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PRESS RELEASE

Visit to Iceland of the Indian Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi (August 19-20, 2022)

Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, (MoS), Government of India, will pay an official visit to Iceland on 19-20 August 2022.

The visit comes in the backdrop of celebrations commemorating 50 years of establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Iceland and as India celebrates 75th anniversary of Independence globally as 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

During her visit to Iceland, MoS will have discussions with Ms. Thórdís Kolbrún Reykþjörd Gylfadóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs, as well as Ms. Lilja Alfreðsdóttir, Minister of Culture and Business Affairs. She will also pay a courtesy call on Mr. Birgir Ármannsson, Speaker of the Parliament.

In addition to bilateral meetings, MoS will deliver a lecture at the University of Iceland, interact with a cross-section of the Indian diaspora and participate in cultural and yoga events in Iceland.

MOS will be present at the signing of a collaborative agreement between Retina Risk and Shankara Nethralaya towards providing software solution to diabetes and ophthalmology clinics in India.

The Indian Cultural Extravaganza on Reykjavik Cultural Night would showcase song and dance sequences from Bollywood and include a colourful ensemble from Indian states in a public event at Harpa (20 Aug 2022; 04:00 to 5:15 pm).

MoS's visit will further add momentum to high-level exchanges and provide an opportunity to strengthen cooperation bilaterally and in multilateral fora.

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