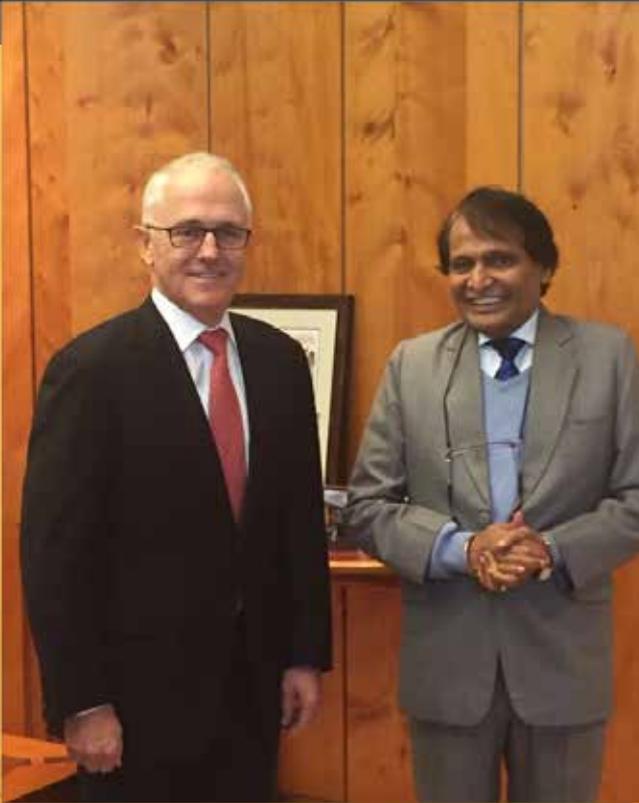


STRENGTHENING INDIA-AUSTRALIA TRADE RELATIONS



Honorable Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation Shri Suresh Prabhu completed a whirlwind visit to Australia. The visits included a series of bilateral meetings followed by engagements with Australian ministers, business leaders and Indian diaspora.

The Minister called on the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Malcom Turnbull during his visit to Canberra, Australia and remarked that India and Australia share strong ties across spectrum based on shared values.

He met with business delegation from Australia and India and requested businesses to take forward the decisions of the two governments to further bilateral investment facilitation.



The Minister also met Treasurer, Govt of Australia, Mr. Scott Morrison and discussed experiences of tax reforms in their respective countries.



Mr. Prabhu met Australian Agriculture Minister, Mr. David Littleproud and said that both Ministers would work together to strengthen cooperation in the area of agriculture.

The Minister met Julie Bishop, Australian Foreign Minister during his visit and had wide ranging discussions on areas of mutual cooperation.





The Minister interacted with the representatives of Australian Superfunds. He spoke to them about the major positive reforms in India and the opportunities available to them for investing in India.

Shri. Prabhu also delivered the Leaders on Asia address on 'India's Growth Story- Opportunities for Australia' at Asia Society in Sydney.

During his talk, he emphasised on the key areas of mutual cooperation between India and Australia like knowledge-based agriculture, services, education and manufacturing.



The Minister also mentioned the very warm and cordial meeting of the India Australia Joint Ministerial Commission, which has happened after a gap of 4 years.



The Minister met with Hon. Gladys Berejiklian, Premier of New South Wales, and had extensive discussions on facilitating investments into India by Australian Superfunds.



The Minister interacted with the Indian diaspora in Australia who he mentioned as one of the main pillars of the India-Australia ties and also interacted with the media.

