is essential to check and ensure that the medicines which someone is carrying does not contain a banned or restricted substance. List of drugs and medicines banned in UAE are available on the website: www.uaeinteract.com/travel/drug.asp

2. If for medical or emergency reasons one needs to carry any medicines (such as in Epilepsy cases), it should be ensured to have a medical prescription from a UAE licenced doctor. If treatment was undertaken outside UAE, one must carry both a doctor’s prescription as well as detailed medical report, both of which should be suitably attested.

3. Residents and non-resident patients can bring into the UAE a maximum of 3 month supply of prescription medicine, for their personal use.

4. Psychotrophic medicines can be brought by non-residents to cover their personal consumption for a maximum of 3 month period.

5. Psychotropic medicines can be brought in by resident in a quantity sufficient for 1 month consumption. However, residents can bring a maximum 3 month supply if the medicine is not available in the UAE provided that they obtain the prior approval of the Drug Control Department.

6. Resident and non-resident patients should not bring narcotic medicines into the country without the prior approval from the Ministry of Health. Each case will be studied and approved. A valid prescription and medical report from the concerned hospital or department will be required.

7. Medicines that arrive in the country via postal courier cannot be released to the patient unless the above requirements are fulfilled.

8. People should be careful of carrying in poppy seeds which are banned, so avoid accidentally carrying bakery products that might contain such seeds. Also banned is qat leaf, betel leaf or nuts, niswar, gutkha, which while admissible in some countries is not permitted in the UAE.