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Prime Minister's Visit to China, South Korea and Mongolia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 19 May 2015 returned to India after completing his tour to three nations namely China, Mongolia and South Korea.

Highlights of the visit to China

- Prime Minister raised the boundary question with China and asked for an early settlement of the issue and decided to maintain peace and tranquility at the border point for maturity of relations.
- India-China signed 24 inter-governmental agreements.
- 21 business agreements worth 22 billion US dollars signed between Indian and Chinese companies.
- PM Modi inaugurated ICICI's first branch in China at Shanghai.

Highlights of the visit to Mongolia

- **Modi is the first ever Prime Minister of India to visit the country**
- India announced to provide one billion US dollar Line of Credit to Mongolia.
- India-Mongolia signed 13 agreements including enhancement in cooperation in border Defence, air services, cyber security, renewable energy and others.
- Modi addressed to the Mongolian Parliament.
- Modi gifted a rare history manuscript to Mongolian President.

Highlights of the visit to South Korea

- Narendra Modi announced to set up a special panel to clear and fast-track South Korean investments into India.
- South Korea became the second country after Japan for which a special panel will be constituted.
- South Korea announced to invest 10 billion dollar for Indian infrastructure development.
- India-South Korea signed seven agreements including revised avoidance of double taxation, cooperation in audio-visual co-production, Youth Matters as well as co-operation between the National Security Council of India and South Korea.

Visit to China

India and China on 15 May 2015 signed 24 agreements to augment bilateral co-operation between the two countries.

The agreements were signed in the presence of **Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **Chinese Premier Li Keqiang** in Beijing, China.

The details of agreements covering the fields of Education, Railways, People-to-People exchanges, skill development, Security among others were outlined in the **Joint Statement** issued by the two leaders after the conclusion of bilateral talks.

CHINA

Capital: Beijing

Currency: Yuan

President: Xi Jinping

Premier: Li Keqiang

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Some of the important agreements are

- An additional **Consulate Genera**l shall be established in each other's country. India shall open a new Consulate General in **Chengdu**, while China shall open a new Consulate General in **Chennai**.
- The **fifth joint counter-terrorism training** between the two armies will be held in China in 2015. The two sides will exchange visits of naval ships and hold **PASSEX and SAR exercises.**
- Both the countries agreed to abide by the **three-stage process** for the settlement of the boundary question, and continuously push forward negotiation on the framework for a **boundary settlement** based on the outcomes and common understanding achieved so far, in an effort to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable solution as early as possible.
- Both the countries agreed on an **Action Plan** outlining the next steps to enhance the partnership in the **Railway Sector.** It is in continuation of the ongoing initiatives including the projects on speed raising on the existing Chennai-Bengaluru-Mysore line, the proposed feasibility studies for the Delhi-Nagpur section of high speed rail link, the station redevelopment planning for **Bhubaneswar** & **Baiyappanahalli**, heavy haul transportation training and setting up of a railway university.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed to institute a dialogue mechanism between the **NITI Aayog of India** and the **Development Research Centre of the State Council of China**.
- **The International Yoga Day** will be organised jointly on 21 June 2015 in collaboration between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Yunnan National University.
- Agreements related to establishing **provincial partnership** between Karnataka and Sichuan and **sister-city relationships** between Aurangabad – Dunhuang, Chennai – Chongqing and Hyderabad – Qingdao were signed.
- Action Plan on the establishment of Mahatma Gandhi National Institute for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship at Gandhinagar/Ahmedabad in Gujarat was signed.
- It was agreed to initiate cooperation in development of smart cities with identification of **GIFT City** in India and **Shenzhen in China** as pilot smart cities for joint demonstration projects.
- **The 2015-2020 Space Cooperation Outline** was signed between the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) of the Republic of India and China National Space Administration of the People's Republic of China to reinforce the cooperation in the field of Satellite Remote Sensing, Space-Based meteorology, Space Science, Lunar and Deep Space Exploration, Satellite Navigation, Space Components, Piggy-back Launching Services, and Education and Training.
- China agreed to allow Indian pilgrims to use the **Nathu La Pass (Sikkim) route for Kailash Manasarover Yatra** (Gang Renpoche and Mapam Yun Tso Pilgrimage) in 2015.

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Visit to South Korea

India and South Korea on 18 May 2015 signed seven agreements to upgrade relations to special strategic partnership level.

The agreements were inked during the Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to South Korea. Prime Minister Modi is on a three nation visit to China (14 May to 16 May 2015), Mongolia (17 May 2015) and South Korea (18 May to 19 May 2015).

SOUTH KOREA

Capital: Seoul

Currency: South Korean Won

President: Park Geun-hye

List of Agreements/MoUs signed during the visit of Prime Minister to South Korea

- **Agreement for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income**.
- **India-Korea Agreement on Cooperation in Audio-Visual Co-Production:** The Agreement is being signed under the provisions of India-South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
- **MoU for Cooperation between the National Security Council of India and South Korea**.
- **MoU for Cooperation in the field of Electric Power Development and New Energy Industries**.
- **MoU on Cooperation in Youth Matters**.
- **Framework of Cooperation in the Field of Road Transport**.
- **MoU on Cooperation in the Fields of Maritime Transport and Logistics**.

During the visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with South Korean President Park Geun Hye in Seoul. Later, the two leaders released a joint statement.

Besides, Prime Minister Narendra Modi also met with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in Seoul.

Visit to Mongolia

MONGOLIA

Capital: Ulan Bator

Currency: Mongolian Tugrik

President: Tsakhiagiin ELBEGDORJ

India and Mongolia on 17 May 2015 signed 13 agreements to further enhance bilateral ties and co-operation between the two countries. India also announced to provide one billion US dollar credit to Mongolia.

The agreements were inked during the Prime Minister Narendra Modi visit to Mongolia. Modi's visit to Mongolia is the first ever visit of Indian Prime Minister to the country.

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The 13 Agreements include

- **Revised Air Services Agreement:** This Agreement updates from previous arrangements of international air services between India and Mongolia, both being parties to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.
- **Treaty on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons**.
- **Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Animal Health and Dairy.**
- **MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy**.
- **MoU on Establishment of Cyber Security Training Centre in the Ministry of Defence of Mongolia:** Under this, India will establish a Cyber Security Training Centre and will also undertake the training of personnel in cyber security.
- **MoU on Establishment of India-Mongolia Joint Friendship School in Mongolia.**
- **Programme on Cooperation in the field of Culture for the Years 2015-2018.**
- **MoU for Cooperation between the National Security Council of India and Mongolia:** This MoU was entered to hold regular consultations alternatively in New Delhi and Ulaanbaatar.
- **MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of External Affairs of India and Mongolia.**
- **MoU for cooperation on development of new and renewable energy technologies.**
- **MoU on enhancing cooperation between the border guarding forces:** This MoU envisages the setting up of a Joint Steering Committee between Ministry of Home Affairs of India and General Authority for Border Protection of Mongolia.
- **MoU between the Tata Memorial Centre of India and the National Cancer Center of Mongolia for Gifting Bhabhatron-II Tele-therapy Unit along with a Radiotherapy Simulator.**
- **MoU to enhance their skills and improve the training programme in both the countries.**

Apart from this, during this visit of Modi, the two nations issued joint statement on strategic partnership. Modi also addressed to the Mongolian Parliament and gifted a rare history manuscript to Mongolian president.

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