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From left to right and top to bottom. **1** Vice-President of the SICF, Mr. Juan M^a Nin, and President of the SICF, Mr. Antonio Escámez, with the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos. **2** Reception of Deputy Prime Minister De la Vega to SICF at the Moncloa Palace. **3** Working breakfast with the Indian Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Dr. Farooq Abdullah. **4** Opening of the 'Universo Tagore' at the Hay Festival Segovia 2011. **5** President of the FICCI, the Indian Trade and Industry Minister, Mr. Anand Sharma, the President of the Community of Madrid and the Spanish Industry Minister, Mr. Miguel Sebastián, at the Global India Business Meeting in Madrid (Spain). **6** 1st India-Spain Fashion Meeting in Valladolid (Spain). **7** Audience of HRH the Prince of Asturias to SICF.



The Spain-India Council Foundation is a non-profit private entity which aims to foster mutual understanding between the two countries. It brings together the efforts of a broad range of sectors to promote India-related interests, such as science, technology, research, culture and academy, as well as financial, trade and business cooperation, acting as a civil society platform.

The Spain-India Council Foundation is part of the overall framework of the

Council Foundations Network, which promotes and supports the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. It aims to extend and deepen bilateral relationships with Spain's major partner nations and strategic allies, representing a valuable foreign policy tool in the service of our two countries.

It comprises representatives from the highest level of the business, banking, cultural, educational and legal sectors, along with figures

from the Spanish Government, Regional Administrations and City Councils interested in bilateral relationships between Spain and India.

The Foundation is chaired by the President of the Santander Bank Foundation, Mr. Antonio Escámez. Its Board is participated by thirty seven institutions and coordinated by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. The major economic, cultural and educational ministerial



From left to right and top to bottom. **1** The Vice-President of the Foundation, Mr. Juan M^a Nin, during the Gala Dinner in honour of HE President Patil offered by TM the King and Queen at the Royal Palace. **2** Lunch in honour of Som Mittal, President of Nasscom. **3** The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Ms. Trinidad Jiménez, with the Presidents of the Council Foundations. **4** Lunch with the Minister of Road Transport and Highways of the Republic of India, Shri C.P. Joshi.



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The Foundation began in 2009, coinciding with the historic State Visit to Spain by President Pratibha Devisingh Patil. Since then, it has developed a range of its own

activities and it has accompanied and supported other government-designed initiatives and official events in India and Spain. It has participated in investment forums and business meetings, in cultural, educational, artistic and fashion activities, as well as signing agreements with private institutions and official Indian bodies.

This initiative is consistent with India's importance as one of this

century's major global powers. Spain seeks to translate its sound political relationships with India in all its aspects in order to promote bilateral economic relationships with India (in the tourism, energy, sporting, cultural, legal, university and business school, and infrastructure sectors, to name a few), including the technological and scientific sectors, in line with the interests of the Foundation's sponsoring institutions and increasing awareness of the "Spain Brand" in India.