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## Visit of Israel President historic

### Israel Is Ready To Share Its Knowledge

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**USPA NEWS** - The President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee and the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi with the President of Israel, Mr. Reuven Rivlin at the ceremonial welcome, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on November 15, 2016.

“Israel Is Ready To Share Its Knowledge With The People Of India”

The President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee received His Excellency Mr. Reuven Rivlin, the President of Israel and Mrs. Nechama Rivlin at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 15. He also hosted a banquet in their honour.

Welcoming the President of Israel to India, the President said the visit is historic as it is taking place after a long gap of 20 years.

The President said it is matter of great satisfaction to India that since up-gradation of relations in 1992, India-Israel bilateral relations have diversified and are marked by high level visits from both the countries. These exchanges have helped both countries identify new areas of cooperation. India welcomes Israel’s interest in participating in India’s flagship programmes like “Smart Cities”, “Digital India”, “Swacch Bharat” etc. Israeli participation in India’s agriculture sector is valued and benefitting our farmers.

Responding the President’s sentiments, the Israel President said the Middle East and India have known each other for thousands of years and Israel is ready to share its knowledge with the people of India.

Later, in his banquet speech, President Pranab Mukherjee said recent bilateral exchanges reflect the high level of trust and mutual understanding. They underline our shared desire to intensify multi-faceted bilateral co-operation. India’s economy is presently on a positive trajectory.

The President said our Governments have jointly identified areas that we would like to prioritize “” where we have tremendous synergies. India needs to develop its capabilities in water resources management, agriculture, defence, renewable energy, academic exchanges, science and technology as well as homeland and cyber security. Israel has advanced technologies and proven capabilities in these key sectors.

The President said many of the challenges of the 21st Century call for a coordinated response from the global community. To effectively respond to global challenges including climate change, we will need to collectively work for efficient solutions. We must leave our children a world that is better, cleaner and healthier, a world that is at peace, where diverse peoples live and flourish side by side in peace, respectful of each other’s beliefs and in total harmony with each other. He was confident that together, India and Israel can realize this important goal. As we celebrate 25 years of our diplomatic relations next year, India looks forward to further intensifying our partnership for our mutual benefit and the good of the world.

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