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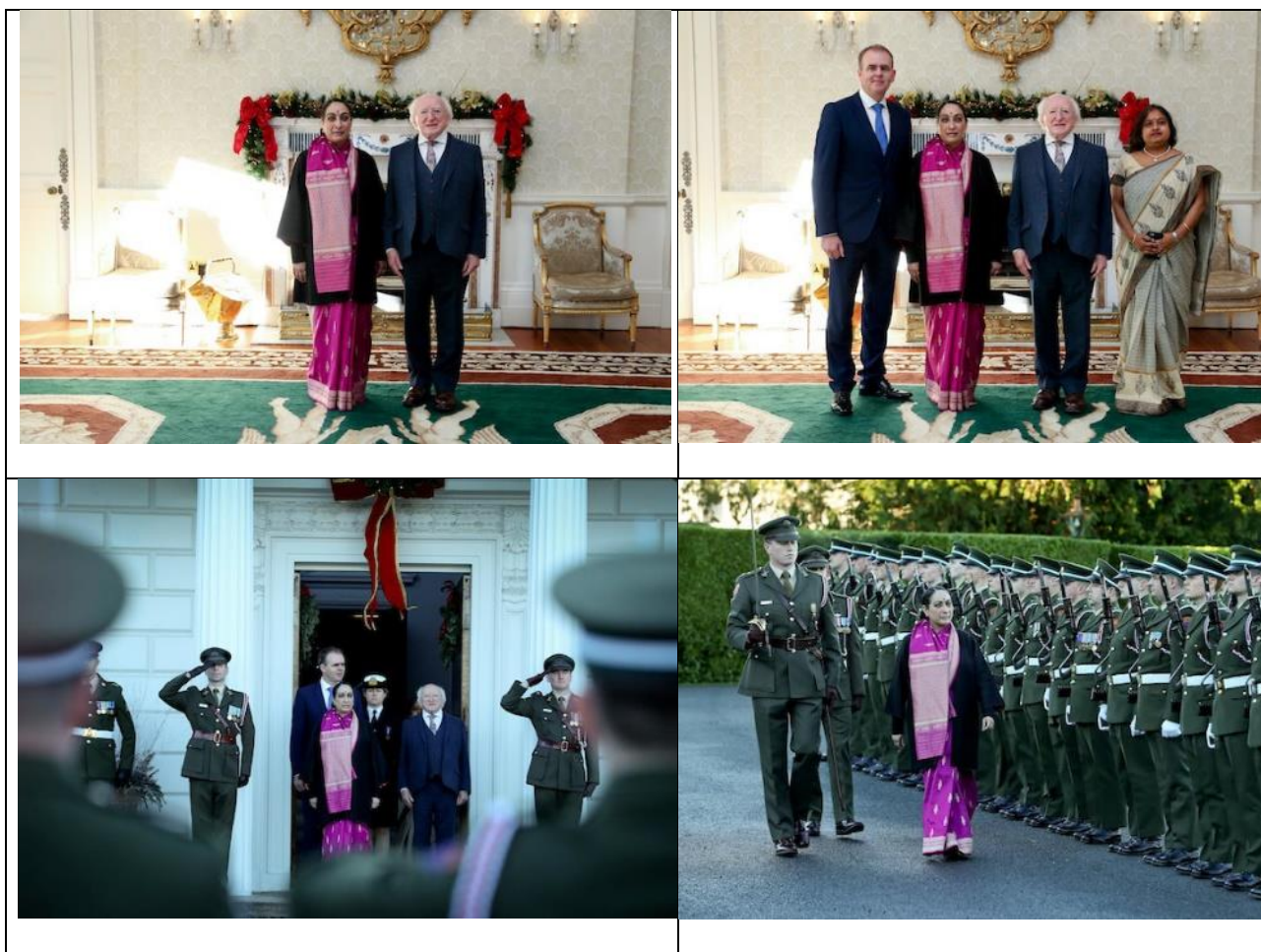
November-December 2016

Presentation of Credentials by Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh



Mrs. Vijay Thakur Singh, Ambassador of India to Ireland presented her Letter of Credence to HE Mr Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, in the Credential Ceremony held on 13 December 2016 at Áras an Uachtaráin.





24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Help Line

The Ministry of Tourism has introduced a 24x7 Toll Free Multi-Lingual Tourist Help Line to facilitate visits of foreign tourist visiting India. The Help Line is launched in 12 International Languages namely, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Chinese Portuguese, Russian and Spanish including Hindi & English and is available on toll free number 1800111363 or on a short code 1363 and operational 24X7 (365 days in a year) offering a "multi-lingual helpdesk".

The objective of this multi-lingual helpline is to provide information relating to travel and tourism in India to the domestic and international tourists. The helpline also advises callers during the times of distress, if any, while travelling in India and alerts the concerned authorities, if required. This is a unique endeavour by Government of India which gives the foreign tourists a sense of safety and security during their travel in India.■■■

Facility for NRIs for depositing specified bank notes made available till 30 June 2017



As was notified on 8 November 2016, those persons who were unable to exchange or deposit the old series Indian bank notes of Rs.500 and 1000 denominations (specified bank notes – SBNs)) in their bank accounts

on or before 30 December 2016 shall be given an opportunity to do so.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Finance, Government of India through a gazette notification S.O. 4251(E) dated 30 December 2016, in exercise of the powers conferred by relevant provisions of the Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Ordinance 2016, has announced that this facility would be available to all Indian citizens who were outside India from 9 November 2016 to 30 December 2016, to tender these SBNs at the specified Issue Offices of RBI until 31 March 2017. For those citizens of India, who are not resident in India, this facility would be available till 30th June 2017 in order to allow them adequate time to plan a visit as per their convenience.

The above facility would be subject to the regulations of the notification "Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Currency) Regulations, 2015. As per these regulations bringing back such currency into the country is restricted to Rs. 25,000/- per person. Separate FEMA provisions are applicable to persons in Nepal and Bhutan which would continue to apply.

Relevant links to above notifications are placed below.

The Specified Bank Notes (Cessation of Liabilities) Ordinance 2016
<http://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/Ordinance> 10 of 2016 30.12.2016.pdf
Notification S.O. 4251(E) dated 30 December 2016
<http://dea.gov.in/sites/default/files/24Notification> 30.12.2016.pdf■■■

Know India Programme



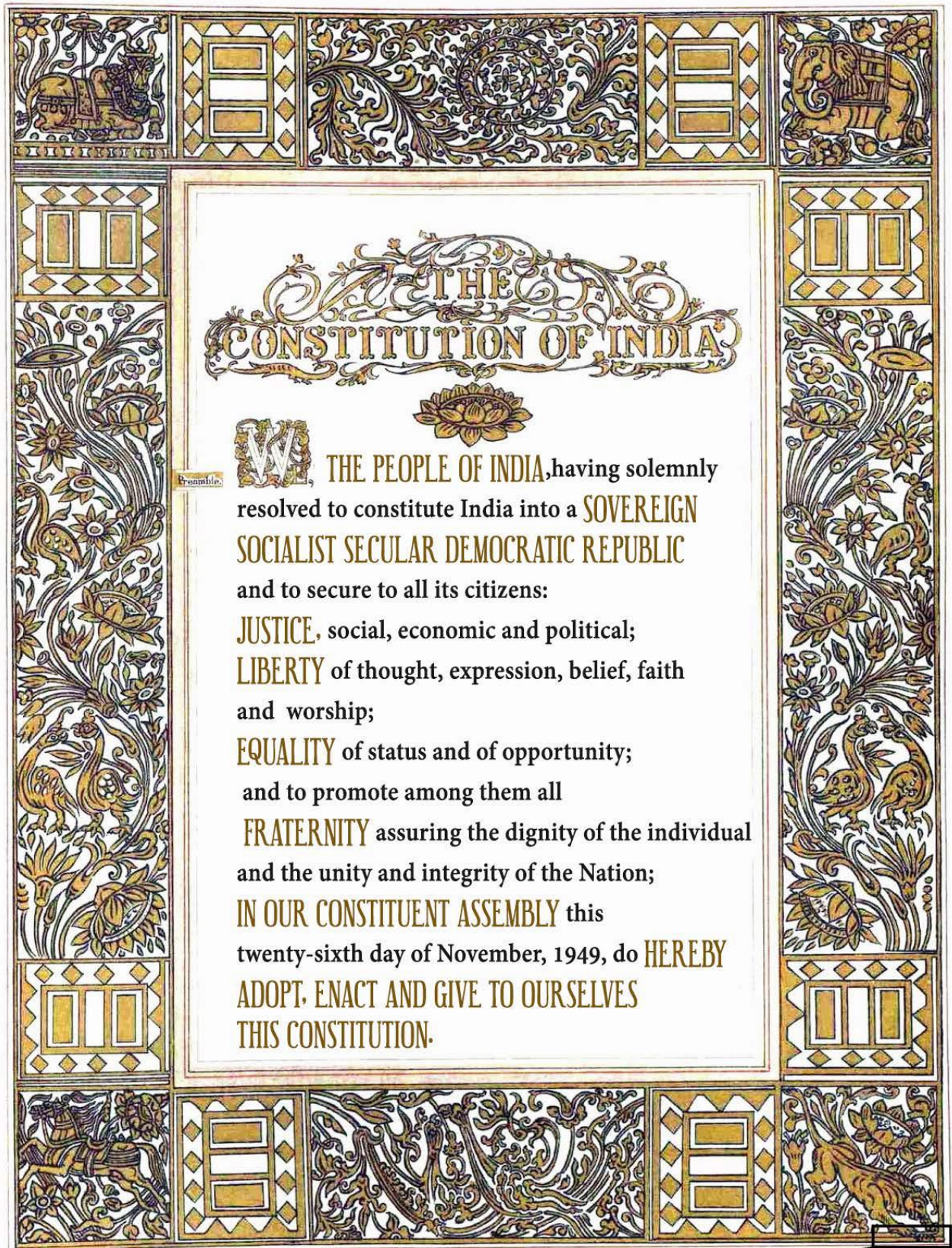
The Ministry of External Affairs will organize the following four Know India Programme (KIP) from December, 2016 to January, 2017.

KIP No.	Dates	Partner State
37	17-12-2016 to 10-01-2017	Uttar Pradesh
38	17-12-2016 to 10-01-2017	Kerala
39	27-12-2016 to 20-01-2017	Gujarat
40	27-12-2016 to 20-01-2017	West Bengal

Some important aspects w.r.t. these KIPs may kindly be noted by applicants:

All four KIP groups will participate in the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 7 January, 2017 in Bengaluru and the inauguration of 14th PBD Convention on 8 January 2017 - where PM and select Chief Minister will participate and address delegates. Therefore, Bengaluru has been included in the 25 day itinerary of the KIP groups.■■■

Constitution Day: 26 November

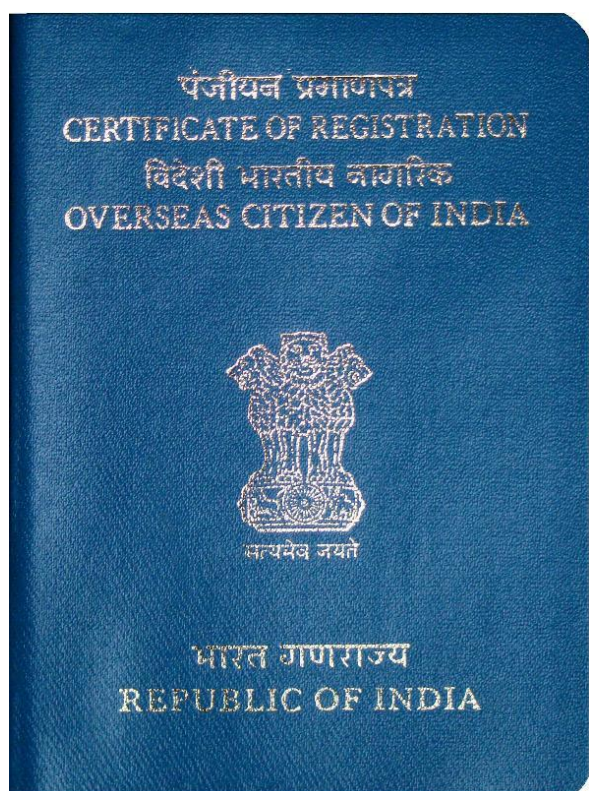


Consular News



Indian students studying in Universities/Colleges in Ireland are welcome to register their details in the Students Registration module under <MADAD: Consular Grievances Monitoring System > link on the Embassy of India website.

Extension of date till 30 June 2017 for submission of application for registration as OCI card holder in lieu of the PIO Card



This is to convey that the date for submission of online application for registration as OCI card holder in lieu of PIO Card by the erstwhile PIO card holders has been extended till 30.06.2017. It is advised that PIO card holders may submit their online OCI applications for registration by 30.06.2017.

An OCI card holder is entitled to multiple entry multi-purpose life-long visa for visiting India, exemption from registration with local police authority for any length of stay in India and parity with Non Resident Indians (NRIs) in respect of economic, financial and educational fields except in relation to acquisition of

agricultural or plantation properties. No parity shall be allowed in the sphere of political rights (For more details, please refer to our website).

Further, the OCI card will facilitate quicker immigration clearances at the Immigration Check Points and also for obtaining various consular services from the Indian Missions. Further, for those residing in India, it will facilitate in availing various services in India.■■■

Forthcoming Events

Sr. No.	Event/Date/Website	Name of the Event
1.	Pravasi Haryana Divas on 10 & 11 January 2017 at Kingdom of Dreams, Gurugram, Haryana, India http://www.pravasiharyanadivas.in/	
2.	Health Tech India, an International Exhibition & Conference on Medical Equipment and Technology www.healthtechindia.co.in	 HEALTH TECH INDIA An Exhibition on Medical Equipment, Technology, and Healthcare Services. 3-5 FEBRUARY 2017, PRAGATI MAIDAN, NEW DELHI
3.	Bio Asia Summit February 6-8, 2017 Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC), Hyderabad www.2017.bioasia.in	
4.	Global RE-Invest 2017 has been postponed from February 2017; new dates to be notified shortly. <i>Global RE-Invest 2017 has been postponed from February 2017; new dates to be notified shortly.</i>	
5.	Trade Fair: 22nd International Engineering and Technology Fair IETF 2017 https://www.ietfindia.in	
6.	Momentum Jharkhand' Global Investors' Summit on 16 & 17 February 2017 in Ranchi http://momentumjharkhand.com/ & http://www.advantage.jharkhand.gov.in/	

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The Trust is chaired by Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs. Other Board members are prominent overseas Indians, eminent resident Indians and Senior Government of India officials.



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Smt. Sushma Swaraj
Hon'ble Minister of Overseas
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