# CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA SAN FRANCISCO MONTHLY COMMERCIAL REPORT April 2019

# **TRADE NEW HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 2019**

## 1. Ambassador Harsh Shringla Hosted a Community Reception in Los Angeles:

India's Ambassador to the U.S. Harsh Vardhan Shringla hosted a joint reception with Congressman Brad Sherman at the Odyssey Restaurant LA. Attended by over 120 Indian Americans, including Anaheim Mayor Harry Sidhu, Shringla in his address lauded the contributions of the Indian diaspora in the U.S. and the flagship programs of the Government of India, including digital transformation, in India. Consul General Sanjay Panda emphasized his aim in serving the Indian community with greater efficiency.

## 2. Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris Endorsed by IMPACT Fund

Kamala Harris, a Democratic candidate seeking to become president in the 2020 election, has been endorsed by the Indian American IMPACT Fund, the organization announced. The fund's Board of Directors voted to endorse the Indian American and African American Harris, a U.S. senator from California, based on her distinguished track record and commitment to fighting for the values of the Indian American community.

**3. EB-5 Visas issued to Indians Quadruple over Two Years:** According to the US Department of State, the number of Indian citizens who have been issued EB-5 visas has quadrupled since 2017. Indians were issued 585 EB-5 visas during the 12-month period concluding September 2018, compared to 174 in 2017, and 149 in 2016 a 293% increase over two years. India is currently the third-largest market for the EB-5 visa. behind China and Vietnam, surpassing South Korea in terms of the number of visas issued in FY2018.EB-5 is officially the preferred route for Indians who want to live, go to school and work in the United States, as other options such as the H1-B visa have become increasingly difficult to acquire.

# 4. Forbes Names Several Indian American Entrepreneurs in 2019 '30 Under 30' List in Consumer Tech, Food, E-Commerce Industries

Forbes recently unveiled its 2019 '30 Under 30' list with several Indian Americans making the cut. "From creating milk without cows to trucks without drivers, these innovators are shaking up some of the world's stodgiest industries," the magazine wrote. Among the honorees in the Consumer Technology category were Shri Ganeshram, Akash Nigam, Ankit Kumar, Hemal Shah and Kush Patel. The 24-year-old Ganeshram is the vice president of growth, analytics and strategy at Eaze. Nigam, 26, along with Evan Rosenbaum, also 26, are the co-founders of Genies.Kumar, 25, is the co-founder of Ubiquity6.Shah, 28, is the product manager at Instagram Direct, the standalone app that was launched late last year and is still in testing and at last Ahmad, 29, is the founder of Copia. A total of 600 trailblazers in 20 industries – 30 in each category – were chosen by Forbes, which said it was a long and daunting process.

## 5. H-1B pays for US College scholarships & trainings

The US grants 65,000 cap-subjected H-1B work visas to foreign workers hired abroad every year and 20,000 to foreigners in US institutions of higher education. The H-1B visa program for high-skilled foreigners, which has been subjected to prohibitive scrutiny by the Trump administration, has earned the US \$4.9 billion in employer-paid fees since 1999, which paid for more than 90,000 college scholarships and training, according to a new study. These collections are from the \$1,500 processing fee that the government charges employers for every new H-1B or a renewal, the National Foundation for American Policy, a non-partisan think tank, says in the report, and adds that the total rises to \$7 billion, by adding \$500 in anti-fraud fees.

# TOP COMMODITIES OF EXPORTS/IMPORTS TO STATES UNDER THIS POST'S JURISDICTION YTD APRIL 2019

Top Commodities of India Exports to States under this Post's Jurisdiction			
HS Code	Product	Value \$	State
82079010	PRIMARY METAL MFG	3,207,648	Alaska
99979100	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED 53,059,134 COMMODITIES		Arizona
03021100	FISH, FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN & OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS	753,416,134	California
84452011	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	4,011,886	Hawaii
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	9,970,805	Idaho
98020000	CHEMICALS	2,425,747	Montana
99979100	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED 176,484,154 Nevada		Nevada
61011010	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	41,179,827	Oregon
98020000	CHEMICALS	20,159,903	Utah
84452011	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	83,467,161	Washington
84379090	MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	923,334	Wyoming

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau as per 2018 data

Top Commodities of Indian Imports from States under this Post's Jurisdiction				
HS Code	Product	Value \$	State	
73110090	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	464,242,227	Alaska	
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	39,389,423	Arizona	
99979100	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES	3,584,443,411	California	
03021100	FISH, FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN & OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS	9,157,136	Hawaii	
98051000	FOOD MANUFACTURES	2,885,660	Idaho	
73110090	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	2,936,782	Montana	
82079010	PRIMARY METAL MFG	1, 589,885,323	Nevada	
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	71,486,784	Oregon	
98051000	PRIMARY METAL MFG	142,742,768	Utah	
73110090	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	1,393,133,318	Washington	
98020000	CHEMICALS	21,246,585	Wyoming	

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau

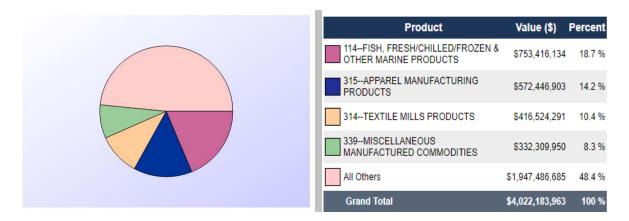
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# Exports from India to States under this Post's Jurisdiction

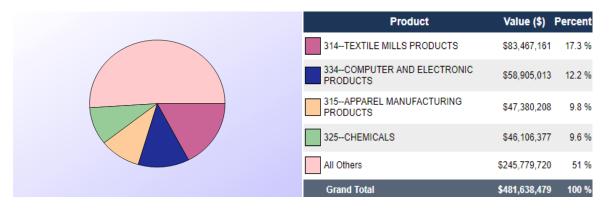
Exports from india to states under this Post's sufficient				
State	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2017 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Alaska	2,152,153	5,273,335	2,944,686	8,379,939
Arizona	224,399,081	213,932,075	237,183,347	246,607,790
California	3,855,630,622	3,632,108,749	3,949,537,323	4,022,183,963
Hawaii	8,839,393	5,790,710	7,353,103	11,471,822
Idaho	14,100,519	11,273,403	17,815,286	20,600,944
Montana	21,649,743	2,281,820	4,979,671	6,103,863
Nevada	221,396,873	262,817,749	389,764,827	300,114,899
Oregon	140,653,944	132,326,754	172,763,994	184,818,796
Utah	85,084,540	98,595,480	103,552,344	120,069,098
Washington	452,733,326	361,830,153	424,890,608	481,638,479
Wyoming	6,957,939	3,386,747	2,651,827	5,160,833

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau \*Latest data as per Dec 2018

#### Major products of Exports from India to California in 2018



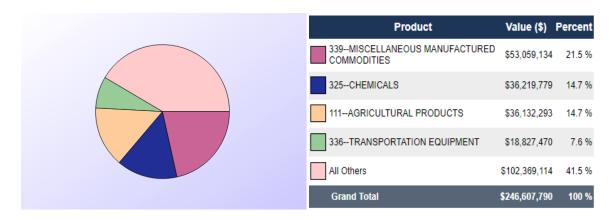
### Major products of Exports from India to Washington in 2018



#### Major products of Exports from India to Nevada in 2018

	Product	Value (\$)	Percent
	339MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES	\$176,484,154	58.8 %
	316LEATHER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	\$29,042,178	9.7 %
	311FOOD MANUFACTURES	\$21,081,545	7 %
	315APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	\$20,645,567	6.9 %
	All Others	\$52,861,455	17.6 %
	Grand Total	\$300,114,899	100 %

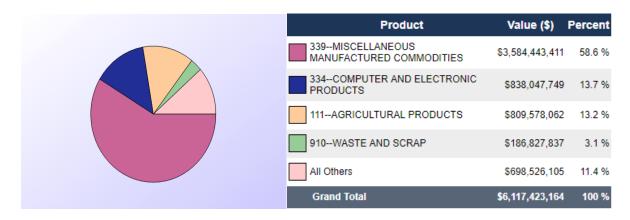
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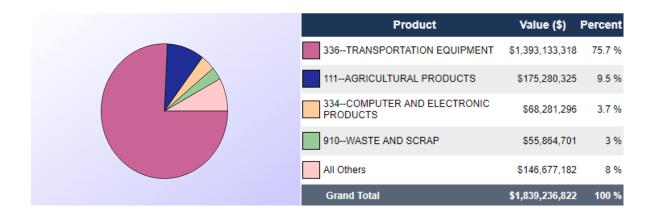
Imports by India from States under this Post's Jurisdiction				
State	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	2017 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Alaska	1,320,449	2,026,284	769,332	646,532
Arizona	102,718,442	114,368,708	157,528,131	131,356,052
California	4,568,402,045	5,129,286,116	5,014,214,769	6,117,423,164
Hawaii	9,766,185	15,308,110	10,070,427	11,546,406
Idaho	27,794,604	33,904,830	43,634,543	10,426,063
Montana	33,391,085	52,150,420	23,590,911	8,546,025
Nevada	1,720,866,386	812,179,250	1,798,617,635	1,672,340,779
Oregon	90,702,304	123,006,058	110,592,122	149,823,528
Utah	201,899,345	101,459,188	58,710,833	224,249,705
Washington	1,150,560,756	816,180,471	980,670,243	1,839,236,822
Wyoming	6,552,562	12,912,385	17,098,991	21,601,728

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#### Major products of Imports by India from California in 2018



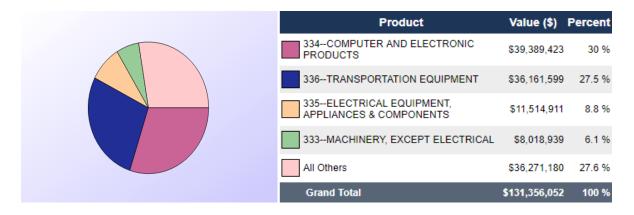
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#### Major products of Imports by India from Nevada in 2018

	Product	Value (\$)	Percent
	331PRIMARY METAL MFG	\$1,548,564,248	92.6 %
	339MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES	\$74,962,064	4.5 %
	334COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	\$25,339,677	1.5 %
	333MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	\$9,810,678	0.6 %
	All Others	\$13,664,112	0.8 %
	Grand Total	\$1,672,340,779	100 %

#### Major products of Imports by India from Arizona in 2018



# TRADE ENQUIRES

Here are some of the trade enquiries that this post received during month of April 2019 and they have been attended to appropriately.

Company	Exports from India
Marx Engitech	Metal Parts & Components
KK PAPERS	waste paper suppliers
K2 Exporters	copper scrap, aluminum scrap,
	steel scrap
NRB INDUSTRIAL BEARINGS	Industrial bearings
LIMITED	
ASWAKOV	Fiber, yarn, fabric
Mona Exports	Home textiles, home furnishings,
	accessories
FLAVOUR CERAMIC	Wall Tiles, Floor Tiles, Vitrified
	Tiles, Porcelain Tiles