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Global Exhibition on Services (GES - 2018) 15-18 May, 2018

The services sector is a key driver of India's economic growth contributing 60.7% of India's FDI flow in financial year (FY) 2016-17 while the net services exports from India reached US\$ 67.5 billion in the same FY. The sector contributed around 28.6% employment of the total population in FY 2016-17. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, is organizing the 4th edition of ***Global Exhibition on Services (GES) from 15-18 May, 2018 along with Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai.***

2. The GES-2018 event is a platform for investors to explore the opportunities of Indian service sector and for building up the B2B partnerships as it offers one-stop-shop for meetings, networking and collaboration. GES 2017 was a huge success with participation from over 573 companies from more than 73 countries. GES 2018 would showcase over 20 services sectors and is expected to see the participation of over 100 countries. The focus sectors include banking & financial services, education, energy services, environmental services, exhibition & event services, facility management, healthcare, IT & telecom, logistics, media & entertainment, next gen cities, printing & publishing, professional services, railway services, retail & e-commerce, skills, space, sports services, starts-ups/SME, tourism & hospitality and wellness.

3. The State of Qatar would benefit substantially from participation in GES-2018 as the country's given ongoing efforts to diversify and expand the economy. The GES event would help in deepening the business relationship between India and Qatar as both the countries would gain by having more B2B partnerships in service sector.

4. For further information on details of the event, Ms. Pooja Jha, Director, CII at email pooja.jha@cii.in, Tel: 011-45771000 or Mr. J. Shankar, General Manager, CII at email J.shankar@cii.in, Tel: 0124-4014060, can be contacted.