Newsletter for the month of July 2018

1. Bilateral meeting between PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Putin was held on the sidelines of the BRICS summit. Both leaders had a comprehensive discussion on bilateral issues of mutual interest, specially in trade & investment, energy, defence and tourism.

2. Trade and Industry Minister of the Russian Federation, Mr. Denis Manturov sees potential in technology, metals, aviation and Pharma for larger India-Russia trade.

3. Protocol to execute Russian cultural festival in India in 2018 and Indian cultural festival in Russia in 2019 was signed on July 10 in Moscow. Series of events are planned under the protocol.
4. Deputy chief of Mission, Mr. G. Balasubramanian met with Prime Minister of the Republic of Dagestan, Mr. Artem Zdunov. During the meeting, prospects for cooperation in the field of agriculture, education, culture, development of the digital economy were discussed.

5. Consul General of India Mr. Shubham Kumar paid an official visit to Kamchatka. During the visit prospects for cooperation in various fields of economy were discussed.

6. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. G. Balasubramanian visited the Republic of Ingushetia and met with head of the Republic of Ingushetia Mr. Yunus-bek Yevkurov on July 20, 2018 at Magas. Cooperation in the fields of trade, economy and culture was discussed.
7. ‘Best of India’ business expo, organised by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry India, was inaugurated at Sochi by Mr. Inbasekar S, Counsellor, E&C, Embassy of India, along with Mr. Anil Mehta, MD, ANS Corporation, India. 52 Indian firms involved in exports of textiles, handicrafts, ayurvedic products and homewares have participated in the expo which is being held from July 27 to August 5, 2018.

![Image of people at the expo]

8. Indians Share Unforgettable Experience of FIFA World Cup in Russia. Ticket bookings by Indians for Russia have increased 400 percent and flight searches to Russian destinations during the FIFA World Cup have shot up 23 percent. Market experts attribute this to the favorable initiatives executed by the Russian government, such as the FAN-ID for FIFA 2018.

![Image of fans at the FIFA World Cup]

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