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Trade News Highlights- November 2016

1. India hopes for fair resolution on U.S. work visa issue

India will take up the IT industry's concerns regarding curbs on the non-immigrant temporary work visas as well as the absence of a bilateral social security pact, once the U.S. President elect Donald Trump takes charge in mid-January 2017, Commerce Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Thursday. She was responding to a question on the impact of Mr. Trump's promises, among other things, to put an end to outsourcing business and take steps to curb immigration. Meanwhile, the U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC) in a statement said the Trump administration must expedite talks on the proposed India-US Bilateral Investment Treaty.

4. Ford will be the first automaker to import cars from India to the U.S.

Ford Motors, already under fire from President-elect Trump for importing cars from Mexico, will soon become the first U.S. automaker to import vehicles from India. The company said the EcoSport compact crossover, introduced for the U.S. market at the Los Angeles auto show Monday, will be shipped here from India starting in 2018. The EcoSport, which is a small SUV, has been built at a Ford's assembly plant in Chennai, India for more than 100 markets around the world since 2013. About a 15% of the plant's production sold in India.

Trade data : Year-to-date (Sept 2016):

IMPORTS: TOP COMMODITIES (BY STATE)

State	Total value of imports from India(in dollars)	Imports from India (Top Commodity)	Percent of state's total imports from India
Alaska	2,541,556	PRIMARY METAL MFG	56.7%
Arizona	103,312,787	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	18.0%
California	1,765,736,446	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	17.9%
Hawaii	2,742,433	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	18.1%
Idaho	5,565,957	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	15.7%
Montana	1,318,388	FOOD MANUFACTURES	18.8%
Nevada	209,203,431	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES	70%
Oregon	65,031,864	APPAREL MANUFACTURING PRODUCTS	29.9%
Utah	46,890,046	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	10%
Washington	173,189,569	TEXTILE MILLS PRODUCTS	18.8%
Wyoming	2,020,574	MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	26.3%

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

EXPORTS: TOP COMMODITIES (BY STATE)

State	Total value of exports to India(in dollars)	Exports to India(Top Commodity)	Percent of state's total exports to India
Alaska	1,041,998	FOOD MANUFACTURES	58.1%
Arizona	58,591,492	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	39.40%
California	2,285,240,017	MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURED COMMODITIES	62%
Hawaii	8,412,794	WASTE AND SCRAP	90%
Idaho	10,827,265	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	62.3%
Montana	4,335,931	AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS	96.1%
Nevada	245,540,693	PRIMARY METAL MFG	68.3%
Oregon	58,679,097	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	51.2%
Utah	39,796,694	COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	21.40%
Washington	333,298,129	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	42.90%
Wyoming	7,140,453	CHEMICALS	97.80%

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

Commercial activities and Trade Delegations:

India-US Synergy: City Club Los Angeles, November 14th 2016

The Consulate General of India co-organized an India-US Synergy event at City Club Los Angeles on the 14th of November, 2016. The event was centered on five theme topics of *Tourism, Cross-Border Investment, Doing Business in India, Education, and Media and Entertainment*. The HRD Minister of Andhra Pradesh Mr. Ganta Srinivasa Rao was the special guest and Consul General delivered the keynote address. The event was attended by prominent investors and businesspersons, along with elected officials and Indian Americans from Los Angeles.

Trade Enquiries

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

Dhanush Agencies	Safety Matches
Tradelink International	Food products, Textiles, Medicines
Agaram Universe	Paper products
Ancon Lifecare	Aloevera based products
Agilam Marketing Pvt Ltd.	Papad
Alp International	Coir products
Anya Exports	Appalam & Vathal
Greeve Exports	Fruits, vegetables, and meat