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Press Release

Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India's representatives along with a team of representatives of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) visited UAE from 6-8 February 2021 to oversee the progress made, interact with Expo 2020 organisers from the UAE side, and deliberate with key stakeholders in UAE to reaffirm their partnership in contributing to the success of the India pavilion at Expo 2020.

H.E. Shri Pavan Kapoor, Ambassador of India to UAE and Consul General Dr. Aman Puri accompanied by Shri Darpan Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Shri Dilip Chenoy, Secretary General, FICCI, Dr. Gunveena Chaddha, Assistant Secretary General, FICCI visited the site of India pavilion.

The visiting team had discussions with Mr. Omar Shehadeh, Chief International Participants Officer, Expo 2020 and Mr. Nasser Fakhro, Country Manager, India, Expo 2020 and with the team of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) and City Diamond Contracting (CDC), the contracting firm building the Indian pavilion at Expo 2020.

The visiting team conveyed their satisfaction at the progress of India pavilion and were assured that the project is on schedule. Expo 2020 organisers also conveyed about various opportunities for India to host events at common venues, where large events could be hosted.

The delegation also interacted with key stakeholders such as Tata Group, Lulu Group, GEMS Group, the Landmark Group, Conares Steel, Lals Group, RP Group, SFC Group, ITL Cosmos, and with associations such as Indian Business and Professional Group (IBPG), Abu Dhabi, Indian Business and Professional Council (IBPC), Dubai and Persons of Indian Origin Chambers of Commerce and Industries (PIOCCI) during their visit to UAE. Several other meetings with Educational institutions, and representatives of BAPS Hindu Mandir, Abu Dhabi also took place.

The visiting team discussed various forms of support to ensure that there is not only a strong local flavour imparted to the Indian participation at the Dubai Expo, but also to ensure that there is an enduring contribution to the trade and investment relationship between India and UAE that goes well beyond the Expo.