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TRADE NEW HIGHLIGHTS – April 2018

1. Facebook Admits 500,000 Indian Users Affected by Data Breach

In a first such revelation, Facebook has admitted that the data of nearly 5.6 lakh Indian users may have been "improperly" shared with British political analytics company Cambridge Analytica. In a blog post, Mike Schroepfer, chief technology officer at Facebook, showed country-specific break-downs of people affected by the data breach. While most users are from the U.S. – over 70 million – the data of 562,455 Indian Facebook users has also been shared with Cambridge Analytica."In total, we believe the Facebook information of up to 87 million people – mostly in the U.S. – may have been improperly shared with Cambridge Analytica," Schroepfer wrote.

2. U.S. Suspends Premium Processing of H-1B Visa Petitions Until September -

The U.S. March 21 announced the suspension of premium processing of all H-1B visa petitions for the fiscal year 2019. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said the temporary suspension would help reduce the "overall H-1B visa processing time." The H-1B petition filing is for the fiscal year 2019 beginning Oct. 1, 2018."We will notify the public before resuming premium processing for cap-subject H-1B petitions or making any other premium processing updates," the federal agency said.

3. 2020 Census Will Include Question on Citizenship, Drawing Ire from Immigrant Community

U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross announced late March 26 that a question about citizenship would be added to the 2020 Census. The controversial decision immediately sparked fierce backlash from the immigrant community. The states of California and New York have filed separate lawsuits, noting that asking the question will lead to an undercount of immigrant populations in their states. The U.S. Census — mandated by the Constitution — is taken every 10 years and determines the number of seats a district is entitled in Congress. It also determines the amount of dollars jurisdictions are given for federal projects. More than half a million Indian Americans residing in the U.S. are undocumented. They are likely to be fearful of filling out Census information which asks whether or not they are a U.S. citizen. California simply has too much to lose to allow the Trump Administration to botch this important decennial obligation.

4. Annual TiE Conference Re-Branded as 'TiE Inflect' for 2018, to Highlight Artificial Intelligence -

The Indus Entrepreneurs, better known as TiE, is holding its annual conference which promises to feature some of the best and brightest from entrepreneurs across the country and globe. Formerly known as TiEcon, the organization has changed the name of the conference in its 26th year to TiE Inflect 2018, saying that it is "building on the 25-year legacy of TiEcon." TiE organizers have put together the conference, held at the Santa Clara (Calif.) Convention Center May 4 and May 5, "to focus on the business and human impact of artificial intelligence. The slogan of TiE Inflect 2018 is "Imagination AI." This year's conference, which expects to have more than 5,400 attendees and 1,300-plus industry leaders from 22 countries across the globe, will feature 15 tracks and more than 220 speakers.

5. Google Maps Helps Navigate India's Roads-

Google launched a suite of new features to make getting around the streets and lanes in India easier, according to a Quartz India report. From generating unique area-specific codes to using nearby landmarks to navigate to allowing users to add addresses that don't appear on maps yet, Google is attempting to bring order to the chaos, the report said. The company, which made maps voice navigation available in Hindi in 2014, has now added six new local languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam. "While some addresses are well-defined by street names and house numbers that are easy to find, others can be long-winded and hard to locate," the company said in a blog post. "The other reality is that millions of people and places in India are hard to locate—especially those in remote areas." Among other features, Google has launched "Plus codes," which divide the geographical surface of the world into "tiled areas," attributing a unique six-letter code and the city name to each of them, the report said.

TOP COMMODITIES OF EXPORTS/IMPORTS TO STATES UNDER THIS POST'S JURISDICTION IN April 2018

Top Commodities of India Exports to States under this Post's Jurisdiction

HS Code	Product	Value \$	State
84379090	MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	354,868	Alaska
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	35,215,769	Arizona
03021100	FISH, FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN & OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS	743,217,639	California
61011010	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	1,232,229	Hawaii
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	7,766,052	Idaho
98051000	FOOD MANUFACTURES	1,614,928	Montana
59031010	LEATHER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	25,972,967	Nevada
61011010	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	40,002,478	Oregon
84452011	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	16,256,200	Utah
98020000	CHEMICALS	49,200,147	Washington
65069100	PLASTICS & RUBBER PRODUCTS	332,669	Wyoming

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

Top Commodities of India Imports from States under this Post's Jurisdiction

HS Code	Product	Value \$	State
98020000	CHEMICALS	537,339	Alaska
73110090	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	51,268,056	Arizona
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	890,265,006	California
72042920	WASTE AND SCRAP	5,669,839	Hawaii
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	37,779,249	Idaho
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	18,249,034	Montana
82079010	PRIMARY METAL MFG	1,589,885,323	Nevada
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	59,149,196	Oregon
98051000	FOOD MANUFACTURES	16,695,979	Utah
98020000	CHEMICALS	9,723,881	Wyoming

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

TOTAL EXPORTS/IMPORTS TO STATES UNDER THIS POST'S JURISDICTION YTD April 2018

Exports from India to States under this Post's Jurisdiction

State	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	YTD (DEC) 2017 (\$)
Alaska	4,747,146	2,152,153	5,273,335	2,944,686
Arizona	193,560,967	224,399,081	213,932,075	237,183,347
California	4,397,270,816	3,855,630,622	3,632,108,749	3,949,537,323
Hawaii	5,568,812	8,839,393	5,790,710	7,353,103
Idaho	18,530,812	14,100,519	11,273,403	17,815,286
Montana	66,540,359	21,649,743	2,281,820	4,979,671
Nevada	169,465,648	221,396,873	262,817,749	389,764,827
Oregon	189,840,228	140,653,944	132,326,754	172,763,994
Utah	116,596,460	85,084,540	98,595,480	103,552,344
Washington	386,811,401	452,733,326	361,830,153	424,890,608
Wyoming	7,333,503	6,957,939	3,386,747	2,651,827

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau *Latest data as per Dec2017

Imports by India from States under this Post's Jurisdiction

State	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	YTD (DEC) 2017 (\$)
Alaska	255,806	1,320,449	2,026,284	769,332
Arizona	73,130,917	102,718,442	114,368,708	157,528,131
California	5,270,535,205	4,568,402,045	5,129,286,116	5,014,628,185
Hawaii	794,002	9,766,185	15,308,110	10,070,427
Idaho	14,012,128	27,794,604	33,904,830	43,634,543
Montana	42,318,205	33,391,085	52,150,420	23,590,911
Nevada	567,849,540	1,720,866,386	812,179,250	1,798,617,635
Oregon	153,495,498	90,702,304	123,006,058	108,037,248
Utah	240,348,276	201,899,345	101,459,188	58,710,833
Washington	2,134,362,701	1,150,560,756	816,180,471	982,216,769
Wyoming	11,221,271	6,552,562	12,912,385	17,098,991

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau *Latest data as per Dec 2017

TRADE ENQUIRES

Here are some of the trade enquiries that this post received during month of April 2018 and they have been attended to appropriately.

Company	Exports from India
Vivan Surgical	Wheel chairs
Abhiraj International	Reactive dyes, Direct dyes, Acid dyes
Deepak Enterprise	A4 papers
Dictum Global Services	Fruits, Vegetables. Pharmaceutical, Hand craft items etc
Agilam Universe	T-shirt
Auckland's Tea	White and Handmade Green teas