

INDIA'S 70<sup>TH</sup> REPUBLIC DAY

# India, Indonesia celebrate 70 years of close friendship

The Republic of India turns 70 this year. India and its close maritime neighbor and strategic partner Indonesia are also celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of diplomatic ties this year. To learn more about these two important celebrations, The Jakarta Post's Veeramalla Anjaiah recently interviewed Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Pradeep Kumar Rawat in Jakarta. The following are the excerpts of the interview.

**Question:** The Republic of India is already 70 years old. What were the most important achievements of the Republic during the last seven decades?

**Answer:** India will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on Jan. 26, 2019. For me, the single biggest achievement of the Republic has been to demonstrate to the world that values of democracy, pluralism, rule of law and inclusiveness can thrive under all circumstances, howsoever challenging these might be. None of the pressures - diversity of religions and languages, its big size and large population with relatively low levels of literacy, the need for rapid economic growth from a very low base, and the magnitude of internal or external security challenges - could waiver the faith of Indian people in democratic values.

India has made progress in many other sectors in the last seven decades. India's Green Revolution to make India self-sufficient in food grain production and India's White Revolution making India the largest producer of milk in the world are significant achievements in agriculture and the dairy industry.

Near-complete electrification, the eradication of polio, more than doubling the life expectancy, enhancing the literacy rate sevenfold and becoming the fastest-growing economy in the world are some of the other major achievements.

In the high-technology fields, India's achievements have also been significant. India is regarded as a country with advanced nuclear and space technology. In terms of

information technology talent, India is among the leading countries.

Officially, India and Indonesia are celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between them. What are the major milestones in this special relationship?

The shared past is visible in many facets - cuisine, language and religious and cultural ethos. Our two peoples cooperated in our common struggle against colonialism. India was among the first countries to establish a diplomatic presence in Yogyakarta when it became the capital of the Indonesian Republic. India organized an international conference in support of Indonesia in 1947. Indonesia's Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir attended and addressed the Conference. India co-sponsored a resolution in the UN in July 1947 asking for stoppage of Dutch military action against the Republic of Indonesia. Indian freedom fighter Biju Patnaik's daredevil act in flying PM Sjahrir out of Indonesia to New Delhi and enabling him to address an international Press Conference in Delhi and then travelling to New York to speak at the United Nations Security Council is well known. Our two countries, thereafter joined hands in building Asian solidarity, which resulted in the 1955 Bandung Conference and the birth of Non-Aligned Movement.

In recent times, our two countries have established a New Comprehensive and Strategic Partnership during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to In-



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Pradeep Kumar Rawat

donesia in May 2018. In the defense field, we have expanded our engagement across diverse areas. The first bilateral naval exercises were held in 2018 and the first-ever naval ship from India visited Sabang Port in Aceh. We have also made progress in building connectivity between Aceh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands with the successful completion of the first commercial cargo ship journey between these two regions. In 2019, as we celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our bilateral relations, we hope to further build on the momentum of deepening of ties.

India is a good neighbor and a strategic partner of Indonesia. Economic ties, especially bilateral trade, grew by leaps and bounds during the last 10 years. How do you foresee the growth of economic ties in the next five years?

Indonesia is a key economic partner for India in Southeast Asia. With bilateral trade of more than \$20 billion in 2017-18, and has witnessed more-than-fivefold increase since 2005-06. We have set a target to take bilateral trade to \$50 billion by 2025.

The overall investment scenario in Indonesia is encouraging. It is an attractive destination for Indian investment in the region. As per Indonesian statistics, India has invested around \$1 billion from 2000-2018. India is very apprecia-

tive of President Joko Widodo's vision of infrastructure development in Indonesia. Indian companies are keen to contribute to capacity-building, the transfer of technology and human resource development of Indonesia.

The Indian economy, on the other hand, boasts a stable annual growth rate and a favorable policy regime that have ensured steady foreign capital flow into the country. I urge the Indonesian companies to explore the opportunities of investing in infrastructure and manufacturing in India, particularly in downstream manufacturing industries for coal, palm oil and rubber, which are exported to India in large volumes.

Last year, President Widodo visited India and Prime Minister Modi visited Indonesia to strengthen bilateral ties. How significant were these two high-profile visits in shaping the strategic partnership between India and Indonesia?

The last one year has been an unprecedented one in terms of high-level political exchanges between India and Indonesia. We have had President Widodo and Prime Minister meeting twice bilaterally within the same year, which has never happened before.

Our leaders had a productive engagement when they met in May 2018 in Jakarta. The two sides were able to conclude eight government-to-government and six business-to-business agreements covering a wide spectrum of bilateral cooperation. For the first time in the ASEAN region, both our countries arrived at a Shared Vision of the Indo Pacific. We are happy to note that several concrete steps have taken place since May 2018 to deepen economic and people-to-people exchanges.

We have made significant progress in enhancing physical and



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**Close ties:** Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) shakes hands with Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta during Modi's state visit to Indonesia on May 30, 2018.

economic connectivity between Aceh province of Indonesia and Andaman & Nicobar Islands of India. Our defense exchanges have deepened substantially, and we were privileged to stand by Indonesia in the aftermath of the Palu earthquake and tsunami, through our Operation *Samudra Maitri*. The task for us now is to ensure that deals struck last year can achieve their stated aims efficiently and fairly to foster tighter economic and political cooperation between our two countries.

After a long effort, Indian tourists are finally coming to Indonesia, but very few Indonesians visit India every year. What are your plans to attract Indonesian tourists to India?

Growth [in the number] of Indian tourists to Indonesia has been quite remarkable. It has crossed the half a million mark in 2018.

In Bali, India stands in third position in terms of tourist arrivals. The Visa on Arrival facility for Indian tourists for 30 days extended by the Indonesian side and the introduction of direct flights between Bali and Mumbai have helped encourage Indians to visit Indonesia.

For Indonesian tourists going to India, Prime Minister announced free e-Visas during his visit to Indonesia in May 2018. This has attracted a substantial number of Indonesians visiting India. Last year, the Indian Em-

bassy has conducted Visit India Tourism seminars in major cities of Indonesia, like Bandung, Malang, Surabaya and Yogyakarta. These seminars were attended by representative of leading tour and travel companies and airlines from Indonesia and India.

Do you have any special message for the Indian community and Indonesians on the occasion of the two big celebrations?

The Indian community in Indonesia has played an invaluable role in cementing the bridges of friendship between our two countries. They have contributed in their own unique ways to promoting bilateral trade, investment, cultural exchanges and culinary heritage. Today, we have nearly a dozen Indian community organizations spread across the landscape of Indonesia. All these Indian community associations came together to welcome Prime Minister of India to Indonesia in May 2018 at the Jakarta Convention Center. They have also kept their respective festivals and cultural traditions of India alive in Indonesia over centuries. The establishment of the Little India Gate in Medan was one such unique initiative in 2018. I wish the Indian community all success and would encourage them to continue their good work in further strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two great countries.

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# 70 years of diplomatic ties between India and RI

## Historical Context

India and Indonesia have maintained a long history of interaction in the domains of culture, language, art, and architecture for several centuries.

The early contacts between our two countries are evident from the various historical chronicles. Indian traders embarked from the coasts of India on trade routes which passed through islands of Java and Sumatra of Indonesia. Close historical, cultural and commercial ties between the two countries which dates back to more than 2,000 years is reflected across length and breadth of Indonesia. The great Majapahit Dynasty and before that the Sriwijaya kingdom had deep cultural, religious and economic linkages with India. Various archaeological and literary sources have brought to light cultural linkages between India and Indonesia. The Buddhist temple at Borobudur and the Hindu Temple at Prambanan reflects the impressive tradition of pluralism, education and cultural exchanges between the two countries for ages. The civilizational engagement between India and Indonesia did not ride on soldiers and guns. It took place through mer-

chant ships and commercial cargoes; it travelled through scholars, and preachers.

India-Indonesia relations also have a history of close collaboration during their respective freedom struggle. It was significant, therefore, that when India - after its independence on Aug. 15, 1947 and officially becoming a Republic on Jan. 26, 1950 and swearing in its first President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad - the chief guests was none other than the Indonesian President Sukarno and his wife Fatmawati. In the Bandung Conference of 1955 Jawaharlal Nehru and Sukarno led the call for a new equitable order for the world, a greater focus on decolonization and development and thereafter a focus on our own paths of development in a democratic framework with pluralistic values.

Thus began a journey for both countries which had immense opportunities and challenges of development and it was not until India's 'Look East Policy' in 1991 and the return of democracy to Indonesia in 1998, that a greater synergy and maturity of contemporary interests could be established.

## Contemporary bilateral ties

It is now more than 20 years since the return of democracy

in Indonesia and about 28 years since the launch of India's 'Look East Policy' - which has now become the 'Act East Policy'. Since 2014, the bilateral relationship between India and Indonesia developed into a multifaceted engagement, especially with two dynamic and visionary leaders at the helm of affairs. Both countries have recently witnessed intensive engagement in the political, strategic, defense, security, and economic spheres. There have been a number of meetings at the ministerial level, especially those concerned with foreign affairs, security, defense and trade.

The President of Indonesia, Joko Widodo, visited India on his first state visit in December 2016, accompanied by Cabinet Ministers, senior officials and a high level business delegation from Indonesia. An Eminent Persons Group drew up a Vision Document 2025 to serve as a blueprint for the bilateral relation. First CEOs' forum also took place between the two countries during the visit which also made recommendations to the leaders to enhance the trade and investment between the two countries.

During the visit of Prime Minister of India in May 2018, both sides achieved a wide ranging convergence of strategic thinking and finalized a plan of action to implement the same. India and Indonesia elevated the bilateral ties to a New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. This New Comprehensive Strategic Partnership aims to deepen and diversify relations in G-to-G, B-to-B and P-to-P exchanges. Both leaders also signed on the Shared Vision of India-Indonesia Maritime Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, which highlights the importance of the region for both countries and immense potential for creating synergies between Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and President Widodo's 'Global Maritime Fulcrum Policy'.



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**High flyers:** Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo (left) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi fly kites at the National Monument in Central Jakarta during Modi's visit to Jakarta on May 30, 2018.

To further extend the maritime cooperation and to highlight that we are close maritime neighbors, the 1<sup>st</sup> India Indonesia Business Forum was held in Aceh in July 2018. For that event, an Indian delegation led by the Ambassador of India Pradeep Kumar Rawat and comprising of members of Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) and officials from Andaman and Nicobar Administration visited Banda Aceh, capital of Aceh province. Thereafter, an India Indonesia Business forum was held at Port Blair in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Nov. 29, 2018. The forum was attended by a 30-member delegation consisting of members of Chamber of Commerce of Aceh, members of Andaman Chamber of Commerce and officials of Andaman and Nicobar Administration. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between KADIN (Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Aceh and ACCI was signed in this visit. A pioneer vessel carrying several items from Aceh reached Port Blair in January 2019.

India was amongst the first responders after the tsunami stuck in Central Sulawesi province of Indonesia on Sept. 28. Operation 'Samudra Maitri' for humanitarian assistance was launched after a telephonic conversation by PM Modi with Indonesian President Widodo on Oct. 1, and following Indonesia's acceptance of international aid. On Oct. 3, 2018, two Indian Air Force (IAF) aircrafts, C-130J and C-17, departed India carrying onboard medical personnel and relief material. The aircrafts carried a medical team onboard along with tents and equipment to set up a field hospital.

On the bilateral trade front, both sides have set a target of US\$50 billion by 2025 during the visit of Prime Minister of India to Indonesia in May 2018. There is a need to synergize the efforts in the areas of economy and business. The vast consumer market, youthful and skilled human resources and expertise in the field of information technology of India coupled with Indonesia's natural resources, youthful population and strategic location would provide a platform for enhanced

economic engagement. There is a considerable potential for expanding trade in the areas of automotive components, automobiles, engineering products, IT, pharmaceuticals, bio-technology and healthcare sectors. Infrastructure development and energy security are key areas for cooperation for emerging economies like India and Indonesia. Both India and Indonesia have a shared vision for building a peaceful regional order and co-operate on a number of important security issues, including anti-terrorism and maritime security.

For the future of India Indonesia bilateral cooperation, even sky is not the limit. As both countries celebrate 70 years of diplomatic relations in 2019, their strategic partnership, with their rich history of shared heritage, bilateral cooperation and diplomatic activism, can become the pillar of an Asian order based on open regionalism and enhance the prospects of peace, stability and prosperity in Asia.

Embassy of India, Jakarta



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**Lending a helping hand:** A member of the Indian medical team (right) prescribes medicine for two survivors of an earthquake and tsunami that occurred on Sept. 28, 2018 in Palu, Central Sulawesi. The Indian Air Force sent two military aircraft - a C-130J carrying 37 medical personnel and a C-17 that carried six officers, rations, water, medicine, generators and tents - to Palu.

## Bank of India Indonesia

### Bank of India Indonesia at a Glance

Bank of India Indonesia formerly known as Bank Pasar Swadesi was established in 1968 in Surabaya, East Java. In 1984, the Bank's ownership was taken over by the Chugani family, which developed the bank, and on Sept. 2, 1989, Bank Pasar Swadesi improved its status and formally became a commercial bank operating under the name of Bank Swadesi. In 1990, Bank Swadesi merged with Bank Perkreditan Rakyat Panti Daya Ekonomi, which was based in Surakarta, Central Java, to enable the bank to open a branch office in Jakarta. Further in November 1994, Bank Swadesi obtained upgraded status issued by Bank Indonesia and officially started operating as a foreign exchange bank. In the efforts to develop the business as well as to get closer to the business centers nationwide, in 1995 the head office was relocated from Surabaya to Jakarta. Consistency in the commitment to continuing to develop and to provide the best service based on the prudential principles, has been the moto of the bank.

As a strategic step to secure the future growth path, specifically in the capital, in 2002 Bank Swadesi listed its shares on the Indonesia Stock Exchange. In order to achieve the vision and mission and at the same time strengthen its position in banking industry nationwide, Bank Swadesi deemed it necessary to establish a strategic alliance by inviting sound investors. That effort was implemented by the signing of an acquisition deed with Bank of India, which has worldwide operations with headquarters based in Mumbai, India. Thus Bank of India acquired a 76 percent stake in

Bank Swadesi in the year 2007 and became the majority and controlling shareholder. With this acquisition, in 2011 the name of Bank Swadesi was changed to Bank of India Indonesia.

Bank of India Indonesia has built a very strong foundation and has expanded rapidly in the past few years with operations in major cities of Indonesia such as Jakarta, Surabaya, Medan, Makassar, Denpasar and Bandung. It continues its efforts to build a sound foundation and achieve continued growth with the support of its shareholders.

Bank of India, which is the controlling shareholder of Bank of India Indonesia is a large public sector bank in India, which was established in 1906 and operates in India with more than 5,000 branches network. It also has a wide international presence with branch offices and subsidiaries in various countries in Africa (Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Botswana), in SE Asia such as Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong etc and also in Europe and America and China.

As of Dec. 31, 2018, Bank of India Indonesia is having a network of 14 branches/sub-branches and two cash offices in Indonesia, of which six branches/sub-branches and the two cash offices are in Jakarta, four in Surabaya and one each in Bandung, Medan, Denpasar and Makassar. Guided by the new vision and mission, Bank of India Indonesia is committed to providing the best services in line with the implementation of prudential principles so as to contribute to the growth of Indonesia.

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In an attempt to enhance the relationship between the stakeholders of the Indonesian and Indian pharmaceutical industries, the Indian Commerce Ministry and the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) organized the first India-Indonesia Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum in Jakarta on Thursday.

The event, supported by the Embassy of India in Indonesia and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Kadin), brought together representatives of pharmaceutical companies from both Indonesia and India.

As many as 19 Indian pharmaceutical companies sent delegates to attend the meeting held at the Westin Jakarta Hotel in South Jakarta to seek wider networks and more business opportunities in Indonesia.

At the forum, Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Pradeep Kumar Rawat highlighted that the importance of the health industry is reflected in more than its numbers.

"The health industry can determine people's lives," he said, adding that hopefully there would be a good policy outcome that would not compromise patient care.

A collaboration between Indian and Indonesian pharmaceutical companies could offer numerous opportunities for both countries. India is well known for

its high quality medicines sold for affordable prices. India also offers high quality medical services at the lowest cost in the world.

India, the third largest economy in Asia, developed its pharmaceutical industry and health sector rapidly during the last 20 years. India's pharmaceutical industry is among the biggest in the world.

Furthermore, India's pharmaceutical exports were worth US\$17.27 billion in 2017 and 2018, according to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), and it is expected to increase by 30 percent to be worth \$20 billion by 2020.

Medical tourism has been a growing sector for the last couple of years, also offering affordable medical services with the latest



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**Enhancing cooperation:** Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat delivers his speech during the opening of the first India-Indonesia Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum on Jan. 24 in the Westin Jakarta hotel in Jakarta.

medical technology. Many medical tourists from Europe, Asia and the United States visit India for bone-marrow transplants, eye surgery, open-heart surgery and hip replacements, among others.

Pharmexcil joint director Murali Krishna highlighted Indonesia's enormous market and highlighted that Indonesia's national health care has boosted the country's pharmaceutical market. "Through this forum, we'd like to extend our cooperation and contribution to help Indonesia," Murali said in his welcoming speech.

Indonesia and India have actually shown good progress in their economic relations, said Kadin International Relations Department vice chairwoman Shinta Widjaja Kamdani in her speech, but that was still far from its full potential.

Shinta encouraged further engagement and cooperation among pharmaceutical companies from India and Indonesia in the future. "We are here with the business delegates from Indonesia to show that [Indonesia] is ready to work together [with India]," she added.

"We definitely have to do more work to make this happen," Shinta said. "I think Indonesia's pharmaceutical industry still holds much potential, given the country's large population and strategic location."

The Health Ministry's pharmaceutical and medical devices director general, Engko Sosialine Magdalene, said that as the National Health Insurance (JKN) has covered more than 85 percent of Indonesia's population, there is a stronger need to consider the pharmaceutical sector.

"We encourage the pharmaceutical industry to ensure the availability of pharmaceutical raw materials and medicines," Engko said. She added that she hoped both countries can seek to ensure the availability of medicines and medical devices at affordable prices for Indonesian people.

Reena Chogale, one of the Indian company delegates who attended the meeting, expressed her hope of gaining more partnerships from her visit to Indonesia. "After this meeting we are hoping to explore new [partnerships] to form mutual relations between

Indonesia and India," said Reena, who is the manager of Shamrock. Her company has been supplying raw materials and finished formulations to Indonesian companies like PT Sanbe, PT Kalbe Farma and PT Dexa Medica for the last two years.

Crius Group of Companies general manager Sameer Virmani, who was another Indian delegate at the meeting, also expressed his optimism about promote its food supplements in Indonesia. "In India, we provide you quality products at affordable prices," Sameer said. "We look forward to getting the right partners and take our business from there."

He later added that his company has not yet established many partnerships in Indonesia, but he believed that the business potential is immense.

Pharmexcil delegates have extended an invitation to Indonesian pharma industry representatives to participate in the International Exhibition for Pharma and Health Care, which is to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India from April 10 to 12 this year.



Courtesy of the Indian Embassy

**Sharing insights:** Participants of the first India-Indonesia Pharmaceutical and Health Industry Forum take part in small discussion groups during the event. The forum was held by the Indian Commerce Ministry and the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India on Jan. 24 in the Westin Jakarta Hotel in South Jakarta to promote cooperation between Indonesian and Indian pharmaceutical industry stakeholders.

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# Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the plenary session of the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (Non-Resident Indian Day, PDB) at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul in Varanasi, India, on Jan. 22.

In his address, Prime Minister Modi said it is the love and affection of the diaspora for the land of their forefathers which has brought them to India. He called upon the NRI (Non-resident Indian) community to join hands for building a new India.

PM lauded the role of Indian diaspora in keeping alive the tradition of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. He said the NRIs are not only the Brand Ambassadors of India but also represent its strength, capabilities and characteristics. He urged the diaspora to participate in building a New India, specially in research and innovation.

PM said that with its rapid progress, India is being seen on a high pedestal across the world and is in a position to lead the global community. International Solar Alliance is one such example. Modi added that local solution and global application is our mantra. He termed International Solar Alliance as a step in the direction of One World, One Sun, One Grid.

Prime Minister said that India is on course to become a global economic powerhouse. It has one

of the largest start-up ecosystems and world's largest healthcare scheme to its credit. "We have moved on with great strides in Make in India. A bumper harvest production has been our major achievement," he said.

PM said the diaspora is equally important in our resolve for a New India. He added that their safety is also "our concern" and cited how the government took upon the challenge of evacuating more than 2 lakh (200,000) Indians stranded in conflict zones.

Speaking about the welfare of Indians overseas, Modi said passport and visa rules have been simplified and e visa had made it much easier for them to travel. All Pravasi Bharatiya (NRIs) are now being linked to Passport Sewa and efforts are in to issue chip based E passport.

PM said that a Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana (sponsored religious tours for NRIs) is being taken up. He urged every overseas Indian to invite five non-Indian families to visit India. PM also requested them to spread the values of Mahatma Gandhi and Guru Nanak Dev and become a part of their anniversary celebrations. He said that "we feel proud that global community joined us in compilation of Bapu's (Gandhi's) favourite bhajan (prayer), Vaishnavajan".

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj addressing the millennials at the Youth PBD high-



Honoring the high-achieving Indian diaspora: Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj (second left) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (third right) pose together for a photograph following the announcement of the winners of the 2019 Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awards, which honor the Indian diaspora who have made great achievements across the globe.

lighted the fact that India has the largest diaspora in the world at almost 31 million which is spread throughout the globe. Lauding the diaspora, she said, "the story of your forefathers' journey to distant shores is a tale brimming with courage, enterprise and character." Congratulating the diaspora, she said, "Since the 1970's, young Indian professionals have been migrating abroad to corporate boardrooms, research laboratories, engineering workshops and university faculties. We have seen the growing emigration of doctors, nurses, engineers, managers, plumbers, and electricians to West Asia and the Gulf. Today, we have people of Indian origin, as heads of the state and heads

of the government, and as heads of large multi-national corporations, raising India's global profile. The success of each and every one of our emigrants is a testimonial to their unbeatable spirit, their dedication, and their patience and forbearance in the face of extreme hardships."

She also appreciated the role that the diaspora has played in helping build India's global profile and said, "our diaspora has dramatically changed the world's perception of Indians, and of India as well. They have kindled a new wave of appreciation for this land which has produced and exported so many achievers. The benchmarks for success, which the PDB community has set, is a motivation

for us in India. They encourage us to create a business, investment and economic climate, which is as conducive to success as anywhere else in the world."

She called upon the diaspora to leverage India's strength in education and research sector and said, "Today, the education sector in India has become very lucrative for your children to pursue higher education in India. India today is home to some of the best world-class university infrastructures and Research and Development (R&D) capacities such as IITs (Indian Institute of Technology) and IIMs (Indian Institute of Management). Along with high-quality education, we want India to be

a hub for high-end R&D capacities. We have started various programs such as VAJRA, GIAN and Mission Shodh Ganga to enable overseas scientific community to conduct high-end research and development in India".

She asked the diaspora to have better connectivity with Indian missions abroad under the slogan, "Indian Embassy: Home away from home" and said "Our embassies have been proactive on the digital media, providing consular help and guidance. Whether it is Facebook or Twitter, help is just a message away from any Indian national in distress. She said, "Help is Just One Tweet Away."

Embassy of India Jakarta



Together again: Members of the Indian diaspora pose with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (sixth right) and Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj (seventh right) during the Non-Resident Indian Day meeting on Jan. 22 in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.



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# India's Golden Triangle

The magical Golden Triangle formed by **Delhi, Agra and Jaipur**, is the country's most popular tourist circuit. The Golden Triangle is so called because of the triangular shape formed by the locations of New Delhi, Agra and Rajasthan on the map.

The trips usually start in Delhi moving south to the site of Taj Mahal at Agra, then west, to the desert landscapes of Rajasthan. The Golden Triangle is now a well-travelled route providing a good spectrum of the country's different landscapes. Located at an approximate distance of 200-250 kilometers from each other, the cities provide a classic and unforgettable introduction to the country and its charms.

**Delhi**, Metropolitan city, the capital of India, presents a vast panorama of fascinating images. It is a city where forts, tombs and some magnificent ruins share the skyline with high-rise buildings and stately homes. The wide tree-lined avenues of New Delhi give way to the crowded narrow lanes of Old Delhi and along with this change comes a diametrically different culture and lifestyle. Today Delhi encloses many older cities in its stone walls which have been seen many empires rise and fall.

## INDIA GATE - DELHI

**Delhi**, a major point of entry for foreigner travellers to India, boasts of a tourism infrastructure which compares with the best in the world. International hotels with extensive facilities, gourmet restaurants, air conditioned limousines, luxury coaches, bargain shopping, ethnic entertainment and convenient connections by rail and air. Delhi has everything going and is the ultimate travel experience.

There's a lot to see to Delhi because of the large number of monuments and tombs in the city, bearing testimony to its history. The best time to be in Delhi



The India Gate In New Delhi

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is between mid-September and March when the days are crisp, fine and sunny and the evenings cool enough. The monsoon, too is a pleasant season. But no matter when you come, Delhi offers a warm and friendly welcome.

**Agra** is famous as being home to the Taj Mahal, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The **Taj Mahal**, which is essentially one man's monumental testimony to love, has become synonymous not only with this city, but with India as a whole. Agra, with its laid back lifestyle and its immense wealth of architecture, handicrafts and jewellery, is amongst the most remarkable cities of the world.

Commissioned in 1632 by the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan to house the remains of his cherished wife, the Taj Mahal stands on the southern bank of the Yamuna River in Agra, India. The famed mausoleum complex, built

over more than 20 years, is one of the most outstanding examples of Mughal architecture, which combined Indian, Persian and Islamic influences. At its center is the Taj Mahal itself, built of shimmering white marble that seems to change color depending on the sunlight or moonlight hitting its surface. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, it remains one of the world's most celebrated structures and a stunning symbol of India's rich history.

## TAJ MAHAL - AGRA

A visit to Agra will remain incomplete without a visit to one of the most impressive places of all. **Fatehpur Sikri**. Agra is famous for its marble and soft stone inlay work, leather goods, brassware, carpets and chikan-work fabrics, which involve delicate yarn overlays. Semi-precious and precious stone

jewellery are also available in plenty.

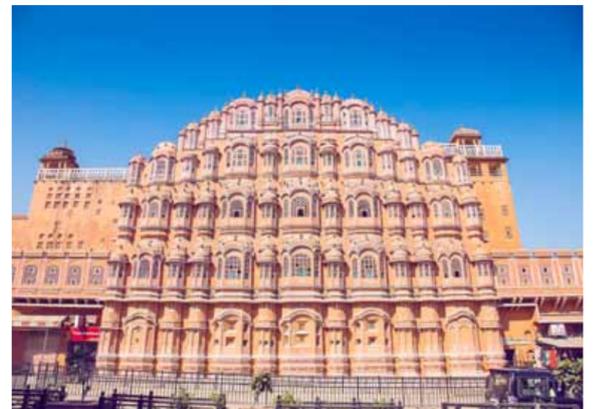
The origins of the beautiful city of Jaipur can be traced back to the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, during the reign of Jai Singh II who ascended the Amber Throne in 1699. He abandoned the rugged hills of Amber in 1727 and set about laying a perfect palace-city in the adjoining area near Amber. **Jaipur** dubbed as Pink City after the color-wash of its old city's walls, is indeed a visual treat. The city which is a holy grail of Indian Tourism, boasts of its assembly of world-renowned monuments like the Palace of Winds or Hawa Mahal, Jai Singh's City Palace and Jantar Mantar observatory.

Jaipur has been laid according to the conventional nine-grid pattern that astrologers believe to be lucky, and which has been recommended in the ancient Indian treatise on architecture. Each grid consists of square, and these have



The Taj Mahal In Agra

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The Hawa Mahal In Jaipur

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been planned so that, at the heart of the city is the City Palace. Spread around it, in rows, are public buildings, the residences of noblemen, the living and trading quarters of merchants and artisans.

## HAWA MAHAL - JAIPUR

Jaipur is home to exquisite handicrafts, beautiful textiles, delicate jewellery and semi-pre-

ciuous/precious gems and stones. The Golden Triangle provides a classic and unforgettable introduction to the country and its charms. What also makes the Golden Triangle a great tourist circuit is its accessibility. The destinations are well connected by road and trains.

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