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 Explore two-way investment and trade opportunities in the State

 Ambassadors from Brazil, Italy, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Slovenia and Turkey

**INDIAN ENVOYS TO 9 COUNTRIES MEET RAJASTHAN CHIEF SECRETARY TODAY**

Jaipur, 2 June, 2016: On the second day of the three-day visit to Rajasthan, Indian Ambassadors of nine countries met the Chief Secretary, Mr. CS Rajan today at the Secretariat. The delegation comprised of Ambassador to Brazil, Mr. Sunil Kumar Lal; Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Anil Wadhwa; Ambassador to Serbia, Ms. Narinder Chauhan; Ambassador to Azerbaijan, Mr. Sanjay Rana; Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Mr. Harsh Kumar Jain; Ambassador to Kuwait, Mr. Sunil Jain; Ambassador to Slovenia, Mr. Sarvajit Chakravarti; Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Rahul Kulshreshta and High Commissioner to Canada, Mr. Vishnu Prakash.

The delegation was attending a meeting under the Chairpersonship of Rajasthan Chief Secretary. On the occasion, Chief Secretary said, “We welcome the initiative of the Union Ministry of External Affairs for organizing the visit. The visit will help the Embassies representing different countries to understand about the strengths of Rajasthan and the areas where our State can collaborate with their respective countries."

A presentation was made by Commissioner (Investment & NRI), Bureau of Investment Promotion, Mr. Vaibhav Galriya. He briefed the Ambassadors about the sector specific policies and investments provided by the State Government. He also informed them how Rajasthan is emerging as a preferred global investment destination. The presentation also highlighted the Global Rajasthan Agri-Tech Meet (GRAM) 2016 – to be held from November 9 to November 11. He requested the ambassadors to guide the investors of their respective countries to invest in Rajasthan as well as also provide the information of companies considering India for FDI.

During the interaction, the heads of various Embassies discussed their respective country’s strengths and focused more on two-way trade and investments. They looked forward to deepening and broadening their partnership withRajasthan across areas including; Tourism, Green Cities, Energy, Minerals, IT and ITes, Water Management, Waste Management, among others.

The Ambassador of Italy, Mr. Wadhwa said that since Italy has expertise in high-end apparel design and manufacturing – a Design and Development Centre or institute in apparel can be setup in Rajasthan with collaboration with Italian institutes /companies. The Ambassador also highlighted that a collaboration with NID, Ahmedabad has been executed.

The High Commissioner of Canada Mr. Prakash mooted the idea of collaboration between Rajasthan Universities and Canadian Colleges to initiate exchange programs for technical and cultural learning.

In another suggestion, the Ambassador of Brazil Mr. Lal opined that Animal Husbandry is a sector which needs substantial improvement in the State. He invited Rajasthan companies to Brazil to be a part of the technological practices in this sector.

Also present during the occasion were Additional Chief Secretary, UDH, Mr. Ashok Jain; Principal Secretary, Industries, Ms. Veenu Gupta; Principal Secretary, PHED, Mr. JC Mohanty; Principal Secretary, Health, Mr. Mukesh Sharma; Secretary, Labour, Mr. Rajat Kumar Mishra; Secretary IT and Planning, Mr. Akhil Arora; Secretary, Education, Mr. Naresh Pal Gangwar; Secretary, Tourism, Ms. Roli Singh and Commissioner, Industries, Mr. Abhay Kumar.

On Friday, the Ambassadors will visit Textile Park and Handicraft Unit at Bagru, JCB Ltd, Mahindra SEZ, among others.