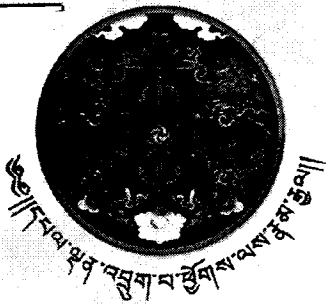


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Lyonchhen Tshering Tobgay will be making an official visit to India from 10-18 January 2015 at the invitation of Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi. His itinerary includes visits to Ahemadabad, Gujarat from 11-13 January, New Delhi from 14-15 January, Varanasi and Bodhgaya from 16-18 January 2015.

Lyonchhen will be accompanied by Aum Tashi Doma, Foreign Minister Rinzin Dorji, Economic Affairs Minister Norbu Wangchuk and other senior officials of the Government.

In Ahemadabad, Lyonchhen will attend the Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015 on 11th January and visit a number of successful projects initiated by Prime Minister Modi in Gujarat such as the Kids City, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT), Solar Park, Kaushal Vardhan Kendra (Skill Development Institute), Sabarmati river front and Garima Park. Further, Lyonchhen will also visit the Buddhist sites in Vadnagar. Vibrant Gujarat Summit is a biennial investors' summit held by the Government of Gujarat in Gujarat, India. The event is aimed at bringing together business leaders, investors, corporations, intellectuals and policy and opinion makers from across the Globe. The summit is advertised as a platform to understand and explore business opportunities in the State of Gujarat.

Lyonchhen will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Ahemedabad for wide-ranging discussions on bilateral relations as well as on regional and international issues of mutual interest and concern. Lyonchhen will also meet with the Chief Minister of Gujarat Shrimati Anandiben Patel.

Lyonchhen is also scheduled to meet UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, Prime Minister of Macedonia Nikola Gruevski, Australian Minister for Trade & Investment Andrew Robb and Danish Minister for Trade and Development Cooperation Mogens Jensen on the sidelines of the Summit.

Lyonchhen will be in New Delhi from 13-15 January 2015 during which he will call on the President of India at Rashtrapati Bhavan and meet with the Ministers of External Affairs,

Home, Defence, Finance, Power, Minister of State for Commerce and other senior officials of the Government of India.

Lyonchhen will visit the holy Buddhist and Hindu sites in Varanasi and Bodhgaya from 16-17 January 2015. In Bodhgaya, Lyonchhen will be presented with a sapling of the Bodhi tree as a gift by the people of India to the people of Bhutan. This gift is highly symbolic as it has deep religious significance for the Bhutanese people and is being received when the country is celebrating the 60th Birth Anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.

Lyonchhen is scheduled to return to Bhutan on 18th January 2015 afternoon.

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