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## *Indian Agriculture Delegation led by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation) visits Israel*



*High level Agricultural delegation meeting with their Israeli counterparts (led by Minister of Agriculture Shalom Simhon)*



*From right to left: Ambassador, Minister of Agriculture Shalom Simhon, and Dr. P.K. Mishra (Secretary A&C)*

A nine-member agriculture delegation led by Dr. P.K. Mishra, Secretary (Agriculture & Cooperation), Government of India, visited Israel from April 1-8, 2008. The objective of the visit was to review the status of bilateral agriculture cooperation including the action plan and explore ways and means to enhance it further. The delegation comprised senior officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR), National Horticulture Board and heads of Horticulture Missions from the States of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Haryana.

During the visit, the delegation met Mr.

Shalom Simhon, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the State of Israel, Ms. Yael Shaltiel, Director General of the Ministry, and had working meetings with other senior officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (ARO and CINADCO) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MASHAV).

The Embassy in cooperation with the Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute (IEICI) organized a seminar on Agriculture Opportunities in India. The Seminar was addressed by Mr. S.K. Pattanayak, Joint Secretary (National Horticulture Mission), Dr. H. P. Singh, Deputy Director General, ICAR and Mr. Feroze

Masani, Consultant, National Horticulture Board from the Indian side. Mr. Yitzhak Kiriati, Director (Agriculture), addressed the Seminar on behalf of IEICI, which was followed by brief presentations by several Israeli agriculture and water technology companies. The Seminar was followed by one-on-one business meetings.

The delegation made several field and company visits including olive plantations at Kvutzat Yavne, Mehadrin Tnuport Export, Hazera Genetics, NaanDan Jain Irrigation, various commercial fruit and horticulture nurseries and orchards, and the Mekorot waste water recycling plant at Shafdan.

## *Indian Participation in President's Conference on "Facing Tomorrow"*

To coincide with Israel's 60th Anniversary celebrations, President Shimon Peres hosted a Conference on "Facing Tomorrow" from May 13-15, 2008 in Jerusalem. Mr. Ratan Tata, Chairman of the Tata Group, participated in the Conference on invitation of President Shimon Peres. An Indian delegation comprising Mr. Shishir Tamotia, CEO of Ispat Energy Ltd., Mumbai, Mr.

A.K. Mishra, Managing Director, e-Gateway India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, Mr. V. K. Aundhe, Chief Advisor, Sathyam Power Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Pradeep Menon, Director, Absotherm Services (P) Ltd, Bangalore, Mr. Sr in iv as an Su nder as an, Economic Consultant, Verdurous, and Mr. Anchit Gupta, Focal Energy, India also participated in the Conference.



*At the venue*

## ***Visit by MATIMOP Delegation on Renewable Energies from Israel to India***



*The delegation with Hon'ble Union Minister of Science & Technology and Earth Sciences Mr. Kapil Sibal (4th from left) and H.E. Mr. Mark Sofer, Ambassador of Israel in India (fifth from left)*

A twelve-member delegation comprising leading companies engaged in various forms of renewable energy visited India from April 6-11, 2008.

The visit was organized by MATIMOP, Israeli Industry Center for R&D under the Office of the Chief Scientist of the

Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor on the Israeli side and Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA) on the Indian side.

The delegation had several meetings in New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore. The delegation was given a pre-mission briefing by Ambassador on March 26, 2008. The visit resulted in several tie-ups.



*At the interactive seminar on Renewable Energy Technologies in Mumbai*

## ***ILSI - Biomed Israel 2008***



*Dr. Patankar making his presentation at Biomed Israel 2008*

Biomed Israel 2008, the Annual Exhibition and Conference of the Israel Life Science Industry, was held from May 27-29, 2008 at the David

Inter-Continental Hotel in Tel-Aviv, Israel. Dr. Dhananjay B. Patankar, Chief Technical Officer, Intas Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. from Ahmedabad was an invited keynote speaker to the Conference. He gave a presentation on the opportunities and challenges in the Indian biotechnology sector and highlighted possibilities for furthering India-Israel cooperation in this sector. Dr. Reddy's Labs from Hyderabad was represented at the event. A couple of other Indian pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies also participated in the Exhibition/Conference. Counsellor (E&C) represented the Embassy at various events organized during Biomed.

## ***India Semiconductor Association visit to Israel***



*Ambassador addressing the seminar*

The India Semiconductor Association (ISA) led a business delegation to Israel from April 14-17, 2008. The purpose of the delegation was to explore opportunities for cooperation and collaboration between Indian and Israeli semiconductor design companies.

A half-day seminar on Opportunities for Cooperation in Semiconductors between India and Israel was organized in cooperation with the Israel Export and International Cooperation Institute (IEICI) on April 15, 2008 at their

premises. Ambassador, in his opening remarks, provided an overview of the growing Indian economy with special emphasis on the semi-conductor industry.

Other speakers included Mr. Shlomo Caine, Consultant, Israel Semiconductor Industry; Mr. David Keynan, CEO BDO-i2i; Mr. Arie Gavriely, Director Marketing and Business Development, Advasense Technologies; and Mr. Raul Goldman, Director, International Cooperation Program Asia and Pacific MATIMOP Israeli Industry Center for R&D. Mr. B.V.



*View of the participants*

Naidu, Managing Director of SemiIndia System and the leader of the delegation was the keynote speaker from the Indian side. His speech was followed by brief presentations by other members of the Indian delegation. The seminar was followed by one-on-one business meetings. During their tour to Israel, the delegation visited Yissum (Technology transfer company of Hebrew University) in Jerusalem on April 14, 2008. The delegation also visited the facilities of the Israeli semiconductor companies, Tower Semiconductor Limited, Israel Testing House (ITH) and Tessolve Services Pvt. Ltd.



*Mr. B.V. Naidu making his keynote address*

## CII participates in the 22nd International Homeland Security Exhibition



*View of the Indian Booth*

'Security Israel', The 22nd International Homeland Security Exhibition, was held

at the Exhibition Grounds in Tel Aviv from June 24-26, 2008. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) participated in the Exhibition. Ms. Lakshmi Sriram, Executive Officer, represented the CII. CII had a booth at the exhibition to showcase Indian companies and capabilities in this domain as well as information about the forthcoming International Exhibition & Conference on Safety, Security & Fire Equipments & Services to be held from February 23- 26, 2009 in Bangalore.

## Mahindra & Mahindra delegation visits Israel



*The delegates with Ambassador and Counsellor Dr. Pankaj Sharma at the Chancery*

A delegation from Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), along with representatives of India's YES Bank, visited Israel from May 17-21, 2008 to explore possibilities of cooperation with Israeli companies in the field of agribusiness. The team included Mr. Gautam Nagwekar, COO, M&M, and Mr. Vikram Puri, CEO, Mahindra Shubhlabh Services Ltd. (the food and agri business wing of M&M). Mr. Kalyan Chakravarthy, Country Head,

Food & Agri Business Strategy Advisory & Research and Mr. PS.R. Raju, Assistant V.P. Food & Agri Business Strategic Advisory & Research at YES Bank accompanied them.

The delegates visited various agricultural sites in Israel to learn about Israeli innovations in production and post-harvest techniques in various vegetable items. The delegation had a meeting with Ambassador on May 20, 2008 where they discussed various possibilities of business cooperation with Israel.



*On a field visit*

## Ambassador visits Road No. 6 Project



*Ambassador at Road No. 6 construction site*

Ambassador was invited by the Senior Management of the Highway No. 6 Project, at their headquarters. Mr. Ehud Savion, CEO of Derech Eretz, gave a detailed presentation on the project and expressed interest in cooperating with India. Mr. Savion also gave a tour of their facilities including new sections under construction.

## India event at Ruppin Academic Center



*Ambassador addressing the audience at the Ruppin Academic Center*

Ruppin Academic Center, Israel organized a half-day Seminar on "India - The Next Challenge" on June 2, 2008. Ambassador gave a presentation on "Indian Economy and Opportunities for India-Israel Cooperation".

Other keynote speakers included Prof. Shosh Arad, President of Ruppin Academic Center, Prof. Ehud Menipaz, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Management, Prof. Ben-Zion Barlev, Head, Department of Economics, Ruppin Academic Center, Mr. Mouneer Agbariya, Director, Asia-Pacific, Foreign Trade Administration, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor, Ms. Anat Bernstein-Reich, Chairperson, India-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Eliyahu Ram, Vice President, Business Development for Asia, NaanDan.

The seminar was followed by a video conference between the top managements of Ruppin Academic Center and Amity University, India to discuss tie-up and academic cooperation at the institutional level.



*Video Conference with Amity University, India (in the center, Prof. Shosh Arad, President of Ruppin Academic Center and to her right Prof. Ehud Menipaz, Dean of Business School)*

## Annual Event of the Association of Renewed Urbanization in Israel



From left to right: Ms. Irit Solzi, Ms. Prashad, Mr. Deependra Prashad, and Mr. James Hulme at the event

The Movement of Israeli Urbanism (MIU) hosted its third Annual Congress in Bat Yam, comprising various thinking workshops and seminars on May 28-29, 2008. The leading keynote speakers included Ms. Irit Solzi,



Ms. Irit Solzi, Chairperson of MIU, making her keynote address

Chairperson of the MIU, Mr. James Hulme, Director of Public Relations, The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, London and Mr. Stefan Kuhn - Director, Urban Governance, ICLEI.

Mr. Deependra Prashad, Architect/Planner and Secretary, International Network for Traditional Building, Architecture and Urbanism, from India was an invited keynote speaker. Mr. Prashad gave a presentation on the challenges of urbanization in India and the ways to meet them. He also participated in various workshops as resource person. Counsellor (E&C) represented the Embassy at the event.



Mr. Deependra Prashad of The School for Urban Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, addressing the audience at the 3rd Conference of MIU

## Israeli participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of University Industry Council at IIT Mumbai

Prof. Shlomo Maital, Academic Director of Technion Institute of Management, participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of University-Industry Council held by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at the Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai on May 9-10, 2008 on behalf of the India-Israel Innovation Program of the Samuel Neaman Institute. In his presentation, entitled "India-Israel Business Cooperation - Strawberries



Prof. Shlomo Maital addressing the gathering

and Cream?", Prof Maital described the vast potential of mutual cooperation between India and Israel and called upon India and Israel to join forces, in order to benefit from Israeli and Indian innovative ideas, many emerging from Universities, and scale them into global businesses. During the two-day conference in Mumbai, Maital had dozens of important meetings.

A follow-up conference will be held at the Samuel Neaman Institute in 2009.

## ECONOMIC NEWS FROM INDIA

### INDIAN ECONOMY

#### India's GDP to grow at 9.5% in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009

According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's real GDP is expected to grow at 9.5% in fiscal year 2009.

#### Exports increase by 22.9% in FY 2008

According to the Reserve Bank of India, country's merchandise export growth increased by 22.9% in FY 2008. Merchandise exports, in FY 2008, stood at US\$ 155.4 billion as against US\$ 126.4 billion in the previous fiscal, mainly driven by a huge jump in engineering goods, gems & jewellery and petroleum products.

#### Indian companies collected US\$ 4.2 billion via IPOs so far in 2008

The US\$ 4.2-billion raised through 21 IPOs since the beginning of 2008 marks an increase of 62% from US\$ 2.6 billion raised through 50 deals in the same period last year, according to global deal data provider Dealogic.

#### Microfinance sector to reach US\$ 5.86 billion

The microfinance sector in the country is expected to grow nearly 10 times to reach US\$ 5.86 billion in the next four years, according to a study.

#### India's number of online users is up by 27% in 1 year

According to a report titled 'The State of

Global Internet with a Focus on Asia', the size of India's cyber users rose to over 28 million users in 2008, a growth of 27% over the previous year.

#### Exports of Indian spices may touch US\$ 1.2 billion in FY 2008-09

According to the Spices Board, India's total spices export is likely to reach US\$ 1.2 billion in FY 2008-09.

#### Indian apparel business to grow over US\$ 500 billion by FY 2012-13

The Indian apparel business is estimated to touch US\$ 466-513 billion by FY 2012-13, with a growth rate of 15%, according to the leading market solution provider IRIS.

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## ***International Day at the American International School***



*India Booth at International Day at American International School*

The American International School in Even Yehuda held its Annual International Day on May 18, 2008. Several Embassies from Israel participated in the event and had country booths. The India booth showcased Indian culture, tourism and ethnic food. Indian students from the school presented an Indian dance item as well as a comedy show using a puppet.

## ***India Booth at Al-Tufula, Nazareth***



*India Booth at Al-Tufula Center*

Al-Tufula Center based in Nazareth organized its seventh annual festival called "Around the World" from June 7-9, 2008. The event was held in cooperation with several embassies, the local Municipality and leading businesses and civil society. An India booth was set up at the event in order to showcase Indian culture and tourism. More than 1800 guests participated in the event.

## ***Indian participation in the Annual Cultural Festival of Al-Amal School***

Al-Amal Elementary School based in Ramle organized its Annual Cultural Festival on World Culture on June 16, 2008. The event was held in cooperation with the Municipality of Ramle and several embassies. Hon'ble Deputy Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, Mr. Majallie Whbee inaugurated the event. An India booth was set up at the event in order to showcase Indian culture, tourism and food. Counsellor(E&C) represented the Embassy at the event.



*Hon'ble Deputy Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, Mr. Majallie Whbee at the India Booth with school staff and students*

## ***Special Evening by Namaste Israel Group in Ashdod***



*Namaste Israel in performance*

The "Namaste Israel" group of Mr. David Nigrekar organized a special evening in Ashdod on April 22, 2008. The event included colorful dance performances by the group. Ambassador and Mr. Zvi Zilker, Mayor of Ashdod, were the guests of honour. They appreciated the role of the Indian community in strengthening cultural ties between India and Israel.

## ***Cinema South Festival 2008***



*Adoor Gopalakrishnan (at right) during briefing at the screening of the film "Shadow Kill"*

The 7<sup>th</sup> Cinema South International Film Festival - 2008, organized by Sapir College of Ashkelon from June 1-5, 2008, had a special Indian programme, which opened on June 3 with the screening of the film 'Shadow Kill' in the presence of the



*Adoor Gopalakrishnan (on right) in conversation*

## ***Street Games at Hod Hasharon***



*Having fun at the event*

Indian "street" games were organized by Bension Benjamin and Ruth Greenfield at Arba Onot park in Hod Hasharon on April 5, 2008. The games, including Kho-Kho, Pithoo, etc., are held every year to "refresh" Indian memories. Ambassador gifted books on the occasion.

director Adoor Gopalakrishnan. Three Indian films 'Lagaan' (Hindi), 'Nizbalkutta' (Malayalam) and 'Vidheyan' (Malayalam), arranged by the Embassy, were also screened at the festival along with other Indian movies.



*Female artistes of the group*

**Kiryat Gat**



*Ambassador with Mayor Dabari*

A special programme was jointly organized by the Indian organization "Amuta Chadek" and Municipality of Kiryat Gat on April 3, 2008 to commemorate 60 years of the Independence of Israel. Dances and Hindi songs were presented by different dance groups of Indian origin. About 700 persons attended. Ambassador and Mr. Aviram Dahari, Mayor of Kiryat Gat, were



*Ambassador and Dr. Maina Chawla Singh with Mayor of Kiryat Gat Mr. Aviram Dabari (in centre)*

the guests of honour. They also presented certificates of appreciation to some members of the Indian community for their community service.



*Dance performance at the function*

**Kiryat Bialik**

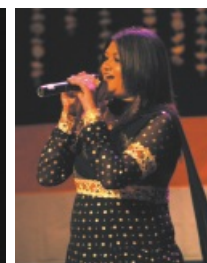


The Indian immigrant community of "Kali Yaakob Eynai" Synagogue, Kiryat Bialik held an event at Ulamei Chen, Sabinia, Keren Ha Yesod-64 in Kiryat Bialik on May 27, 2008 to mark the 60th Anniversary of Israel and the 60th anniversary of the first Indian immigrant who came to settle in Kiryat Bialik. The event was organized by Mr. Joel Jhirad, community volunteer, Mr. Moshe Pinhas, Dy. Mayor of Kiryat Bialik, Mr. Mordechai Elias, community member and Mr. Jacob Zvi, Ex-Treasurer. Ambassador and Mayor of Kiryat Bialik

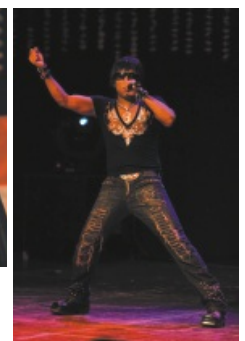
were the guests of honour at the occasion. Ambassador in his address briefed the gathering about KIP schemes of the Ministry of MOIA, OCI card facility, etc., and appreciated the contribution of the Indian community for sustaining interest in Indian culture/traditions. Mr. Noah Massil, President of COIJI, spoke about Indian Jews in Israel and their activities. Mr. Joel Jhirad welcomed Ambassador and other guests. The event featured presentation of awards and cultural performances that included Su Swagatam to the 60th anniversary celebrations, Indian classical dance performances, Dandya, etc. The performances were presented by artists Ofira, Dan Shishron, Elinor (dance), Sapana Group and Indian Orchestra by Ashdod folklore group. Indian snacks were served. The event was attended by about 450 persons from the Indian community.

**Ramle**

A special Indian evening was organized at Heichal Ha'sport in Ramle on May 10, 2008 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Israel. Ambassador was the guest of honour. The event, organized by Shalom Ashtivkar, Chairman, COIJI, included dance performances by 'Namaste Israel' group and Hindi songs by artists from India. About 400 Indian community people attended the event. The artists also performed at Ashdod and Dimona.



*Perormances at the event*



**Annual Maiboli get together**



*Ambassador addressing the gathering*

The annual Maiboli get together was held at Heichal Ha'tarbut in Lod on May 15, 2008. The event was organized by the editorial board of "Maiboli", a Marathi quarterly magazine published in Israel by the Indian Jewish community hailing from Maharashtra. Ambassador was the guest of honour along with Mayor of Lod Mr. Ilan Harari. In his address,



*Dr. Maina Chawla Singh speaking on the occasion*

Ambassador briefed the gathering about the KIP programmes being sponsored by the Ministry of MOIA. Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the quarterly magazine "Maiboli" and its role in promoting Indian culture in Israel. Mr. Noah Massil, Chairman and Editor of "Maiboli", in his address, thanked Ambassador and the Embassy of India for the continued support being rendered to the Indian Jewish community in Israel. Marathi and Hindi songs were rendered at the function.

*(Continued from page 4)***INVESTMENTS****FDI rises by 127% in April 2008**

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in April saw a 127% rise over the corresponding month last year, touching US\$ 3.74 billion. FDI in FY 2007-08 was US\$ 25 billion and the target for the current financial year has been set at US\$ 35 billion.

**Foreign investment pumped up reserves**

Foreign investment was the biggest source of accretion to India's foreign exchange reserves in FY 2007-08 at US\$ 44.8 billion, against US\$ 15.6 billion in the previous year. Under foreign investment, portfolio investments pumped in US\$ 29.3 billion against US\$ 7.1 billion in the previous year while FDI brought in US\$ 15.5 billion, up from US\$ 8.5 billion.

**Cairn India to invest US\$ 2 billion over 18 months**

Cairn India, the Indian arm of British oil and gas company Cairn Energy, plans to invest about US\$ 2 billion in the country over the next 18 months for developing oil fields and building a pipeline, which will deliver oil from Barmer in Rajasthan to the coastal areas of Gujarat.

**Punjab receives investment proposals totaling US\$ 308.80 million**

The Indian state of Punjab has received six fresh investment proposals totaling US\$ 308.80 million from companies, including Green Plywood, Century Plywood for setting up of agro based industries, which would generate 3,500 jobs in the state.

**REAL ESTATE****Realty sector to grow 30% in next 10 years**

According to Assocham, the realty sector is projected to grow at the rate of 30% annually over the next decade, attracting foreign investments worth US\$ 30 billion, with a number of IT parks and residential townships being constructed across India.

**Realty market investment to rise to US\$ 20 billion by 2010**

Investment in the Indian realty market is likely to increase to US\$ 20 billion by 2010 with a boost from Real Estate Mutual Funds and Real Estate Investment Trust.

**Omaxe to build 1 million 'affordable' homes**

Realty firm Omaxe has lined up a 20-billion dollar investment to develop one million 'affordable' homes for low-income consumers. The company is planning to offer these housing units, to be developed in the next five years, in a price range of US\$ 7,200 to US\$ 36,000 per flat.

**Parsvnath to open 5-10 stores in 2008-09**

Real estate company Parsvnath outlined plans for an aggressive retail foray and announced it would open five to ten stores -

in a mix of formats including hypermarket, convenience stores, food joints and very large stores - during the current fiscal year.

**Apollo to invest US\$ 247 million for setting up 15 hospitals**

Medical care services provider Apollo Hospitals group plans to invest about US\$ 247 million in the next 18 months to set up 15 hospitals in tier-II and tier-III cities in India. The hospital chain, which seeks to expand overseas, is also planning to re-enter Sri Lanka besides expanding operations in Africa.

**Dawnay Day to invest US\$ 300 million in setting up Ten Hotels**

Dawnay Day International, a London-headquartered group with gross assets to the tune of US\$ 4 billion, is setting up a chain of four-star hotels in India, starting with a Jaipur property that is expected to be opened in November 2008.

**TELECOM / IT / BIOTECHNOLOGY****Intel to invest US\$ 40 billion in partnership with Indian IT companies**

Intel Corp. plans to invest US\$ 40 billion in partnership with Indian IT companies to create an end-to-end IT solution for the health sector in the country. Intel will join hands with Hyderabad-based Karishma Software Ltd for Jeeva - its integrated healthcare information system for hospitals with bed capacities between 40 and 240.

**India registers 10,000 mobile phone sales every hour**

As many as 10,000 mobile phones were sold in India every hour during January - March 2008, according to the IDC's Asia/Pacific Quarterly Mobile Phone Tracker.

**Nokia targets rural India in expansion plans**

Rural India could well become the focus of the world's biggest mobile phone maker, Nokia, in its expansion plans in one of the fastest-growing wireless markets. India is already adding about eight million mobile-phone subscriptions a month, making the country one of the world's fastest-growing markets for both Nokia and its rivals.

**Dell to widen retail network in India**

Dell India announced that it would widen its retail network in India, and it was looking at partnerships with other retail outlets in India to enhance its presence in the laptop and desktop computer sector. Dell currently ranks third in the Indian market with a share of 7.6%.

**India to build 43 new IT cities in 10 years**

The Indian government is planning to build 43 new information technology cities across the country in order to tap the huge surge in demand for IT-enabled services over the next 10 years.

**Satyam BPO ranked second globally**  
IT services provider Satyam Computer announced that Satyam BPO, its business process outsourcing arm, has been ranked second among the world's leading BPO vendors in Brown-Wilson Group's Black Book of Outsourcing.

**Asia gets its first Bio Safety Level-4 facility in India**

Biovet, an integrated biotechnology firm, launched Asia's first Bio Safety Level-4 (BSL-4) manufacturing facility, specifically designed to enable product development and manufacturing of vaccines like Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine (FMD), in Malur, 30 km from Bangalore.

**Biotech sector posts 30% growth in FY 2007-08**

The domestic biotechnology industry is now a US\$ 3-billion sector, registering 30% growth in FY 2007-08 over the previous year.

**Asia's first human DNA bank comes up in Lucknow**

Asia's first and the world's second human DNA bank has been set up at the Biotech Park in Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow district. The members of the DNA bank will receive a microchip-based DNA card containing information of their fingerprints, and anthropological details. The DNA park has been developed under a public private partnership by IQRA Biotech Services (IBS) and Lucknow's Biotech Park.

**AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY****Ford to make India hub for engine exports**

Ford Motor Co., the second-largest US automaker, plans to export engines from India to the Asia-Pacific region to take advantage of cheaper production costs in the country. Ford is spending US\$ 500 million in expanding its factory in Chennai, to make 250,000 engines and 200,000 vehicles annually by 2010.

**Fiat sets up central sourcing centre in India**

Fiat is setting up a group purchasing office in India, as part of its strategy to cut costs by buying more components from low-cost centres such as India and China.

**Volkswagen to use Indian vendors for global small car**

Volkswagen, plans to take advantage of the competence of its Indian small car vendors for global markets from where it would produce a similar model. Volkswagen has finalised some suppliers and is in discussions with many of the firms for various parts that would go in making its small car, expected to hit the Indian roads by FY 2009-10. Volkswagen indicated that it would be using the domestic supply base for its compact car to be produced in emerging markets such as Russia and Brazil.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN INDIA

### India International Garment Fair 2008

International exhibition for Garments & Apparels, July 17-19, 2008, Pragati Meidan, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### Hyderabad Jewellery Pearl & Gem Fair

July 24-27, 2008, Hitex Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad

[www.jewelleryfair.in](http://www.jewelleryfair.in)

### India International Build Expo

August 1-3, 2008, Chennai Trade Centre, Chennai

[www.expogr.com](http://www.expogr.com)

### International Franchise & Licensing Expo

August 2-4, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### International Lift & Escalator Expo

August 2-4, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### International Food, Beverage & Technology Exhibition

August 6-8, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.exhibitionsindia.com](http://www.exhibitionsindia.com)

### HRWM-India International Recycle & Waste Management Exhibition-2008

August 16-18, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### India International Stationery Products Trade Fair

August 20-23, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### Renewable Energy India 2008 Expo

Exhibition and Convention on bio energy, energy efficiency, hydro energy, solar energy, tidal energy, and wind energy. August 21-23, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.exhibitionsindia.com](http://www.exhibitionsindia.com)

### Global Conference on Nutraceuticals, Functional Foods & Dietary Supplements

August 28, 2008, Mumbai

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### Times International Fire Safety Expo

August 29-31, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### India International Travel Mart (IITM)

September 6-8, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### 4TH ELCOMP India 2008

September 10-12, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.exhibitionsindia.com](http://www.exhibitionsindia.com)

### 5th Annual International Real Estate Summit 2008

September 10-11, 2008, Mumbai

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### 5th Annual International Real Estate Summit

September 10-11, 2008, Mumbai

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### India Electricity

September 11-13, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### India Packaging International Expo

September 18 - 21, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### Asian Export Commodities Trade Fair 2008

September 25 - 28, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### Global Conference on Shipbuilding Industry

September 25-26, 2008, New Delhi

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### 3rd International Landscape & Gardening Expo 2008

September 26 - 28, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### Food Ingredients India

October 3-4, 2008, Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai

<http://india2008.ficci-events.com/content/default.aspx>

### Sports Goods Fair

October 3 - 6, 2008, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### Texworld India

October 10 - 12, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### India Aviation 2008

October 15 - 18, 2008, Hyderabad

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### IFSEC India (International Fire & Security Exhibition)

October 16 - 18, 2008, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### International Machine Tools Expo

October 22-25, 2008, Mumbai

[www.biztradeshows.com](http://www.biztradeshows.com)

### International Arogya Fair

October 23 - 26, 2008, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### Annapoorna - World of Food India 2008

November 13 - 15, 2008, Mumbai

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### International Foodservice India 2008

November 13-15, 2008, Mumbai

[www.ficci.com](http://www.ficci.com)

### India International Trade Fair

November 14 - 27, 2008, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### Bengaluru Space Expo 2008

November 29 - December 1, 2008 Bangalore International Exhibition Center, Bengaluru, India

[www.bsx08.com](http://www.bsx08.com)

### Construction Machinery, Builders' Hardware and Signages Show

December 3 - 6, 2008, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### Energy Expo

December 14 - 17, 2008, New Delhi

[www.indiatradefair.com](http://www.indiatradefair.com)

### India Stonemart 2009

January 8-11, 2009, Jaipur

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### 6th International Exhibition & Congress on Building Materials & Construction Technologies

February 25-27, 2009

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