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Prime Minister's forthcoming visits to Germany, Spain, Russia and France (May 29 - June 3, 2017)

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Prime Minister would be visiting Germany, Spain, Russia and France from 29 May-3 June 2017.

On May 29, Chancellor of Germany, H.E. Dr. Angela Merkel will host Prime Minister at her official Meseberg Country Retreat where the two leaders would discuss issues of mutual interest.

PM and Chancellor would hold the 4th India-Germany Intergovernmental Consultations [IGC] on 30 May. PM and Chancellor Merkel would also be jointly addressing a Business Event where top CEOs from both the sides would be present. Later in the day on 30 May, Prime Minister will pay a courtesy call on President of the Republic of Germany H.E. Dr Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

India and Germany enjoy a strategic partnership. The upcoming Prime Minister's visit will give further boost to this special relationship.

From Berlin, Prime Minister would be travelling to Spain on 30 May on an official visit. The following day he would meet with President of the Government of Spain H.E. Mr. Mariano Rajoy and discuss bilateral and other issues of mutual interest. As part of the programme, Prime Minister would be calling on King Felipe VI of Spain. He would also have a Round-Table interaction with leading Spanish business leaders who are keen to invest in India.

Prime Minister's visit to Spain will add further strength to the existing warm and friendly India-Spain bilateral ties.

Prime Minister will be in Russia on June 1-2, 2017 for holding the 18th India-Russia Annual Summit in St. Petersburg on June 1, 2017 with the President of the Russian Federation H.E. Vladimir V. Putin. It is the first time that the Annual Summit will be held in Russia outside Moscow. Following the Summit, Prime Minister will participate, also for the first time, in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum on June 2, 2017 as Guest of Honour.

Russia was the first country with which India instituted Annual Summits. This had followed the Declaration of Strategic Partnership between India and the Russian Federation in October 2000 in New Delhi. Since then annual Summits have been held regularly every year.

At the bilateral Summit in St. Petersburg on June 1, 2017, the leaders are expected to review the entire gamut of India-Russia bilateral relations and review the progress made since the last summit held in

Goa on October 15, 2016.

PM will visit Paris, France on 2-3 June. He will hold official talks with President of France H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron on 3 June and discuss issues of mutual interest with a view to further strengthen India-France strategic ties.

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