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India Development Foundation of Overseas Indians (IDF-OI) is a not-for-profit Trust set-up by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs to facilitate philanthropic contributions by overseas Indians to social and development projects in India. The Fifth Meeting of the Board of Trustees of IDF-OI was chaired by the Hon'ble Minister for Overseas Indian Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj on December 05, 2015 in New Delhi, in her capacity as Chairperson.

The Board reviewed the progress made by IDF-OI on the revised mandate given in the last Board Meeting in May 23, 2015 i.e. to promote among the overseas Indians the flagship programmes of Government of India- Swachh Bharat Mission and National Mission for Clean Ganga; projects identified by the State Govts; and donor advised projects.

IDF-OI informed the Board that under the Swachh Bharat Mission, overseas Indians were invited to fund construction of household, community and public toilets in both urban and rural areas. IDF has also invited contributions for the National Mission for Clean Ganga. In response to IDF-OI's request, several State Governments have identified social and development projects in their respective states in areas such as sanitation; education; drinking water; women's empowerment etc which are available for funding through IDF OI.

IDF-OI also conducted an outreach in UAE in October 2015 as a result of which many Overseas Indians made commitments to funding projects especially those under the Swachh Bharat Mission.

The Board directed that IDF OI may enhance its outreach among overseas Indians, through visits to the UK and Qatar.

In the forthcoming PravasiBhartiya Divas Conference 2016, there will be a Focus Group on facilitating contributions by Overseas Indians through IDF-OI.

The Board Meeting was attended by prominent Indians and NRIs including Shri Yusuff Ali, Shri Subhash Jindal, Dr. B.K. Agnihotri, Shri Ashok Chowgule, Ms. RituBerl and Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak. Senior Officials from Ministries of Home Affairs, External Affairs, NITI Aayog and Finance were also present.

Information about IDF OI and projects is at IDF-OI's website www.idfoi.org.

On 4 December 2015, Secretary, Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs, Shri A.K. Agarwal, Chaired the sixth meeting of the Governing Council of India Center for Migration, in New Delhi in his capacity as Chairman. ICM is a research think-tank set-up by the Ministry to provide to the Ministry inputs and undertake policy studies and analysis on issues pertaining to migration and overseas employment of Indian workers.

The Governing Council reviewed the work of ICM and directed that the organization may continue to provide quality inputs to MOIA on core issues pertaining to migration such as a study of global labour markets; standard employment contracts for overseas employment; social security agreements; and migration of women domestic sector workers.

ICM's GC meeting was attended by Dr. B.R.Shetty, Dr Pradip Sarmah, Shri Khanderao Kand, Shri Shyam Parande, officials from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh; Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh; and officials from the Ministries of External Affairs, and Small & Medium Enterprises.
