

STRENGTHENING TIES

BETWEEN INDIA AND OMAN



THE MINISTER FOR COMMERCE & INDUSTRY & CIVIL AVIATION, SHRI SURESH PRABHU LED THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE SULTANATE OF OMAN FOR THE 8TH SESSION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING 2018 FROM JULY 16-18, 2018.



Mr. Prabhu interacted with the members of the Indian diaspora in Oman who according to him "play an important role in strengthening ties of business and friendship between India and Oman".



He visited the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque and the Royal Opera House in Muscat. The Minister observed that culture, art and music are the new hallmarks of Oman's development model and appreciated the leadership of His Highness Qaboos bin Said al Said.

The Minister then co-chaired the India Oman Joint Commission Meeting along with his Omani counterpart, H.E. Dr. Ali bin Masoud bin Ali Al Sunaidy. Both sides had positive discussions on areas of mutual cooperation and growth like space, renewable energy, Startups, SMEs, Food security, tourism and services sector.



Mr. Prabhu interacted Omani media correspondents after the India Oman Joint Commission Meeting and remarked that India and Oman share warm and cordial ties which are to only grow stronger in the future.



In the evening of Day 1 of the visit, Minister Prabhu interacted with the Indian business delegation to Oman led by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI).

He also addressed the welcome reception hosted in his honour by Shri Indra Mani Pandey, Ambassador of India to Oman. It was attended by H.E. Dr. Ali bin Masoud bin Ali Al Sunaidy, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Sultanate of Oman, various Omani business leaders & members Indian business community.



The Day 2 of the visit started with the Minister having a breakfast meeting with business leaders of Oman and Indian investors in Oman, accompanied by Mr. Pankaj Khimji, Co-chair of the Joint Business Council.



Minister Prabhu addressed the Joint Business Council (JBC) with H.E. Dr. Ali bin Masoud bin Ali Al Sunaidy, Minister of Commerce & Industry of the Sultanate of Oman. He invited Omani companies to build on their success in India and make investments to benefit from the Indian Government's focus on initiatives like #MakeInIndia, #InvestIndia, #StartupIndia, #DigitalIndia and more, which would lead to a win-win outcome for both sides.

Post the JBC meeting, Mr. Prabhu had a detailed interaction with Omani businesspersons. He sought their inputs and invited them to invest and benefit from the positive investment potential that India represents.



Minister Prabhu's visit to the Sultanate of Oman and deliberations in both the India-Oman Joint Committee Meeting and the Joint Business Council meeting further reinforces the bilateral ties between India and Oman.

