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## CELEBRATION OF 70<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA



## AIIMS-CPWD MEDICAL TEAM WITH H.E. SALVA KIIR MAYARDIT, PRESIDENT, REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN





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FOREWORD

The Embassy of India is pleased to present to you this edition of Newsletter covering the Mission's activities and other important events for the first quarter of 2019.

This has been published when the substantial progress achieved in implementing the Revitalized Peace Agreement and other important process are in progress in South Sudan. The Mission once again reiterates its support to the peace building efforts in the country.

The Mission had grandly celebrated the Republic Day of India on 26th January 2019 with much fanfare and with the support of our Indbatt with UNMISS. The morning flag unfurling ceremony was attended by more than 300 Indian community members which was in record number to compare with previous national day functions. After the flag hoisting ceremony, about 100 of our volunteers have donated blood at the Juba Blood Transfusion centre. The blood donation campaign organised by the Indian Association of South Sudan was commendable. Another group of Indian community donated food items and cooking vessels for the benefit of the inmates at the Psychiatric ward of the Juba Teaching Hospital. The humanitarian assistance of the Indian community was highly appreciated by the hospital authorities. The reception held in the evening for the dignitaries and diplomatic corps was graced by more than 100 guests. The chief guest of the event Hon. Deng Dau Deng, Deputy Foreign Minister highlighted the progress achieved in India-South Sudan bilateral relationship since July 2011.

I am very proud to state that with the support of the Indian business group JIT and Jagan Drilling Co., a hand water pump was installed at Lokanyo village to provide pure drinking water to more than 1000 residents of the area. This venture was coordinated by the DMI sisters whose services are highly commendable. The water pump was inaugurated by the national Agriculture Minister Hon. Onyoti Adigo Nyikwec. The Indian community had also celebrated Holi, the festival of colours with great fervour in Juba in March.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) was also celebrated in the Embassy on 20 January 2019. The celebration was attended by Indian community members and local friends. The Indian diaspora's role for India's development was acclaimed and recognised by the speakers. The hard working Indian community's welfare activities in Juba had a special mention in our guest speakers address.

In the history of Indo-South Sudan bilateral relationship, for a first time, a cultural troupe consisting 15 traditional dancers from Ngok Lual Yak group of Malakkal took part in the Surajkund International Crafts Mela from 1-17 February 2019. Their performance was highly appreciated by the Indian audience and the troupe members came back with a fond memory of Indian hospitality.

In this quarter, two important bilateral visits took place from South Sudan to India viz. Hon Ezekiel Gatkuouth, Minister of Petroleum visited India to attend the Petrotech Conference in Delhi and Hon. Goc Makuac Mayol, Deputy Minister of Finance & Planning attended the 14th CII-EXIM bank conclave in India along with the Secretary General of the South Sudan Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

We are very glad to inform that all the 200 slots of capacity building courses under ITEC programme allocated for South Sudan for the year 2018-2019 was fully utilised for the first time since 2011. The number of ICCR scholarships for higher studies in India has been increased to 15 from 2019 onwards from the previous allocation 7 for South Sudan students. All the 7 scholarships for 2018 was availed by the South Sudan students who have been pursuing their studies in various Universities/Colleges in India.

This issue contains some of our achievements in the space programme and ISRO earned a reputable place in the space arena club. A commendable recent achievement was the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully used a new type of interceptor to demolish an Indian target satellite 300km (186 miles) above the Earth's surface.

I am sure you would find this edition very interesting and informative.

(S D Moorthy)

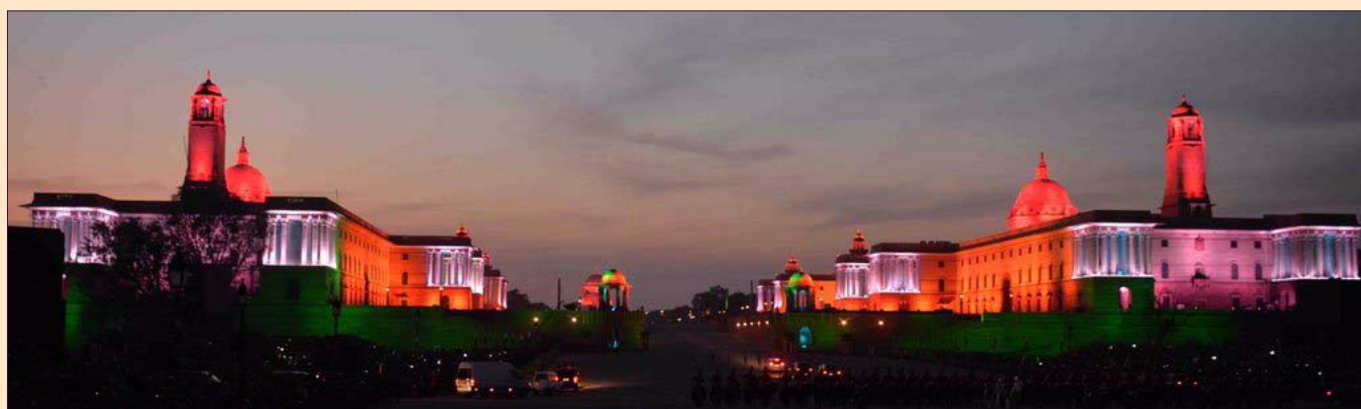
## 70<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

On January 26, 2019, India celebrated 70th Republic Day with much pomp and splendor. The President of the Republic of South Africa, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa was the Chief Guest at the 70th Republic Day Celebrations. The grand celebration was held in New Delhi in the presence of dignitaries from various fields and departments along with the political leaders of the nation. The parade was presided over by the President of India, H.E. Ram Nath Kovind.

This year's celebration was a great display of women power (Nari Shakti). The contingents of the Navy, Army Services Corps and a unit of Corps of Signals were led by women officers.

On the eve of 70th Republic Day of India, President Ram Nath Kovind in his address to the Nation said 'we will mark the 150th birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, who led us - and who inspired oppressed societies in Asia, Africa and elsewhere - to freedom from colonial rule. Gandhiji remains the moral compass of our Republic; his teachings are still the touchstone to measure our policies and initiatives. His 150th Birth anniversary is not for India alone; it is a joy to be shared with the world.'

He also said 'no conception of India's development can be complete without a salute to our spirit of inclusiveness - of access and opportunity for all; of an expansion and an embrace of those whom we consider our own.'





## 70<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATED IN JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN

On 26th January, 70th Republic Day of India was celebrated in the Embassy of India, Juba. After unfurling the Indian flag, Indian President's address to the citizens of India was read to the audience consisting more than 300. A large number of Indian peacekeeping officers and soldiers have attended the celebrations along with Indian community members.

In his address, Indian Ambassador S. D. Moorthy highlighted the importance of celebrating Republic Day and its significance. The Indian community was urged to follow local rules and regulation and abide by the new guidelines viz. registration of foreign nationals and new tax regime introduced in the country.

After the event the Indian community organized a blood donation camp at National Blood Transfusion Centre, Juba. More than 60 Indian nationals including the Ambassador donated blood. Another team of Indian community members visited the Psychiatric Ward in the Juba Teaching Hospital and donated food items to the patients undergoing treatment in the ward. India has a proposal to build a hospital to treat mental patients in the country.

In the evening of 26 January 2019, a reception was hosted by the Ambassador S D Moorthy which attended by more than 100 guests. Attendees were from the level of Ministers, Dy. Ministers, Advisors to President, top bureaucrats, MoFA Officials, Diplomatic Corps, representatives of UN and international organisations, Indian peacekeeping contingent officers and Indian community members.

In his address at the evening reception, Indian Ambassador recalled the age-old bond between India and South Sudan which got strengthened by the years of India's presence in the country since 2007. He highlighted Government of India's support to South Sudan in education, health and agricultural sectors and also welcomed the Revitalized Peace Agreement and expressed the desire of returning of peace and prosperity in South Sudan.

The Chief Guest, Hon. Deng Dau Deng Malek, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs in his address commended India's support in the education, agriculture and health fields. He urged Government of India to extend more humanitarian assistance to South Sudan. He thanked Government of India for granting scholarships and capacity building trainings under ITEC. He praised the community welfare services of Indian Battalion with UNMISS and Indian community for their support to South Sudan. He hoped for more interactions and bilateral cooperation between the two countries for the betterment of the citizens of both the countries.





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## AIIMS-CPWD MEDICAL TEAM VISITED JUBA, SOUTH SUDAN

In connection with the construction of India-South Sudan Friendship Psychiatric Hospital in Juba, a seven member delegation led by Dr. Randeep Guleria, Director, AIIMS-New Delhi visited Juba from January 02-05, 2019. The delegation was received by the Embassy officials and officers from Ministry of Health.

The delegation made a presentation of the Hospital project to the Hon. Health Minister Dr. Riek Gai Kok and other top officials in the Ministry of Health.

The team also visited Juba Teaching Hospital and had a discussion with the medical fraternity of South Sudan for a familiarization of the medical sector in South Sudan. They also inspected the Psychiatry ward of Juba Teaching Hospital.

The delegation with Amb. S D Moorthy called on to H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of the Republic of South Sudan and briefed him about the development of hospital project. The delegation also called on Hon. Governor of Jubek State, Hon. Minister of Cabinet Affairs and Hon. Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



## PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS 2019

The Mission celebrated the annual Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 20th January 2019 at the Chancery premises. The event was attended by about 100 members of the local Indian community based in Juba, including the office bearers of the Indian Association of South Sudan (IASS). National Senior Brig. Nitin Khare of the Indian Army contingent deployed in UNMISS was also present on the occasion along with his other officers.

Ambassador S D Moorthy in his remark acknowledged the hard work of the Indian community and lauded the courage of Indian entrepreneurship that had been contributing to South Sudan's efforts to develop its infrastructure and facilities since 2007. He also briefed the community about the programmes of Government of India for the betterment of NRIs and OCI card holders. Ambassador also encouraged the Indian business community, Indians working in local private companies and Indian civilian staff working for UN agencies and NGOs, to keep up their good work. Ambassador praised the local companies JIT and Jagan Drilling Group for donating a water pump to the residents of Lokanyo village on the request of DMI sisters and national Agriculture Minister Hon. Onyoti Adigo Nyikwec.

Mr. Ravindra Prakash, Chairman of Indian Association of South Sudan (IASS) briefed the Embassy and community about their humanitarian activities like donation of food items, organizing various sports activities, blood donation camps etc. He also informed of association's plan for holding events in near future.

National Senior Brig. Nitin Khare, Mr. Ravneesh Aujla, Country Manager Tristar; Mr. Bose Reddy, Universal Printers and Mr. Richard Raja, Director of Trinity Energy addressed the gathering.

## PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS 2019 PICTORIAL





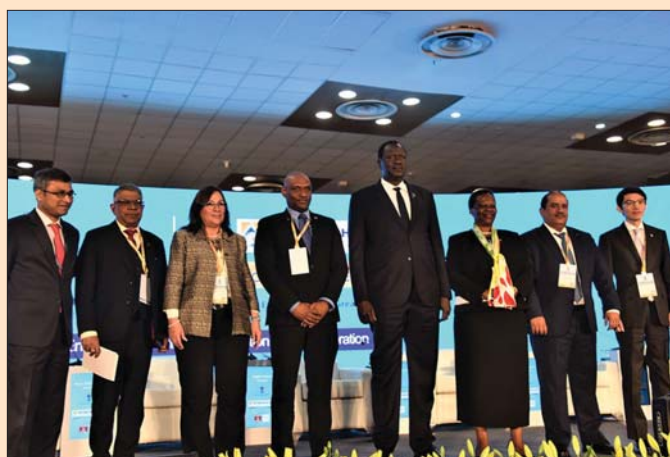
## SOUTH SUDAN PETROLEUM MINISTER VISITED INDIA

The South Sudan Minister of Petroleum, Hon. Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth led the South Sudan delegation at the PETROTECH 2019 conference from 10-12 February 2019 in Greater Noida, India..

Hon. Gatkuoth presented a detailed presentation on the Oil Production in Block 3/7 (DPOC), resumption of Oil Production at blocks 1/2/4 and block 5A. Hon. Gatkuoth also discussed the available blocks which are open for exploration and the proven reserve of 3.5 billion barrels. Hon. Gatkuoth appreciated and commended the close cooperation and collaboration between the Republic of South Sudan and the Government of India on the Hydrocarbons and other natural resources.

At the sidelines of the event, Minister Gatkuoth held successful meetings with several dignitaries and on top of them is the Indian Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Hon. Dharmendra Pradhan, the meeting discussed bilateral issues ranging from oil production at blocks 1/2/4, block 5A and how to uncap, scholarships and capacity building programs.

PETROTECH 2019 is 13th International Oil and Gas Conference and Exhibition organized by the Ministry of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship of India and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) of India and attended by more than seven thousand participants from 56 countries.



## DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PLANNING VISITED NEW DELHI

Deputy Minister of Finance and Planning Hon. Goc Makuac Mayol visited New Delhi to attend the 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership from 17th - 19th March, 2019. During the visit, Hon. Minister called on Hon. Shiv Pratap Shukla, MoS (Finance), Government of India and discussed the developments taking place in the country after signing of the Revitalized Peace Agreement. He also met the Indian Commerce Minister on the sidelines of the Conclave.





## VISIT OF 15 MEMBER TRADITIONAL DANCE TROUPE TO INDIA

For the first time in the history of Indo-South Sudan cultural relations, a 15 member traditional dance group from Malakal had participated in the prestigious Surajkund International Crafts Festival from 01-17 February 2019. The group's performance was highly appreciated and acclaimed by the people of India.

The team members felt honoured for the opportunity to perform in India and the exposure would strengthen the cultural relationship between India and South Sudan.

The team on return was received at Juba International Airport by the officials of the Embassy of India. The team's Manager conveyed his appreciation and thanks to the Indian Embassy for organising the visit and kind hospitality extended by the Indian government. There were more than 40 countries participated in this year's festival at Surajkund.



## VISHWA SAHABHAGITA PROGRAMME, KUMBHA-2019

Mr. Moses Monday John, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Organization for Nonviolence and Development (ONAD), Juba, South Sudan participated in the Vishwa Sahabagita Programme in Kumbha-2019. Delegates from 182 countries participated in the programme. The delegation met Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Hon. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

After returning from India, Mr. Moses said that his participation in Kumbh Mela 2019 has inspired and created in him a sense of being a global citizen and NOT just a South Sudanese. The festival has reminded me that we are all human, brothers and sisters regardless of our country of origin, faith, religion and cultural backgrounds. May the spirit of Kumbh continue to strengthen religious tolerance and peaceful co-existence in India and beyond.





## INDIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES - BLOOD DONATION CAMP

To mark the 70th Republic Day, the Embassy of India, in collaboration with the Indian Association of South Sudan(IASS), organised a Blood Donation Camp on 26-28 January 2019. Ambassador S D Moorthy, accompanied by embassy officials, as well as officer bearers of the IASS and other prominent members of the Indian community in Juba donated blood at National Blood Transfusion Centre, Ministry of Health.

Ambassador S D Moorthy commended the Indian Association and Indian community for their exceptional work in this noble endeavour. More than 100 Indian community members donated blood on that day.



## CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The International Women's Day was celebrated in Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) campus at Gurei on 20th March 2019. The celebration was attended by Minister of Roads and Bridges Hon. Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, Ambassador of India H.E. S D Moorthy, Mr Richard Raja, Director, Trinity Energy and other distinguished guests. More than 500 women participated and made each other to reflect and take decision and proceed towards development. The theme of celebration of International Women's Day is "Think Equally, Build Smart, Innovate for Change".

Sr. Jeny Maila, Country Programme Manager, DMI thanked all the dignitaries who participated in the event and for encouraging the women of South Sudan to work hard to achieve their dreams and hopes.





## UN MEDAL PARADE CEREMONY AT BOR

Ambassador attended the UN Medal Day Ceremony of INDBATT-II, Bor on February 27, 2019. The event was graced by Force Commander Lt. Gen. Frank Mushyo Kamanzi, UNMISS and Brig. Nitin Khare, Sector Commander South, UNMISS (National Senior Indian Battalion). Ambassador along with other dignitaries decorated the Indian battalion with UN medals. Ambassador paid a tribute at the Martyr Memorial of Garhwal Rifles battalion by laying a wreath in their memory.

During the visit Ambassador jointly inaugurated the renovated veterinary clinic run by the Indian battalion along with Jonglei State Governor. Ambassador along with Commanding Officer of INDBATT visited St. Andrews School, Bor and donated stationary and writing materials to the school children. The team also visited the basic medical training centre run by the Indian doctors Mr. and Mrs. Anil Cherian.



## UNPOL MEDAL AWARDING CEREMONY

Ambassador S D Moorthy has decorated Indian Police officers attached with UN Mission under UNPOL on February 26, 2019. Ambassador commended their service in South Sudan and urged them to keep serving the South Sudan population.





## INDBATT - I VETERINARY HOSPITAL, MALAKAL (SOUTH SUDAN)

Realising the acute requirement of veterinary assistance by the locals and as per the request from Government officials, INDBATT-I went ahead to renovate and revive the dilapidated veterinary hospital at Malakal and restored its operations.

After the restoration of veterinary facility, INDBATT-I veterinary Hospital is being opened every Saturday to extend the veterinary services to the livestock of the local populace. Livestock owners are also advised on best animal management practices and prevention and control of various diseases prevalent in the region. Local veterinary doctors and volunteers are also extending their services in clinic.



## Swachhata Pakhwada - 2019

Embassy of India celebrated Swachhata Pakhwada from January 1-15, 2019. A special drive was initiated with the help of local Municipality to clean the premises outside the perimeter wall of the Embassy and connecting roads. Indian Embassy officials had also participated in the clean drive.





## INDIA'S SPACE PROGRAMME

India is the fifth largest space faring nation in the world and India's space programme is aimed at utilization of space technology for peaceful purposes and to serve India's development goals. India has made tremendous advances in utilising space technologies and has acquired vast operational experience.

India's space programme has been indigenously developed and has acquired the capabilities in building and launching satellites, tracking and monitoring them. India has 47 satellites in space. They help in the fields of communication, management of natural resources, provision of health, education, weather forecast, navigation etc.

At present, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has more than 225 MoUs with 51 countries and launched 269 satellites for 33 countries.

### PSLV-C44 SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED MICROSAT-R AND KALAMSAT-V2

India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C44) successfully injected Microsat-R and Kalamsat-V2 satellites into their designated orbits. The PSLV-C44 lifted off at 23:37Hrs (IST) on January 24, 2019 from the First Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota in its 46th flight. This flight marked the first mission of PSLV-DL, a new variant of PSLV with two strap-on motors.

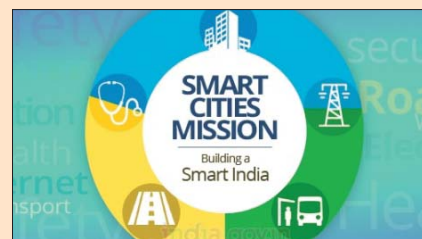
In the previous PSLV launch on November 29, PSLV-C43 had successfully launched India's HysIS as well as 30 customer satellites from abroad.

In his post-launch address, Chairman Dr. K Sivan said the PSLV-C44 mission was unique as it was for the first time ISRO used the last stage of the rocket as a platform to perform experiments in space.





## INDIAN ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE NEWS



## 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 (2017-18)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services : 53.9 Percent</li> <li>Industry : 29.1 Percent</li> <li>Agriculture : 17.1 Percent</li> </ul>
Forex Reserves	US\$ 393,287.9 million as on December 28, 2018
Value of Exports	US\$ 27.93 billion in December of 2018
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)



## GENERAL ELECTION 2019

Indian democracy is the largest functional democracy in the world. The general elections are conducted once in 5 years to elect the Members for the Parliament. The Parliamentary election is scheduled to be held in seven phases from 11 April to 19 May 2019 to constitute the 17th Lok Sabha (Lower House) by electing 543 Members of Parliament. The counting of votes will be conducted on 23rd May and on the same day the results will be declared. The Electronic Voting Machines are used in the election instead the usual paper ballots.

Eligible voters must be of Indian citizens and the minimum voting age is 18. All eligible voters are issued an electoral card by the Election Commission of India which is an autonomous constitutional body consist of a Chief Election Commissioner and 2 Election Commissioners. All eligible voters are expected to exercise their democratic right by casting their votes in the poll.

A total of around 900 million voters are expected to vote in the election which is to be conducted in 29 states and 7 Union Territories. There will be one million polling stations to be set up all over the country for the election.

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### Festival of Democracy

- Over 900 million registered voters in the country, an increase of 84 million electors since 2014
- Over 15 million electors are in the age group of 18-19 years
- 38,325 number of electors enrolled as 'Others'

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- 11 million officials to be deployed
- 10.3 lakh Polling Stations
- 23.3 lakh Ballot Units
- 16.3 lakh Control Units
- 17.4 lakh VVPATs

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### Who can register as a voter?

- An Indian Citizen
- Of 18 years of age as on 1st January, 2019
- Is a resident of a polling area of the constituency where you want to be enrolled
- Is not disqualified to be enrolled as a voter

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### For Overseas/NRI Electors

- A citizen of India, absent from the country owing to employment, education etc, has not acquired citizenship of any other country and are otherwise eligible to be registered as a voter in the address mentioned in your passport.
- To enrol as an elector
  - Fill Form 6A online at [www.nvsp.in](http://www.nvsp.in) and upload the requisite proofs.
  - Alternatively download Form 6A from ECI website [www.eci.gov.in](http://www.eci.gov.in). Fill Form 6A in 2 copies.
  - Forms are also available free of cost in Indian Missions.
- Form can be submitted in person or by post
- NRI elector can only cast their vote in person at the designated polling station on production of passport

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