



# 'Democracy, pluralism and unity in diversity are the traditional ethos of Indian society'

**O**n this momentous occasion of the 75th Republic Day of India, I extend my warm greetings to all Indian nationals and persons of Indian origin in the friendly State of Kuwait.

I also take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude to all well-wishers and friends of India in Kuwait, particularly the leadership, the Government and the people of the State of Kuwait, for their steadfast commitment to close and friendly relations between India and Kuwait. I would like to reiterate India's commitment to further strengthen and expand the long-standing and time-tested partnership with the State of Kuwait.

This year marks the 75th year of coming into force of India's Constitution. The Indian Constitution is the longest written constitution in the world and is a living document that has evolved over time to incorporate necessary changes.

The Constitution declares India as a sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic and assures its citizens justice, equality and liberty of thought and action. This constitutional guarantee is an article of faith for all Indian citizens in India and abroad.

Today, as we celebrate our Republic Day, we feel proud of India's many achievements. Equitable development has been the corner stone of socio-economic policies of India. Democracy, pluralism and unity in diversity are the traditional ethos of Indian society. India believes in its ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family). This belief guides our foreign policy as well.

India today is a land of billion opportunities. Our collective resolve has ensured that the Indian economy is today the 5th largest economy in the world. And it is going to be the 3rd largest (5 trillion dollar economy) in the next couple of years.

India is moving ahead with the spirit of 'Make in India, Make for the World'. The massive business friendly reforms and policies have contributed in unleashing the true potential of the country.

The new India has made tremendous strides in science and technology; is one of the leading centers of innovation



Dr. Adarsh Swaika  
Ambassador of India

and Information Technology globally; is the 'Pharmacy of the World'; has world class production and manufacturing capabilities; is a leading global partner to address new age challenges facing the humanity, be it climate change or building resilient and reliable supply chains to ensure food and

health security. Today, we are on the right track to

### Ambassador's Message

build an Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India), which envisages a merger of

the local with the global.

In the international arena, India has been playing a significant role in contributing to world peace, stability and prosperity. The past year is symbolic of India's global responsibilities as an emerging major power.

Our successful and ambitious action-

oriented G20 Presidency is a matter of immense pride. We were happy to welcome Kuwait in the SCO family as a Dialogue Partner during our SCO Presidency.

India organized two editions of 'Voice of Global South Summit' in 2023, in which over 125 countries participated, with the aim of mainstreaming priorities of developing countries in the international agenda, particularly the G-20.

India championed the increased use of millets through various awareness programs on the use of millets across the globe as part of the International Year of Millets 2023.

India believes that dialogue and diplomacy remains the only way to resolve disputes and conflicts. India places an undeterred faith and belief in multilateral approach and has always taken the lead on issues of global importance such as fight against cross-border terrorism, climate change, energy security, food security, and the reform of multilateral institutions, including the UN Security Council.

On the bilateral front, we continue to make steady progress in our multi-faceted engagement with the State of Kuwait. We look forward to greater engagement with both Government and at people-to-people level in the coming times. The vibrant Indian community in Kuwait continues to be the living bridge of our bilateral ties with Kuwait.

The Embassy places highest priority to the welfare and well-being of the large Indian Community in Kuwait.

I thank all the community associations, professional bodies, cultural groups and members of the Indian community for joining hands with the Embassy for not only contributing to the welfare of the community but also undertaking activities that contribute to the strengthening of bilateral relations with the State of Kuwait.

Once again, on this special and proud occasion of the 75th Republic Day of India, I convey my best wishes to every Indian in Kuwait and all friends of India in Kuwait for their continued success, happiness and good-health.

## One sun, one world, one grid: empowering sustainability



**I**n October 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed the idea of One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG) for the first time at the First Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).

During COP26 in November 2021, the Green Grids Initiative (GGI) was launched by the United Kingdom (UK) as a key enabler of net zero in India's and the UK's shared vision of 2030. The two countries aim to establish a collaborative framework for global cooperation in maximising the utilisation of renewable resources, ensuring that clean and efficient energy becomes a dependable alternative for meeting the energy needs of all nations by 2030.

GGI and the OSOWOG initiative were unveiled jointly by India and the UK as part of their bilateral collaboration in conjunction with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and the World Bank Group (WB).

These initiatives, focusing on the global transition to renewable energy, were subsequently merged into a unified effort named GGI-OSOWOG, emphasising a collective commitment to a common goal. This first-ever international network of interconnected solar grids seeks to connect 140 countries to continuous solar power and has been endorsed by 80 ISA Member Countries.

The vision behind the OSOWOG initiative is the mantra that "the sun never sets". The idea is to harness solar energy from different parts of the world, where the sun is shining at any given moment, and efficiently transmit that power to areas where it is needed. By creating a connected global grid, regions that experience daylight can contribute excess solar power to other regions that may be in darkness, balancing energy production and consumption on a global scale.

The OSOWOG initiative is to be carried out in 3 phases:

In the first phase, the Indian grid would be connected to the grids of the Middle East, South Asia and South-East Asia to develop a common grid. This grid would then be used to share solar energy as needed, in addition to other

renewable energy sources.

The second phase would connect the functional first phase to the pool of renewable resources in Africa.

The third phase would look at achieving true global interconnection with the aim of 2,600 GW of interconnection by 2050. The goal is to integrate as many countries as possible to create a single power grid of renewable energy.

### India's role at OSOWOG

India's goal to achieve 500 GW non-fossil-based electricity generation capacities by 2030 aligns with its efforts to be Net Zero by 2070. The nation has been transformed from power-deficient to power-sufficient. In 2023-24, out of total generation capacity of 9,943 MW added, 8,269 are from non-fossil fuel sources.

As per Renewable Energy Statistics 2023 released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India has the 4th largest installed capacity of renewable energy.

It is imperative for India to not only find alternatives to coal-based fuels but also secure its energy demands in sustainable manner. GGI-OSOWOG is the ambitious plan to attain this goal. India urgently needs to shift to solar power due to three impending issues. Firstly, India is likely to account for 25% of global energy demand growth over the next two decade, necessitating a move towards solar for enhanced energy security and self-sufficiency while mitigating environmental impacts.

Failure to do so may increase dependence on coal and oil, leading to economic and environmental costs. Secondly, rampant air pollution emphasizes the need for cleaner energy sources like solar to combat pollution caused by fossil fuels.

Lastly, declining groundwater levels and decreasing annual rainfall under-

score the importance of diversifying energy sources. Solar power, unlike coal, doesn't strain groundwater supplies. The extensive use of solar power plants is a crucial step towards cleaner, cheaper, and sustainable energy, offering benefits at both utility and individual levels.

### Challenges and Way Forward

Building consensus among 140 nations and addressing geopolitical challenges, logistical issues related to land availability, potential problems arising from weather changes, wire breakage, securing finances, etc., makes the realisation of this ambitious project all the more difficult.

Achieving energy access within the available short timeframe requires targeted interventions addressing key factors. These factors include:

- Establish supportive policy frameworks for organised progress
- Secure affordable long-term finance and use innovative financial instruments, crucial for projects in heavily affected regions and attracting private sector investments
- Implement capacity building and training in access-deficit countries, focusing on affected areas
- Create an enabling environment through updated data access and quality standards for mini-grids and distributed renewable energy

The move towards One Sun, One World, and One Grid signifies a pivotal future for renewable energy systems. This project plays a crucial role in fostering international collaboration, enabling the balanced and shared use of renewable energy sources globally.

Successfully completing this project not only reinforces India's leadership in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) but also provides substantial support to the Indian economy. The broader impact includes promoting global sustainability and enhancing societal resilience against climate change.



# Exploring business opportunities in India

India's infrastructure is a vital sector that has plenty of opportunities to offer. Its construction market is forecast to be the third-largest in the world by 2022. The Indian Government is keen to have its 'Economic Corridor' and 'Smart City Mission' developed and is offering plenty of incentives.

India is undoubtedly the land of opportunities, and you shouldn't let compliance issues prove otherwise. The best way forward is to engage business consultants such as 3E Accounting to ensure all rules and regulations are observed. 3E Accounting offers customizable 21st-century business solutions that will redefine the way you do business.

Second-most populous country in the world, India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is forecast to grow by more than 10% and amount to four billion USD by 2024.

Three of the world's top ten megacities are in India, which is also considered the world's largest democracy.

Mobile internet users are expected to hit half a billion by 2023. All these facts and figures indicate that business opportunities in India abound for the innovative entrepreneur.

India, with its rapidly growing economy, diverse consumer base, and government initiatives to promote entrepreneurship, presents a

plethora of business opportunities across various sectors. This guide provides a detailed insight into the key areas of business opportunities in India, outlining the potential for growth, challenges, and strategies for success.

## Software development and IT outsourcing

India has established itself as a global IT hub. Companies can tap into the skilled workforce for software development, IT consulting, and outsourcing services.

**Digital Transformation:** With a growing emphasis on digitalization, businesses can explore opportunities in areas like e-commerce, fintech and digital marketing.

## Renewable Energy

**Solar Power:** India's focus on sustainable development has led to significant growth in the renewable energy sector. Investing in solar power projects, manufacturing, or providing related services presents lucrative opportunities.

**Wind Energy:** Wind power is another promising sector, especially in states with favorable wind conditions.

## Healthcare and Wellness

**Medical Tourism:** India is a preferred destination for medical tourism. Entrepreneurs can explore



opportunities in healthcare services, wellness centers, and specialized medical treatments.

**Pharmaceuticals:** With a robust pharmaceutical industry, there are opportunities in drug manufacturing, research and development, and the export of pharmaceutical products.

## E-commerce and Online Services

**Online Retail:** The growing internet penetration has fueled the e-commerce boom. Entrepreneurs can consider entering the online retail space or providing support-

ing services such as logistics and digital payments.

**Food Delivery and Agri-Tech:** There are opportunities in the food delivery sector, as well as in leveraging technology for agricultural innovation and supply chain improvement.

## Education and EdTech

**E-Learning Platforms:** The demand for online education has surged. Entrepreneurs can explore opportunities in developing e-learning platforms, educational technology solutions, and vocational training programs.

**Skill Development:** Addressing

the skill gap through vocational training and skill development programs is another area of potential growth.

## Manufacturing and Make in India

**Automobile Manufacturing:** India is a significant player in the automobile industry. Businesses can explore opportunities in manufacturing, components, and electric vehicles.

**Electronics Manufacturing:** With the "Make in India" initiative, there are opportunities in electronics manufacturing, including consumer electronics and components.

## Real Estate and Infrastructure

**Smart Cities:** The development of smart cities presents opportunities in infrastructure, real estate, and technology integration.

**Affordable Housing:** The demand for affordable housing is high, offering prospects for real estate developers and construction companies.

## Tourism and Hospitality

**Heritage Tourism:** India's rich cultural heritage attracts tourists. Entrepreneurs can explore opportunities in heritage tourism,

hospitality services, and experiential travel.

**Adventure Tourism:** With diverse landscapes, adventure tourism, including trekking, wildlife safaris, and water sports, has significant potential.

## Challenges and Strategies

**Regulatory Compliance:** Understanding and navigating regulatory frameworks is crucial. Entrepreneurs should stay informed about policies and compliance requirements.

**Cultural Sensitivity:** Acknowledging and adapting to cultural nuances is vital for success in the Indian market.

**Infrastructure Development:** Infrastructure challenges exist, and businesses may need to strategize around issues like transportation and logistics.

India's dynamic business landscape offers a myriad of opportunities for entrepreneurs willing to navigate challenges and capitalize on the country's economic growth.

By aligning with market trends, leveraging technology, and embracing innovation, businesses can carve out successful ventures in one of the world's most promising markets.

As India continues on its trajectory of economic development, the potential for business growth remains substantial across diverse sectors.

# Vibrant Gujarat global summit 2024: 'Gateway to the Future'

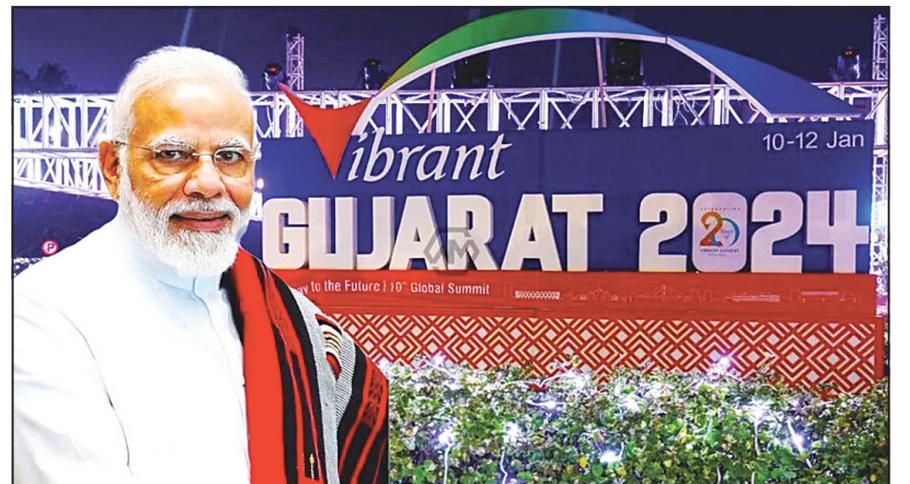
The tenth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit (VGGS) on January 10-12, 2024 set a new benchmark in global business forums.

The Summit with the theme 'Gateway to the Future' saw participation from more than 28 countries and 14 organizations.

This global summit attracted a diverse group of international partners from Australia, Bangladesh, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Indonesia,

Japan, Kenya, Malaysia, Malta, Morocco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Singapore, Tanzania, Thailand, the UAE, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Ghana, and Vietnam. This wide

array of participants highlighted the growing global stature of the VGGS.



In addition to countries, several prominent organizations, including the American Chamber of Commerce in India (AMCHAM India), EPIC India-University of Chicago, Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC), Indo-African Chamber of Commerce and Industry, International Solar Alliance, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), and Korea Trade and Investment Agency also attended the Summit. The active involvement of these organizations highlights the VGGS's role as a platform for fostering international trade and investment.

Over the previous nine editions, the partner countries and organizations significantly contributed to high-profile representation and response for the summit, facilitating socio-economic and cultural collaborations. The state government of Gujarat recognised the crucial role of each partner country and organization in bolstering bilateral relations and contributing to the success of the VGGS. Their active participation was not only instrumental in promoting the summit across various platforms but also vital in enhancing collaboration, trade, and investment opportunities.

This year's summit was the most grandiose in its history, reflecting two decades of progressive evolution. It strongly corroborated Gujarat's developmental journey while embodying the state's commitment to socio-economic advancement, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a self-reliant and developed India by 2047 - Viksit Bharat@2047.

Over the years, Summit has evolved into a prominent platform for business networking, knowledge exchange, and fostering strategic partnerships for inclusive and sustainable growth. VGGS 2024 became an effective platform for attracting investments in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, green hydrogen, e-mobility,

renewable energy, and FinTech among others.

The Vibrant Gujarat Global Trade Show 2024 was the focal point of the Summit. Spanning over 200,000 square meters, it was one of the world's largest trade shows. The show was focused on 'TECHADE and Disruptive Technologies', emphasizing the Champion Services Sector, which includes Digital India initiatives, India Stack, and emerging technologies like Industry 4.0, Smart Manufacturing, AI/ML, and applications in various service sectors.

The summit featured several thematic seminars on topics like Food Security, Advanced Technology, Startups & Innovation, Healthcare, Life Science, and Sustainability.

The Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 symbolizes a new era of business opportunities and strategic growth, not only for Gujarat but also for India, marking a crucial milestone in the state and country's journey towards global leadership in various sectors.

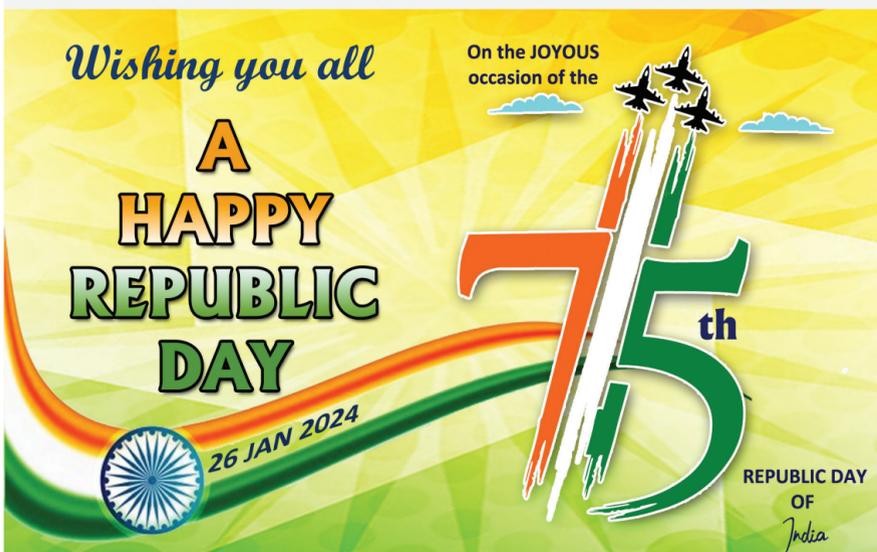
Rejoice in the glory of INDIA & remember the supreme sacrifices of the Freedom Fighters



THE INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL, & KUWAIT



Indian School of Excellence مدرسة التفوق الهندية IGNITING MINDS FOR BETTER TOMORROW



A LEGACY OF CONTINUOUS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE- CBSE CLASSES X & XII

24 DIFFERENT SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

KUWAIT CHAMPIONS IN ATHLETICS

DIVERSE STREAMS-SCIENCE, COMMERCE & HUMANITIES



VALUE ADDED LEARNING INDUCED WITH INDIAN CULTURE

PERSONALIZED SPECIAL EVENING COACHING CLASSES (SPORTS & ARTS)

May this day infuse each and every heart with great spirits & love for the country!!!

The Indian Community School (Senior) Salmiya Tel #: 25629583, 25659126, 25613260, 25633570 Fax #: 25652308 Email: icsseniork@icssk-ku.com Website: www.icssk-ku.com

The Indian Community School (Junior) Salmiya Tel #: 25613344 / 25634626 Fax #: 25628728 Email: icsskjuniork@icssk-ku.com Website: www.icssk-ku.com

The Indian Community School (Amman St.) Tel #: 25624405/25624397 Fax #: 25634318 Email: icsskamman@icssk-ku.com Website: www.icssk-ku.com

The Indian Community School (Khaitan) Tel #: 24717193 Fax #: 24717192 Email: icsskhhaitan@icssk-ku.com Website: www.icssk-ku.com

Indian School of Excellence (Salmiya) Tel #: 67644980 / 65852765 Email: excellence@ise-ku.com Website: www.ise-ku.com

LET'S SALUTE OUR INDIA ON REPUBLIC DAY





# India - treasure trove of biodiversity



Kaziranga National Park

India, with its diverse landscapes, from the towering Himalayan mountains to the lush tropical forests of the Western Ghats, is a treasure trove of biodiversity. The country's wildlife attractions are home to a plethora of species, many of which are endemic and endangered. Explore India's remarkable wildlife destinations, highlighting key national parks and sanctuaries, iconic species, and conservation efforts.

## National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries

■ **Jim Corbett National Park (Uttarakhand):** Established in 1936, Corbett is India's oldest national park. It is renowned for its Bengal tigers and diverse ecosystems, including grasslands, riverine belts, and dense forests.

It's a thrill of being inside the Jim Corbett national park with forests, grasslands and streams; observing wildlife in their natural surroundings; listening to the calls of the birds and discovering the unexpected is an incredibly exhilarating experience.

So engaging and immersive is this experience that you become a part of nature, and you emerge with it and cease to exist as an individual. If you want to experience this up close, then the Jim Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand is a good choice.

■ **Ranthambore National Park (Rajasthan):** Famous for its population of Bengal tigers, Ranthambore is set against the backdrop of an ancient fort. The park is also home to leopards, sloth bears, and a variety of bird species.

Ranthambore National Park and Tiger Reserve is one of the world's most famous wilderness areas. Earlier, the national park used to be hunting ground for the royal Rajputs. The Ranthambore National Park was established as the Sawai Madhopur Game Sanctuary in 1955 by the Government of India.

Located at the junction of some of the geologically oldest mountain ranges — the Aravallis and Vindhyas

— Ranthambore National Park is the winsome mix of rolling hills and crags, and meadows, lakes and rivulets. The national park is located just 14kms from Sawai Madhopur and offers the splendid chance of sighting the tiger and incredible variety of flora and fauna of the ancient mountains.

■ **Kaziranga National Park (Assam):** Located in the northeastern state of Assam, Kaziranga is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its one-horned Indian rhinoceros population. The park is also a crucial habitat for Asian elephants and wild water buffaloes.

Kaziranga National Park is a national park in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of the state of Assam, India. The park, which hosts two-thirds of the world's Indian rhinoceroses, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

According to the census held in March 2018 which was jointly conducted by the Forest Department of the Government of Assam and some recognized wildlife NGOs, the rhino population in Kaziranga National Park is 2,613. It comprises 1,641 adult rhinos (642 males, 793 females, 206 unsexed); 387 sub-adults (116 males, 149 females, 122 unsexed); and 385 calves.

■ **Periyar National Park (Kerala):** Nestled in the Western Ghats, Periyar is famous for its artificial lake and diverse wildlife. Visitors can spot elephants, tigers, and a variety of bird species while cruising on the lake.

Lying amid the lofty Western Ghats, surrounded by lush greenery, Periyar National Park Kerala is one of the most popular national parks in South India. The sanctuary lies around Lake Periyar, which originally was a water reservoir.

Declared Project Tiger Reserve in 1978, this national park is known to be the home of tigers, elephants, and the rare Nilgiri tahr along with around 265 species of birds. Floral species and vegetation variety are also found in abundance here. It is also known as Thekkady Wildlife Sanctuary and Periyar Tiger Reserve. One of the best ways to explore the sanctuary is through boat

safaris. Trekking is another popular activity here.

■ **Sundarbans National Park (West Bengal):** The Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the largest mangrove forest in the world. It is home to the Bengal tiger, saltwater crocodile, and a myriad of bird species.

## Iconic Wildlife Species

■ **Bengal Tiger:** India is home to the majority of the world's Bengal tiger population. Besides Corbett and Ranthambore, tigers can also be found in reserves like Bandipur and Kanha.

■ **Indian Elephant:** Found across various habitats, including grasslands and forests, Indian elephants are a symbol of the country's wildlife. Popular spots for elephant sightings include Bandipur and Mudumalai.

■ **One-Horned Indian Rhinoceros:** The rhinoceros population in Kaziranga National Park is a conservation success story. These massive herbivores attract wildlife enthusiasts from around the world.

■ **Snow Leopard:** In the high-altitude regions of the Himalayas, notably in Hemis National Park (Jammu and Kashmir), the elusive snow leopard roams. Dedicated conservation efforts aim to protect this endangered species.

## Conservation Initiatives

■ **Project Tiger:** Launched in 1973, this initiative aims to conserve and increase the tiger population in India. It has been successful in several reserves, contributing to the global conservation of this endangered species.

■ **Project Elephant:** Focused on the conservation and welfare of elephants, this project addresses issues such as habitat protection, human-elephant conflict, and the overall well-being of captive elephants.

■ **Community-Based Conservation:** Many wildlife reserves involve local communities in conservation efforts, emphasizing sustainable practices and coexistence with wildlife.

**Conclusion:** India's wildlife attractions offer a unique blend of biodiversity, from charismatic mega-fauna to vibrant avian species. With ongoing conservation efforts and responsible tourism practices, these areas continue to thrive as crucial habitats for some of the world's most iconic and endangered wildlife. As India works towards a harmonious balance between human development and wildlife preservation, these attractions remain a source of pride and fascination for nature enthusiasts and conservationists alike.



Boating in Periyar Lake



Ranthambore National Park

LONG LIVE INDO-KUWAIT FRIENDSHIP

SINCE 1985  
مغل محل  
MUGHAL MAHAL

All Staff Members, The Executive Management & The Partners, Salute the People & Government of India on the Country's Glorious

# 75<sup>th</sup>

# REPUBLIC DAY

Over 1,000,000 Indians proud to share the social, cultural & economic progress of Kuwait.



# Insight into various places of interest

India, a land of vibrant cultures, diverse landscapes, and rich history, stands as a captivating tapestry of experiences for tourists. From the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas to the sun-kissed beaches of Goa, and the bustling markets of Delhi to the serene backwaters of Kerala, India offers a kaleidoscope of attractions for travelers. This detailed introduction provides insights into the various places of interest in India from a touristic perspective.

Home to an array of historical monuments, India narrates tales of bygone eras. The iconic Taj Mahal in Agra, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, stands as an epitome of love and architectural brilliance. Delhi, the capital city, houses historical gems like the Red Fort, Qutub Minar, and India Gate. In Rajasthan, forts and palaces like Jaipur's Amer Fort and Jaisalmer Fort transport visitors to the regal era of Maharajas.

For those seeking spiritual enrichment, India's diverse religious landscape offers sanctuaries and temples of immense significance. The holy

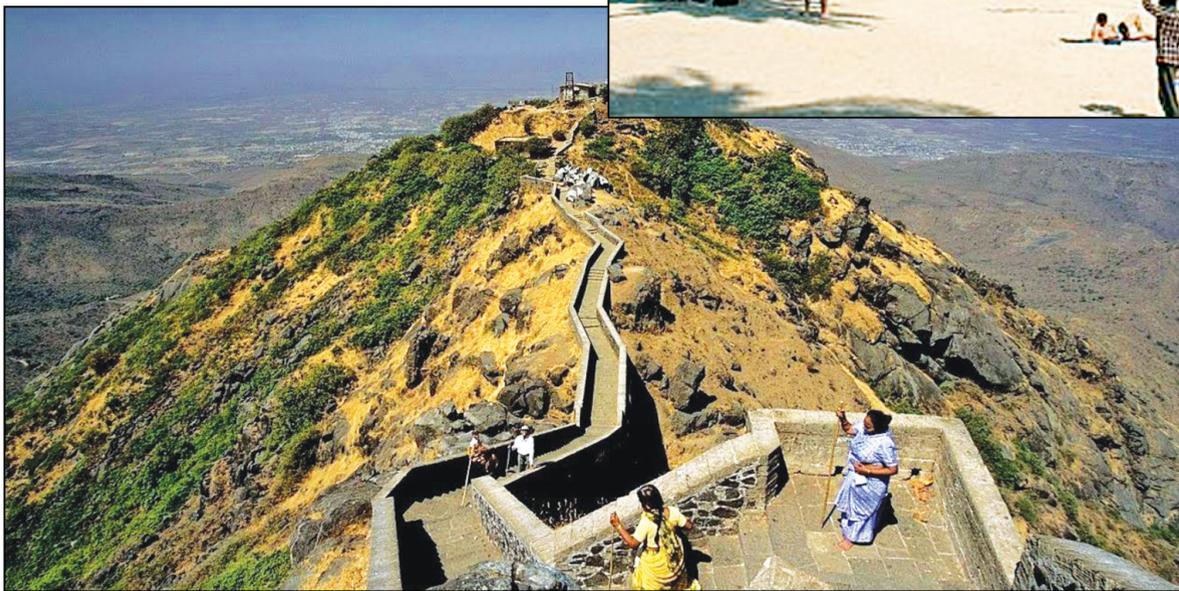
city of Varanasi, nestled along the banks of the Ganges, is a pilgrimage site for Hindus. The ancient city of Haridwar and the sacred town of Rishikesh provide spiritual retreats in the lap of the Himalayas. The southern state of Tamil Nadu is adorned with grand temples like the Meenakshi Amman Temple in Madurai and the Brihadeeswarar Temple in Thanjavur.

India's geographical diversity provides a haven for nature enthusiasts. The Himalayan region offers breathtaking landscapes, including the valleys of Himachal Pradesh and the pristine beauty of Uttarakhand. The backwaters of Kerala, the lush tea gardens of Darjeeling, and the white sand beaches of Goa showcase the country's natural splendor.

India's cultural richness is evident in its festivals, dance forms, and traditional art. The state of Rajasthan hosts vibrant festivals like Pushkar Fair and showcases traditional Rajasthani dance forms. The annual Khajuraho Dance Festival celebrates classical Indian dance against the backdrop of the stunning



One of the pristine beaches of Goa.



Gujarat's Girnar

and crystal-clear turquoise waters. This untouched paradise is a haven for snorkelers and scuba divers, offering a glimpse into vibrant coral reefs and diverse marine life.

**Kerala's Coastal Charms:** Kerala, known for its tranquil backwaters, also boasts pristine beaches along its Arabian Sea coastline. Varkala Beach, with its dramatic cliffs overlooking the sea, provides a unique setting for relaxation and meditation. Kovalam Beach, with its iconic lighthouse, is a favorite among surfers and those seeking a rejuvenating Ayurvedic experience by the sea.

**Gujarat's Hidden Gems:** The state of Gujarat is home to lesser-known but equally enchanting beaches. Mandvi Beach, with its soft golden sand and historic Vijay Vilas Palace in the background, offers a serene retreat. Dwarka Beach, near the sacred city of Dwarka, is a peaceful stretch where visitors can enjoy a blend of spirituality and natural beauty.

**Puducherry's French Riviera:** Puducherry, with its colonial charm, boasts picturesque beaches along the Bay of Bengal. Promenade Beach, with its vibrant promenade and iconic statue of Mahatma Gandhi, is perfect for a leisurely stroll. Auroville Beach, surrounded by lush greenery, provides a tranquil escape for those seeking solitude and introspection.

**Marine National Parks:** India is also home to marine national parks like the Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park and the Malvan Marine Sanctuary, where coral reefs and diverse marine ecosystems can be explored through snorkeling and diving, making for a unique beach experience.

Many of India's pristine beaches are actively involved in conservation efforts. Local communities and authorities work together to preserve the natural beauty and biodiversity of these coastal areas, emphasizing sustainable tourism practices to ensure the long-term well-being of the ecosystems.

**Conclusion:** India's pristine beaches offer a diverse range of experiences, from the vibrant and lively to the tranquil and secluded. As travelers explore the sun-kissed shores along the country's expansive coastline, they discover not only breathtaking landscapes but also a rich tapestry of cultures and traditions. Whether seeking adventure, relaxation, or cultural immersion, India's beaches beckon with open arms, promising an unforgettable seaside sojourn.

Creating a comprehensive list of all tourist places of interest in India is a monumental task due to the country's vast and diverse landscape.

However, here is a list of some major tourist destinations categorized by region and type of attraction.

Keep in mind that there are numerous other lesser-known but equally fascinating places across the country.

## Northern India

Delhi — Red Fort, Qutub Minar, India Gate, Humayun's Tomb, Jama Masjid, Agra

Uttar Pradesh — Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri  
Jaipur (Rajasthan) — Hawa Mahal, City Palace, Amer Fort, Jantar Mantar

Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) — Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Ganges Ghats, Sarnath

Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) — The Ridge, Mall Road, Jakhoo Temple,

Rishikesh (Uttarakhand) — Triveni Ghat, Parmarth Niketan, Laxman Jhula

## Southern India

Kerala — Alleppey Backwaters, Munnar, Beriar National Park, Kovalam Beach

Tamil Nadu — Meenakshi Amman Temple (Madurai), Brihadeeswarar Temple (Thanjavur), Marina Beach (Chennai)

Goa — Calangute Beach, Basilica of Bom Jesus, Dudhsagar Waterfalls  
Karnataka — Hampi, Mysore Palace (Coorg)

## Western India

Mumbai (Maharashtra) — Gateway of India, Marine Drive, Elephanta Caves

Rajasthan — Udaipur City Palace, Jaisalmer Fort, Pushkar

Gujarat — Rann of Kutch, Dwarka, Somnath Temple

Eastern India, Kolkata (West Bengal) — Victoria Memorial, Howrah Bridge, Dakshineswar Kali Temple

Darjeeling (West Bengal) — Tiger Hill, Batasia Loop, Darjeeling Himalayan Railway

Odisha — Konark Sun Temple, Puri Beach, Chilika Lake

## Northeastern India

Assam — Kaziranga National Park, Majuli Island, Kamakhya Temple

Sikkim — Tsomgo Lake, Nathula Pass, Gurudongmar Lake

Meghalaya — Cherrapunji, Dawki River, Living Root Bridges

## Central India

Madhya Pradesh — Khajuraho Temples, Sanchi Stupa, Bandhavgarh National Park

Chhattisgarh — Bastar, Chitrakoot Falls, Kanger Valley National Park

This list is by no means exhaustive, and there are countless other hidden gems and off-the-beaten-path destinations waiting to be explored in India. Travelers are encouraged to explore the rich cultural, historical, and natural diversity that the country has to offer.

Khajuraho temples. The state of Gujarat comes alive during the nine nights of Navratri, a festival celebrated with energetic folk dances like Garba.

India's diverse ecosystems support an array of wildlife. Ranthambore National Park in Rajasthan is renowned for its tiger population. The Sundarbans in West Bengal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a haven for Bengal tigers. The Western Ghats, a biodiversity hotspot, is home to sanctuaries like Periyar National Park in Kerala and Bandipur National Park in Karnataka.

For adrenaline seekers, India offers a range of adventure activities. The northern state of Himachal Pradesh is a hub for trekking and paragliding, especially in places like Manali and Bir-Billing. The high-altitude desert of Ladakh provides opportunities for biking and river rafting.

Indian cuisine is a treat for the taste buds. From the spicy street food of Old Delhi to the delectable South Indian dosas and the aromatic flavors of Mughlai cuisine in Lucknow, each region offers a unique gastronomic experience.

In conclusion, India's touristic allure lies in its ability to cater to a spectrum of interests. Whether one seeks historical grandeur, spiritual enlightenment, natural wonders, cultural immersion, wildlife exploration, adventure pursuits, or a culinary journey, India invites travelers to partake in an enriching and unforgettable experience.

India, with its vast and diverse coastline spanning over 7,500 kilometers, is home to some of the world's most pristine and captivating beaches. From the Arabian Sea to the Bay of Bengal and the Indian Ocean, these coastal gems offer a perfect blend of sun, sand, and sea, attracting beach lovers and adventurers alike. This article takes you on a journey along India's spectacular shoreline, exploring the allure and unique features of its pristine beaches.

**Goa's Golden Shores:** Goa, often referred to as the "Pearl of the Orient," boasts some of India's most famous beaches. From the lively Baga Beach with its vibrant nightlife to the serene Palolem Beach with its crescent-shaped shoreline, Goa offers a diverse range of coastal experiences. Visitors can indulge in water sports, explore beachside shacks serving delectable seafood, and witness breathtaking sunsets over the Arabian Sea.

**The Tranquil Andamans:** The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, situated in the Bay of Bengal, harbor pristine beaches surrounded by lush tropical forests. Radhanagar Beach on Havelock Island is renowned for its powdery white sand



Tranquil seascape in Andaman.

## HAPPY REPUBLIC DAY INDIA

Facebook: BECKuwait

Instagram: Bec.kw

Website: www.bec.com.kw

WhatsApp: 1824000



# Historic tourist attractions in India

Are you bored of the Taj Mahal, the Victoria Memorial, the Charminar, the India Gate, the Red Fort, the Gateway of India and other historic tourist attractions in India?

If yes, a whole new lot of things to see in India are awaiting you. The tourist attractions in India include the world's highest golf course, tallest rail bridge and tallest clock tower, an Eiffel Tower replica, a river gallery, a Madame Tussauds museum, a war memorial, etc.

Each of these is a new reason to visit India. Indian Eagle shares tidbits about tourist attractions in India.

Have you ever imagined of playing golf at a height of 14,140 feet? If yes, the imagination is not far from reality. The northeast Indian state of Sikkim is going to have the world's highest golf course near Nathula Pass, a mountainous route serving as a trade link between India and China. Named 'Yak Golf Course', it would be not only the world's highest golf course but also one of the most interesting places to visit in India in 2016.

Kerala's Jatayu Nature Park is inspired by the story of Jatayu, a mythical character in the Ramayana, one of the Indian epics. Chatatayamangalam in Kollam district, where Jatayu is said to have fallen from the skies during a faceoff with Ravana, is the scenic location of this upcoming park in Kerala. The park will feature an amazing blend of art, adventure and technology.

The world's largest bird sculpture of Jatayu on the top of a hill, measuring 70 feet in height, 200 feet in length and 150 feet in breadth is supposed to be the center of attraction in Kerala's Jatayu Nature Park.

The Jatayu sculpture will house a digital museum and 6D theatre. The park will house a dedicated adventure zone with several adventure games. A high-tech cable car offering a bird's eye view of the scenic area will be set up over the park. Evidently, Kerala's Jatayu Nature Park is among the upcoming Indian tourist attractions to watch out for in 2016.

The first replica of the Eiffel Tower in Kolkata is surely among the upcoming Indian tourist attractions which are worth a visit in 2016. Kolkata has already laid the foundation of a replica of the Eiffel Tower in solidarity with the victims of terrorist attacks in Paris on November 13, 2015.

Part of the 'Seven Wonders of the World' at Eco Park, the tower will have an observation deck at a height of 25 meters to offer sweeping views of Kolkata. It will have a coffee shop as well as a souvenir shop. Read on to know the facts about Kolkata's Eiffel Tower replica.

The Chenab Bridge between Bakkal and Kauri in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir is a seemingly impossible technological challenge. The 1,315 meter long bridge is said to be the world's highest arch bridge with railway lines at a height of 359 meters over the River Chenab.

The upcoming Statue of Unity in Gujarat is among the new interesting things to see in India. Dedicated to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, an eminent leader of the In-



Clock Tower in Mysore.

dian Independence Movement, the statue will boast a height of 182 meters or 597 feet on a river island near Vadodara. Expected to be the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity will be surrounded by a lake sprawling over an area of 12 km.

The list of new tourist attractions to see in India includes an upcoming Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in New Delhi. India's first Madame Tussauds Wax Museum will house life-size wax statues of not only Indian legends and celebs but also eminent figures from the rest of the world. This initiative is part of the India-UK Year of Culture Celebrations in 2017. Read more about Delhi's Madame Tussauds Museum.

Odisha's Rock Garden is also on the list of upcoming tourist attractions in India. Being built in Berhampur, it would be India's second rock garden after the first Rock Garden in Chandigarh, Punjab.

The garden will feature several creative structures and artifacts sculpted out of rock to take your breath away. Known for their rock-carving skills, the artisans of Odisha are expected to make the upcoming rock garden a major tourist attraction in the state. To be powered by solar energy, Odisha's Rock Garden would be among the eco-friendly tourist places across India.

India has proposed to get the first war museum near the iconic India Gate in New Delhi. The museum will be a memorial in honor of the martyrs who laid down their lives in the post-independence era of India.

Said to be India's national war memorial and museum, it had been pending since 1960 due to the lack of approval from the central government. Among the tourist places to visit in Delhi, it will stand as a symbol for the Indian soldiers' sacrifice in service to the nation.

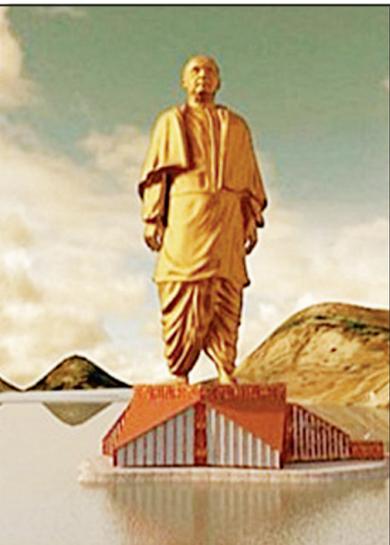
The estimated cost of the project is INR 500 crores.

If Sikkim has the world's highest golf course, Karnataka is to get the world's tallest clock tower in Mysore. Infosys has proposed to build the 135-meter high clock tower in its Mysore campus, a 2-hour drive from Bengaluru.

Comprising 19 floors with a boardroom, the tower reportedly cost a whopping \$8.83 million. It displays a digital timepiece on the top. Read more about this wonderful initiative by Infosys among the tourist attractions in India.

Mysore of Mysuru, a historic city in Karnataka, is mostly famous for the Mysore Palace. A gallery on the River Cauvery is another tourist attraction in Mysore. Believed to be India's first river gallery, it will showcase the culture, life and biodiversity supported by the River Cauvery, the main source of water in Karnataka.

The gallery also exhibits how important role the River Cauvery plays in the lives of farmers across the state and highlight environmental threats to the river.



Top: Statue of Unity in Gujarat. Above: Jatayu Nature Park in Kerala.



World's Tallest Rail Bridge in India.

## TOYO TIRES

At TOYO TIRES we just love tires.  
If you love the ride, come with us...

**Open Roads Await**



ALMAILEM TIRES  اطارات الميالم

Tel: 188 4737 - www.almalemgroup.com - Follow us    @almalemgroup



# Medical tourism in India sees significant surge

Medical tourism, the practice of traveling to another country for medical care, has witnessed a significant surge in recent years, and India has emerged as one of the leading destinations for individuals seeking high-quality healthcare services at competitive prices. This article delves into the various facets of medical tourism in India, examining the reasons behind its popularity, key factors contributing to its growth, and the challenges and opportunities associated with this burgeoning industry.

**Historical Perspective:** India has a rich history of traditional medicine systems, such as Ayurveda, Siddha, and Yoga, which have been practiced for centuries. The integration of these ancient practices with modern medical technology and infrastructure has positioned India as a unique and holistic healthcare destination, appealing to a diverse range of international patients.

## Key Attractors for Medical Tourists:

**1. Cost-effectiveness:** One of the primary reasons for the influx of medical tourists to India is the affordability of healthcare services. The cost of medical treatments, including surgeries, is significantly lower in India compared to developed countries, without compromising on quality.

**2. World-Class Medical Facilities:** India boasts state-of-the-art medical facilities equipped with advanced technology and staffed by highly skilled healthcare professionals. Renowned hospitals and clinics in cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Chennai attract patients from around the globe.

**3. Accredited Healthcare Institutions:** Many Indian healthcare institutions are accredited by international organizations, ensuring adherence to global standards in medical care and patient safety. This accreditation enhances the credibility and trustworthiness of Indian medical facilities.

**4. Expertise in Specialized Treatments:** India is known for its expertise in a wide range of medical specialties, including cardiology, orthopedics, oncology, fertility treatments, and cosmetic surgery. Internationally trained and experienced specialists contribute to the success of these treatments.

**5. Government Initiatives:** The Indian government has recognized the potential of medical tourism and has implemented several initiatives to promote the sector. These include streamlined visa processes, the establishment of medical visa categories, and the development of medical infrastructure to meet international standards.

**6. Challenges and Opportunities:** While India has made significant strides in becoming a medical tourism hub, challenges persist. Issues such as bureaucratic hurdles, language barriers, and concerns about post-operative care may deter some potential medical tourists. However, these challenges also present opportunities for the industry to enhance service offerings, improve communication strategies, and develop comprehensive post-treatment support systems.

In recent times, cities for medical tourism in India have developed a good infrastructure and reputation. Medical tourism in India has been growing by 30% each year.

Indian doctors are well respected and have a high reputation all over the world. Some of the factors that contribute to this boom in the development of cities for medical tourism are the cost, quality, waiting time, etc. The cost of medical activities in India is around 10-20% of the cost in the US and 1/6th of the cost in European countries.

India presently has approximately 18% of the global medical tourism market. According to the Ministry of Tourism, medical tourism in India has the potential to cross the \$ 9 bn-mark, which would be 20% of the global market share in 2020.

India — which has several advantages which include quality medical manpower, specialized medical professionals, medical infrastructure, state-of-the-art facilities, pharmaceutical development, cost competitiveness, and the increasing popularity of healing practices under the AYUSH umbrella — Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy — is considered one of Asia's leading medical tourism destinations.

Ayurveda is the ancient Hindu healing system of maintaining balance within the body, using yogic breathing and exercises. Siddha and Unani are also ancient healing systems of balance in the body and herbal-based treatments.

The Ministry of AYUSH is a government of India agency to develop an awareness of traditional healing systems estimates these ancient healing systems at above \$2.4 billion. The development of India as a medical tourism hub has seen an influx of patients from the Middle East, South Asian countries, Europe and Africa for treatments for multi-organ transplants, cardiac care, cosmetic surgeries, hip replacements, cancer surgeries, and treat-



ment and gastrointestinal procedures. As per a FICCI report, over 500,000 foreign patients come annually for treatment to India.

A key factor, apart from cost completeness and the availability of world class doctors and hospitals, is the Indian government's policy on Medical and Medical Attendant Visa which allows multiple entry and long-term stay for medical care.

Taking this a step further is the Government mandating accreditation for wellness centers and Medical facilitators as well as giving approval for 75 new medical colleges in the country to boost the numbers of qualified doctors and nurses.

**Chennai:** It is one of the cheapest places to get world-class health care. Chennai medical tourism has been emerging due to its high standard of hospitals and reasonable cost. Because of its renowned doctors and exemplary health care facilities, this city attracts about 45% of health tourists from abroad and 40% of domestic health tourists.

Chennai is known for its reputed eye surgery, hip replacement, bone marrow transplant, cardiac bypass, and alternative medical treatments.

**Mumbai:** International and domestic visitors come to Mumbai due to its highly qualified doctors, medical staff, and great medical facilities. The city boasts highly rated treatment facilities and super-specialty hospitals and Research and Diagnostic hubs making it the fastest-growing destination for medical treatments.

A large number of people from India and worldwide travel to metropolitan cities like Mumbai for cancer treatment, cosmetic surgery, orthopedic, and weight-loss surgeries as well as and Ayurveda treatments.

Healthcare centers in Mumbai ensure that such patients are treated well and receive the right treatment at the right time.

**New Delhi:** New Delhi is another great city offering cost-effective medical treatment. Being the capital of India, New Delhi has the reputation for being one of the best places to receive treatment for various health problems and illnesses. Delhi has several top-class private hospitals that offer special facilities for foreign and domestic patients including packages for general surgery — Heart Care, Neuro Surgeries, and Eye Surgery.

It has tie-ups with established hospitals in the city and provides one of the country's best quality healthcare facilities and services.

**Coimbatore:** Situated in Tamil Nadu, they have some of the world's best surgeons. They also have a 24x7 Helpdesk that is always available to patients during their stay. Coimbatore provided some of the best medical facilities at cost-efficient prices.

They have tie-ups with many reputed hospitals in the city and provide various types of treatment options such as Allopathy, Siddha, Ayurveda, Unani, Homeopathy, Dentistry, ENT, Eyecare, Wellness, and many more.

**Ahmedabad:** Along with being one of the commercial cities in India, Ahmedabad aspires to be one of the best providers of healthcare in the country. Under the 'Vibrant Gujarat' project, medical tourism is given great priority and importance. Dental tourism is also big in Gujarat due to its economic cost. Hence, Ahmedabad is becoming a

medical hub.

**Bangalore:** Medical tourism in Bangalore aims to provide patients with the best medical treatment facilities in

India. People come to Bangalore worldwide to have a pleasant and comfortable treatment experience in India. This city provides cost-effective treatment packages designed by specialist doctors and highly qualified research teams.

**Alleppey:** Known for its Ayurveda treatments, Alleppey, which is located in Kerala is another place to visit for medical services. People come here to experience different treatments and massages of this eco-friendly and holistic health care system. Come here to rejuvenate and undergo a wide range of Ayurvedic treatments and services that will make you look and feel young and healthy.

**Goa:** Goa has always been a huge tourist destination for foreigners and Indians alike. People come here to unwind and have a good time. However, the medical tourism sector is also growing here. The chief minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant, has announced plans to expand medical tourism in the state.

**Hyderabad:** It is one of the largest cities in India, having highly qualified physicians and doctors. Domestic private healthcare is significantly cheaper compared to various other western countries without compromising on the quality. The city also has fluent English-speaking staff as a result of which patients have no communication barriers.

**Conclusion:** Medical tourism in India is a multifaceted industry that continues to evolve and expand. With its unique blend of traditional and modern medical practices, cost-effectiveness, and world-class facilities, India is poised to attract even more international patients in the years to come. As the industry addresses challenges and leverages opportunities, it is likely to further solidify its position as a global medical tourism destination.





**AL-RASHED**  
INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING CO. (K.S.C.C.)  
*Regional Player with Global Vision*

**Celebrating**  
**India's Republic Day with Pride and Joy!**



**JANUARY**



**Al-Rashed International Shipping Co. (K.S.C.C.)**

Al Rashed Complex, 9th Floor  
Fahad Al Salem Street, Kuwait City  
Tel: +965 2291 2800 / 2801  
Email: kuwait@al-rashedgroup.com

