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In focus- Visit of Hon'ble Speaker H.E. Shri. Om Birla to Mexico along with a Parliamentary delegation



Dr. Pankaj Sharma Ambassador of India to Mexico

Dear Friends,

On 15th August, we celebrated 75 years of India's independence. The celebrations this year hold greater importance in the context of India marking its 75th anniversary of freedom. The Government of India is therefore commemorating the rich history of its people, culture and achievements, through a series of events called as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'; which means elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspiration of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and elixir of Aatmanirbharta. One such event is the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, where every Indian citizen is hoisting the Indian flag at home, symbolizing his/her personal connection to the flag and commitment towards nation-building.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Mexico city administration and the Government of Mexico for joining in celebrating with us the Independence day by illuminating historic monuments of Mexico i.e. the Monumento a la Revolucion, the National Palace and the Fuente de Petroleos, with the tricolors of the Indian flag. It reflects the inherent warmth of the Mexican people towards India and the strength of our bilateral relations

An important highlight of the month was the successful visit of Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla to Mexico. The joint inauguration of India-Mexico Parliamentary Friendship Garden by him and the H.E. Mr. Sergio Luna, President of the Chamber of Deputies, at the Mexican Parliament is a symbol of our growing Parliamentary ties. Hon'ble Speaker also unveiled a bust of Late Dr.Pandurang Khankhoje at the University of Chapingo. Dr. Khankhoje was an unsung hero of Indian freedom struggle and renowned agriculture scientist who worked in Mexico. A statue of Swami Vivekananda, the only such statue of this renowned philosopher and monk in the entire Latin America was unveiled at the Autonomous University of the State of Hidalgo. I thank the Rectors of both universities as well as people of Mexico for giving us this space in their homes.

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Tweets of the Month



@ombirlakota @loksabhaspeaker.

The meeting addressed topics such as how to strengthen parliamentary exchanges, share democratic best practices, and his incoming visit to Mexico along with an a delegation to bring closer the bilateral relation.



Narendra Modi 📀 @narendramodi

यतो बुद्धिरज्ञाननाशो मुमुक्षोः, यतः सम्पदो भक्तसन्तोषिकाः स्युः।

यतो विघ्ननाशो यतः कार्यसिद्धिः, सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजाम:।।

गणेश चतुर्थी की ढेरों शुभकामनाएं। गणपति बाप्पा मोरया!

Best wishes on Ganesh Chaturthi. May the blessings of Bhagwan Shri Ganesh always remain upon US.

Translate Tweet







#MyGovMorningMusings #MyHandloomMyPride

#NationalHandloomDay!

Celebrating







PM @narendramodi set out 5 commitments for New India as it heads towards its Independence centenary:

- 1 An India that is developed.
- 2 An India free of colonial mindset.
- 3 An India proud of its heritage.
- 4 An India united & integrated.
- 5 An India whose citizens put duty above all



Arrived in Mexico City to a warm welcome on the final leg of my visit with the IPD. Looking forward to bilateral meetings and close interactions with the hospitable people of Mexico. Hopeful of a productive visit for further strengthening our relations & parliamentary cooperation.



India Corner

Address by External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar at the Chulalongkorn University on "India's Vision of the Indo-Pacific"

Every vision has its concepts and its assessments and that is the case with Indo-Pacific too where India is concerned. Three decades ago, we made a strategic correction to the East that was responsible for the rapid flowering of our cooperation with the ASEAN. Originally, it was contemplated as an economic measure, with trade and investment at its core. Over the years, India's interaction expanded well beyond the ASEAN to cover Japan, Korea and China, and in due course, Australia as also other areas of Pacific Islands for example. The facets of cooperation also increased, they now cover connectivity in various forms, people-to-people ties, and more recently, defence and security. This maturing of what we were doing to the East of India in our own terminology, we call it as moving up from Look East Policy to Act East Policy. What is relevant for our purposes today is to recognize that very substantial portion of India's interests now lie to the East of India, beyond the Indian ocean and into the Pacific one.

During this very period, the landscape also started to change as we saw larger economic and political re-balancing. Just as India developed greater interests in the Pacific, countries of East Asia, for example have also been more visible in the Indian ocean. Even distant economies actually traverse the sea lanes from the Indian Ocean and Pacific Ocean as part of their supply chain commitments. The economic reality of globalization was that we are not merely more regional but actually much more active beyond our region in the search of markets and resources. This is especially so for major economies whose footprints have grown steadily, often in an overlapping manner and economically the separation of the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean as distinct compartments looks less and less tenable. We are quite visibly in each others' proximity and to pretend otherwise is really not realistic.

The political dimension of the Indo-Pacific has been equally strong but it has actually a very different logic. Simply put, the separation of the Pacific from the Indian ocean was a direct outcome of American strategic dominance since 1945. As the power distribution has diversified in the last two decades, changes were inevitable on this score as well. The re-positioning of the US, the rise of China as also of India, the greater external engagement of Japan and Australia, the wider interests of South Korea and indeed, the broader outlook of the ASEAN itself have all contributed to this transformation. Some of it is also driven by our collective concerns for the global commons. It is no longer feasible for any one country to assume all the burdens. A more collaborative outlook that transcends the orthodoxy of earlier theatres is the need of the day. At the end of the day, this is about recognizing the realities of globalization and the consequences of re-balancing. Only those whose mindsets are built around spheres of influence and who are uncomfortable with the democratization of world affairs will dispute the Indo-Pacific today.

Read full text at : https://www.mea.gov.in/Speeches-Statements.htm? dtl/35641/Address_by_External_Affairs_Minister_Dr_S_Jaishankar_at_the_Chulalongkorn_University_on_Indias_Vision_of_the_IndoPacific 06

Visit of Parliamentary delegation to Mexico led by Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Shri Om Birla from 31st August-02nd September, 2022





Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker H.E. Shri Om Birla inaugurated India-Mexico Parliamentary Friendship Garden at Parliament Complex, Mexico. The garden represents strong & vibrant ties between India & Mexico. (31st August, 2022)







Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Shri. Om Birla paid floral tributes at the Statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Chapultepec Park in Mexico City.

Mahatma Gandhi's teachings across geographical borders & time continue to guide us in the 21st century towards a world built on the principles of equality, justice, peace and harmony.

(01 September 2022)





Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Shri. Om Birla unveiled a bust of Dr.Pandurang Khankhoje in Chapingo University in Mexico.

He was an Indian revolutionary, scholar, agricultural scientist & Statesman who was among the founding fathers of Ghadar Party. He also contributed to prosperity of Mexican Agriculture. A True inspiration. (01 September 2022)



Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Shri. Om Birla had a pleasant meeting with the President of the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico H.E. Mr. Santiago Creel.

In a warm and cordial atmosphere, they discussed matters of mutual importance and called for greater exchange of ideas and more closer ties between Parliaments of India and Mexico. (01 september 2022)













Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E. Shri. Om Birla interacted with the Indian Diaspora in Mexico during dinner organized by Indian Association of Mexico (01 September 2022) The community is diversified comprising business executives, academics, scientists & business people, among others. They are playing a key role in growth & prosperity of Mexico. Hon'ble







Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha H.E Shri. Om Birla unveiled a Statue of Swami Vivekananda at Autonomous University of State of Hidalgo in Mexico.

This is the first statue of Swami Vivekanand in entire Latin America. The statue will be a source of inspiration for people, especially for the youth of the region, to strive & bring the change which will take their country to new prime. (02 September 2022)

Dr. Pandurang Khankhoje





Dr. Pandurang Sadashiv Khankhoje was an Indian revolutionary, scholar, agricultural scientist and Statesman. He was born in Wardha in Maharashtra in 1886 a time when Western education and events such as the Bengal Partition had brought about a national awakening. He received his early schooling in his native Wardha and moved to Nagpur, to complete his higher studies.

A young but determined Khankhoje had started dreaming of an armed struggle against British rule in India. He also met Chinese revolutionaries including Sun Yat-Sen, the first president of the Republic of China, who stressed the importance of agriculture in a nation's development and this had a profound effect on him. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, as a student of agricultural studies in 1910 with a doctorate in agricultural research, but while he was there, he also learnt about the struggle of Latin American countries against Spain, the Mexican Revolution and the Irish revolutionaries' fight against the British Crown. A year later, he enrolled at the nearby Mount Tamalpais Military Academy, to train for his future armed struggle against the British.

Later on, he stepped up his mission and kept meeting with Indian immigrants across the US. He teamed up with Pandit Kanshi Ram and Sohan Singh Bakhna, and founded the Indian Independence League. Soon, along with Lala Hardayal, a Stanford University professor, they founded the Ghadar Party, which stirred up nationalist sentiments among Indians in the US and conducted organised uprisings in Punjab. By 1915, the Ghadar movement had faded. But Khankhoje didn't give up and travelled across countries to meet many other leaders like Madam Bhikaaji Cama, Virendranath Chattopadhyay as well as Vladimir Lenin. Alongside this, with the help of his Mexican revolutionary friends, he trained many immigrant Indians and ex-servicemen for an armed battle against British rule in India.

After the setback of Hindu-German Conspiracy, fearing British secret agents, he fled to Mexico. He started growing vegetables in Xochimilco, near Mexico City and began to search for his old revolutionary friends from the days of the Mexican uprising. His passion for agriculture encouraged him to take up a job as a professor at the National School of Agriculture in Chapingo, later. He worked on developing varieties of high-yielding corn and studied wheat, with particular attention to drought- and disease-resistant and high-yielding varieties. While on this mission, Khankhoje met Diego Rivera, the great Mexican painter and muralist, who supported the Free Schools of Agriculture. His work created a foundation for Mexico's Green Revolution led by Dr Norman Borlaug. His research was also used as a case study for Indian scientists who ushered the Green Revolution into India.

After India attained independence in 1947, he was ultimately taken back to India 1955 and spent the latter years of his life away from the public gaze. On 22nd January 1967, a light went out when Dr Pandurang Sadashiv Khankhoje passed away at the age of 81.





76th Independence Day Celebrations!





75 glorious years of India's Independence were celebrated at the Embassy, with Ambassador Pankaj Sharma hoisting the Tiranga & reading out the President's message.

Joined by the Indian Diaspora & Friends of India, the event was filled with hues of patriotism.

(15th August 2022)

























76th Independence Day celebrations at the Embassy of India in Mexico City saw planting of a Neem tree & colourful cultural & patriotic performances by team of Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre and the talented children of Indian diaspora in México, leaving the audience spellbound and mesmerized.

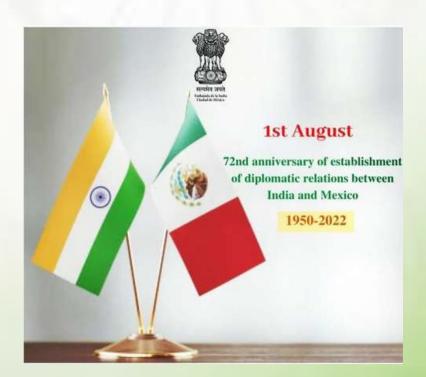






The historic Monumento a la Revolución, Fuente de Petroleos and the National Palace in Mexico City lit up in Indian tricolors on the occasion of 75 years of India's Independence.

Thank you to the Government and people of Mexico City and Mexico for this warm gesture and for showcasing the natural bond of friendship that India and Mexico share with each other.



Political Connect





Ambassador of México to India H.E. Mr. Federico Salas called on Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla.

The meeting addressed topics such as parliamentary exchanges, sharing democratic best practices and Hon'ble Speaker's upcoming visit to Mexico along with an Indian delegation to strengthen India- México relationship. (10 August 2022)





Ambassador Pankaj Sharma participated in installation of Mexico's Asia-Pacific Commission of CONAGO , chaired by Governor H.E. Mr. Alfredo Ramírez Bedolla.

We welcome this development & through this Commission, India looks forward to fostering greater cooperation with Mexico on both levels, governmental & private.

(11th August, 2022)







Ambassador Pankaj Sharma met with the President of the Municipality of Atlatlahucan, Ms. Alma Reyes and flagged off the First edition of Friends Karting 2022 event at Kartodromo Internacional Cuautla, in the State of Morelos.

(20 August 2022)

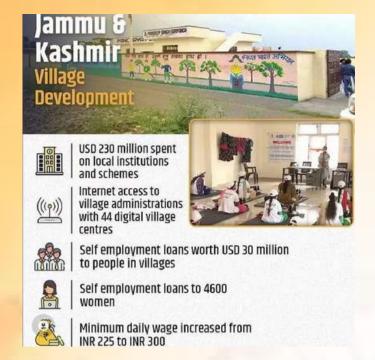


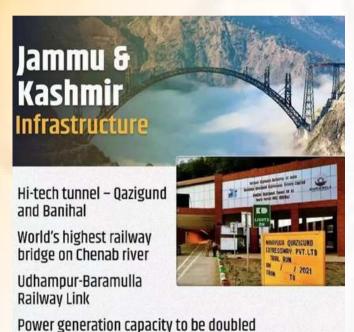
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are the New Global Trend

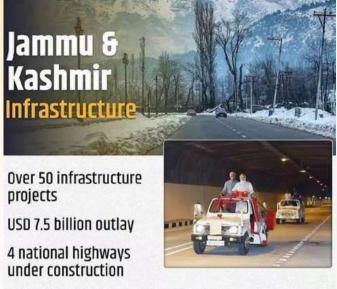
Electronics, Petroleum
& Engineering Goods
Leading India's Exports

Rising Merchandise Exports

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Increase







14.500 km of new road network built



Industrial Development

- Outlay of New Industrial Policy USD 3.5 billion
- Industrial Land Allotment Policy 2021-30
- Received investment proposals of over USD 6 billion
- Expected to create over 450,000 jobs





PRE/POST ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370

S. No	Index	5 Aug 2016 to 4 Aug 2019	5 Aug 2019 to 4 Aug 2022
1.	Law & Order Incidents	3686	438
2.	Civilians killed in Law & Order incidents	124	Nil
3.	Security Forces/Police killed in Law & Order Incidents	06	Nil
4.	Terror incidents	930	617
5.	Security Forces/Police killed in terror incidents	290	174
6.	Civilians killed in terror incidents	191	110

Commercial Connect



Ambassador Pankaj Sharma & Second Secretary Vallari Gaikwad met with FEMATUR's (Mexican Federation of Tourist Associations) Vice President of International Affairs, Mr. Juan Carlos Arnau & with Mr.Guillermo Antonio Arnal. Discussed enhancing cooperation in tourism & related sector between India & Mexico.

(26 August, 2022)

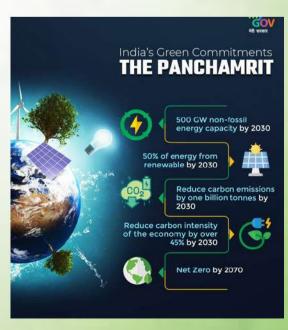
Ambassador Pankaj Sharma held a productive meeting with Mr. Ameya Prabhu, UAP Advisers & TVS Motor Company's Vice President of International Business Mr.Rahul Nayak & its other officials.

Discussions included boosting TVS's presence in México & Belize. (26 August 2022)









Selfie with Tiranga entries from Mexico!

















































Business In Focus







Enabling Transformation

Alok Patel – AVP, QX Recruitment Services & Chuy Michel – Global RPA Head, Chazey Partners, met with Dr. Pankaj Sharma, Ambassador of India to Mexico. This meeting happened on the back of QX Global Group partnering with their Austin-based subsidiary Chazey Partners Inc. to expand its footprint into Latin America with the launch of a nearshore global centre of excellence in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Alok and Chuy spoke with the Ambassador, Pankaj Sharma, about creating local jobs by hiring over 100 professionals during the current financial year. There is potential for the creation of many more jobs locally, given the availability of a strong talent pool of young bilingual professionals and an established BPO/SSC market in Mexico.

The Ambassador complimented the Indian IT BPO companies for their contribution to the Mexican economy, especially in terms of generating employment in Mexico. He stressed on the importance of creating jobs in Mexico and encouraged QX to connect with local universities/institutions to recruit fresh talent. They shared perspectives on QX's expansion and investment plans. Specific issues facing IT BPO companies was also addressed.

About QX Global Group

QX Global Group is a global Business Process Management (BPM) company enabling business transformation in the areas of finance, accounting and recruitment operations. They are Gujarat's largest KPO employing over 2,400+ staff across six delivery centres in India with presence in the UK, the USA, and Canada. In February 2022, QX acquired a majority stake in Austin, Texas-based Chazey Partners Inc., a management consulting and advisory firm specializing in business and digital transformation. By joining forces, they will augment their near-shoring and offshoring capabilities by opening new Centres of Excellence (COEs) in India, Europe and Latin America.

Diaspora corner!



By Seema Agrawal (2021) Title: Spring





Consular, Culture and Diaspora Connect





Embassy of India had the pleasure of hosting the Indian Blind Football Federation's team, supported by its Manager, Mr. MC Roy & Coach, Mr. Sunil Mathew, at the Embassy premises.

We congratulate the players for their excellent performance! They make us proud, & we wish them continued success.







Sabka **Saath** Sabka **Vikas** Sabka **Vishwas** Sabka Prayas













