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INDO ISRAEL RELATIONS

Relations between India and Israel are centuries old. India's contribution in liberation of Haifa Port from Turkistan in September, 1918 and sacrifice by hundreds of soldiers is well known and documented. This Haifa port later became a part of Israel.

Israel became independent almost at the same time as India from the yokes of British domination, but diplomatic relations between the two countries became much later due to political compulsions. India became a member of Non-aligned movement, while Israel joined USA and European group. India's large muslim population was one of the factors since it would have hurt the relations with Arab countries. India had recognised Israel in 1950 as a sovereign state, but could not establish diplomatic relations. India very assiduously maintained balanced relations both with Palestine and Israel, though Palestine was Israel's arch enemy. It had been very much to the credit of India for balancing such relationship, though heart in heart India and Israel were sympathetic to each other and had trade, social and cultural relations. Full diplomatic relations with Israel were established in 1992.

Israel has been a big supplier of defence equipment since 1980. She helped us at a crucial time during Kargil war in 1999 with Pakistan. Certain critical systems, which were not available elsewhere, were supplied by Israel and she supported us in design and development as well. Our defence trade only is worth billions of dollar. Thus she is a reliable defence partner. She has assisted us by training our people in agricultural and defence technologies. Israel has built a memorial as a tribute to our brave soldiers, who sacrificed their lives in the liberation war of Haifa. Their acts of bravery and sacrifice are mentioned in the text books of Israel.

India celebrates Haifa day on 23rd September every year. Israel embassy staff including their ambassador participates in the programme. The memorial at Teen Murtichowk is being renamed as Teen Murti Haifa Chowk in the memory of those soldiers, who participated in Haifa war. Forum for Awareness of National Security proposes to visit Israel in September, 2018 to participate in centennial celebrations.

FANS resolves;

1. Increase defence, agriculture, social etc interactions. Israel will support us in our programme of Make-in-India.
2. Reciprocity must be maintained with Israel.