



P R O G R A M M E
OF THE STATE VISIT BY HIS EXCELLENCY
DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA
TO ICELAND MAY 29 – JUNE 1, 2005

Sunday May 29

- 15:00 Arrival at Keflavik
- 18:30-18:45 The President of India meets with Honorary Consuls at Nordica Hotel
- 18:45-19:30 Meeting with representatives from the Icelandic-Indian Chamber of Commerce (Nordica Hotel)
- 19:30-22:30 Informal dinner at the invitation of HE Mahesh Sachdev Ambassador of India to Iceland (Nordica Hotel)

Monday May 30

- 10:15-11:00 Official welcome ceremony at Bessastaðir
- 11:00-11:30 Discussions between the President of India and the President of Iceland
- 11:30-11:40 The President of India and the President of Iceland meet with the Press at Bessastaðir
- 12:15-14:15 Programme at Nordica Hotel in relation with the conference:
Synergies and Strengths of East and West
- A forum on the integration of Indian business Initiates with particular focus on pharmaceutical and Technology

Hosted by Icelandic-Indian Chamber of Commerce. The conference starts at 9:00

- Opening remarks on the opportunity for cooperation in healthcare sector: Davíð Á. Gunnarsson – Chairman of the Executive Board, WHO, and Permanent Undersecretary of the Icelandic Ministry of Health
- The Icelandic Economy: Mr. Benedikt Árnason, Vice President of the Nordic Investment Bank
- Trends in the global generics market and India's expanding role: Mr. Vijay Karwal, ABN Amro Bank
- A perspective from the information technology sector: Mr. Kristján Jóhannsson, Director, Software Solutions, Nýherji
- Opportunities for Icelandic medium sized medical device company in emerging markets: Mr. Hilmar Br. Janusson, Össur
- Coffee break
- Pharmaceutical research in Iceland: Professor Kristín Ingólfssdóttir, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Iceland
- Pharmaceutical research in India: Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- The Indian view: Mr. Satish Mehta, Emcure Pharmaceuticals
- From the US Angle: Mr. Divya Patel, Amide Pharmaceuticals
- The Indo > Euro > US axis: Róbert Wessman, Actavis Group
- The strategic importance of international synergy: Dr J. V. Singh, Professor of Strategic Management, Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania

12:15:

- Address by the President of Iceland
- Address by the President of India
- Conclusion of the Conference: Dr. Svafa Grönfeldt, Chief Executive of Strategy and Organisational Development, Actavis Group
- Announcement of a Joint Project

13:00-14:30 *Indian MP's visit the Icelandic Parliament*

14:40-15:10 Programme at Actavis Headquarters in Hafnarfjörður:

- The President of India and the President of Iceland go to the new building under construction at Actavis
- The President lays the cornerstone of the new building
- Refreshments
- Departure

15:30-16:10 Programme at the University of Iceland on *Warning and early information system of earthquakes and other geo-hazards* organized by the Icelandic Meteorological Office and the University of Iceland.

- Received by Professor Páll Skúlason Rector of the University and Mr. Magnús Jónsson, Director of the Icelandic Meteorological Office

- Presentation by Mr. Ragnar Stefánsson, Head of Icelandic Meteorological Office
 - Presentation by Mrs. Steinunn Jakobsdóttir, Head of Geophysical Monitoring Section
 - Questions and Answers
- 16:10-16:25 Introduction to the Nordic Volcanological Centre and the Institution of Earth Science by Professor Páll Einarsson (Askja)
- 16:25-16:45 The President of India meets with Icelandic students at the University of Iceland (Askja)
- 17:00-17:40 Programme at the National Rescue Centre (Skógarhlíð)
- Received by the Board of Directors:
Mrs. Dagný Halldórsdóttir, Assistant Managing Director, Mr. Georg Lárusson, Director General of the Icelandic Coastguard, Mr. Jón Friðrik Bjartmarz, Chief Superintendent, the National Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jón Gunnarsson, Managing Director ICE-SAR, Mr. Jón Viðar Matthíasson, Fire Chief
 - Visit to the 112 Emergency Centre (the National Maritime Traffic Centre and the Police National Communication Centre)
 - Presentation organized by the National Commissioners Civil Protection Department to witness an exercise in the Organization of Nationwide Response to earthquakes and other geo-hazards
- 19:30 Dinner at the invitation of the President of Iceland and the First Lady at Listasafn Reykjavíkur, Hafnarhús, in honour of the President of India

Tuesday May 31

- 09:25-10:05 Presentation on Icelandic fisheries on board the freezing trawler Engey RE 1 (Reykjavíkurhöfn)
- 10:15-11:00 Meeting with Prime Minister HE Halldór Ásgrímsson at the Government Guest House (Ráðherrabústaður)
- 11:15 Departure from Nordica Hotel for Nesjavellir Geothermal Power Plant
- 12:00-12:40 Visit to the Nesjavellir Geothermal Power Plant
- Received by Mr. Ásgeir Margeirsson COO
 - Short introduction to the Geothermal Power Plant by Mr. Ásgeir Margeirsson
 - Drive to Geothermal Well no. 16

- 13:00-13:40 Visit to Þingvellir
- Introduction to the history and geology of Þingvellir at the panorama ledge
 - Walk down the Almannagjá path
 - Short stop at Lögberg, the ancient site of the Alþingi, the Icelandic Parliament
- Walk to the Prime Minister's Summer Residence at Thingvellir
- 13:40-15:00 Lunch at the invitation of Prime Minister HE Halldór Ásgrímsson and Mrs. Sigurjóna Sigurðardóttir at the Prime Minister's Summer Residence at Þingvellir
- 15:00 Departure from Þingvellir for the Hydrogen fuel station
- 15:35-15:45 Short stop at the Hydrogen fuel station
- Received by Mr. Gunnar Örn Gunnarsson, Chairman of the Board of Icelandic NewEnergy.
 - The delegation moves to hydrogen driven buses
- 15:45-15:50 Departure in the hydrogen buses for the headquarters of Reykjavík Energy
- 16:00-17:00 Visit to Reykjavík Energy. Seminar on: Clean Energy and the Hydrogen Project in Iceland
- Received by Mr. Guðmundur Þóroddsson, CEO, Reykjavík Energy, and Mr. Alfreð Þorsteinsson, Chairman of the Board, Reykjavík Energy
 - Presentation on Reykjavík Energy
 - Presentation on the utilization of hydrogen power in Iceland: Dr. Þorsteinn Ingi Sigfússon professor at the University of Iceland and Co-chair of the ILC of the IPHE, and Mr. Jón Björn Skúlason Director
 - Discussion on New Energy with participation from Icelandic NewEnergy and Reykjavík Energy
 - Refreshments
- 19:00 Indian cultural programme at the Salurinn Music Hall followed by a reception at Gerðarsafn Art Gallery

Wednesday June 1

- 11:15 Departure of private airplane from Keflavík