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TRADE NEW HIGHLIGHTS – February 2018

1. India calls for changes in WTO to transform world economy

India called for bringing changes in Geneva-based World Trade Organisation (WTO) to transform the global economy. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu said that the global trade has benefitted all the nations in terms of creation of jobs and promoting economic activities. "Now the question is whether we should make WTO better or forget it. Organizations need reformation all the time and it needs to be changed with change in times," he said here at the CII's Partnership Summit.

2. USIBC forms India Advisory Council to enhance bilateral ties - A top American business advocacy group has announced the formation of an India Advisory Council to enhance bilateral strategic and economic partnership.

India Advisory Council of the US India Business Council is a group of India-based leaders of American and Indian companies that "play an important role in helping create that strategic lens to the economic partnership," USIBC president Nisha Desai Biswal told .

3. Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Lokesh Nara Attends Roundtable in Seattle to Woo Investors

Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Lokesh Nara led a high-level delegation to a roundtable event in Seattle, Wash., to pitch investors about the quality of the state in India. The Minister, at the event put together by the Washington State India Trade Relations Action Committee, focused his discussion on the IT, infrastructure development, renewable resources, ports and manufacturing sectors. "Our state is naturally endowed with a coastline of 974 km, the second longest in the country, and strategically located with six major ports to enable it to become a natural gateway to the Eastern hemisphere with respect to the trade with East, South East Asia and even to the United States through the Pacific," he said at the roundtable.

4. India's First Vegan Magazine Goes Global

Starting this weekend, VegPlanet will not just be available online or at a vegan café in Kolkata, but also at bookstores or health food markets across the U.S. and Canada including at Whole Foods Markets and Barnes & Noble bookstores, it said in a news release. Rising in popularity among India's growing vegan community and with over 100,000 people following them now on Facebook, VegPlanet has just passed its next milestone by being picked up by one of the leading magazine distribution companies in North America, it said. "When we heard the news, we were ecstatic, our vegan community based magazine going global – awesome," said Niranjana Amarnath, editor of

VegPlanet Magazine. "VegPlanet's intentions have always been to be a community-based magazine – not just the community in our backyard, but also our common community around the world.

TOP COMMODITIES OF EXPORTS/IMPORTS TO STATES UNDER THIS POST'S JURISDICTION IN February 2018

Top Commodities of India Exports to States under this Post's Jurisdiction

HS Code	Product	Value \$	State
84379090	MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	354,868	Alaska
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	35,215,769	Arizona
03021100	FISH, FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN & OTHER MARINE PRODUCTS	743,217,639	California
61011010	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	1,232,229	Hawaii
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	7,766,052	Idaho
98051000	FOOD MANUFACTURES	1,614,928	Montana
59031010	LEATHER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	25,972,967	Nevada
61011010	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	40,002,478	Oregon
84452011	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	16,256,200	Utah
98020000	CHEMICALS	49,200,147	Washington
65069100	PLASTICS & RUBBER PRODUCTS	332,669	Wyoming

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau

Top Commodities of India Imports from States under this Post's Jurisdiction

HS Code	Product	Value \$	State
98020000	CHEMICALS	537,339	Alaska
73110090	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	51,268,056	Arizona
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	890,265,006	California
72042920	WASTE AND SCRAP	5,669,839	Hawaii
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	37,779,249	Idaho
84193100	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	18,249,034	Montana
82079010	PRIMARY METAL MFG	1, 589,885,323	Nevada
84713010	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	59,149,196	Oregon
98051000	FOOD MANUFACTURES	16,695,979	Utah
98020000	CHEMICALS	9,723,881	Wyoming

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau

TOTAL EXPORTS/IMPORTS TO STATES UNDER THIS POST'S JURISDICTION YTD February 2018

Exports from India to States under this Post's Jurisdiction

State	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	YTD (DEC) 2017 (\$)
Alaska	4,747,146	2,152,153	5,273,335	2,944,686
Arizona	193,560,967	224,399,081	213,932,075	237,183,347
California	4,397,270,816	3,855,630,622	3,632,108,749	3,949,537,323
Hawaii	5,568,812	8,839,393	5,790,710	7,353,103
Idaho	18,530,812	14,100,519	11,273,403	17,815,286
Montana	66,540,359	21,649,743	2,281,820	4,979,671
Nevada	169,465,648	221,396,873	262,817,749	389,764,827
Oregon	189,840,228	140,653,944	132,326,754	172,763,994
Utah	116,596,460	85,084,540	98,595,480	103,552,344
Washington	386,811,401	452,733,326	361,830,153	424,890,608
Wyoming	7,333,503	6,957,939	3,386,747	2,651,827

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau *Latest data as per Dec2017

Imports by India from States under this Post's Jurisdiction

State	2014 (\$)	2015 (\$)	2016 (\$)	YTD (DEC) 2017 (\$)
Alaska	255,806	1,320,449	2,026,284	769,332
Arizona	73,130,917	102,718,442	114,368,708	157,528,131
California	5,270,535,205	4,568,402,045	5,129,286,116	5,014,628,185
Hawaii	794,002	9,766,185	15,308,110	10,070,427
Idaho	14,012,128	27,794,604	33,904,830	43,634,543
Montana	42,318,205	33,391,085	52,150,420	23,590,911
Nevada	567,849,540	1,720,866,386	812,179,250	1,798,617,635
Oregon	153,495,498	90,702,304	123,006,058	108,037,248
Utah	240,348,276	201,899,345	101,459,188	58,710,833
Washington	2,134,362,701	1,150,560,756	816,180,471	982,216,769
Wyoming	11,221,271	6,552,562	12,912,385	17,098,991

Source: Foreign Trade Division, U.S. Census Bureau *Latest data as per Dec 2017

TRADE ENQUIRES

Here are some of the trade enquiries that this post received during month of February 2018 and they have been attended to appropriately.

Company	Exports from India
Farm Flavors	SPICES,OILSEEDS AND HERBS
Mahotsav group	lengha choli manufactures
Conrad Handwoven Wndow Coverings	hand-woven shades of natural fibers
Jagdish Enterprise	Wheat Flour, Cattle/Animal Feed
Genuine International	coir pith, coco pith, coco peat
Face Ceramics	Ceramic and Porcelain Tiles