

## Ministry of External Affairs

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### Overview of Major achievements during the month of October 2019

#### **(I) Achievements pertaining to Governance and Citizen-Centric Services:**

Under the Hundred Days/ one year Programme of the Ministry, three Protector of Emigrant (PoE) offices are being opened at Bengaluru , Guwahati and Patna. In order to ensure the immediate functioning of these POEs, three offices initially commence their operations from the passport offices. Ground work to operationalise the offices have been completed. Meetings with the concerned State Government officials had taken place in this regard.

56<sup>th</sup> edition of Know India program (KIP) was organized from 01-25 October 2019. 56<sup>th</sup> KIP Incredible India photo contest was organised for KIP participants.

#### **E-Governance & Information Technology:**

The Minister of State for External Affairs (MoS), Shri V. Muraleedharan led the Indian delegation to the Fifth Ministerial Consultation of Abu Dhabi Dialogue (ADD). In his address at the Ministerial Consultation, MOS spoke about ongoing efforts between India and UAE with respect to integration of India's e-Migrate system with online system of Ministry of Human Resource and Emiratisation (MOHRE), UAE and collaboration on benchmarking of skill qualifications, assessment and certification. MOS stated that both of these may serve as a model of cooperation for other ADD member states for promoting fair and ethical recruitment as well as safe and legal migration. Both of these are major initiatives under thematic tracks of ADD.

MOS along with HE Nasser bin Thani Al Hamli, Minister of Human Resources and Emiratisation, UAE facilitated 5 Indian workers and foreign employer from UAE (NBTC Group) under the ongoing India-UAE collaboration on skill harmonization.

On the margins of the Ministerial Consultation, MoU on Skill Harmonisation with Takamol Holding (a semi-governmental agency under Ministry of Labor, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) was exchanged in presence of MOS and Minister from Saudi Arabia

#### **Consular, Passport & Visa (CPV):**

Agreement between Government of India and Government of Union of Comoros on Exemption of Visa for holders of Diplomatic and Official/Service passports was signed on 11 October 2019.

Melas were organized by various Passport Offices at the Passport Seva Kendras under their jurisdiction, in order to provide passport services during the weekends in which 4378 applications were processed. As of 31 October 2019, 424 Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) were functioning.

## (II) Achievements pertaining to diplomatic relations:

The following table lists the States/official visits of Indian dignitaries to various countries in October 2019:

S.No	Dignitary	Name of Country	Date of visit
1.	President	Philippines and Japan	October 17-23, 2019
2.	Vice President	Azerbaijan	October 25-26, 2019
3.	Vice President	Comoros and Sierra Leone	October 10-14 2019
4.	Prime Minister	Saudi Arabia	October 28-29 2019
5.	External Affairs Minister	Azerbaijan	October 25-26 2019

The following table lists the incoming visits of foreign dignitaries to India in the month of October 2019:

S.No	Dignitary	Name of Country	Date of Visit
1.	King and Queen of the Netherlands	Netherlands	October 13-18 2019
2.	President	China	October 12-12, 2019
3.	Prime Minister	Bangladesh	October 03-06 2019
4.	Chancellor	Germany	October 31-01 November, 2019
5.	Foreign Minister	The Republic of Nicaragua	October 27-29, 2019
6.	Minister of Foreign Affairs	Thailand	October 09-11, 2019