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CELEBRATIONS OF 73<sup>RD</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 15 AUGUST 2020



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## FOREWORD

Indian Embassy is glad to present its third edition of its News Letter for the period July to September 2020 covering the activities and events organised by the Embassy during this quarter.

This edition is brought out when the Unity Government (TGoNU) is striving on formation of the proposed 10 new states, Governors, Ministers and other officials for the States. The political parties are in regular dialogue to sort out the differences hindering implementation of the peace process. Though the process is very slow, it could be presumed that all stakeholders are trying to steer the peace process in right direction despite the challenges facing the country.

The Covid19 infection rate is not much in the country to compare with other African nations. However, due precautions ought to be adhered to as prescribed by the health authorities. It is heartening to see the involvement of health authorities, NGOs and UN organisations and Indian community members in creating an awareness in the country and urging people to take all precautionary measures to safeguard them from the deadly infection.

The Embassy celebrated India's 73rd Independence Day in the Chancery premises. Unlike previous years, the event was celebrated in low key by inviting a limited number of Indian citizens in view of the prevailing restrictions against assembly of large gatherings due to Covid19. However, the celebration was held in usual manner by reading out Hon. President of India's speech to the audience and highlighted the commendable humanitarian services of the Embassy, Indian Peace Keepers under UNMISS and Indian community.

Upon realizing the need to extend a helping hand to the downtrodden and children in Juba at this critical time, the Embassy organized few community welfare activities in collaboration with some kind hearted Indian community members. The Embassy donated food and non-food items to the Juba Visually impaired persons' Association, Juba Handicapped Peoples' Association, Orphanages, and University students. With the kind help of DMI Sisters, a medical camp was organised at the St Clara Orphanage and the Embassy recognises the support extended by Col Ranjith, the chief of the Level 2 Hospital under UNMISS.

The Mission organised a training camp for the University and school students on the technique of assembling portable solar lamps, in its premises. This programme was sponsored by IIT, Mumbai as a part of the Gandhi@150 celebrations. The assembled lamps were gifted to the students and the Embassy has a plan to train more students in Juba and in other states under the program.

The Mission organised 3 evacuation flights under Vande Bharat mission to repatriate around 550 stranded Indian and South Sudan nationals between Delhi and Juba. This humanitarian assistance by the Embassy was appreciated by the local government authorities.

I wish to convey our advance warm greetings for the New Year 2021 to all our friends and compatriots residing in South Sudan and wish the Covid19 pandemic will come to an end to ease the sufferings of the mankind during 2020. I am hopeful that you would find this issue interesting.

(S D Moorthy)



CELEBRATION OF 73<sup>rd</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY IN INDIA





INDIAN EMBASSY CELEBRATED THE 73<sup>rd</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

The 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day of India was celebrated in the Embassy on 15 Aug. 2020. The Indian officials in UNMISS, Indian Community members and friends of India attended the celebrations. This year's function was held in low key to compare with previous years due to Corona Pandemic restrictions against assembly of huge gathering of people. Keeping in mind the social distancing guidelines, the invitees had taken all the precautionary measures during the event.



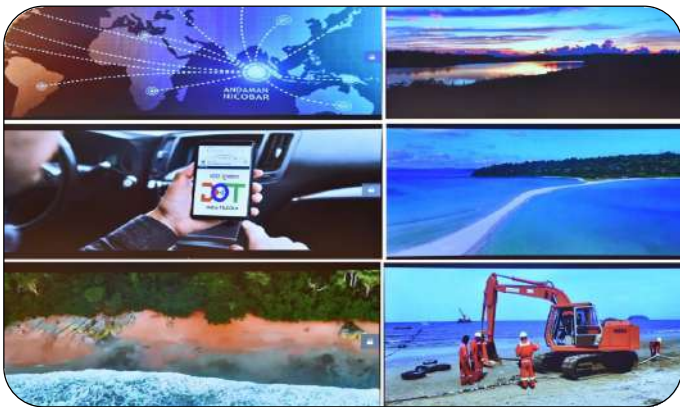
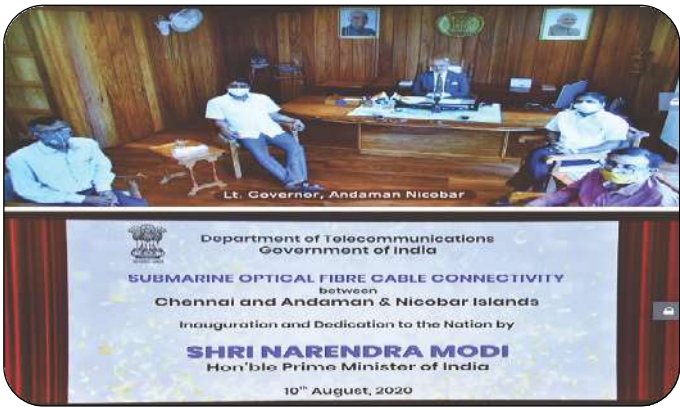


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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated submarine cable connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands (CANI), through video conferencing, in New Delhi on August 10, 2020. It is a big boost to e-governance, tourism and Information Technology.



Farmers’ Union Sought India’s Support

The office bearers of South Sudan Agricultural Producer's Union (SSAPU) met Ambassador S.D. Moorthy and sought India's support to the Union. The delegation of SSAPU led by Jimmy Kato Modi Towe, Secretary General of the Union made a presentation of their activities in the country. Since, India is self-sustained in the agricultural sector, the Union members sought India's support to get training for their members in India. They asked India's assistance by way of supplying quality seeds and technical expertise to repair and maintain the farm equipment like tractors and tillers.





Stranded Indian & South Sudan nationals evacuated from Delhi to Juba

On the request from the Indian Community in South Sudan, the Mission organized three evacuation flight on Delhi-Juba-Delhi sector on 10 July , 17 August and 30 Sept. 2020 . Like in previous evacuation flights, these VBM flights were coordinated by the local Indian Association and organized by Holiday Dreamz. On these flights 251 passengers travelled from Juba to Delhi and 309 flew from Delhi to Juba.





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**Ambassador's courtesy calls on Dignitaries**

Meeting with H.E. Dr. Riek Machar  
First Vice President



Meeting with H.E. Taban Deng, Vice President



Meeting with Hon. Nhial Deng Nhial, Minister,  
Presidential Affairs



Ambassador Meeting with Hon. Angelina Teny,  
Defence Minister



Meeting with Hon. Beatrice Khamisa,  
Foreign Minister



Meeting with Hon. Henry Dilang Odwar  
Minister of Mining



Meeting with Hon. Emmanuel Adil Anthony  
Governor of Central Equatoria State



Meeting with Rt. Hon. Ubuth Ujowk Akuo  
Speaker, TNLA



**AMBASSADOR'S MEETNG WITH VARIOUS DIGNATORIES**

Meeting with Hon. Josephine Joseph Lagu  
Minister of Agriculture and Food Security



Meeting with Hon. Michael Makuei Lueth  
Minister for ICT



Meeting with Hon. Paul Mayom Akec  
Minister for Interior



Meeting with Hon. Bangasi Joseph Bakosoro  
Minister for Public services and HRD



Meeting with Hon. Kuol Athian Mawein  
Minister for Trade & Industry



Meeting with Hon. Jemma Nunu Kumba  
Minister of Parliamentary Affairs



Meeting with Mr. Johan Gely, Head of Operations,  
Swiss Embassy



Meeting with Hon. Khalid  
Deputy Minister for Labour



INDIAN PEACEKEEPERS UNDER UNMISS IN MALAKAL EXTENDED VETERINARY AND COVID-19 SUPPORT TO LOCALS IN UPPER NILE STATE

Indian peacekeepers based in Malakal and serving with United Nations Mission in South Sudan provided essential Veterinary assistance and COVID healthcare assistance in the form of COVID medical stores and Veterinary stores to local communities.

Lt Col Gagandeep Singh, Veterinary Det Cdr, Indian Battallion and Mr Kueth Met, RRP officer of Malakal Field office also apprised the County administration about plans of Construction of Veterinary Clinic and Training of Community Animal Health Workers at Melut. The Indian peacekeepers have been contributing to the welfare of local populace in the form of Veterinary treatment camps, Community Animal Health Workers training, Control of Animal disease outbreaks, imparting vocational skills, computer training and Corona awareness training.





INDIA-SOUTH SUDAN TRADE PROMOTION

Indian Embassy organized a Conclave in the Embassy between the national Government officials, Chamber of Commerce and Indian Business community in Juba to discuss the ways and means to promote the trade between Indian and South Sudan. The meeting was attended by Hon. Dr. Abraham Malut Mamer, Undersecretary, Ministry of Investment, DGs Mr. Stephen D. Matatia Gaji and Ms. Mary Akech Milla from Ministry of Trade and Industry, Representatives of the National and Central Equatoria Chambers of Commerce, office bearers of South Sudan Agricultural Producers Union and Indian business community members have taken part in the dialogue.

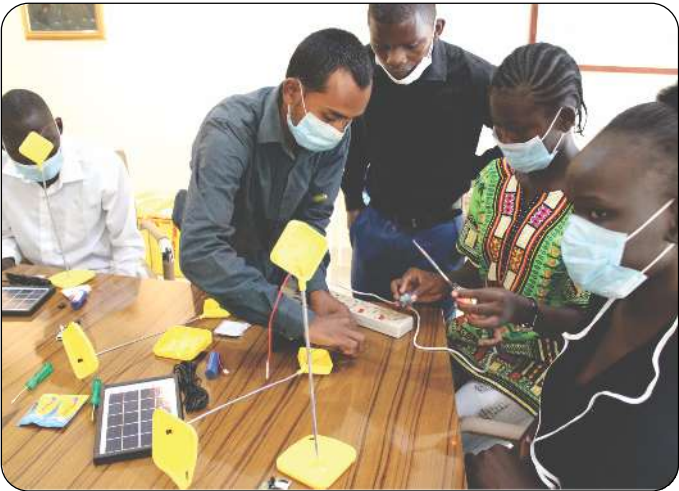




## Indian Embassy Donated Solar Lamps to Students

Indian Embassy organized two training sessions on how to assemble portable solar lamps for the benefit of about 80 students from local schools and universities in its premises on 16 and 25 September 2020. The program was sponsored by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai to create awareness among the youth about the benefit of solar power which is considered as a pure form of energy and environmental friendly. The lamps assembled by the students were gifted to them by the Indian Ambassador S.D. Moorthy.

This programme was part of Mahatma Gandhi 150th Birth Anniversary which is being celebrated since 02 October 2018 and the celebrations are going to end on 02nd October 2020.





Humanitarian Assistance by Indian Embassy and Indian Association





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## VIRUPAKSHA TEMPLE (HAMPI)



## SOMNATH TEMPLE (GUJARAT)

