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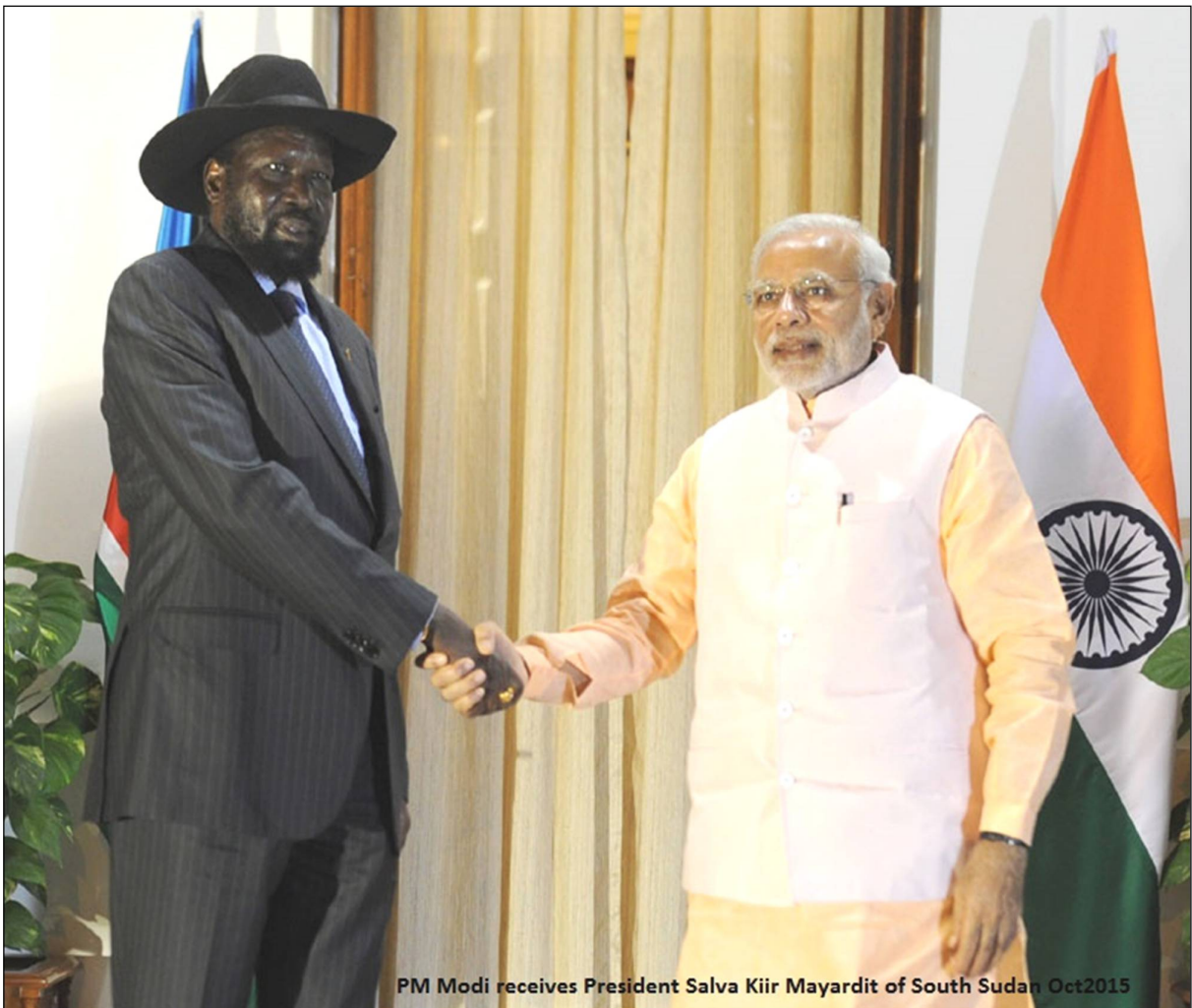
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in New Delhi (26-29 October 2015)**



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Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi welcomes South Sudan's President - General Salva Kiir Mayardit in New Delhi on the sidelines of the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit (26-29 October 2015)

Ambassador's page

**Ambassador of India
to the Republic of South Sudan,
Juba**

**FOREWORD**

It gives me great pleasure to bring out this first edition of the Embassy of India Newsletter from the city of Juba. We plan to make this a regular quarterly affair as we endeavour to bring to our readers all the news, events and latest developments in our bilateral relations with South Sudan.

This is also an humble attempt to encapsulate and bring out all that India stands for – as one of the world's leading democracy, the seventh largest, and the second most populous country. Home to the Indus Valley civilisation and known for its historic trade routes and vast empires, Modern India continues to emerge as an important economic partner with a vast commercial potential for the outside world. For visitors, India is a sight to behold - with its rich, colourful tapestry of diverse cultures, ethnicity, languages, festivals, traditions and values. Its glorious past still comes alive through its historic monuments, temples, mausoleums, churches and palaces, not to mention the vibrant and lively cities, the resplendent mountain ranges and beautiful beaches that dot the Indian coastline.

This inaugural edition of the newsletter contains highlights of the recently concluded India-Africa Forum Summit held in New Delhi from 26-29 October 2015, which was attended by H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit with a large high powered delegation. The Climate Change COP-21 meeting in Paris, some recent developments in India's economic sphere and other events like the Indian Independence Day celebrations in Juba in August 2015 and the UNPOL Indian Police Medal presentation are also covered.

Through this newsletter, we hope to reach out and connect to a diverse readership in Juba – which include our South Sudanese hosts, members of the Indian Community and Diaspora and the expatriate international community – all having a common interest in India and South Sudan and their people as well as those who believe in and want to be part of the South Sudanese people's efforts towards finding durable peace and prosperity in this youngest nation of the world.

With best wishes,

Sd/-

(Srikumar Menon)

IAFS-New Delhi (29 Oct 2015)

Excerpts from Speech by H.E. Prime Minister of India - Mr Narendra Modi at Inaugural Ceremony

The fabric of this world is richer because of the 54 sovereign flags of Africa. Today, their brilliant colours have made Delhi the most special place in the world. To the 41 Heads of State and Government and the other eminent leaders; to the hundreds of senior officials, business leaders and journalists from Africa, I say this: we are deeply, deeply honoured by your presence today. To our visitors from the land where history began, humanity grew and new hope rises; From the deserts of the north, where the glory of human civilization shines through the shifting sands of time; From the south, where the conscience of our age has been forged – from Mahatma Gandhi to Albert Luthuli to Nelson Mandela;

From Africa's heart, where Nature is generous and culture is rich; And, from the sparkling gems of island states; A very warm embrace of welcome and friendship from India. Today, it is not just a meeting of India and Africa. Today, the dreams of one-third of humanity have come together under one roof. Today, the heart beat of 1.25 billion Indians and 1.25 billion Africans are in rhythm. We are among the world's oldest civilisations. Generations of Indians and Africans have travelled to each other's land in search of their destiny or by the force of circumstances. Either way, we have enriched each other and strengthened our ties.

We have lived in the long shadow of colonialism. And, we have fought for our liberty and our dignity. We have struggled for opportunity, and also for justice, which, the African wisdom describes, is the prime condition of humanity. We have spoken in one voice in the world; and, we have formed a partnership for prosperity among ourselves. We have stood together under blue helmets to keep peace. And, we have fought together against hunger and disease. Today, we pledge to walk together, with our steps in rhythm and our voices in harmony. This is not a new journey, nor a new beginning. But, this is a new promise of a great future for an ancient relationship.

Excerpts from Statement by H.E General Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of of South Sudan

I greet you all, in the name of the people of South Sudan. My delegation and I are truly happy and privileged to participate in this India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) in New Delhi. This Forum is a very useful platform for charting a roadmap for comprehensive cooperation agenda between Africa and India.

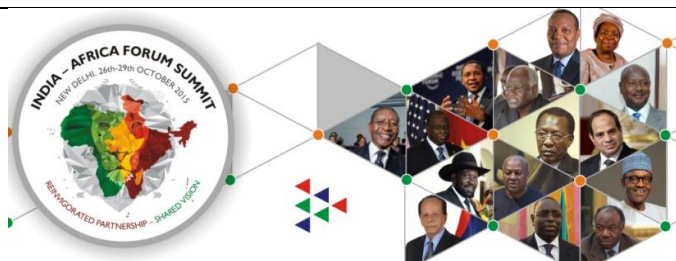
The global nature of today's world has made it imperative that countries reach out to one another in order to maximize mutual benefits. Africa has huge potential in nearly every imaginable field of resources for exploitation for the good of Africa and India. India is equally endowed with similar resources, further enhanced by considerable degree of industrialization. Africa-India partnership promises cooperative agenda that will bring huge benefits to all parties. South Sudan, the world's newest country, fully supports this partnership because its people appreciate the benefits that will accrue from it if it is faithfully adhered to and the adopted projects are effectively implemented. It is necessary to use our partnership and economic cooperation with India to engage those countries which, together with their respective financial and political institutions, set the agenda of the International political and economic order and persuade them to consistently adhere to the principles of fairness and equity. Our solidarity can go a long way in positively influencing the world political and economic order. This solidarity should start with joint activities to enhance good governance and economic advancement. With some determination and unity of purpose our partnership with India can bring about a lot of benefits directly to our countries and indirectly to the rest of the world. I urge this Summit of the Africa-India Forum to translate into action this year's theme and firmly commit us to achieving real dynamic and transformative development.

President Kiir attends 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit (26-29 October 2015)

The **President of South Sudan- H.E Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit** led a high level delegation to New Delhi to participate in the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-III) from 26-29 October 2015. President Kiir was accompanied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs (Hon. Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin); the Minister of Finance (Hon. Mr. David Deng Athorbei); the Minister of Petroleum, Mining and Industry (Hon. Mr. Stephen Dhieu Dau, the Minister of Health (Hon. Dr. Riak Gai Kok); the Minister in the Office of the President (Hon. Mr. Awan Guol Riak), the Secretary General (HE Mr. Abdun Agau Nhial Jok), the Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (HE Mr. Abdon Terkoc Matuet), the Undersecretary in the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining (HE Mr. Machar Aciek Ader) and other senior government dignitaries.

Speaking at the inaugural plenary on 29 October, President Kiir described the IAFS as a useful platform for charting a roadmap for a comprehensive cooperation agenda between Africa and India. He underlined South Sudan's full support to this partnership. On the sidelines of the Summit, President Kiir and his delegation had a bilateral interaction with Prime Minister Modi and his team at the Hyderabad House on 30 October. Discussions covered the entire gamut of India-South Sudan bilateral relations.

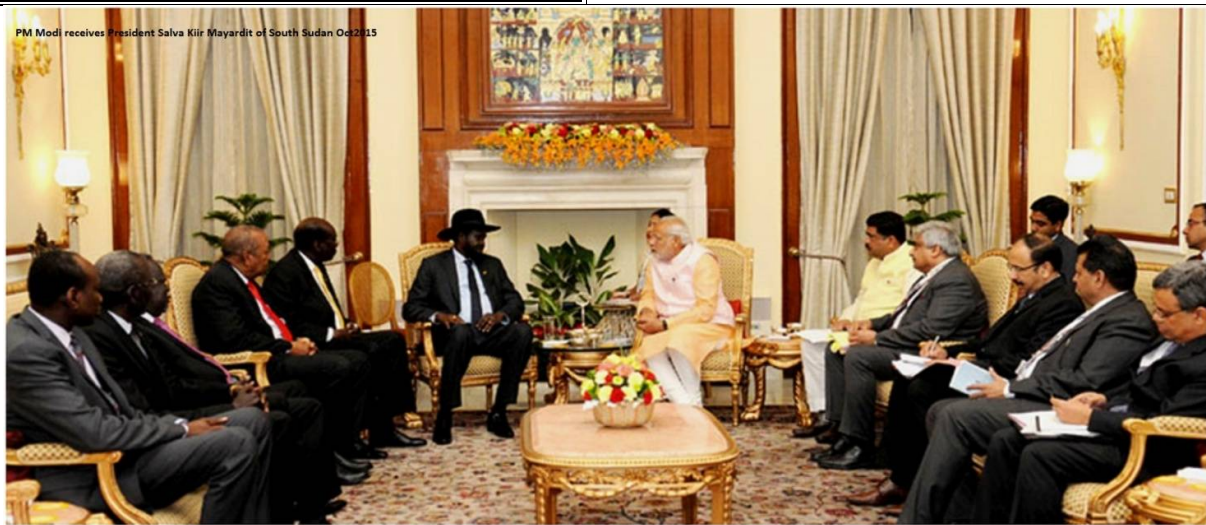
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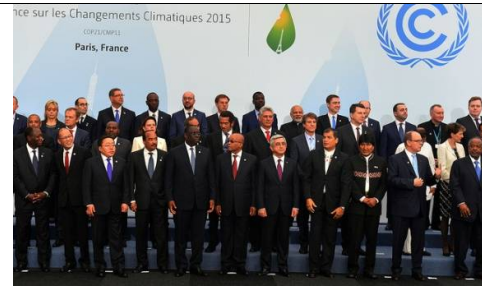


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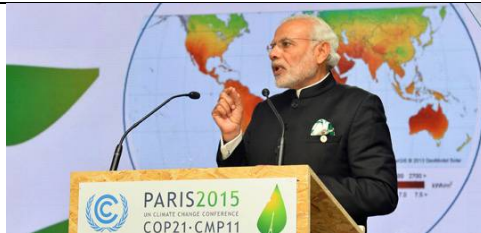


CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT / UNFCCC COP-21 Plenary in Paris

Prime Minister Modi with Heads of State and Government at Paris COP21 Summit



Prime Minister received by President Francois Hollande of France - UNFCCC Climate Conference Paris



"We will restore the balance between ecology and economy, and between our inheritance and obligation to the future." - Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Innovation Summit during launch of the International Solar Alliance and COP21 Summit- Paris 30 Nov 2015



Prime Minister Modi speaking at the Innovation Summit in COP 21 in Paris

Excerpts from Statement by Indian Prime Minister at UNFCCC COP-21 Plenary in Paris

November 30, 2015

President Hollande, Excellencies,

The pain of Paris is yet to heal. So, I speak in admiration for your resilience and resolve. And, I salute the world for standing, in full strength, with France and Paris.

Over the next few days, we will decide the fate of this planet. We do so when the consequences of industrial age powered by fossil fuel are evident, especially on lives of the poor. The prosperous still have a strong carbon footprint. And, the world's billions at the bottom of the development ladder are seeking space to grow.

So, the choices are not easy. But, we have awareness and technology. We need now national will and a genuine global partnership. Democratic India must grow rapidly to meet the aspirations of 1.25 billion people, 300 million of whom are without access to energy. We are determined to do so, guided by our ancient belief that people and planet are inseparable; that human well being and Nature are indivisible. So, we have set ambitious targets. By 2030, we will reduce emissions intensity per unit GDP by 33-35% per cent of 2005 levels, and 40 per cent of our installed capacity will be from non- fossil fuels.

We will achieve it by expanding renewable energy - for, example, by adding 175 Gigawatts of renewable generation by 2022. We will enlarge our forest cover to absorb at least 2.5 billion tonnes worth of carbon dioxide. We are reducing dependence on fossil fuel through levies and reduction in subsidies; switching sources of fuel where possible; and, transforming cities and public transportation. We hope advanced nations will assume ambitious targets and pursue them sincerely. It is not just a question of historical responsibility. They also have the most room to make the cuts and make the strongest impact.

*Equity means that national commitments must be consistent with carbon space nations occupy. Energy is a basic human need. So, we need an ambitious technology initiative, driven by a public purpose, not just market incentives. We need to scale up **Green Climate Fund** to improve access to technology and intellectual property. We still need conventional energy. We should make it clean, not impose an end to its use. And, there should be no place for unilateral steps that become economic barriers for others.*

We welcome stocktaking that is transparent, covers both support and commitments, and based on differentiation. Ultimately, for success, moderating our lifestyle is necessary, and possible, for a low carbon future.

The presence of 196 countries tells us that we have a chance to unite behind a common purpose. We will succeed if we have the wisdom and courage to craft a genuinely collective partnership that balances responsibilities and capabilities with aspirations and needs. I am confident that we will.

UNFCC CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT/ COP-21 in Paris (Nov 30, 2015)

Indian Prime Minister Modi meets Prime Minister Shinzō Abe of Japan on the sidelines of COP21 Summit in Paris 30 Nov 2015



Prime Minister Modi meets President Barack Obama of USA on the sidelines of COP21 Summit in Paris



Prime Minister Modi greeting the President of Brazil, Ms. Dilma Rousseff

Excerpts /Quotes from Prime Minister Modi's speeches at Innovation Summit and Launch of International Solar Alliance during COP 21 Summit in Paris

"We must speak about goals and targets on carbon emissions and rise in global temperature. But, it is just as important to focus on the instruments that will make it natural and easy for the world to get there".

"A vast section of humanity lives at the edge of poverty and in darkness after the sun sets. They need energy to light up their homes and power their future".

"The progress on clean energy technology and costs is impressive. If we raise the level of our efforts, we can transform the world"

"We will restore the balance between ecology and economy, and between our inheritance and obligation to the future. And, live up to Gandhiji's call to care for the world we shall not see".

"India's new economic momentum is a subject of international attention and a source of global opportunity. Our progress will not just change the lives of one-sixth of humanity. It will also mean a more successful and prosperous world. Equally, the choices the world makes here will have an impact on our development".

"Climate change is a major global challenge".

"But, climate change is not of our making. It is the result of global warming that came from the prosperity and progress of an industrial age powered by fossil fuel".

"We want to bring solar energy into our lives and homes, by making it cheaper, more reliable and easier to connect to grid. We will collaborate on research and innovation. We will share knowledge and exchange best practices".

"We will cooperate on training and building institutions. We will discuss regulatory issues and promote common standards. We will attract investments in the solar sector, encourage joint ventures and develop innovative financing mechanisms. We will partner with other international initiatives on renewable energy".

Indian Economic, Business and Corporate news



Indian Corporate CEOs meet PM Modi and Finance & Corporate Affairs Mr. Arun Jaitley in Ufa, Russia on July 09 2015



Smartphone company Xiaomi launched its first "Made in India" smartphone in Visakhapatnam on 10 Aug.

India's Strong GDP growth continues: India's GDP grew at 7.4% in the second quarter of the current financial year - after achieving an equally strong 7% growth in the previous quarter (Q1/2015-16).

Rise in Foreign investments in India: Foreign direct investment (FDI) in India grew by 13 per cent to reach USD 16.63 billion during the April-September 2015 period of the current fiscal (compared to USD 14.69 billion during April-September 2014). Latest data released by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) underline the positive outcome from the government's decision to relax FDI norms in as many as 15 sectors including defence, single brand retail, construction development, civil aviation and LLPs aimed at boosting FDI in the country.

Facebook launches SME India Council for small businesses In a move to help businesses better connect with their targeted audiences, the social networking giant Facebook has launched the first SME India Council with 12 small business owners from different geographies and varied business objectives. Facebook India said in a statement that- "Mobility is the future of India. We are excited about the tremendous opportunities it creates for people and businesses and are invested for the long-term," "The SME India Council is an open forum for local businesses to share feedback with our teams so we can align and continue to develop impactful solutions to grow their business."

Rs 10k crore fund for local Indian electronic firms: The Indian Government is to start an Electronics Development Fund with a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore to provide financial assistance to domestic companies in the field of electronics manufacturing and encourage innovation in the sector.

India financial inclusion: A top Obama Administration official has praised the Indian Government's efforts to bring people under banking network and linking them with the electronic payment systems. Ms. Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, said the US was "very proud to support India's efforts, which can be an example to the world". PM Modi had identified building inclusive economic infrastructure as one of his top priorities during his visit to the U.S. in Sept 2014. The Indian Ministry of Finance and USAID signed an MoU in Nov 2015 to support financial inclusion in India, by expanding the digital payments network, so that all consumers can participate in the formal financial system using electronic payment methods such as mobile phones and payment cards. Over 193 million bank accounts have been opened under the **Jan Dhan Yojana** and roughly Rs 260 billion have been deposited in these accounts - an initiative seen as a game changer for India's financial inclusion efforts. The programme has created a platform for inculcating the habit of saving, providing formal credit facilities, plugging leakages in public subsidies and welfare programmes.

India Africa Hydrocarbons Conference (IAHC), New Delhi (January 21-22, 2016) : Following the success of the **India Africa Forum Summit (IAFS)** held in New Delhi in October 2015, in which the high powered delegation from South Sudan led by H.E President Salva Kiir Mayardit also participated, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG), Govt of India is now organizing the **India Africa Hydrocarbons Conference (IAHC) at New Delhi, India on January 21-22, 2016** to hold discussions on enhancing cooperation between the participating African nations and India in the full value chain of energy and allied industries. The **IAHC** intends to provide a global forum for Petroleum Ministers of Twenty Five African Countries to share their vision and chart out the future road map for extended energy cooperation with India.

'Make in India' initiative was launched globally in September 2014 as a part of India's renewed focus on Manufacturing. In order to provide greater momentum to the 'Make in India' initiative, Government of India is organizing a landmark event called the **"Make in India Week"** in Mumbai from **Feb 13-Feb 18, 2016**. The Prime Minister of India would inaugurate the event on 13 February, 2016. The theme of the weeklong event would be **innovation, design and sustainability**. A number of events have been planned around this theme on the larger canvas of manufacturing. For more details, kindly log on to www.makeinindia.com/mumbai-week

Indian Economic, Business and Corporate news

Project to redevelop 400 railway stations in India: India's ambitious project to redevelop 400 railway stations through private sector investment will be the largest public-private-partnership (PPP) project in the world, Railway minister Suresh Prabhu said that "no project of such proportion has been ever undertaken in the world. As per rough estimates, there would be an average redevelopment cost of Rs 100 crore per station". As a part of the station redevelopment project, railways will have online bidding of stations and private players would be allowed to earn revenue through commercially exploiting the real estate.

Indian Railways signs Rs.400 billion pacts with Alstom, GE as part of 'Make In India' initiative:

Indian Railways has signed a contract agreement with US-based GE and France-based Alstom for attracting an investment of Rs 40,000 crore over a period of 10 years in the railway sector. Minister of Railways Suresh Prabhu noted that both these projects will be a great contribution under the 'Make In India' vision of Prime Minister Modi. Under the agreement, the diesel locomotive factory at Marhowra in Bihar will manufacture and supply modern diesel electric locomotives of 4500 HP and 6000 HP also supply 1000 diesel locomotives over a period of 11 years.

Electrified over 3,000 villages in 100 days:

More than 3,000 villages across India have been provided electricity in around 100 days by the government. "Against a target of 1,900, we have electrified over 3,000 villages in around 100 days," PM Modi said at the inaugural function of HT Leadership Summit 2015. He added that pending work on core industry projects, including coal and power industry, has begun and "power generation capacity in India is growing annually at 8.5 percent".



Advantage India

- World's largest democracy with 1.2 billion people.
- Stable political environment and responsive administrative set up.
- Well established judiciary to enforce rule of law.
- Land of abundant natural resources and diverse climatic conditions.
- India's growth will start to outpace China's within three to five years and hence will become the fastest large economy with 9-10 per cent growth over the next 20-25 years (Morgan Stanley).
- Investor friendly policies and incentive based schemes.
- India's economy will grow fivefold in the next 20 years (McKinsey).
- Cost competitiveness; low labour costs.
- Total labour force of nearly 530 million and Large pool of skilled manpower;
- Strong knowledge base with significant English speaking population.
- Young country with median age of 30 years by 2025: India's economy will benefit from this "demographic dividend".
- Proportion of population in working age group (15-59 years) likely to increase from approximately 58 per cent in 2001 to more than 64 per cent by 2021.
- Huge untapped market potential.
- The urban population of India will double from the 2001 census figure of 290 m to approximately 590 m by 2030 (McKinsey).
- Progressive simplification and rationalization of direct and indirect tax structures.
- Reduction in import tariffs/ Full current account convertibility.
- India is member of WTO.
- Robust banking and financial institutions.

Investments in India have been made by corporate companies across the board. Almost all sectors have seen inflow of funds. Global players such as Daimler Chrysler, General Motors, Ford, LG Electronics, Samsung, Sony, Amway, Tupperware, Pepsico, McDonald's, IBM, Oracle, Microsoft, Aviva, Nortel, Nokia among others have benefited from their operations in India and have made expansion plans for their India-operations. The companies plan to expand by way of product diversification, setting up manufacturing base in India, increasing the existing production capacity, establishing research centers in India, etc.

VISIT OF GEN.(RETD) V.K.SINGH, MOS (EA) TO JUBA AS PM's SPL ENVOY – 12 JULY 2015

Minister of State for External Affairs Gen.(Retd.) V. K. Singh visited Juba on 12 July 2015 as Special Envoy of Prime Minister of India and met with President of South Sudan - Gen. Salva Kiir Mayardit. He also met Dr. Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Peter Bashir Gbandi, Deputy Foreign Minister.


Indian Community and Diaspora in South Sudan

The Indian community in South Sudan involves itself in various social projects in Juba and other parts of the country. The Indian Association has regularly organized Medical camps and blood donation camps for the benefit of the South Sudanese people, through participation of doctors from India. The South Sudanese Health Minister has made special mention of the supportive role played by - what he called - the 'hard working Indian Community' in Juba - especially during the crisis period. The blood donation camps arranged by the Indian community in the city helped to sensitize local people about the importance of donating blood to local hospitals in times of urgent need.

During the visit of India's Minister of State for External Affairs - H.E. General (Retd) V.K.Singh, to Juba in July 2015, the Indian community organised a reception in his honour. Here are some glimpses from the Indian Community members' interactions with Hon'ble Minister.



EVENTS**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN CHANCERY 15 Aug 2015**

A flag hoisting ceremony was organised in the Embassy premises on August 15, 2015 to commemorate India's 69th Independence Day. Ambassador Srikumar Menon unfurled the Indian national flag and read out the President's address to the nation. The ceremony was attended by a wide cross-section of the Indian community. Also present were personnel of the Indian Military and Police Peacekeeping contingents attached to UNMISS. Uniformed personnel, in full armoury, sounded the Bugle and saluted the Indian flag after it was unfurled. Ambassador urged the Indian community to continue to actively participate in the developmental and assistance programmes being offered by India to the South Sudanese people, especially in sectors such as education, health, agriculture, services, construction & infrastructure. Here are some snippets from the ceremony.



The Embassy Team



Independence Day celebrated at ONGC OVL premises

EVENTS**PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY AMBASSADOR- 12 AUG 2015**

Ambassador Srikumar Menon presented his letter of Credence to H. E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit of the Republic of South Sudan on 12 August 2015. Ceremony was attended by Minister in Office of the President- Mr. Awan Goul Riak, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary-Mr. Abdon Terkoc Matut and DG (Protocol)- Mr. Dominic Panther.

**INDIAN POLICE CONTINGENT IN UNPOL-UNMISS- MEDAL PARADE 18 Aug 2015**

Police Officers of the Indian Contingent Attached to UNMISS received the United Nations Medals in recognition of their work with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. The colourful award ceremony was attended by Ambassador of India and Dr. Fredrick Yiga, UNMISS Police Commissioner and senior officials

**OTHER EVENTS/ VISITS**

Indian Ambassador, accompanied by ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) team called on Petroleum Minister Hon. Stephen Dhiu Dau in his office on 18 Nov 2015. The OVL team included Mr. P. K. Rao, Director Operations, Mr. Ajit Kumar, Country Manager and Mr. Johnny Mathew, DGM.

