



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with Mr Baijayant Panda, Leader of the Indian Delegation of Parliamentarians that visited Japan

DELEGATION OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARIANS VISITS JAPAN TO STRENGTHEN INDO-JAPANESE TIES

A delegation of 5 Members of Parliament (**Mr. Vivek K Tankha, Mr. Bharatendra Singh, Mr. Prem Das Rai, Mr. Jayadev Galla, and Mr. Baijayant Panda**) travelled to Japan from 17-25 February 2018 as a part of a project to strengthen India- Japan bilateral relationship by promoting greater understanding and cooperation between policy makers, business leaders, media and academics. This project is

supported by **The Nippon Foundation**.

The delegation met **Mr Taro Kono**, Minister for Foreign Affairs and **Mr Hiroshige Seko**, Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). They interacted with members of the DIET and visited the Toyota factory in Nagoya, besides several other high-level meetings. A public session on “*India-Japan Ties In A Changing Global Environment*” was held on the side-lines of the visit. ✨

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(L to R) **Mr Hideki Asari**, Minister Political Affairs, Embassy of Japan; **Ambassador S. K. Lambah**, Chairman, Ananta Aspen Centre; **Mr Vivek K Tankha**, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha; **Mr Prem Das Rai**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; **Mr Bharatendra Singh**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; **Ambassador Kenji Hiramatsu**, Ambassador of Japan to India; **Mr B. J. Panda**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; **Dr Sugata Bose**, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; **Ms Kiran Pasricha**, CEO & Executive Director

INDIA & JAPAN: TOWARDS A HIGHER STAGE

The session on India – Japan ties in New Delhi established that the focus should be on democracies working together and increasing understanding between them and that rapid growth in the bilateral relations would have an enormous impact on both countries. ✨

“JAPAN SEES INDIA AS THE MOST TRUSTWORTHY PARTNER AND HIGHLY APPRECIATES INDIA’S PRINCIPLED AND CONSISTENT APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGES” —**H.E. AMBASSADOR HIRAMATSU**

“THERE IS AN INCREASING UNDERSTANDING IN THE WORLD THAT DEMOCRACIES NEED TO COOPERATE AND WORK TOGETHER.” —**MR B J PANDA**

To view complete session, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lys3bMd6Fj0>



Lt Gen Subrata Saha (Retd), Director General, Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) & Principal Advisor, CII; **Ambassador Arun K Singh**, Former Ambassador of India to the US and Israel; **Mr Shiv Khemka**, Vice Chairman, SUN Group; **Mr Pramit Pal Chaudhuri**, Foreign Editor of Hindustan Times and Distinguished Fellow & Head, Strategic Affairs, Ananta Aspen Centre deliberating on “India–Israel: Building a transformational partnership”

INDIA-ISRAEL: BUILDING A TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Held just before the visit of **Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu** to India, the discussions focused on the opportunities and challenges ahead, and building of a roadmap for strengthening bilateral cooperation. Underpinning defence and security cooperation as the cornerstone of this relationship, the participants suggested ways to move this relationship upstream. The discussion stressed on the need for adding greater visibility to their relationship. ✨

To view complete session, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SYAqNOY088>



Prof. Krishna G Palepu, Senior Advisor to the President on Global Strategy, Ross Graham Walker Professor, Harvard University, USA; **Mr Shivshankar Menon**, Former National Security Advisor

DR. MEERAN BORWANKAR, IPS (RETD) IN CONVERSATION WITH MR TARUN DAS

Dr. Meeran Chadha Borwankar IPS (Retd) had an exemplary career where she handled several sensitive cases, including the hangings of Ajmal Kasab and Yakub Memon and Sanjay Dutt’s jail term, with rare confidence. She retired as Director General, Bureau of Police Research and Development, India and authored a book – **Leaves of Life**. In a candid conversation with Mr. Tarun Das, she shared anecdotes from her career and discussed contemporary issues regarding the relationship between the police, public and the political elite. ✂



CAN CHINA INNOVATE?

China’s innovation strategies were deliberated upon by **Prof. Krishna G Palepu** and **Mr Shivshankar Menon**. The Chinese government has invested in education, health, improving infrastructure and provided tools and finances to increase productivity in the country and also encouraged foreign investors. India’s trade relations with China have a lot of potential as India is one of the largest markets for their consumer goods. ✂

DESIGN THINKING WORKSHOP FOR MANAGEMENT STUDENTS



Students from **Amity College of Commerce and Finance; Northern India Engineering College; Institute of Information Technology and Management; Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies and Jagannath International Management School** with moderator **Ms Bhairavi Jani** at the Design Thinking Workshop

Management Students came together for a **Design Thinking Workshop** on the topic “**How can technology make entrepreneurship more accessible?**” under the aegis of the **Ananta – IEF Entrepreneurship Series**. The students were asked

to come up with a viable business plan by using technology for **Entrepreneurial Education, Financial Access, Government & Regulatory Support and Networking & Mentoring**. Some outstanding and innovative ideas were presented by the students. ✂

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: BUILDING AN INDIAN DATA PROTECTION FRAMEWORK – NEXT STEPS



Several experts in the field from across the multi-stakeholder community discussed judicial and regulatory processes of building an Indian Data Protection Network and how they might interact in building an Indian data protection law in the interest of building a truly robust data protection framework.

This round table discussion was organized at IIM Bangalore and was in response to the recent developments in India's privacy and data protection landscape. ☒



DRUGS: THE INSIDIOUS THREAT

A report on "Drugs: The Insidious Threat" was published by Ananta Aspen Centre. The report has specific recommendations on how to increase awareness of the drugs issue, coordination between governmental and non-governmental agencies working in the area and capacity building to combat the problem.

This report is the outcome of a Round Table discussion chaired by **Ms Anu Aga**, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and builds on a paper presented by **Mr K C Verma**, (former Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau & former Chief of RAW). The report includes the thoughts and suggestions of the participants who included government officials, non-governmental organisations working on de-addiction and rehabilitation and members of civil society. ☒

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