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8th BRICS Summit and 1st BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit

India hosted the 8th BRICS Summit under the theme "Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions", followed by a first-ever BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit in Goa on October 15-16, 2016. President of Brazil Mr. Michel Temer, President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of China Mr. Xi Jinping and President of South Africa Mr. Jacob Zuma attended the BRICS Summit along with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.



BRICS Summit

As Chair of the BRICS this year, India embraced a stronger emphasis on promoting people-to-people linkages in diverse fields including trade, sports, education, films, scholarship and tourism. India organized 136 events under its BRICS chairmanship before the summit.

In his intervention at the BRICS Business Council Meeting, Prime Minister Modi said that the business communities are the strongest proponents for closer and faster commercial cooperation among BRICS and their partnerships create wealth and value in the societies and enhance productivity and create jobs in the economies through technological innovations and capacity addition. He urged the BRICS Business Council to work with the member countries to achieve the common aim of strengthening mutual trade; enhancing business opportunities; building investments linkages; promoting innovation; and removing bottlenecks to intra-BRICS commerce.

Prime Minister Modi chaired the BRICS Leaders' Plenary Meeting. In his welcome remarks, Prime Minister Modi said that the footprint of intra-BRICS engagement has expanded over time to include large areas of economic activity. He stated that the scope of the partnership stretches from agriculture to industry and innovation; trade to tourism; environment to energy; films to football; skill development to smart cities; and from fighting corruption and money laundering to securing the societies. He termed the establishment of New Development Bank and the Contingency Reserve Arrangement as signature achievements. He stated that in a world of new security challenges and continuing economic uncertainties, BRICS stands as a beacon of peace and its work holds much meaning for the developing world.

In the Press Statement following the BRICS Summit, Prime Minister Modi said that the discussions in the summit were detailed, substantive and productive. He described the conversation as useful and forward looking. He informed that the leaders were unanimous in agreeing that BRICS need to work together and act decisively to combat the threat of terrorism, extremism and radicalization. He stated that the leaders felt it necessary that economies make public investments in long term infrastructure projects, coordinate macro-economic policy, drive growth and promote world trade and manufacturing with renewed vigour. He said that the leaders were united in their view to establish the BRICS Agriculture Research Platform, BRICS Railway Research Network, BRICS Sports Council, BRICS Rating Agency and various youth-centric fora.

The leaders adopted the Goa Declaration that lays down a comprehensive vision for cooperation and coordination of BRICS member countries within BRICS and on international issues. Two MOUs on establishment of BRICS Agricultural Research Platform and mutual cooperation between Diplomatic Academies, and Regulations on Customs Cooperation Committee of the BRICS were signed by the BRICS Countries.

Prime Minister of Bangladesh Ms. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bhutan Mr. Tshering Tobgay, the State Counsellor of Myanmar Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Prime Minister of Nepal Mr. Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', President of Sri Lanka Mr. Maithripala Sirisena and the Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand Mr. Virasakdi Futrakul attended the first BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit in Goa on 16th October.



BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit

In his welcome remarks at the Plenary Session of the BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit, Prime Minister Modi said that BRICS and BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) are joined by a common vision and commitment to peace, stability and development.

The BIMSTEC leaders issued an Outcome Document expressing their appreciation for the opportunity of a Summit between BRICS and BIMSTEC Leaders to discuss matters of mutual interest and exchange views on important global and regional issues including the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



Retreat with BIMSTEC Leaders

The leaders expressed their strong commitment to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; resolved to strengthen cooperation to protect and preserve the environment; encouraged closer cooperation in disaster management; expressed satisfaction at the continuing efforts and initiatives to advance multi-modal physical connectivity (air, rail, roads and waterways) in the BIMSTEC region; reiterated their interest in taking concrete steps to promote intra-BIMSTEC tourism including specialized tourist circuits; and agreed to deepen cooperation in the sectors of agriculture, fisheries, aquaculture (both inland and coastal), hydrography, seabed mineral exploration, coastal shipping, eco-tourism and renewable ocean energy; accelerate their efforts to develop a comprehensive plan for energy cooperation; continue their collective efforts to address public health issues; and expand linkages among the educational and research institutions.

President Putin Attends India-Russia Bilateral Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received President Mr. Vladimir Putin for the 17th India-Russia Annual Summit in Goa on 15th October, 2016 on the sidelines of BRICS Summit. They reviewed the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries and pledged to pursue new opportunities to take the economic ties to unprecedented heights, achieve sustainable development, promote peace and security at home and around the world, strengthen inclusive and transparent global governance and provide global leadership on issues of shared interest.



The leaders noted the progress in the work of the Joint Study Group to consider the feasibility of a free trade agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union. They welcomed the increased emphasis on implementation of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which can play a key role in promoting economic integration in the region through reduction of time taken for the transit of goods. President Putin welcomed India's application for membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), reiterating Russia's strong support for India's early entry into the NSG.

The leaders called on companies in both countries to finalize investment proposals in promising sectors such as pharmaceuticals, chemical industry, mining, machine building, infrastructure, railways, fertilizer, automobiles and aircraft construction. President Putin invited Indian oil companies to participate in joint projects in offshore-Arctic fields. The leaders welcomed interaction between India and Russia in the field of modern phytogenetics, agreed to explore possibility of mutual cooperation in formulation of curriculum for Ayurvedic studies and development of regulations for Ayurvedic practices and medicines in Russia and cooperate in outer space, reaffirmed their strong commitment to continue military-technical cooperation, and reiterated their commitment to further easing of business.

In the joint media briefing, Prime Minister Modi said that in last four months alone, Indian companies have invested close to US Dollars 5.5 billion in Russia's Oil and Gas sector. He stated that a combination of robust civil nuclear cooperation, LNG sourcing, partnership in the oil and gas sector and engagement in renewables can construct a promising 'Energy Bridge' between the two countries.

The two leaders jointly dedicated Unit-2 of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant to "India-Russia Friendship and Cooperation" and witnessed the laying of foundation for Units-3 and 4 through video-links from Goa.

17 Agreements/MOUs were signed during the visit on cooperation in several fields including the joint study of a gas pipeline to India, education and training in hydrocarbon sector, programme of cooperation in oil and gas sector for the period 2017-18, establishing a Joint Venture to manufacture Ka-226T helicopter in India, procurement of S-400 Air Defence System, purchase/construction of four additional 1135.6 frigates through partnership between Russian and Indian shipyard, studying perspectives for cooperation in shipbuilding, implementation of "smart cities" program in India with the use of IT solutions of Russian companies, setting up of bilateral investment fund by National Infrastructure Investment Fund (NIIF) of India and Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) to facilitate high-technology investments in India and Russia, increasing the speed of trains in Nagpur-Hyderabad segment, mutual allocation of Ground Measurement Gathering Stations for NAVIC and GLONASS (satellite navigation systems of India and Russia respectively), expansion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation, protocol for consultations between the Ministry of External Affairs of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia for the period 2017-18 and cooperation in international information security.

President of Brazil Attends Bilateral Summit

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi received President of Brazil Mr. Michel Temer for a bilateral summit in Goa on 17th October 2016 after the BRICS Summit. They held wide-ranging discussions on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of mutual interest and agreed to work closely towards strengthening the strategic partnership and giving it a new impulse. They reiterated the necessity to build a forward-looking relationship by deepening bilateral engagement and better leveraging existing complementarities between the two countries in key areas of mutual interest such as energy security, agriculture, food security, health, pharmaceuticals, access to medicinal products, IT, cyber security, space, defence, civil aviation and infrastructure.



The leaders underscored the need for urgent reform of the United Nations to render it more consistent with the current geopolitical reality. They welcomed the creation of a Group of Friends on Security Council Reform and called upon all reform-oriented Member States to join efforts to bring about a meaningful change.

In the joint media briefing, Prime Minister Modi said that Brazil and India, though separated by geography, are natural partners linked by common values of democracy, rule of law and shared aspirations for development, peace and prosperity. He informed that the visit was taking place as both countries mark a decade of strategic partnership. Prime Minister Modi and President Temer interacted with the business leaders of both countries. They appreciated the recommendations presented by the business leaders and urged the private sector to make effort to expand bilateral trade and investment and strengthen business partnerships.

Four MOUs were signed on Genetic Resources, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Natural Resources and Fisheries; Pharmaceutical Products Regulation; Cattle Genomics and Assisted Reproductive Technologies; and Investment Cooperation and Facilitation Treaty.

State Counsellor of Myanmar Pays State Visit to India

State Counsellor of Myanmar Daw Aung San Suu Kyi paid a State Visit to India from October 17-19, 2016 after attending the BRICS-BIMSTEC Outreach Summit in Goa. She met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi on 19th October. They held wide-ranging discussions on various issues of mutual interest. They agreed that a close coordination to ensure security in the areas along the border and sensitivity to each other's strategic interests would serve the interests of both the countries. To facilitate easy movement of people across the land borders, the leaders agreed to coordinate the setting up of immigration facilities at the Tamu-Moreh and Rhi-Zowkhathar border crossing points.



Prime Minister Modi announced that India would conduct training programme for Myanmar's Foreign Service officers and assist Myanmar in developing a diplomatic academy in Yangon. He also announced that India would support Myanmar in creating police training infrastructure and share expertise in developing training manuals in forensics, cyber-security, etc. State Counsellor Suu Kyi welcomed the announcement by Prime Minister Modi for partnering with Myanmar for a pilot LED electrification project in Myanmar.

In the joint media briefing, Prime Minister Modi said that Myanmar has commenced a new journey of hope and promise under State Counsellor Suu Kyi's able leadership. He emphasized that India has a robust development cooperation programme with Myanmar. He highlighted that India's nearly US\$ 1.75 billion of development assistance is centered on people. He announced that India would develop a Varietal Development and Seed Production Centre in Yezin to enhance quality of seeds and said that the two countries would work to develop a mutually beneficial arrangement for trade in pulses. He offered to scale up power supply from Moreh in Manipur to Tamu in Myanmar.

State Counsellor Suu Kyi called on President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 18th October. President Mukherjee said that India appreciates the spirit with which the people of Myanmar responded in the general elections held in November, 2015 and the manner in which the whole process of elections was steered. He said that India would extend all help to Myanmar in this phase of transition in order to set up democratic institutions for ensuring stability in the country. State Counsellor Suu Kyi said that India and Myanmar have much in common and Myanmar seeks the cooperation and support of India as its people look forward to progress and change for the betterment of their lives.

State Counsellor Suu Kyi attended the India-Myanmar Business Roundtable and interacted with leading Indian business leaders on ways to bolster bilateral economic and commercial ties. She invited the Indian industry to cooperate with Myanmar in areas such as skill development, agriculture, agri-machinery and infrastructure development.

Three MOUs were signed during the visit on cooperation in power sector, banking supervision (between RBI and Central Bank of Myanmar) and designing an academic and professional building programme for insurance industry of Myanmar (between Financial Regulatory Department of Myanmar and Insurance Institute of India).

Prime Minister of New Zealand Visits India

Prime Minister of New Zealand Rt. Hon. John Key paid a State Visit to India from October 25-27, 2016. He met Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi on 26th October. Their discussions covered the breadth of India-New Zealand bilateral relations as well as regional and global issues. They agreed to strengthen the political, defence and security relationship; establish a bilateral ministerial dialogue on regional and global issues; institutionalize annual Foreign Ministry Consultations at senior officials level; and promote cooperation on cyber issues.



The leaders decided that the two countries would conduct courses for the defence personnel of each other's countries and explore prospects for sharing information in maritime security. They agreed that New Zealand would promote FDI in India in support of Make in India campaign and contribute to Swachh Bharat including Clean Ganga initiative.

In a joint press conference, Prime Minister Modi said that Prime Minister Key agreed that expanding business and commercial ties should continue to be one of the priority items of partnership between the two countries. He mentioned that food processing, dairy and agriculture are some of the areas of potential for bilateral cooperation and New Zealand's strength and capacity in these sectors can combine with India's technology needs to build mutually beneficial partnership.

Prime Minister Key called on President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 26th October. President Mukherjee said that India and New Zealand can be partners in promoting security, stability and prosperity in the region and beyond. Prime Minister Key said that his Government would like to grow and strengthen bilateral relations and India's economic growth provides many opportunities.

Prime Minister Key addressed a Business Meeting jointly hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASOCHAM) in New Delhi. He said that there is enormous potential for trade between the two countries and called for an early conclusion of the bilateral Free Trade Agreement. He said that the two countries should explore areas such as high technology, manufacturing, IT and e-commerce.

Prime Minister Key visited Kochi on 27th October and undertook a short tour of the new terminal, T3, at Cochin International Airport and inspected the baggage handling system and integrated inline explosive detection system installed by New Zealand-based company Glidepath.

Three Agreements/MOUs were signed during the visit in the fields of food safety; youth affairs and sports; and avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

Vice President Ansari Visits Hungary

Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari visited Hungary from October 15-17, 2016. He met Prime Minister Mr. Viktor Orbán on 16th October. They held substantive discussions on various issues. They agreed to set up a working group on science and technology to explore the possibilities of bilateral cooperation in various issues, including defence technologies for mutual benefits. Prime Minister Viktor Orbán agreed on elimination of the menace of terrorism and supported a strong global legal framework and sustained global action to deal with the threat.



Vice President Ansari called on President Mr. János Áder at Sandor Palace on 17th October. He met Speaker of the National Assembly Mr. László Kövér. He addressed Indian Community at the India House in Budapest on 15th October. He paid floral tributes at the bust of Rabindranath Tagore at the Tagore Street in Balatonfüred on October 16, 2016.

Vice President Ansari delivered a Lecture on 'Indian Democracy: Achievements and Challenges' at Corvinus University, Budapest on 17th October. He said that while the public participation in the electoral exercise has noticeably improved, public dissatisfaction from the functioning of elected bodies is breeding cynicism with the democratic process itself and the imperative for a corrective is evident to reinforce public confidence in the ability of the system to deliver as intended. He stated that the quest for improvements will continue with the growth of public awareness of the electoral process. He further said that an observer of the Indian scene has noted that 'the ethos of democracy expresses itself in the freedom of expression, respect for human rights, good governance, pluralism and mutual understanding' and 'a participatory democracy today is only possible through the active participation of citizen's initiatives.' He added that evidence of this, in the case of India, is to be found in new social movements that mobilize large masses and in the process create space for political action that have a transformative capacity.

Two MOUs were signed during the visit on cooperation between Ministry of Interior of Hungary and Ministry of Water Resources of India in the field of Water Management and cooperation between Indian Council of World Affairs of India and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary.

Vice President Ansari Visits Algeria

Vice President Shri M. Hamid Ansari visited Algeria from October 17-19, 2016. He met President of the National People's Assembly Mr. Mohamed Larbi Ould Khélifa and President of the Council of Nation Mr. Abdelkader Bensalah in Algiers on 18th October.

Vice President Ansari met Prime Minister Mr. Abdelmalek Sellal on 19th October. They held wide range of discussions and agreed to rejuvenate and reinvigorate the old friendship between the two countries and recast it to give it a contemporary form to enhance bilateral cooperation, particularly in sectors such as defence, security, hydrocarbon resources, space, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals and peaceful uses of atomic energy. They discussed the possibility of setting up a joint venture fertilizer plant where Algerian phosphate and gas, and Indian technology can be used for producing fertilizer and transporting it to India.



He called on President Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika on 19th October. In the press conference, Vice President Ansari said that the two countries hold similar or identical views on various international and regional issues. He appreciated Algeria for successfully tackling the menace of terrorism and stated that both India and Algeria hold the view that in this century, when the countries should be focused on the quest for peace, prosperity and development, there is no place for religious fanaticism and terrorism. He also visited the Ruins of Tipaza and the Tipaza Museum.

Kazakhstan Rises in World Bank's Doing Business Rankings

Kazakhstan climbed 16 positions since 2015, reaching 35th place in the ranking of the ease of doing business among 190 countries. Kazakhstan's progression in Doing Business ranking released by World Bank on 25th October, 2016 demonstrates that the country has improved its investment climate by implementing critical reforms. The significant improvement was observed in four of 10 indicators; namely, facilitating the procedures for obtaining permits for construction, ease of registering property, improving the protection of the rights of minority investors and contract enforcement.



According to the World Bank, better performance in the Doing Business ranking generally implies a lower level of income inequality, reduced poverty and the regulatory environment is more conducive to the starting and operation of a local firm.

Astana Enters World's Top 21 Smart Cities

Astana entered the world's top 21 intelligent communities in 2016, according to the rating of the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) released on 28th October 2016. ICF's co-founder Mr. John Jung said that the list included a group of cities, regions and communities that use digital tools to build the local economy and society in an age of digital inequality.

The ICF, engaged in the analysis of urban development in the world, previously named Astana among the world's top 21 smart cities at the ICF Smart21 symposium in 2014.



Centre for Indian Classical Dances, Almaty Wins Awards in "Fiestalonia Georgia"

The Centre for Indian Classical Dances, Almaty led by its Director Ms. Akmaral Kainazarova participated in the International Art Contest "Fiestalonia Georgia" in Tbilisi, Georgia from October 23-27, 2016. The Centre performed Indian classical dance "Bharatanatyam" under the category "Ethnic Dances" in the age groups of 10-12 years old and above 26 years old. Ms. Akmaral won 1st prize in the solo performance. The students of the Centre, Ms. Fatima Zhazykbaeva, Ms. Ayanat Karassartova and Ms. Aryana Beisebai won 2nd prize under the category 10-12 years old. The students of the Centre also attended the workshop and performed in the final gala concert.



The contest was jointly organized by the Government of Georgia, CID UNESCO and British International Federation of the International Contest. It aimed at contributing to the preservation and popularization of national traditions, ethnic culture of different nationalities and strengthening of international relations. More than 100 artists from several countries participated in the contest.

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Kazakhstan

The Embassy celebrated the 141st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel as the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) at the Indian Cultural Centre, Astana on 31st October, 2016. The celebration began with the inauguration of a photo exhibition on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, followed by lighting of lamp and garlanding of the portrait of Sardar Patel by Ambassador. It was followed by screening of feature film "Sardar" by Ketan Mehta and documentary "A man of silence - Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel", speeches by Ambassador Shri Harsh Jain and Dr. Prashant Jamwal, Assistant Professor at the Nazarbayev University.



In his address, Ambassador said that Patel's life story exemplifies the sheer power of will, hard work and sincerity. He described Sardar Patel as a self-made man who scripted an illustrious life for himself - first as a lawyer and then as a freedom fighter and nation-builder amid extremely trying circumstances. He underscored that Patel's heroic efforts to mobilize farmers to launch a successful "no tax campaign" earned him the honorific title of "Sardar", meaning the "Chief". He emphasized that Sardar Patel was a great strategic thinker with unflinching commitment to nation-building, and his formidable powers of persuasion and diplomacy, combined with firmness and judicious use of force, integrated the 565 princely states with India following India's independence from the British. He stated that this monumental feat earned him mass adoration and gratitude, cementing his reputation as the "Iron Man of India".

Ambassador made a presentation on the 14th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas to be held in Bengaluru from January 7-9, 2017 urging the Overseas Indians to register for the event. He awarded prizes to the winners of essay competition on "Contribution of Sardar Patel in Unifying India" to Mr. P. Jeya Pazham (first prize), Ms. Anash Ramzanova (second) and Mr. Mukesh (third). The programme ended with buffet dinner.

Ambassador Attends the Mini-ENU Model United Nations Conference 2016

Ambassador Shri Harsh Jain delivered the opening address at the Mini-ENU Model United Nations Conference 2016 held at the Eurasian National University, Astana with the theme "One Human Family, One Home" on 18th October, 2016. The event was organized by students of ENU to mark the International Day for Eradication of Poverty (17th October) and the United Nations Day (24th October).



In his address, Ambassador said that the United Nations is the most representative intergovernmental organization that aims to promote and facilitate cooperation between the member states to solve the issues relating to international law and security, economic and social development, human rights, political freedom and environment. He recalled his association with the organization as a member of the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Developments in the Field of Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security in 2012-13. He said that the theme of the Conference: "One Human Family, One Home" reminded him of an ancient Indian sutra, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", which means the "World is one Family". He added that this sutra is deeply ingrained in Indian psyche that helps Indian people to respect diversity while maintaining their respective individual identity.

The Eurasian National University organizes the Mini-ENU Model UN Conference for university students annually with the objective to deepen the understanding of the students about the work of the United Nations. Five students of the Eurasian National University attended the International Model United Nations hosted by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar in India from October 22-24, 2016.

Indian Origin Woman on World Record Solo Car Drive from UK to India

Ms. Bharulata Kamble, a British lawyer of Indian Origin, who is on a record making 32-country solo car drive from UK to India, called on Ambassador Shri Harsh Jain at his residence on 16th October, 2016. Ms. Kamble began her journey at Luton in the United Kingdom on 2nd September. She would traverse 32 countries covering over 32,000 kilometers in about 75 days before ending her journey at Mahad in Raigadh District, Maharashtra. She is undertaking the challenge to spread the message of "save girls, educate girls" and promote woman empowerment.



Incredible India Destination: Gokarna

The quaint town of Gokarna in the state of Karnataka is formed by the ear-shaped confluence of two rivers and the favourite haunt of Hindu pilgrims, Sanskrit scholars and beach buffs. Om Beach, one of Gokarna's five famed beaches, takes the shape of an "Om", a Hindu spiritual symbol. The other beaches, wedged between gigantic cliffs that protrude like delicate fingers into the sea, are Gokarna, Kudle, Half Moon and Paradise. The drive up the winding path that leads to Gokarna is a scenic delight with rocky mountains and the Western Ghats on one side and the Arabian Sea on the other. Visitors can go for fishing trips, jet-skiing, banana boating rides and boating trips to spot dolphins off the coast in Gokarna. Good motorable roads connect Gokarna with different cities and its nearest airport is Goa International Airport.

There are many temples in Gokarna, the most famous being Mahabaleshwar temple, which is believed to house the original image of Lord Shiva's lingam (Atmalinga). Yana rocks, Idagunji, Murudeshwara, Magod Falls, Jog Falls and Kali Tiger Reserve are some of the tourist attractions near Gokarna.

Yana (57 km away from Gokarna), located in the Sahyadri mountain range of the Western Ghats, is a quaint village famous for natural wonders in the form of two unique rock outcrops. Idagunji (65 km) is known for Lord Ganesha temple attracting more than one million devotees a year.

Murudeshwara (85 km) is a sacred place sandwiched between the picturesque Western Ghats and the Arabian Sea. The scenic place allures visitors for its beach, an awesome Shiva statue and a Shiva Temple embellished with Chalukya and Kadamba sculptures built in the Dravidian style of architecture. The temple located on a hillock offers a magnificent view of the sea waves crashing against the rocks.

Magod Falls (88 km) is a group of waterfalls, where the river Bedti falls from a height of nearly 200 metres in two steps. Jog Falls (112 km) is created by the Sharavathi river dropping 253 metres, making it the second-highest plunge waterfall in India.

Kali Tiger Reserve (109 km), spread over an area of 1300 sq. km., is a habitat of Bengal tigers, black panthers and Indian elephants amongst other distinctive fauna. Kali river flows through the tiger reserve.



Yana Rocks



Murudeshwara



Jog Falls



Kali Tiger Reserve



Om Beach



Kali River

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