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EPRC: Taking the State Ahead **First Meeting of the Economic Policy and Reforms Council**

The State Government will evolve some concrete plans and formulate proposals by December 2004 to implement some of the significant recommendations made by the Council's members.

Ms. Vasundhara Raje,
Chief Minister, Rajasthan



The first meeting of the Economic Policy and Reforms Council (EPRC) was held on 14th and 15th September 2004 in the State Capital, Jaipur.

EPRC have been formed to act as a think-tank to the Government for providing a thrust to sustained economic development in the State with focus on generating employment potential. The Council comprises CEOs of the leading corporations, eminent educationists, human resource development specialists and economists.

Within the Council, four committees have been constituted focusing on the reforms and development of various sectors. These committees are Finance, Investment, Infrastructure and Human Resource Development. A meeting of the Finance Committee was held earlier on the 2nd of September 2004 at New Delhi.

During the two-day event, three expert groups on Infrastructure, Investment and Human Resource Development deliberated with the State Government and called for judicious management of resources and new initiatives in these fields.

Well known names like C. K. Birla, Chairman, C. K. Birla Group of Companies; Dr. Swati A. Piramal, Director, Strategic Alliances & Communication, Nicholas Piramal India Ltd.; R. S. Nirjar, President, Indian Society for Technical Education and Yogesh Deveshwar, Chairman, ITC participated in the event.

On the 14th September 2004, at the inaugural ceremony, Ms. Vasundhara Raje, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan and Chairperson of EPRC presented her Vision Document for the progress and development of State. The document highlighted the six ideals for ensuring people's welfare,

Rajasthan Foundation wishes you a very Happy New Year!



Smt. Raje in conversation with the panel of experts

development of infrastructure and expansion of economic activities in the State. The Chief Minister pointed out that the vision goals of her Government included elimination of hunger and malnutrition, providing gainful employment, creation of economic infrastructure, filling up social infrastructure gaps, enhancing governance and taking special care of the disadvantaged.

Rajasthan faced the problems of hunger and malnutrition mainly due to recurrent droughts, erratic rainfall and fragile environment, said Ms. Raje. In this regard, the State Government had already taken up works pertaining to water conservation, development of small, rural and agro-industries and diversification of tourism industry, she added.

After the inaugural session, sector-specific group meetings were held. In these meetings, sector-specific presentations were made by senior officers of the State apprising the group experts about the current scenario and the issues facing the sector. The deliberations that followed these presentations focused on evolving a strategy to address the issues and developing an action plan.

On the concluding day, general discussions were held in respect to plans for restructuring State's economy.

The EPRC's sub-groups suggested value addition to services, encouragement to public-private partnership in key areas, better urban-rural connectivity, audit on quality of education, promotion of knowledge technology and "hard decisions" in the power sector.

The HRD group favoured the elimination of the grass root level problems of school dropouts. Non-governmental organisations and private partnership should be encouraged in the field of education and government must supplement their efforts. To further improve the condition in primary and secondary education they felt there was a need to motivate and upgrade the knowledge of the 300

and odd educational managers to bring desired level of commitment and ensuring meritocracy as an important criterion for their professional advancement. For accelerating the teachers' training programme the use of tele-education methods and edu-sat was suggested.

In the field of higher and technical education, it was stressed to prepare a Model Act for the Universities in Rajasthan ensuring

quality education and accountability.

To encourage employability of students the experts recommended starting of self-financing courses in the



Smt. Raje addressing the Council

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EPRC: Accelerating State's Progress

EPRC has been constituted by Smt. Vasundhara Raje to help the Government accelerate the socio-economic development in the State. The Council would suggest reforms in the economic policy to make the State more competitive in the era of globalisation and liberalisation. This step would help the Government in attracting investments, generating employment, in devising effective legal and regulatory framework and in providing supportive administrative structure.

As the think tank of Government for accelerating the economic growth the Council will perform following functions:

- Suggest reforms in the Economic Policy at the State level in the context of increasing liberalisation and globalisation and integration of the national economy both internally as well as with external agents
- Undertake policy planning for resource mobilisation
- Initiate strategic planning for long term investment policies
- Undertake reforms of State interventions in order to achieve the developmental goals (including Millennium Developmental Goals) and targeting of the anti-poverty programme keeping in view issues of gender, environment and sustainability
- Undertake steps for creation of social and economic infrastructure (including urban infrastructure), small and medium enterprises, health, education, drinking water, sanitation, etc.
- Undertake evaluation and guidance of innovative schemes including exploring options for more effective public services especially through e-governance, transparency and citizen-government interface
- Undertake steps for improving resource utilisation in various sectors of the economy
- Identify steps for improving public-private partnership
- Any other subject assigned by the Chairperson/Government

The Economic Policy and Reform Council would provide strategic inputs to the Government for increasing private sector participation, creating resources, capabilities, infrastructure and systems so

that economic activities could flourish in the State.

THE COUNCIL

Chairperson

Ms. Vasundhara Raje

Deputy Chairman

Mr. Hari Shankar Bhabra

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1. Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman, M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai
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15. Mr. Deepak S. Parekh, Chairman, Housing Development Finance Corporation
16. Mr. R. K. Pachauri, Director-General, Tata Energy Research Institute
17. Dr. Swati A. Piramal, Director, Strategic Alliances & Communication, Nicholas Piramal India Ltd.
18. Mr. K. P. Singh, M.D., Tata Projects Ltd.
19. Mr. R. S. Nirjar, President, Indian Society for Technical Education
20. Chief Secretary, GoR Member Secretary
Principal Secretary, Finance and Principal Secretary, Industries shall be special invitees.

The Council would be serviced by the existing set up of the erstwhile State Planning Board.

University system. To make the education available to all it was felt that institutions should be set up in backward areas with public-private partnership. The experts opined that incentive should be

given to women, weaker sections and disabled persons to pursue higher education

In the sector of health and family welfare, it was stressed that efforts must be made to reduce the burden of diseases like child blindness,

malnutrition and maternal mortality. Efficient management of healthcare workers, drugs delivery system and quick response to epidemics will help in advancing better facilities to the population.

The expert panel on infrastructure felt the need for optimum and judicious use of both ground and surface water. They suggested to make the energy policy more holistic and take into consideration not only conventional but also solar and biomass power.

For increasing the role of private sector in the road development, the experts felt that BOT Policy should provide menu of concessions and options to the entrepreneurs and

prioritization of road programme should be on explicit norms such as traffic densities.

The Investment group suggested reviewing of the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2003. It was suggested to incorporate



Smt. Raje in discussion with
Mr. C K Birla, Chairman, C K Birla Group of Companies

specific sectoral policies, setting out goals, timetable and accountabilities in the policy to attract more investment in the State.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Raje reiterated the commitment of her government towards rapid development of the State through a time-bound programme and promised to evolve a mechanism to ensure implementation of final policy document, which would be submitted by the expert groups within 100 days.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005



The Government of Rajasthan (GoR) is all set to participate in the upcoming Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005 and welcome the non-resident community.

The third Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is being organised by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India and the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) at Mumbai from the 7th to 9th January, 2005.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India will inaugurate the event. H.E Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, President of India shall confer the "Pravasi Bharatiya Samman" Awards on the 9th of January.

There will be a special Interactive Session with the Government of Rajasthan on the 8th of January, 2004. Smt. Vasundhara Raje, hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan will herself be present at the session and interact with the delegates. GoR will also participate in the concurrent exhibition through a Rajasthan Pavilion.

Ms. Savitri Kunadi Joins as Chairperson, RF Executive Committee



Ms. Savitri Kunadi has joined Rajasthan Foundation as the Chairperson of the RF Executive Committee.

Serving as Indian Ambassador to France until recently, she joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1967. During her career spanning 37 years in the foreign services, Ms. Kunadi

held several important positions in Indian missions abroad in different parts of the world and in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. These included postings in Paris, Warsaw, New York, Peru and Bolivia and Geneva interspersed with postings in New Delhi.

She has served on important assignments including First Secretary (Commercial) in Indian Embassy in Warsaw (1977-80); Minister Counsellor in Permanent Mission of India, New York (1983-86); Indian Representative in the UN Security Council; Ambassador of India to Peru and Bolivia (1986-89); Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO in Paris (1989-92); Joint Secretary/Additional Secretary UN & International Organizations in MEA (1992-97); Ambassador/PR of India to UN and Conference on Disarmament in Geneva (1998-2002) and Indian Ambassador to France (2002-04).

Ms. Kunadi has specialized in multilateral diplomacy and handled several important UN and non aligned conferences. She was leader of Indian delegations to several sessions of Commission on Human Rights in Geneva and

conference of UNESCO, ILO, WHO, WIPO, UNCTAD, UNHCR etc.

Ms. Kunadi has attended several sessions of the UN General Assembly as member of the official Indian delegation besides several NAM conferences. She was actively involved in negotiating UN resolutions and conference documents.

She served as the Member Secretary of the National Preparatory Commission for landmark summits during the 1990's: World Social Development Summit, World Population Conference, World Conference on Human Rights, Women's Conference and Education for All Summit. She chaired the Commission on Sustainable Development established by the Rio Earth Summit.

Ms. Kunadi also has wide experience in handling bilateral relations. As Ambassador of India to France during the last two years, she handled several sensitive issues and vigorously promoted India's role as an important emerging economic and political power on the global scene. She vigorously promoted bilateral ties in the field of culture, space and defence cooperation, and trade relations.

Ms. Kunadi has published several articles and delivered speeches at UN and International Conferences dealing with wide variety of subjects.

Ms. Kunadi holds a B.A. (Hons.) degree from Bombay University in History and Political Science and a Master's Degree from University of Rajasthan. She topped the Bombay University and University of Rajasthan in these examinations.

Word from the Chairperson

My dear Rajasthanis,

I am happy to inform you that I have recently taken over as Chairperson of the Executive Committee of Rajasthan Foundation - an organization, which has constantly endeavoured to provide the NRIs a forum to reach out to their homeland, and be able to contribute towards its growth and development in an organised and planned manner. I am aware of the great opportunity which lies ahead of me to contribute towards further enlarging and cementing your bonds with Rajasthan.

The Foundation has miles to go in fulfilling the objectives set for it during the deliberations of IRC-2000. This would be possible only with the active support and guidance from all concerned. However, the role of members of the Governing Body of the Foundation and the members of NRR community spread all over India and the world is bound to be most critical especially in view of the eminence, experience and status enjoyed by them. We are, indeed, fortunate that the Governing Body is headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Vasundhara Raje, who has expressed her firm commitment to the cause of the development of the State of Rajasthan and the welfare of our people.

Serving as Indian Ambassador to France until recently, I joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1967. During my 37-year career in the Indian Foreign Service, I have held several important positions in Indian Missions abroad in different parts of the world and in the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. These included postings in Paris, Warsaw, Peru, Bolivia and to Indian Missions to UN in New York and Geneva interspersed with postings in New Delhi. On assignments abroad, I got the opportunity to meet and interact with NRIs. Vivid in my memory is the love and affection that non-resident Rajasthanis (NRRs) carry in their hearts for their motherland. The Rajasthani Diaspora clearly stands out for closeness to its culture and traditions and for its yearning to connect to roots. All of us here at the Foundation look forward to meeting you at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in January 2005 in Mumbai. The Government of Rajasthan has also decided to celebrate Rajasthan Divas (the 30th of March, 2005) on a grand scale by actively involving the non-resident community.

I am sure that such interactions and your fervent and patriotic spirit would lead to a new era in your relationship with your motherland. I look forward to your continued co-operation with the Rajasthan Foundation.

Savitri Kunadi

Chairperson, Executive Committee, Rajasthan Foundation

Jaipur hosts the CII International Conference on Tourism

Speaking at the inaugural session of the 5th International Conference cum Showcase India: Tourism & Heritage, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Vasundhara Raje, made an urgent appeal to bring back royal tourism. She opined that one of the mainstays of tourism in Britain was royal tourism. She felt that we need to change existing mindsets and benefit from the fascination that global travellers have, towards India's royal past.

The 2-day conference was organised by CII, jointly with the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in partnership with the Republic of South Africa. The venue of the conference was carefully chosen to be Jaipur, the royal city famous the world over.

She mentioned that the State tourism budget had been doubled in 2004-05 and agreed that tourism could be at the forefront of economic development in the State.

Among the most necessary steps needed to grow tourism, she spoke of international airport in Jaipur and Udaipur; an international convention centre in Jaipur; upgradation and documentation of museums; beautification and restoration of Amer Fort; a world class golf course in Jaipur; health tourism; religious tourism; encouraging film shoots and a film city among others.

She noted with warmth that many people come to Rajasthan to get married. The romance and beauty of the land made it an ideal for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. She also felt that the fairs and festivals of Rajasthan would benefit hugely with the involvement of the private sector. Rajasthan has 24 fairs and festivals each year and if 24 private entities are competing to attract the highest number of visitors, the entire State and its people would stand to gain.

The partner country of South Africa was represented by His Excellency, Mr. Thaba Alfred Mufamadi, Minister for Finance & Economic Affairs; Limpopo Province. In his address, the minister reminded the audience of the endless

commonalities between India and South Africa, symbolized above all in the towering personalities of Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Nelson Mandela.

CEOs' CONCLAVE

The second day brought together CEOs of various companies for an intense two-hour conclave on the issues facing the tourism industry today.

The CEOs were split into groups and allotted a topic each to deliberate upon. The Chairperson of each group then came to the podium to present the recommendations of the group.

Human Resource Development

The group on Human Resource Development underscored the fact that close to 80% people earning their living from tourism could be classified as part of the unorganized sector. That is, those outside the luxury hotels, car rental companies and State emporia. These included the taxi drivers; the roadside tea sellers, the guides etc. This is where HR training is needed the most. The group also felt that even the issues of neglected or vandalized monuments and clean cities is essentially an HR problem.

The group's recommendations included: an awareness campaign; inclusion of tourism in the curricula of schools and colleges and "each one teach one" in tourism.

Tourism Infrastructure

The group on Tourism Infrastructure believed that there was a huge gap between "Brand India" and "Experience India". The brand raises expectations, which the actual experience may belie. The country needed not only physical infrastructure but also "mental" infrastructure.

The group recommended that a committee should be set up under the Chief Minister of each state involving professionals from the field, to oversee the creation of tourism infrastructure. The group also recommended setting up of a professionally managed tourism board. Special tourism economic zones should be created where land should be allotted to private promoters to build hotels



in various categories, convention centres, shopping complexes for handicrafts, tourism offices and the like. Research & Development committees should be set up to develop new tourism products.

Medical & Health Tourism

Mr. Ashok Pareek, Head, Capital Markets, SREI Capital Markets Ltd. stated that there were immense investment opportunities in medical and health tourism. Till a few years ago, it was unthinkable that travellers would come to India for a heart bypass or a knee replacement surgery. Visitors from overseas willing to spend as many as 14 days at one place, seeking rejuvenation and wellness. Mr. Pareek opined that well-devised and properly structured projects will definitely attract funds from investors.

Dr. Nishith Chandra, a Cardiologist from the Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre spoke of a patient who would have spent around \$200,000 for a heart valve replacement in the US, coming to India instead. Here, he got the same level of medical care, enjoyed a post-surgery trip to Rajasthan and spent nearly \$10,000, all included.

In the UK, for instance, the NHS patients had to face a waiting period of up to 2 years for a cataract operation. On an average, surgeries in India cost one-fifth of similar procedures in the developed countries of the world.

Dr. Chandra sought to differentiate the two sectors of medical and health tourism. Medical tourism was when a patient had an ailment he wanted to be cured of. Health tourism was aimed at preventing illness and rejuvenation therapies, especially through yoga and ayurveda. India was strongly positioned to offer both western modern medicine as well as various schools of traditional healing. It was estimated that around 1,50,000 medical tourists were already arriving in India every year.

Finally, Mr. S.S.H. Rehman, Chairman, CII National Committee on Tourism & Heritage and Director, ITC Ltd., said that he was hopeful of seeing a positive outcome of the deliberations.

The dignitaries present in the valedictory session included H.H. Prince Radu of Hohenzollern-Veringen, Romania. He is the Romanian Government's representative on Integration, Co-operation and Sustainable Development. The Prince spoke of his country's age-old fascination with



Smt. Vasundhara Raje taking a round at the exhibition

India, its culture and history. He declared that Romania was very eager to develop educational, cultural and touristic ties with India. He remarked that if you saw the map; then Romania, India and the conference's partner country South Africa formed a neat triangle. And each country had a history of fighting for dignity and freedom.

Ms. Usha Punia, Minister of State for Tourism, Government of Rajasthan reminded everyone that 18th November marked the 278th anniversary of the foundation of Jaipur. She reiterated that the Government of Rajasthan was totally determined to promote tourism and that the Chief Minister herself understood the needs and demands of the industry.

Two examples of success were cited. The first was the Palace on Wheels, which reported 3,100 bookings this season. And the advance bookings for the season of 2005-06 are very heartening. The second was the recent Dussehra Festival in Jaipur, which was a true example of public-private partnership, involving the Government, the royal family and the people of Jaipur. ■

From the Commissioner's Desk

My Dear Rajasthanis

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. We will start the new year on a good note by interacting with the Rajasthanis brethren at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2005. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Smt. Vasundhara Raje too would join us at the Interactive Session with Government of Rajasthan on the 8th of January.

The recently held Chapter Conference got together representatives of various chapters not only in India but even abroad. The deliberations in the conference are sure to provide a new impetus to the activities of the Foundation.

The Chairperson of the Foundation, Smt. Vasundhara Raje is actively involving herself in guiding Foundation's activities. The recent RF meeting presided over by her and the Chapter Conference will indeed go a long way in giving a new thrust to our efforts.

Regards,

Vinod Zutshi

Commissioner, Rajasthan Foundation

मुख्य मंत्री की अध्यक्षता में फ़ाउण्डेशन की बैठक



बैठक में (बाएँ से) श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे, श्रीमती सावित्री कुनाड़ी, श्री आर. के. नायर व श्री टी. श्रीनिवासन

राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन प्रवासी राजस्थानियों और राज्य के मध्य प्रभावी कड़ी बने

श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे
मुख्य मंत्री, राजस्थान

मुख्य मंत्री श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे ने कहा है कि प्रदेश के चहुँमुखी विकास में प्रवासी राजस्थानियों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका है। उन्होंने प्रवासी राजस्थानियों से सतत संवाद कायम कर विभिन्न सामाजिक, आर्थिक व आधारभूत विकास की गतिविधियों में सक्रिय सहयोग लेने पर बल दिया।

श्रीमती राजे जयपुर में अपने राजकीय निवास पर राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन की शासी निकाय की अध्यक्ष के रूप में बैठक की अध्यक्षता कर रही थीं। उन्होंने राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन को प्रवासी राजस्थानियों और राज्य के मध्य एक प्रभावी कड़ी बनाने की आवश्यकता प्रतिपादित की एवं कहा कि यूनिसेफ, विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन एवं अन्य संयुक्त राष्ट्र एजेंसियों को भी प्रदेश की सामाजिक आधारभूत परियोजनाओं के साथ जोड़ा जाये।

19 नवम्बर को आयोजित इस बैठक में मुख्य मंत्री ने राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन की अब तक की गतिविधियों एवं प्रगति की विस्तार से जानकारी ली और देश-विदेश के विभिन्न हिस्सों में स्थापित 10 चेप्टरों को और अधिक प्रभावी बनाने पर जोर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि इन चेप्टरों की नियमित बैठकों के साथ ही आवश्यकतानुसार अन्य स्थानों पर भी चेप्टर स्थापित किये जायें। उन्होंने प्रदेश में शिक्षा, चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं, पर्यटन और सामाजिक आधारभूत ढाँचे के विकास के क्षेत्रों में प्रवासी राजस्थानियों से व्यापक सहयोग पर बल दिया।

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कार्यक्रमों को प्रभावी बनाने के निर्देश दिये।

मुख्य सचिव, श्री आर. के. नायर ने फ़ाउण्डेशन के सहयोग से प्रदेश में हुए विनियोग की चर्चा की एवं राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन के सहयोग से प्रदेश में हो रहे विनिवेश की नियमित मोनिटरिंग करने का आग्रह किया।

राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन की कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष श्रीमती सावित्री कुनाड़ी ने बताया कि आगामी दिसम्बर माह में राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन का चेप्टर अधिवेशन आयोजित कर इन चेप्टरों की आगामी वर्ष की कार्ययोजना का निर्धारण किया जायेगा। उन्होंने बताया कि 7 से 9 जनवरी तक मुम्बई में होने वाले प्रवासी भारतीय दिवस 2005 में फ़ाउण्डेशन द्वारा प्रवासी राजस्थानियों से सम्पर्क कर उन्हें सामाजिक व आर्थिक क्षेत्र में विनियोग के लिए प्रोत्साहित करने के साथ ही आवश्यक जानकारी उपलब्ध करायी जायेंगी। इसी प्रकार फरवरी माह में चेन्नई, अप्रैल में न्यूयॉर्क, मई में कोलकाता एवं अप्रैल से नवम्बर माह के बीच अहमदाबाद, हैदराबाद, दिल्ली, गोहाटी, इन्दौर व बैंगलोर में अधिवेशनों का आयोजन किया जायेगा।

राजस्थान फ़ाउण्डेशन के आयुक्त एवं पर्यटन सचिव, श्री विनोद जुत्सी ने बताया कि फ़ाउण्डेशन की विभिन्न गतिविधियों को नियमित रूप से वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध करवाया जा रहा है एवं प्रवासी राजस्थानियों द्वारा विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में सहयोग एवं विनियोग संबंधी पूरी गई आवश्यक जानकारियाँ भी उपलब्ध करवाई जा रही हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि फ़ाउण्डेशन के सहयोग से अब तक प्रदेश में 297 करोड़ रुपये का विनियोग किया जा चुका है। उन्होंने फ़ाउण्डेशन के सहयोग से प्रवासी राजस्थानियों द्वारा प्रस्तावित विनियोग एवं सामाजिक-आर्थिक परियोजनाओं पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला।

बैठक में प्रमुख शासन सचिव, उद्योग, श्री टी. श्रीनिवासन, अतिरिक्त पर्यटन निदेशक, श्री मनोज शर्मा सहित संबंधित अधिकारी मौजूद थे।



श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे नेपाल से आये प्रतिनिधिमण्डल के साथ। श्रीमती राजे के समीप खड़े सम्मेलन के संयोजक श्री शंकर केडिया व (बाएँ से प्रथम) फाउण्डेशन के आयुक्त, श्री विनोद जुत्सी

राष्ट्रीय मारवाड़ी सम्मेलन, नेपाल का एक प्रतिनिधिमण्डल सम्मेलन के संयोजक श्री शंकर लाल केडिया के नेतृत्व में जयपुर आया। प्रतिनिधिमण्डल ने 29 नवम्बर को माननीय मुख्य मंत्री, श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे से मेट

की। इस अवसर पर पर्यटन सचिव एवं राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन के आयुक्त, श्री विनोद जुत्सी भी उपस्थित थे।

मुख्य मंत्री, श्रीमती वसुन्धरा राजे ने नेपाल में बसे प्रवासी राजस्थानियों का आह्वान किया है कि वे अपने राज्य के बहुमुखी विकास में भागीदार बनकर सहयोग करें तथा वे जहाँ भी रहें वहाँ राज्य के पर्यटन को बढ़ावा तथा सांस्कृतिक धरोहर को उजागर करने के लिए वातावरण बनाने का प्रयास करें।

औद्योगिक विकास की चर्चा करते हुए मुख्य मंत्री ने अनिवासी राजस्थानियों को बताया कि राजस्थान में शांत औद्योगिक वातावरण है तथा यहाँ मूलभूत सुविधाओं की दृष्टि से हर सम्भव सहायता उपलब्ध है। राज्य में मानव संसाधनों की भी कोई कमी नहीं है। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य सरकार उद्यमियों को औद्योगिक विस्तार के लिए कई रियायतें दे रही है। श्रीमती राजे ने प्रवासी राजस्थानियों से कहा कि वे अपनी जन्म स्थली में अधिकाधिक

नेपाल मारवाड़ी सम्मेलन का प्रतिनिधिमण्डल जयपुर में

पूँजी निवेश कर औद्योगिक विकास को गति दें जिससे राज्य के विकास के साथ रोजगार के साधनों का भी सृजन हो सके।

राज्य के पर्यटन विकास की सम्भावनाओं की महत्ता बताते हुए श्रीमती राजे ने कहा कि

पर्यटन की दृष्टि से राजस्थान की कला एवं संस्कृति, ऐतिहासिक दुर्ग व महलों के कारण यह प्रदेश विश्व भर के सैलानियों के लिए आकर्षक का केन्द्र है। श्रीमती राजे ने कहा कि गुलाबी नगरी जयपुर अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मानचित्र पर पर्यटन सम्पदा के प्रति माहौल बनाने में सहयोग की आवश्यकता प्रतिपादित की।

श्री केडिया ने मुख्य मंत्री को बताया कि 15-16 अप्रैल, 2005 को काठमाण्डू में विश्व मारवाड़ी सम्मेलन का आयोजन किया जा रहा है। श्री केडिया ने मुख्य मंत्री को सम्मेलन के लिए आमंत्रित भी किया। उन्होंने बताया इस सम्मेलन का आयोजन नेपाल में रहने वाले प्रवासी राजस्थानी कर रहे हैं। सम्मेलन में धार्मिक, सांस्कृतिक, पर्यटन, महिलाओं एवं नवयुवकों के विकास, पूँजी विनियोजन के आदान-प्रदान आदि विषयों पर विचार-विमर्श होगा।



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साथ डा. शशि शाह, श्री शैलेश लोढ़ा, श्रीमती मंजू सुराणा व श्री रमेश लुणकर भी मौजूद थे।

राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन की राष्ट्रीय समिति की अध्यक्ष सुश्री सावित्री कुनाडी ने बताया कि राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन के सभी चेंटरों की आगामी वर्ष की कार्ययोजना का निर्धारण किया जा रहा है। प्रवासी राजस्थानियों को राज्य के विकास से जोड़ने के मिशन को पूरा करने के लिए फाउण्डेशन हर संभव प्रयास करेगी। उन्होंने प्रवासी राजस्थानियों की युवा पीढ़ी को प्रदेश से जोड़ने पर विशेष बल दिया। राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन के आयुक्त एवं पर्यटन सचिव, श्री विनोद जुत्सी ने अतिथियों का स्वागत करते हुए चेंटर के उद्देश्यों तथा गतिविधियों पर प्रकाश डाला।

राना के अध्यक्ष श्री नवीन शाह ने राजस्थान फाउण्डेशन को प्रभावी बनाने के लिए प्रसन्नता व्यक्त करते हुए विश्वास व्यक्त किया कि

इसके माध्यम से प्रवासी राजस्थानी प्रदेश के लिए बेहतर ढंग से कार्य कर सकेंगे।

वेन्नी चेंटर के अध्यक्ष श्री कैलाशमल दुग्गड़ ने प्रवासी राजस्थानियों को भावनात्मक रूप से जोड़ने के प्रयासों पर बल देते हुए बुजुर्गों की "जात जसूले" जैसी परम्पराओं की पालना को उपयोगी बताया। उन्होंने प्राचीन मंदिरों की उचित देखभाल करने पर जोर दिया। इस अवसर पर मुख्य सचिव, श्री आर. के. नायर, प्रमुख शासन सचिव, उद्योग श्री टी. श्रीनिवासन, प्रमुख शासन सचिव, चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य, श्रीमती



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