

Tata Group to participate in India, Lusophone congress

Mozambique is the most represented country in the Congress with four speakers from the country on day one of the event. The country is rich in mineral deposits and is similar to Goa which is also known for iron ore mining. Goan companies Damodar Mangaljee have mines in Mozambique and other companies are eager to follow suit according to sources.



The press being briefed regarding the Lusophone congress

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PANAJI: Tata Group, one of the most respected business houses of India, is expected to be a major draw in the forthcoming international congress of 'India and the Lusophone Market' scheduled for January 14-15. The group which has major business interest in Africa is going to be represented in the convention by Syamal Gupta, special advisor, Tata International and on the board of Tata Sons.

Other prominent

companies expected are south based Aravind Eye Care System, 108 Ambulance, Narayana Hrudayalaya Group of Hospitals, Wockhart Hospitals, Power Engineering (Goa) and GSK Pharmaceuticals. The international congress is organized for the first time by Lusophone countries with its inaugural session in Goa said Aurobindo Xavier, president, Lusophone Society of Goa.

Stating that it is quite distinct from the Lusofonia Games 2014, he said expectations

are of huge interaction between businesses of seven countries of Angola, Mozambique, Portugal, Brazil, Sao Tome, East Timor and India.

The two-day event will have the best of talent and speakers including addresses by Salimo Amad Abdula, president of the business confederation of CE-CPLP, Mozambique and Joaquim Branco, former Prime Minister of Sao Tome on day one.

Prominent overseas invitees on day two are Joao Filipe Figueiredo, president, Banco Unico,

Mozambique and Luis Silva, logistic company CEO.

Meanwhile, a check out of the schedule reveals that several companies taking part are from pharmaceutical industry with delegates expressing desire to further trade in the sector. The conference will also have country panels which will give detailed information on the advantages and weakness of doing business within the group.

Kirit Maganlal, vice-chairman, CII-Goa added that the trade body has taken the opportunity of using the platform to get business for the state. About 100 overseas companies are expected to attend of which 40 have confirmed participation. He said that Lusophone countries are eager to do business to bolster their economies.

Trade between Portuguese-speaking nations in the past was conducted through bilateral meetings and the forthcoming International Congress is quite unique as it is a collective effort for the first time.