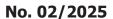
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South Sudan





FOREWORD

It gives me immense pleasure to present this foreword for our quarterly magazine, chronicling the vibrant activities and significant milestones of the Embassy of India in Juba during the period of April to June 2025.

For me, personally, this period holds a special significance as I had the distinct honour of presenting my credentials to H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan, on May 14, 2025. This formal commencement of my tenure as Ambassador has only strengthened my resolve to foster even closer ties between our two nations across all spheres.

A cornerstone of our cultural outreach this quarter was the enthusiastic participation in various yoga sessions, culminating in the prominent celebration of the International Day of Yoga on June 21st. It was heartening to witness the widespread embrace of this ancient Indian practice, promoting well-being and harmony within the community here in Juba. I also had a great meeting with our ICCR alumni, an interaction that truly highlighted the strong bonds forged through education and cultural exchange.

In the crucial field of education and capacity building, the Embassy continued its dedicated efforts. We were proud to witness the culmination of academic journeys as we handed over MBA degrees to deserving students, marking their achievements and future contributions. Furthermore, we facilitated the dreams of many aspiring South Sudanese professionals by providing travel documents to several nominees for the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program, enabling them to pursue specialized training in India.

Our diplomatic engagements remained robust, with productive meetings held with key South Sudanese Ministers. I had the privilege of meeting with the Foreign Minister, the Deputy Foreign Minister, the Minister of Livestock & Fisheries, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, the Minister of Labour, and the Minister of Culture, Museums and National Heritage. These discussions were instrumental in exploring new avenues of collaboration and reinforcing existing partnerships across various sectors crucial to the development and prosperity of both our nations.

Beyond these formal engagements, our commitment to community welfare was clearly demonstrated through our active participation in initiatives such as a cleanliness drive, the Blood Donation Day, and the observance of Environment Day. These efforts reflect our shared global responsibilities and our dedication to contributing positively to the local community in Juba.

Our dedicated Indian peacekeepers, serving under UNMISS, continued to excel in their core peacekeeping duties while also making significant contributions to community welfare. Beyond their primary role, they actively engaged with the local population through various initiatives. This included organizing yoga sessions, fostering camaraderie through football matches, and conducting vital veterinary camps, one of which I had the pleasure of attending. Their efforts truly exemplify India's commitment to peace and community development in South Sudan. Similarly, the DMI Sisters also did commendable humanitarian work during the quarter.

Finally, this quarter also saw moments of solemn reflection. We stood in solidarity during condolence meetings for the victims of the tragic Pahalgam terror attack, reaffirming our condemnation of such acts. We also paid our respects by attending the memorial for fallen soldiers at UN Hq in Juba, honouring their sacrifice and dedication under UNMISS.

As we look ahead, the Embassy remains committed to furthering the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between India and South Sudan. I invite you to delve into the pages that follow and witness the diverse tapestry of our collective efforts.

Warm regards,

(Anil Nautiyal)

Ambassador

75 DAYS TO INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA















75 Days to IDY 2025: Mission had Yoga session with the local Yoga enthusiasts on 07 April 2025. It was heartening to see, young South Sudanese adapting to Yoga for their overall growth.

MEETING WITH BRIG. DINESH SINGH

Ambassador received Brig Dinesh Singh, VSM, Sector Cdr, Sector South & Senior National Representative (India), UNMISS on 09.04.2025. India which is part of UNMISS since 2011 has provided a contingent of around 2,300 defense personnel for the peacekeeping operations in South Sudan .



CLEANLINESS DRIVE

This Embassy held a cleanliness drive and cleaned the periphery of the Embassy in Juba on 24.04.2025.





















50 DAYS TO INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Embassy had another Yoga session on 02 May 2025 - with a motto "Yoga isn't just a physical practice; it's a holistic experience that can instantly uplift one's state of being." Let us make Yoga our everyday companion, a cherished and essential part of our journey.

CONDOLENCES ON PAHALGAM TERRORIST ATTACK

03.05.2025-Ambassador and the officials of the Embassy joined the diaspora at the JIT Temple in South Sudan in observing a minute's silence for the victims of ghastly Pahalgam Terrorist Attack that killed 26 people. Ambassador also briefed the sombre congregation; all prayed for the departed souls.

















YOGA WITH INDIAN DIASPORA

Some Indian Diaspora members in South Sudan also joined Ambassador & Embassy officials for a Yoga Session on 22.5.25. Shri Sanjaykumar Shivabhai Patel, Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Awardee of 2023 also joined for the Yoga Session.

YOGA WITH INDIAN PEACEKEEPERS

Refreshing Yoga Session in the Embassy was held on 27.5.25 with Indian peacekeepers from the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), South Sudanese students, Ambassador & Embassy officials.







INAUGURATION OF THE FALLEN SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

The Ambassador attended on 29.5.25 a solemn inauguration of The Fallen Soldiers' Memorial in the Force Headquarters, United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), Juba.





In 2013, seven Indian soldiers -Lt Col Mahipal Singh,Nb Sub Shiv Kumar Pal,Hav Hera Lal,Hav Bharat Sasmal, LNk Nand Kishore Josi, W.O Singh Kumar Pal and W.O Dharmesh Sangwan - made the supreme sacrifice in the cause of peace in two different attacks in South Sudan while serving under UNMISS.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

World Environment Day was celebrated at Embassy of India, Juba on 05 June 2025. Ambassador planted a tree & spoke passionately about ending plastic pollution, the success of 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' (Plant4Mother) campaign, and various Govt programs for environmental conservation & sustainable development.



VETERINARY CAMP ORGANIZED BY INDIAN PEACEKEEPERS AT UNMISS

On 6.6.25, Ambassador attended a Veterinary Camp organized near Juba with the help of Government of India & Indian Peacekeepers from UNMISS. Hon Minister Onyoti Adigo Nyikwec, Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries also inspected the Camp, commended the efforts and the help of the Government of India to improve livestock in South Sudan. The camp was also attended by the senior officials from the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries, Central Equatoria State and FAO.

In India, the livestock sector has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past few decades. From being largely subsistence-based, it has evolved into a dynamic and scientifically managed industry, making significant contributions to our nation's Gross Domestic Product. This progress has not been accidental; it

is the result of concerted Govt efforts focused on scientific management, technological innovation, and farmer empowerment.

It is precisely this journey of growth and the accumulated experience that presents a great scope for bilateral cooperation between India and South Sudan in the livestock field. We hope to further deepen and expand this cooperation.











OBSERVATION OF WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

On the eve of World Blood Donor Day, 13.06.25, Ambassador administered the pledge, highlighted the importance of blood donation & raising awareness – a single donation can save lives!

Ambassador also spoke about the devastating Ahmedabad air tragedy, and all observed a minute of silence in memory of those lost.



YOGA AT JIT PREMISES



Ambassador & Embassy team joined the vibrant Indian diaspora, after temple prayers, for a rejuvenating yoga session on 14.06.25. A

perfect fusion of spirituality, yoga, and wellness to nourish mind, body, and soul. Absolutely unbeatable!

During interaction, Ambassador gave a snapshot of various initiatives of the Government for the safety, security and welfare of the diaspora.

Ambassador also briefed the community about recent developments in India, particularly the Tragic air crash in Ahmedabad on 12.06.25. All observed a minute's silence for the departed souls.

CELEBRATIONS OF 11TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

A truly inspiring 11th International Day of Yoga celebration was held at the Indian Embassy in Juba on 21 June 2025. The Embassy was honored by the presence of the members of the Indian community, brave Indian peacekeepers serving with UNMISS, South Sudanese citizens, students & media, uniting for 'Yoga for One Earth, One Health'!

The idea for an International Day of Yoga was proposed by India's Prime Minister Hon Narendra Modi during his speech at the United Nations General Assembly on September 27, 2014. He highlighted yoga as an "invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition" and emphasized its holistic approach to health and well-being.

Hon PM Modi's proposal received unprecedented support from member states of the UN. On December 11, 2014, the United Nations General Assembly officially declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga through a resolution.

The primary aim of International Yoga Day is to raise awareness worldwide about the many benefits of practising yoga and to encourage people to adopt it as part of their daily lives for improved physical and mental well-being.

The Embassy commemorated the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2025, continuing to promote its profound benefits for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being across all cultures and communities. The message for this year is: "Yoga for One Earth, One Health."







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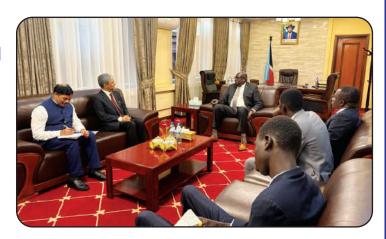


COURTESY CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOUTH SUDAN

Ambassador Anil Nautiyal paid a courtesy call on Hon. Amb. Monday Semaya Kenneth Kumba, new Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of South Sudan on 24.04.2025

COURTESY CALL ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER OF SOUTH SUDAN

Ambassador Anil Nautiyal paid a courtesy call on Hon. Amb. Akuei Bona Malwal, the new Deputy Minister, Ministery of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation on 06.05.25





COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF LABOUR OF SOUTH SUDAN

Ambassador Anil Nautiyal paid a courtesy call on Hon. James Hoth Mai, Minister of Labour on 07.05.25 and areas of mutual interests were discussed.

INSPECTION OF SOUTH SUDAN LEARNING CENTRE

Ambassador inspected the South Sudan Learning Center being renovated with the help of India, to take stock of project work on 08 May 2025. The SSLC is yet another project towards India's commitment in the field of capacity building and humanitarian assistance.



PRESENTATION OF LETTER OF CREDENCE BY THE AMBASSADOR TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

Ambassador Anil Nautiyal presented his credentials to H.E. President of the Republic of South Sudan on 14.5.25, renewing the commitment to further expand & strengthen India-South Sudan ties. Mr Nautiyal is the 5th Ambassador since the opening of the Embassy.



HANDING OVER OF MBA DEGREES TO SOUTH SUDANESE NATIONALS



Embassy handed over MBA degrees to Mr Karala Morris & Mr Buni Robert Louis Buli, South Sudanese nationals, awarded by India's Manipal Academy of Higher Education on 15 May 2025.

Mr. Ogeno Charles Calisto was handed over his MBA degree received from Vignan's Foundation for Science Technology & Research, Hyderabad, India on 12 June 2025.





Mr Tom Sebit Emmanuel was handed over MBA degree – received from Vignan's Foundation for Science Technology & Research, Hyderabad, India on 25 June 2025.

BRIEFING AND HANDING OVER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO ITEC NOMINEES





Wishing a great learning experience to Mr. Frank Mayen Atak Ngong & Ms.Eva Poni Silvestro, proceeding to india for a course on "Mastering Technology Transfer-A Global Pathway for developing countries" under Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme, @ITECnetwork from 02.06.2025 to 13.06.2025, at International Crops Research Institute for the Semi Arid Tropics, Hyderabad which is a non-profit, non-political org conducting agricultural research for development in Asia & sub-Saharan Africa with an array of partners on 16 May 2025.

Ms. Jackline Amuge Matia proceeding to India for an ITEC course on "Women and Enterprise Development Trainers and Promoters Program", at National Institute of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, Noida (India) on 23.05.25.





Embassy is delighted to hand over travel documents to Mr. Pal Nhial Gach Ruai & Ms. Diana Robert Morgan Lado, proceeding to India for ITEC course on "New Enterprise Creation and Skill Upgradation Programme", at Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 03.06.25

Congrats to Mr. Oscar Fiday Tom Kaka, Mr. Alei Malual Alei Deng, Mr. David Mathiang Mel Akol & Mr. Marko Lual Nyang Dhieu, proceeding to india for ITEC course on "Training Program on Criminal Profiling of Offenders", at Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 09.06.25





Heartiest congratulations to the young, promising, and inspiring Daniel Machot, Bulis Arneo, Rok Andrew, and Lokonga Jacob on his selection for the ITEC training program in India! on 30.06.25

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

On 30.5.25 Ambassador met Minister of Livestock & Fisheries Hon.Onyoti Adigo Nyikwec and discussed issues of mutual interests, including Vet Camps by Indian Doctors in UNMISS. Hon Minister also took the Ambassador around the Vet Labs and Ministry complex & introduced to senior functionaries.

The Embassy provided veterinary medicines worth INRs 14,40,000/- to Indian peacekeepers in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) between December 2024 - March 2025 for distribution at 16 veterinary aid camps that were organized in different parts of South Sudan. The joint initiative of the Embassy & Indian Peacekeepers in UNMISS provided vital support to local communities and was much appreciated.





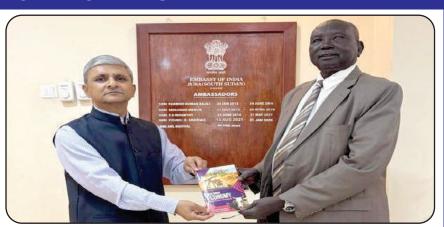
MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF JONGLEI



Ambassador received the Governor of the Jonglei State, H.E. Dr. Riek Goi Kok in his office on 10.6.25. The areas of mutual interests were discussed.

MEETING WITH PROF. ABRAHAM MATOC DHAL, VC, DR. JOHN GARANG MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Ambassador was delighted to receive Prof Dr Abraham Matoc Dhal on 11 June 2025, Vice Chancellor of Dr John Garang Memorial University of S&T & discuss educational exchanges. It was great to know that Prof Dr Abraham's one of the professors in college days was from India.





MEETING WITH UNDP SOUTH SUDAN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

UNDP South Sudan Resident Representative, Dr Mohamed Abchir, met Ambassador and discussed issues of mutual interests on 09 June 2025.

MEETING WITH CHAIRPERSON, SOUTH SUDAN LAND COMMISSION

The Ambassador received Hon. Robert Ladu Luki, Chairperson, South Sudan Land Commission on 13 June 2025. Hon. Luki's Law Degree from prestigious Delhi University, India creates a special connection to India.



MEETING WITH CHAIRPERSON, NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Ambassador met Hon. Professor Abednago Akok Kacuol, Chairperson of the National Elections Commission, Republic of South Sudan on 17 June 2025 and discussed issues of mutual interests.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SOUTH SUDAN

Hon. Mary Nawai Martin, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs of South Sudan, visited the Embassy on 16.6.25 to express condolences on the tragic air crash in Ahmedabad. We deeply appreciate this thoughtful gesture of solidarity.



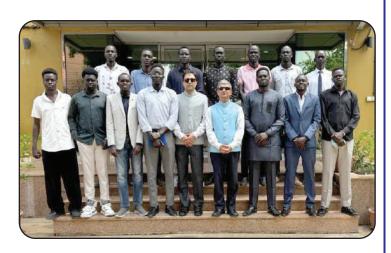


MEETING WITH GROUP OF MPS, TNLA

The Ambassador engaged with a group of Hon. MPs on 18 June 2025, exploring opportunities to enhance collaboration between the respective Parliaments. Ambassador also briefed the group about various developments in India, particularly India's growth in the last one decade.

INTERACTION WITH ICCR ALUMNI

Ambassador interacted with a group of ICCR Alumni in the Embassy on 19 June 2025. The group of students shared their wonderful experiences of studying in India with Ambassador. Such inspiring stories are a testament to the strong educational ties between our two nations.



MEETING WITH WHO REPRESENTATIVE, SOUTH SUDAN

Ambassador received Dr. Humphrey Karamagi, WHO Representative for South Sudan on 23 June 2025. Productive discussions were held on issues of mutual interests. India & WHO work together to achieve the health sector goals, improve health of the needy and contribute to global health security and universal health coverage.

MEETING WITH MINISTER OF CULTURE, MUSEUMS & NATIONAL HERITAGE, SOUTH SUDAN

Productive discussions on 24.06.25 as Ambassador met with Hon. Dr. Nadia Arop Dudi, Minister of Culture, Museums and National Heritage. They explored issues of mutual interest and look forward to future collaboration.



CIMIC ACTIVITIES REPORT INDBATT-I, UNMISS (APR-JUN 2025)

1. Introduction: INDBATT-I, deployed under UNMISS Sector North since 02 August 2024, has demonstrated exemplary commitment to its mandate by ensuring a proactive, persistent, and integrated UNMISS presence across Upper Nile State. Alongside operational duties, the battalion actively advanced CIMIC through impactful community outreach and humanitarian engagements in highly unpredictable, volatile and conflict prone areas of Upper Nile State as well as region of national capital and Central Equatoria State of South Sudan.

2. Professional Veterinary Aid.

- **2.1 Veterinary camps in Upper Nile State:** A Mobile Veterinary Clinic continues to operate at Malakal, supporting the Ministry of Animal Resources, Upper Nile State, and treating approximately 900 animals benefitting more than 240 households over the quarter. A Special Veterinary Camp was conducted from 16–19 May in conflict prone and volatile remote areas of El Geiger and Shumadi villages of Renk County, bordering Sudan, attending to over 2,250 animals belonging to IDPs, refugees, and returnees. Further delivering much needed veterinary supplies benefited another 390 households. Another Special Vet Camp in Nagdiar village, Baliet County, screened and treated 680 livestock. First aid kits and essential medicines were also distributed and sharing of best practices on disease prevention and training on carcass disposal. Photos of Mobile Veterinary Clinic and professional aid in border areas are attached as **Appendix P.**
- **2.2 Veterinary camps in Juba:** On 06 June, a joint veterinary outreach was held at Bura Cattle Camp, Juba. Attended by national dignitaries including the Hon'ble Minister of Animal Resources, Ambassador of India, and the national Representative of FAO, the camp provided care to over 2,800 animals, earning appreciation from local authorities and pastoral communities. Photos of the events are attached as **Appendix Q.**
- **3. Community Health and Wellness Initiatives.** Complementing humanitarian efforts, INDBATT-I promoted peace-building and social cohesion through various community engagement initiatives. These included sports events like volleyball and football matches with displaced youth at Renk Transit Centre, fostering resilience and goodwill. A Yoga and Health Awareness Camp in schools of Malakal, involving 120 students, promoted physical wellness and mental well-being. The events focused at enhancing harmony and opportunity of community cohesion with special emphasis on promoting gender balance and witnessed active participation by all communities. Photos attached as **Appendix R.**
- **4. Conclusion:** INDBATT-I delivered multifaceted CIMIC efforts during this period which not only addressed urgent community needs but also significantly strengthened UNMISS's outreach, enhanced civil-military trust, and fostered a positive perception of Indian peacekeepers across Upper Nile and Central Equatoria States.

APPENDIX 'P'





ON THE JOB TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ROUTINE FIRST AID MATERIAL TO COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTH CARE WORKERS FOR ATTENDING ROUTINE CLINICAL CASES AT MALAKAL VETERINARY HOSPITAL



CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE HERD AT EL GEIGER



MASS DEWORMING IN PROGRESS

SHORT DURATION PATROL AND SPECIAL VET AID CAMP FROM RENK COB TO EL GEIGER VILLAGE OF RENK COUNTY ON 16-17 MAY 2025



EXTENDING SERVICES, CONSULTATION AND DRUGS TO REFUGEE AND RETURNEE HERDSMEN



TECHNICAL DISCUSSION AND PRESENTING OF ESSENTIAL FIRST AID MEDICATION

APPENDIX 'Q'

SHORT DURATION PATROL AND SPECIAL VET AID CAMP FROM RENK COB TO SHOMADI VILLAGE OF RENK COUNTY ON 19 MAY 2025





NATIONAL MINISTER OF ANIMAL RESOURCE AND FISHERIES OF SOUTH SUDAN WITH LOCAL COMMUNITY AND DISTRIBUTING FIRST AID KIT DURING VET AID CAMP AT MULUBUR VILLAGE OF CENTRAL EQUATORIA STATE





VETERINARY TEAM ATTENDING TO AILING ANIMALS DURING SHORT DURATION PATROL AND VET AID CAMP FROM JUBA TO MULUBUR ON 06 JUN 2025





JOINT PATROL TO CONDUCT SPECIAL VET AID CAMP AT NAGDIAR VILLAGE, BANGLEI PAYAM, BALIET COUNTY, UPPER NILE STATE

ON 30 JUN 2025

APPENDIX 'R'





FRIENDLY VOLLEYBALL MATCH BETWEEN INDIAN CONTIGENT AND BUDDING PLAYER FROM YOUTH OF LOCAL COMMUNITY AT RENK TRANSIT CENTRE





FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH BETWEEN LOCAL YOUTH AND INDIAN TROOPS AT RENK COB









FEMALE ENGAGEMENT TEAM ENLIGHTENING YOUNG MINDS TOWARDS SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING: YOGA FOR ONE EARTH, ONE HEALTH

E- Magazine- April -June 2025, Indian Embassy - South Sudan DMI sisters' engagement in uplifting the vulnerable people in South Sudanese

During the 2nd quarter (April to June -2025), DMI sisters executed various development programs for the targeted populations in three states namely central Equatoria , Upper Nile and warrap.

- Supported 2,256 members through VSLA (village saving and loan associations) for their socio-economic promotion
- Trained 425 members on micro business management to increase their household income
- Supported 690 GBV victims with counselling, individual dignity kits and solar lamps for overcoming their trauma and moving towards self-resilience
- Strengthened 4 Small-holder farmers' federations to take up value addition of farm production and collective marketing
- 1,810 Children received quality Nursery and primary education and learning kits in 4 DMI managed schools
- Ensured quality education and school improvement (construction of 4 toilets& 3 class rooms and provision of 100 benches)

- for 1,634 children studying in 3 community based schools in Juba-1,634
- Trained 101 youths at DMI vocational school in four trades from April to June (Sewing, beautician, electrical & plumbing)
- Organized life skill training for 265 members from 14 adolescent clubs
- Trained 115 adolescent girls in DMI, IDP school on preparing reusable sanitary napkin
- Distributed family food ration to 1,080 most vulnerable households for 3 months of lean season (April-June) in Upper Nile state- Kodok
- Created of flood prevention structures (12,000 Mt) & creation of roads (10.5 Km) through cash for work program at Kodok
- Supported 255 Vulnerable households through training on safe drinking water and provision of water purification tablets and 20 Lt Water containers
- Constructed and handed over temporary shelters to 150 households who are Sudan war returnees to ensure safe and secured living













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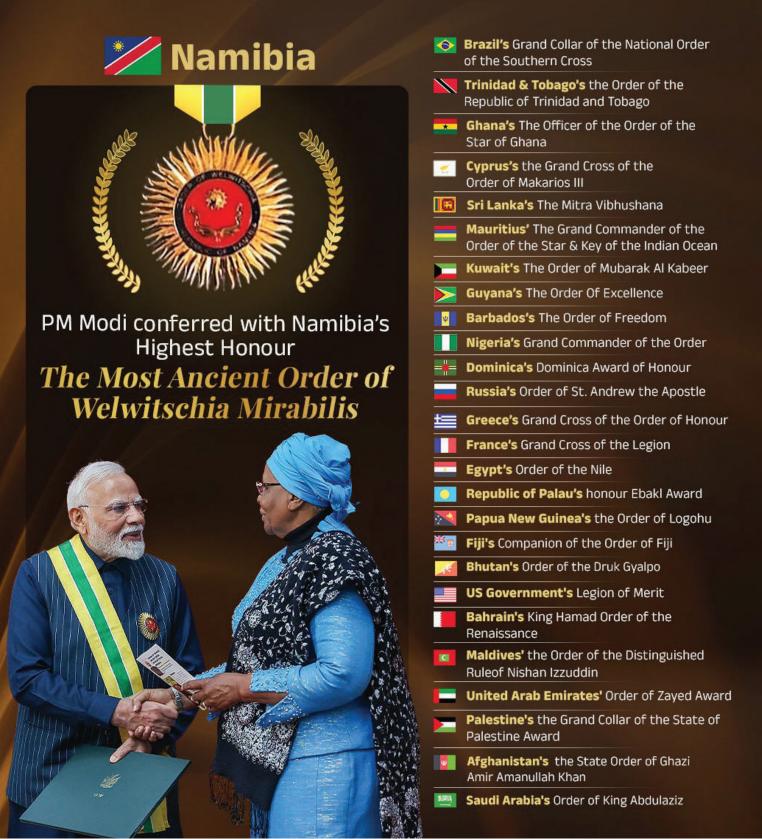
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