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Trade News Highlights- December 2016

1. Excited about future of Uber in India: CEO Travis Kalanick

Uber CEO Travis Kalanick visited the country to meet key government officials, including President Pranab Mukherjee. "We are very excited about future of Uber in India. With hundreds-thousands of driver opportunity and jobs we have come here with, we couldn't be more excited to serve India and to work with sons and daughters of India who run Indian operations," Kalanick said after meeting Law and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad. He said that Uber has made amazing progress in India. Uber operates across 73 countries. India has become the largest market outside the United States for Uber.

2. U.S. franchise trade mission to identify potential Indian master franchisees

In response to a sharp increase in the number of requests for assistance from U.S. franchise brands in recent years, the U.S. Commercial Service (USCS) is organizing its third U.S. Franchise Trade Mission for seven U.S. franchisors to identify potential master franchisees/licensees and area developers. The delegation will visit New Delhi on December 5, Mumbai on December 7 and Colombo on December 9.

3. US to hold connectivity conference for Bay of Bengal region

US Consulate in Kolkata to hold connectivity conference for Bay of Bengal region on December 14-15 next to facilitate boosting trade, commerce and economic activities among the countries in the region. US Ambassador to India Richard Verma told media here today that he along with his team have already visited six states of Northeast except Mizoram and Sikkim this week to interact with the respective state government regarding the conference.

4. FICCI moots joint task-force with MEA and Arab League

Minister of State for External Affairs M.J. Akbar is leading the Indian delegation to the 5th India-Arab Partnership Conference in Muscat, Oman from December 14-15, 2016. A FICCI business delegation comprising 45 companies is being led by Mr. Devin Narang, Senior Executive Committee Member FICCI. The conference is being organized by FICCI in partnership with the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry and supported by Ministry of External Affairs-India, Ministry of Commerce Oman, League of Arab States, GUCCIAC and the Federation of Arab Businessmen.

5. India, US must exchange wish lists to iron out issues: Indo American Chamber of Commerce

With Donald Trump set to take charge as the next US President, Indo American Chamber of Commerce today suggested that India and the US should exchange wish lists to fast track resolution of bilateral issues which are impeding accelerated investment flow. Broad contours of the wish lists should include amicable settlement of IPR issues leading to earliest conclusion of a bilateral investment treaty (BIT), totalisation agreement, a sound legal framework to expeditiously settle dispute settlement of issues emanating from non-tariff measures and importantly, a fast solution to nagging visa problems.

Trade data : Year-to-date (Sept 2016):

Total Trade data for 2016 (YTD Sept 2016) in US Dollars

States	India's Exports	India's Imports
Alaska	5,201,929	1,675,979
Arizona	153,794,069	85,384,548
California	2,768,897,868	3,742,937,168
Hawaii	4,143,923	8,926,755
Idaho	8,602,854	21,084,424
Montana	1,718,099	35,504,672
Nevada	234,595,828	334,312,698
Oregon	101,139,202	95,763,007
Utah	73,693,979	53,192,835
Washington	262,848,131	516,873,274
Wyoming	2,935,829	8,557,482

Source: Foreign Trade Division, US Census Bureau.

IMPORTS: TOP COMMODITIES (BY STATE)

State	Imports from India (Top Commodity)
Alaska	PRIMARY METAL MFG
Arizona	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
California	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS
Hawaii	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS
Idaho	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
Montana	FOOD MANUFACTURES
Nevada	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES
Oregon	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS
Utah	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS
Washington	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS

Wyoming	MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL
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Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau.

EXPORTS: TOP COMMODITIES (BY STATE)

State	Exports to India(Top Commodity)
Alaska	FOOD MANUFACTURES
Arizona	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT
California	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES
Hawaii	WASTE AND SCRAP
Idaho	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
Montana	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
Nevada	PRIMARY METAL MFG
Oregon	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
Utah	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS
Washington	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT
Wyoming	CHEMICALS

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

Commercial activities and Trade Delegations:

Chattisgarh Chief Minister Visit in December

Chief Minister of Chattisgarh, Shri Raman Singh visited the East Coast of the US from Dec 1st to Dec 3rd. He held private meetings all over the Silicon Valley with members from companies like Cisco, Google, LinkedIn, among others.

Trade Enquiries

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

Pristine Exports	Psyllium Husk
Deepak Jaggery Producer Co-op. Society	Jaggery
New Aruna Exporters	Coconut products
Amsha Global Marketers	Coconut products
J.J. Overseas	Sanitary ware, Ceramic tiles and Non-woven bags.
SSB Exports	Coir products, Handicrafts, Indian Spices, Coconut products, Vegetables and Fruits
GMP Exports	Spices
Sri Pushpam Jayakumar Exports	Banana
Jay Enterprise	Spices and Agro commodities