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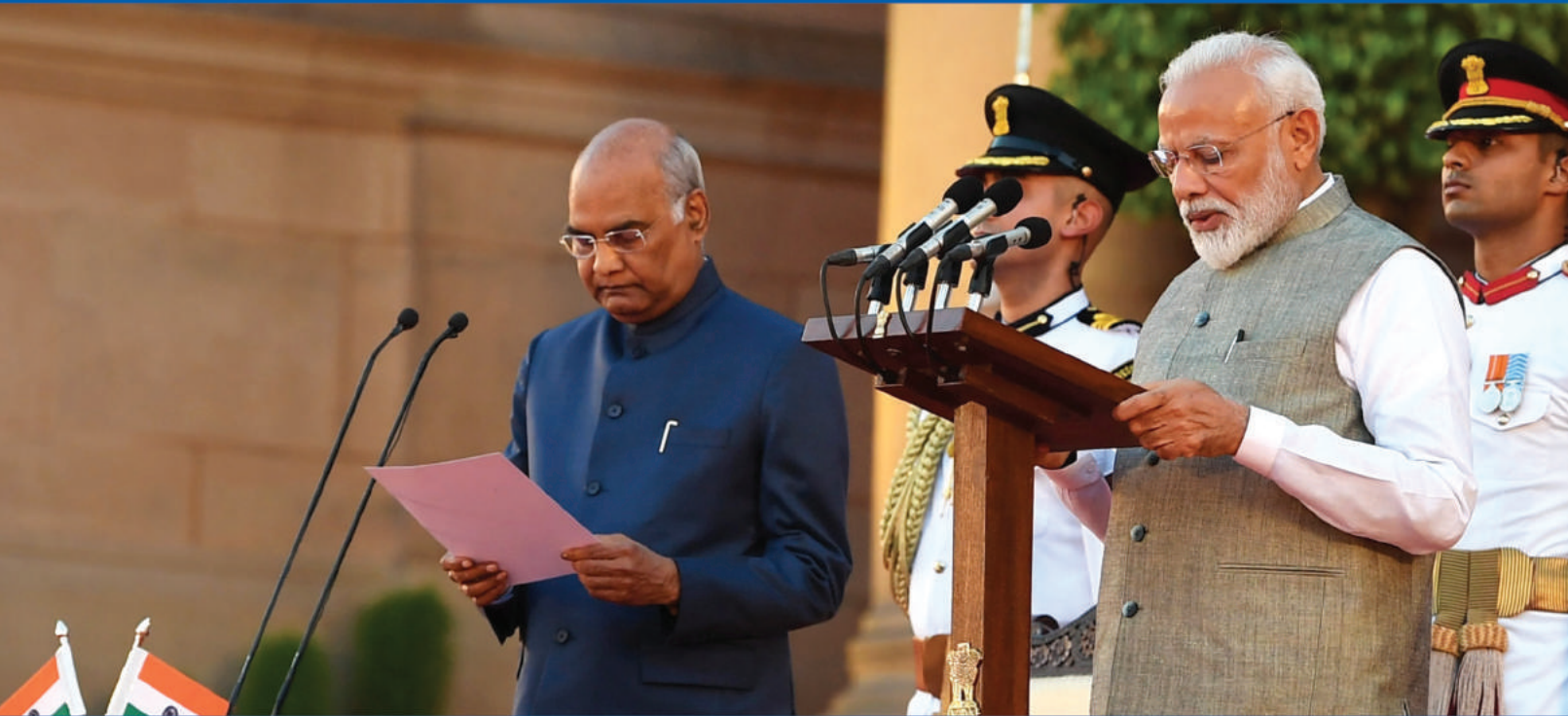


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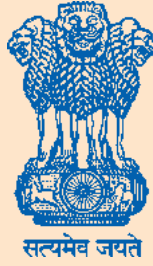
CELEBRATION OF 5TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA



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S D Moorthy
Ambassador of India to
South Sudan

**FOREWORD**

The Embassy of India is pleased to present to you the second edition of the Newsletter covering the activities and events undertaken from April - June 2019.

This has been published when the government of South Sudan is pursuing firm steps to implement the peace agreement in the extended transitional period. The government of India is fully supporting the efforts of South Sudan government and opposition leaders to find amicable solutions to all outstanding issues before formation of the new transitional government in November 2019.

During this period, the new government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assumed charge in India after winning a massive mandate in the general elections held in May 2019. H.E. Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister of India for the second time, heading the National Democratic Alliance government. The leaders from the neighbouring and friendly countries attended the sworn in ceremony at the majestic Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

The Ministry of External Affairs is now headed by a new Minister, Dr S. Jaishankar who was the former Foreign Secretary with ample international relations' experience. He held various diplomatic assignments and notable were his stints in Washington, China and Singapore as the Head of Mission. After his retirement from the Ministry of External Affairs, Dr Jaishankar joined the TATA group as the President for Global Corporate Affairs.

Hon. V. Muraleedharan was sworn in as the Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs in the new government. He held various positions in the government since 1999 to 2004. He became the Member of Parliament in 2018.

In this quarter, the mission celebrated ICCR Foundation Day, World Environment Day, International Day of Yoga and organised a free medical camp in Juba in coordination with Indian community. To commemorate the World Environment Day, the embassy planted 150 tree saplings at the campus of University of Juba to make the campus more greener. It was heartening to see many university students took active part in planting the trees.

As of previous years, many Yoga enthusiasts had attended the celebrations of the International Day of Yoga in the embassy. This year's IDY had seen substantial number of South Sudan friends taking part in the event than yester years. Hon Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, Minister of Roads and Bridges was the chief guest of the memorable event. The officials of the Indbatt with UNMISS rendered all required assistance to the embassy to organise the IDY.

The Indian community in coordination with the embassy had organised a free medical camp in Juba which benefitted more than 600 people. The community is in the forefront in rendering humanitarian assistance to the downtrodden needy in the city. The community members are regularly supplying food items to the patients at the psychiatric ward of Juba Teaching Hospital and local orphanages.

The students selected for scholarships under ICCR sponsorship have started joining Indian universities for higher studies for this academic year. The officials from the national and state governments have also been sponsored to attend various capacity building training courses under ITEC programme. The embassy has also sponsored 3 senior doctors from Juba Teaching Hospital to undergo an advanced mid-career training programme in Apollo Hospital in Chennai and Hyderabad.

This issue contains some of the achievements of India in the space programme and also some commendable community service activities of the Indian battalion under UNMISS.

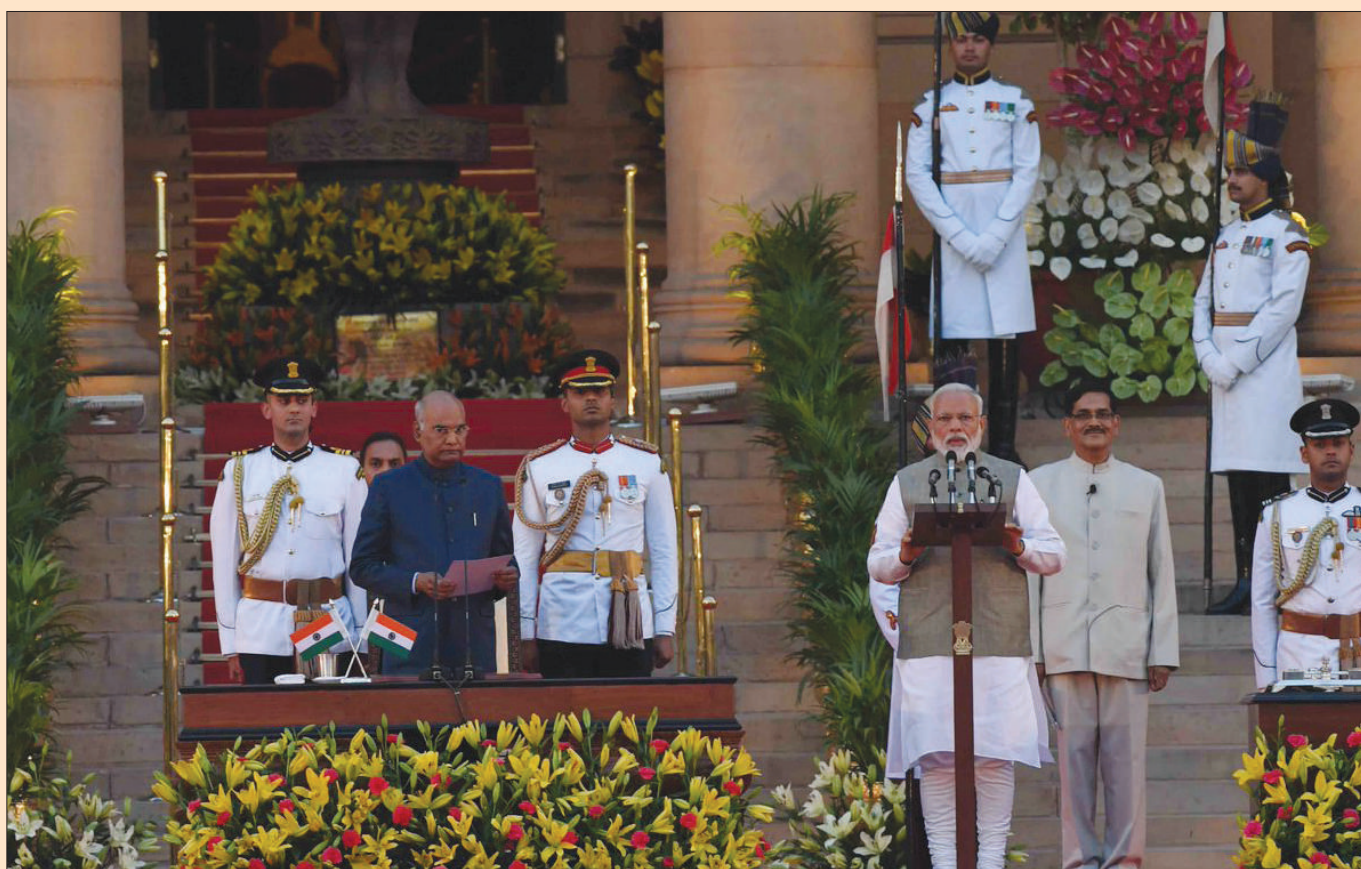
I am hopeful that you would find this edition interesting and informative.

(S D Moorthy)

HON. NARENDRA MODI SWORN IN AS PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

Hon'ble Narendra Modi was sworn in on May 30, 2019 as India's Prime Minister for a second term, heading the National Democratic Alliance government in the presence of a large gathering of national and international dignitaries. PM Modi was administered the oath of office by President of India H.E. Ram Nath Kovind at a glittering ceremony at the forecourt of majestic Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Leaders of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries including President of Bangladesh Abdul Hamid, Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, Nepal Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, President of Myanmar Win Myint and Bhutanese Prime Minister Lotay Tshering had attended the event. From Thailand, its special envoy Grisada Boonrach represented the country. Kyrgyz President and current Chair of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, Sooronbay Jeenbekov and Mauritius PM Pravind Kumar Jugnauth also attended the event.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar is appointed as External Affairs Minister of the Government of India on May 3. Earlier, Dr. S. Jaishankar was President - Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from May 2018. He was Foreign Secretary from 2015-18, Ambassador to United States from 2013-15, Ambassador to China from 2009-2013, High Commissioner to Singapore from 2007-2009 and Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2000-2004.

He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in Embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President's Secretariat.

Dr. S. Jaishankar is a graduate of St. Stephen's College at the University of Delhi. He has an MA in Political Science and an M. Phil and Ph.D. in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019.

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Shri V. Muraleedharan sworn in as Minister of State for External Affairs on 30 May 2019 by the President of India. Shri V. Muraleedharan officially took charge as Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs on 31st May 2019.

After graduating in English Language and Literature from Government Brennen College, Thalassery, Kerala. Shri Muraleedharan started his journey as an activist in socio-political affairs which vastly enriched his experience. He held various positions such as Vice Chairman of Nehru Yuva Kendra (under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India) from 1999-2002 and later Director General, Nehru Yuva Kendra from 2002-2004.

In April 2018, Shri Muraleedharan was elected to Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra. In June 2018, he was nominated as Member to the Standing Committee on External Affairs. In June 2018, he was also appointed as a Member to the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Railways. In December 2018, he was appointed as a Member of the Committee on Rules.

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150 TREE SAPLINGS PLANTED IN UNIVERSITY OF JUBA

The Indian Embassy as a part of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary commemorated World Environment Day in Juba by organizing a tree saplings plantation ceremony at the campus of University of Juba. As a symbolic measure, the Embassy procured 150 tree saplings of different varieties and planted at two locations in the University of Juba campus. The event was graced by Hon. Manase Lomole, Chairperson of RRC and Chairman of Council of University of Juba.

The University representatives, Indian community members, Indian peacekeeping force officials in UNMISS and University students in large numbers participated in the tree plantation ceremony at the University campus.

Amb. S D Moorthy reiterated the importance of protecting the environment by avoiding using single use plastic items in Juba. He urged the students of the University of Juba to take care of tree saplings as the University is their second home and they have to care the saplings.

The Embassy has the proposal to develop the two locations where the trees were planted as a park for the benefit of the student community.



5TH INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA CELEBRATIONS IN JUBA

The 5th International Day of Yoga (IDY 2019) was celebrated in Juba on 22 June 2019 at the Embassy premises. More than 200 Yoga enthusiasts including South Sudanese nationals, local Indian Community, senior government dignitaries, Diplomats, expatriates working in UN agencies/NGOs participated in the early morning event.

Hon. Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, Minister for Roads & Bridges was the guest of honour for the event. Amb. S. D. Moorthy delivered the welcome remarks. A team of the Indian Military contingent of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) presented and demonstrated various Yoga postures before the enthusiastic participants.

The yoga session was accompanied by a detailed explanation of the benefits of yogasanas was very well received by the participants. The IDY celebrations concluded with Shanti Mantras (Sanskrit Shlokas) with explanation in English language.

Minister Okwaci, in her address to the gathering, noted the potential of yoga in contributing towards peace, harmony and stability in South Sudan and urged that Yoga practice should be spread around the country and its message taken to those who were unable to attend the event that day.





INDIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT TABAN DENG GAI



Ambassador S D Moorthy made a courtesy call on H. E. Taban Deng Gai, First Vice President (FVP) of the Republic of South Sudan. Ambassador Moorthy briefed FVP about the bilateral relationships between India and South Sudan and the areas on which Government of India is extending assistance to South Sudan. At present, India has been concentrating on Education, Health and Agriculture sectors in South Sudan.

Hon. FVP Taban Deng Gai urged Ambassador to take efforts for India's participation in the road construction and infrastructure development projects in South Sudan.

Ambassador conveyed Government of India's support to the Revitalized Peace Agreement signed between the Government and the opposition leaders. The Ambassador briefed Hon. FVP about the scholarships and capacity building courses offered by Government of India to South Sudan nationals and the community welfare activities undertaken by the Indian peacekeepers under UNMISS located at Malakal and Bor. The FVP also praised the Indian community for their role in the development of South Sudan.

INDIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED ON VICE-PRESIDENT DR. JAMES WANI IGGA.



Indian Ambassador S. D. Moorthy made a courtesy call on H.E. Vice-President of South Sudan Hon. Dr. James Wani Igga. The VP praised India's support to South Sudan in the fields of Education, Health and Agriculture. He urged that India should extend a helping hand to implement the Revitalized Peace Agreement. As a friend, India has to enhance its bilateral relationship more in the coming years.

Ambassador Moorthy briefed him about the online learning programme, e-VBAB project which is to be revived shortly in Juba. Ambassador briefed H.E. Vice President the ITEC capacity building training courses offered by India. He also informed Hon. VP about revival of our Agricultural Seed Processing and Development centre in Juba. Amb. Moorthy handed over a copy of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography "The Story of My Experiments with Truth". Hon. VP appreciated our gesture and commended the role played by Gandhiji in Peace and non-violence. He commended the Indian community in Juba for their continuous social welfare activities.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP ORGANIZED BY INDIAN ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Indian community in Juba had organised a three day (05-07 April 2019) free medical camp for the benefit of South Sudan nationals. The Indian Association of South Sudan had brought in specialists (doctors are from Fortis group of hospital in India) and paramedics from India to extend free medical service to the needy people. The camp was organised at the Al Sabah Children Hospital, near Techno (Mobil) Round About.

Ambassador S D Moorthy inaugurated the camp along with president of Indian Association Mr. Ravindra Prakash on April 05, 2019. More than 500 people benefitted from the three day medical camp. Free basic medicines were also dispensed.

To strengthen the friendly relations between India and South Sudan, the Indian community has been regularly organising medical camps and blood donation camps. This is the third camp organised by the Indian Association in Juba since 2016.



INDBATT-1 UN MEDAL DAY PARADE, MALAKAL

To recognize the dedication and sacrifice during their deployment in foreign land, troops of the 1st rotation of 11 JAKLI Infantry Battalion Group in South Sudan were awarded with their United Nation (UN) Medals on completion of their mandatory tour of duty on April 11, 2019.

Indian Ambassador Mr S. D. Moorthy was the Guest of Honour for the event. The ceremony was also attended by a large number of military and civilian dignitaries which included Brig Gen Kofi Johnson Akou Adjei, Commander Sector North, Ms Hazel Dewet, Head of Field Office, Malakal and Hon'ble James Tor Monybuny, Governor of Central Upper Nile State.

The parade was reviewed by Maj Gen Bayarsaikhan Dashdondog, Deputy Force Commander, UNMISS. He praised the Indian battalion for achieving some distinguished and unmatched milestones in the history of South Sudan.

The Guest of Honour of the parade, Ambassador Moorthy also addressed the parade and praised the battalion for undertaking all tasks in the spectrum of peace keeping operations while ensuring a peaceful and non-violent environment for UN agencies and local population in the most professional and efficient manner.



COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY AT MALAKAL

The Indian Battalion (INDBATT-I) deployed in United Nations Mission in South Sudan celebrated 5th International Yoga Day with theme 'Climate Action' on 21 June 2019 at hard rock café at Sector North Malakal.

Officers and Troops from Troops contributing countries (TCC), staff from HRD and personnel from all sections of UNMISS participated in yoga day celebration. Head of field office (HOFO) Mrs Hazel Dewet and Sector Commander North Brigadier General Johnson Kofi Akou-Adjei graced the occasion with their presence at the event.

At the beginning of event, a presentation was made by Indian Field Hospital (level-2) regarding importance of Yoga.

Instructor from Indbatt-1 and Level-2 hospital conducted the 45 minutes session of Yoga. All participants applauded the event. Col. Anupam Tuteja, Commanding Officer level 2 hospital felicitated the Yoga instructors.

Foreign troops and staff of UNMISS benefitted from the Yoga session and requested for regular morning yoga sessions to be arranged.



PSLV-C45 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED EMISAT AND 28 CUSTOMER SATELLITES

India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C45) successfully launched EMISAT and 28 international customer satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota on April 01, 2019.

About 3 hours after lift-off, the fourth stage (PS4) of the vehicle was moved to a lower circular orbit of 485 km after two restarts to establish it as an orbital platform for carrying out experiments with its three payloads.

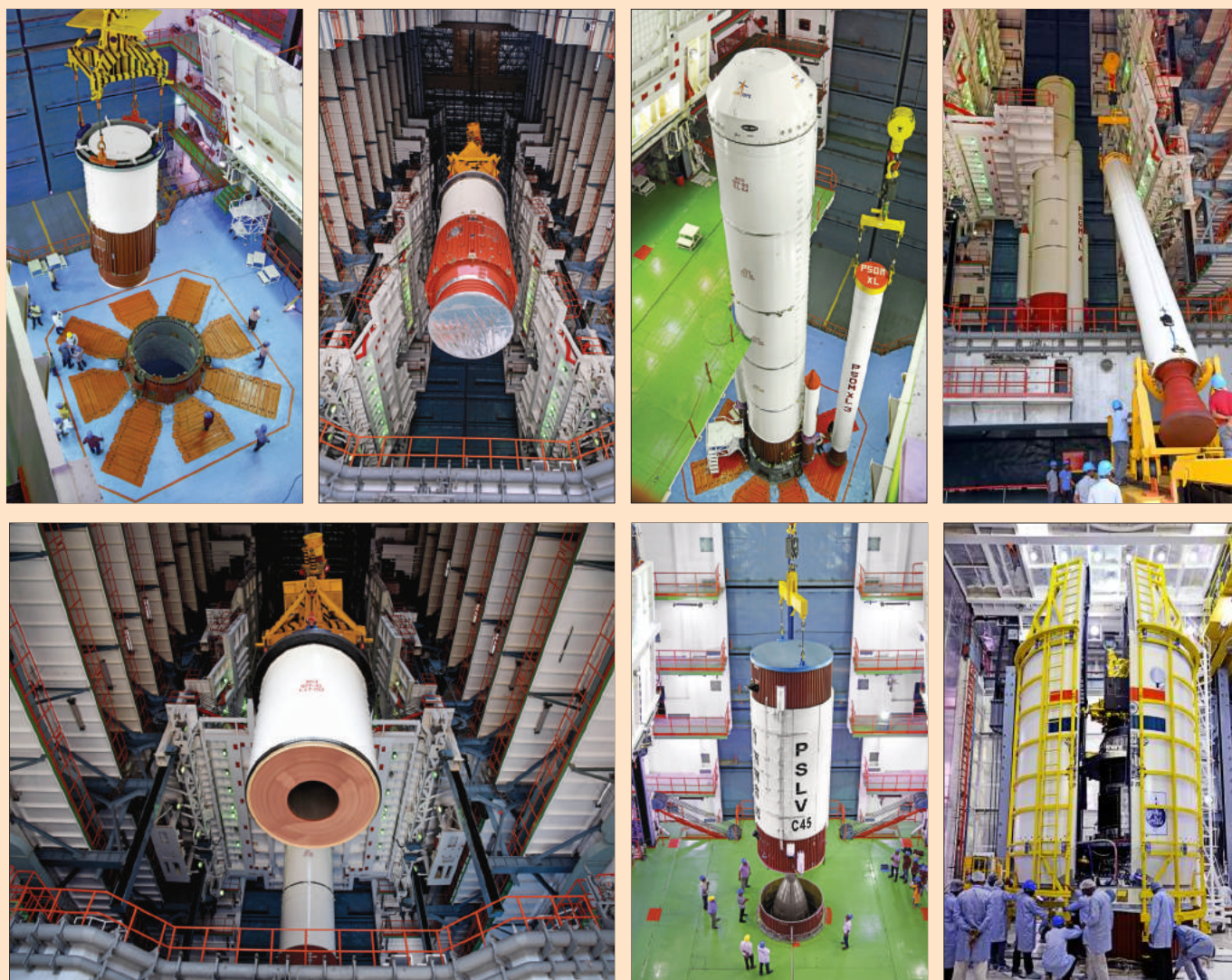
EMISAT is a satellite built around ISRO's Mini Satellite-2 bus weighing about 436 kg. The satellite is intended for electromagnetic spectrum measurement.

The 28 international customer satellites, together weighing about 220 kg, are from four countries, namely, Lithuania (2), Spain (1), Switzerland (1) and USA (24). These foreign satellites were launched as part of commercial arrangements.

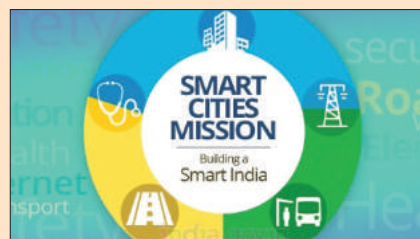
The payloads carried by PS4 are Automatic Identification System from ISRO, Automatic Packet Repeating System from AMSAT, India and Advanced Retarding Potential Analyzer for ionospheric studies from Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology.

ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan congratulated the launch vehicle and satellite teams involved in the mission.

So far, PSLV has launched 46 national satellites, 10 satellites built by students from Indian Universities and 297 international customer satellites, including the satellites launched on April 01, 2019.



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SNAPSHOT OF INDIAN ECONOMY

GDP Growthrate	As per World Bank, Indian Economy is expected to grow at 7.5 per cent in 2019-20
Gross Value added (GVA) Composition by sector (2018-2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Services : 54.40 Percent ♦ Industry : 29.73 Percent ♦ Agriculture : 15.87 Percent
Forex Reserves	US\$ 426,416.00 million as on June 21, 2019
Value of Exports	US\$ 29.99 billion in May 2019
Major Export Partners	United States (15 percent), United Arab Emirates (11 percent), Hong Kong (5 percent), China (4 percent), Singapore (4 percent) and United Kingdom (3 percent)
Cumulative FDI Equity Inflows	FDI in India during April-September 2018 stood at US\$ 22.66 billion
Top Investing Countries FDI Inflows	Singapore (US\$ 8.62 billion), Mauritius (US\$ 3.88 billion), Netherlands (US\$ 2.31 billion), Japan (US\$ 1.88 billion), USA (US\$ 970 million), and UK (US\$ 845 million)



TRAINING OF COMMUNITY ANIMAL HEALTH WORKERS AT KODOK

Indian Battalion deployed with the UN Mission in South Sudan, facilitates the execution of Quick Impact Project (QIP) for construction of new veterinary clinic in Kodok (South Sudan) along with the training of Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs). The training commenced on 18 Feb 2019 and culminated on 17 Apr 2019.

A total of 30 youth including both boys and girls from all corners of the Kodok, learnt skills of animal health workers during the training. An enthusiastic participation was exhibited by all students who wanted to serve the nation and to ensure a bright future for themselves as well.



STATUE OF UNITY: SARDAR PATEL, THE TALLEST IN THE WORLD

