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**Press Release**

A 19-member Indian delegation led by Mr. S.K. Wadhawan, Chairman of Indian Business Council, Kuwait is participating in the 13th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas being held at Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat from 7-9 January 2015.

2. India-Kuwait economic and commercial ties which are historically close, warm and friendly, have shown remarkable upswing in 2014. Indian companies like Shapoorji Pallonji, Larsen & Toubro, Dodsal, Punj Lloyd and Simplex Project Ltd, were awarded EPC contracts in Kuwait worth US$ 4.15 billion in the hydrocarbon and construction sectors.

3. H.E. Mr. Abdulmohsen Medij Al- Medij, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Kuwait is participating in the “Partnership Summit 2015” being held at Jaipur, Rajasthan on 15-17 January 2015, having attended earlier the 4th India-Arab Partnership Conference in New Delhi on 26-27 November 2014.

4. To boost travel to India by Kuwaiti nationals as well other nationals residing in Kuwait, the Embassy has been issuing multi-entry business visas (5-year and 1-year), tourism visas (6-month), medical visas (1-year) and visas for study purposes. The Embassy issued over 12,700 visas during the year 2014, reflecting an increase of 20% vis-à-vis the year 2013.

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