

## Newsletter for the month of August 2018

1. Mr. D. Bala Venkatesh Varma has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation.



2. Indian Embassy in Moscow celebrates 72nd Independence Day:

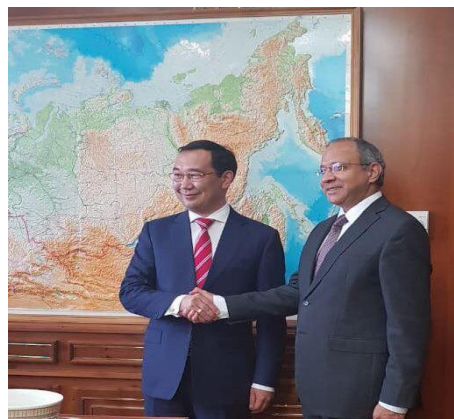
Independence Day of India was celebrated in the Indian Embassy Moscow with much enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. A large enthusiastic crowd gathered at the premises of the Mission on the pleasant August morning as Ambassador of India in Russia H.E. Shri Pankaj Saran unfurled the National Flag to mark the seventy first anniversary of India's independence. Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation H.E Pankaj Saran read the speech of the President of India on the occasion of 72nd Independence day of India.



3. Foreign Secretary of India Mr. Vijay Gokhale came on a working visit to Moscow and met Deputy Foreign ministers of the Russian Federation Mr. Sergey Ryabkov and Mr. Igor Morgulov. They discussed topical issues of mutual interest on the international agenda.



4. Ambassador of India to the Russian Federation H.E Pankaj Saran met acting governor of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) H.E Aysen Nikolayev and discussed ways to increase cultural, educational and economic ties.



5. 'Day of India' was observed as part of International Army Games 2018 on Aug 4, 2018 at Alabino ranges near Kubinka, Moscow region. Indian Pavilion showcased Indian culture at 'House of Friendship' during the cultural events held during the games and left the visitors enchanted with Indian performances along with Master class of Yoga, tea tasting, spices, Mehndi and more!!

