

India-Japan sign 15 agreements

India and Japan have recently launched work on a high-speed train in the western Indian state of Gujarat, during a visit by Japan's Hon'ble Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The bullet train will link Ahmadabad to India's financial capital of Mumbai. Hon'ble Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Shinzo Abe has also signed 15 agreements to deepen the strategic and global partnership between the two nations.

The 500-kilometer (310-mile) bullet train project will be financed by Japanese credit of \$17 billion and is expected to be completed by 2022. The loan carries a nominal interest of 0.1% to be paid over the next 50 years. The government has advanced the deadline for completing Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed train corridor by one year from 2023 to 2022.

The foundation stone of an institute that will be set up in Gujarat's Vadodara city to train around 4,000 people to run the high-speed train, was also laid. The high-speed train will give a boost to infrastructure development in India's fast-growing western industrial region, contribute to economic growth and decongest crowded cities.

List of 15 MoUs signed between India and Japan are :

S. No.	Memorandums	Description
<u>A. Disaster Risk Management</u>		
1	MOC between the Ministry of Home Affairs, of the Government of the Republic of India and the Cabinet Office of the Government of Japan	<i>Aims to cooperate and collaborate in the field of disaster risk reduction and to share the experiences, knowledge and policies on disaster prevention.</i>
<u>C. Skills Development</u>		
2	MoC in the field of Japanese Language Education in India between MEA and MOFA, Japan	<i>To further strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation in the field of Japanese language education in India</i>
<u>D. Connectivity</u>		
3	India Japan Act East Forum	<i>To enhance connectivity and promote developmental projects in the North Eastern Region of India in an efficient and effective manner</i>
<u>E. Economic & Commercial</u>		
4	Arrangement between India Post and Japan Post on Administrative Instruction for the Implementation of Cool EMS service	<i>Aims at implementing the commercial arrangement of "Cool EMS" service between the Japan Post and India Post through which fresh food can be sent from Japan to India in cool boxes to facilitate for the Japanese expatriates in India</i>
<u>F. Investment (Gujarat)</u>		
5	India-Japan Investment Promotion Road map between DIPP and METI	<i>To facilitate and accelerate the Japanese investments in India</i>
6	MOC between METI and the State of Gujarat on 'Japan-India special programme for Make In India' in Mandal Bechraj-Khoraj in Gujarat	<i>To Cooperate in infrastructure development programmes in theMandal Bechraj-Khorajregion</i>
<u>G. Civil Aviation</u>		

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7	Exchange of RoD on Civil Aviation Cooperation (Open Sky)	<i>It opens skies between India and Japan i.e. Indian and Japanese carriers can mount now unlimited number of flights to the selected cities of each other's countries.</i>
<u>H. Science & Technology</u>		
8	Agreement for International joint exchange programme between interdisciplinary theoretical and mathematical sciences programme (ITHEMS), RIKEN and National Centres for Biological Sciences (Simons-NCBS)	<i>To establish a Joint Exchange Program to identify and foster talented young scientists from both the countries to collaborate in the field of theoretical biology</i>
9	Joint Research Contract between National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science & Technology (AIST), Japan and Department of Biotechnology (DBT)	<i>To conduct joint research and to establish an International Center named as "DBT-AIST International CENTER for Translational & Environmental Research (DAICENTER)" at AIST, Japan in order to promote science and technology in both the institutions and countries.</i>
10	MOU Between DBT and National Institute of Advanced Science & Technology (AIST)	<i>To promote research collaboration between DBT Research Institutes and AIST in the field of Life Science and Biotechnology</i>
<u>I. Sports</u>		
11	MoU on International Academic and Sports Exchange between Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU)	<i>To facilitate and deepen international education cooperation and exchanges between Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, India and Nippon Sport Science University, Japan</i>
12	MoU on International Academic and Sports Exchange between Sports Authority of India and Nippon Sports Science University, Japan (NSSU)	<i>To facilitate and deepen international education cooperation and exchanges between both Sports Authority of India and Nippon Sport Science University, Japan</i>
13	LETTER OF INTENT between Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education (LNIPE) and University of Tsukuba, Japan	<i>To strengthen strategic collaboration, joint research programme and exchanges between Lakshmbai National Institute of Physical Education, India and University of Tsukuba, Japan</i>
14	LETTER OF INTENT between Sports Authority of India and University of Tsukuba, Japan	<i>To strengthen strategic collaboration, joint research programme and exchanges between University of Tsukuba, Japan and Sports Authority of India</i>
<u>J. Academics/Think Tank</u>		
15	MoU between RIS and IDE-JETRO for promotion of Cooperation in Research Related Activities	<i>To promote institutional cooperation between RIS and IDE-JETRO to strengthen the capacity of research and effectiveness of dissemination of research findings</i>

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