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**FOREWORD**

Embassy of India is pleased to present the final edition of India News Letter, for the year 2019, covering the activities and events organised in the mission during October - December 2019.

This issue has been brought out when the South Sudan leaders agreed to extend the Pre-transition period further 100 days to sort out the pending issues before forming the unity government in February 2020. The Mission is highly optimistic about establishment of the new government in time for the betterment of the people of South Sudan.

In this quarter, the Mission had engaged in many philanthropic activities by visiting orphanages, schools and destitute centres. As the part of Mahatma 150 celebrations, the school visits was utilized to propagate Mahatma's teachings of Peace and Non-violence amongst the students and donated scholastic materials, books and sports items for their use. The Embassy with the support of an Indian company, had donated food items, floor mats and mosquito nets to the children of an orphanage located at Gudale area in Juba.

To encourage agriculture activities in rural areas in the country, the Embassy participated at the village fair organised by the DMI sisters at Gudale, on the invitation of national Minister of Agriculture and Food Security.

During this quarter, I was able to travel to some remote parts of the country with the assistance of the Indbatt under UNMISS. I wish to convey my thanks to UNMISS Force Commander Lt Gen S.S. Tinaikar and National Senior Brig Nitin Khare for their continued support. The familiarisation trips and interactions with common men and high officials helped me to understand the country better. I wish to thank the doctors and nursing staff under Col Ranjeet in Level II Hospital for saving the life of a South Sudan child. I wish to recognise the support of Deputy SRSR Mr Mustapha, Dr Iqbal and Ms Geetha Pious in this regard.

It was a proud moment for me to take part at the UN Medal Parade functions to honour the Indian Peace Keepers stationed at Bor and Malakkal. The Madras Engineers with HMEC under UNMISS at Malakkal were also bestowed with UN medals for their meritorious services in the country. During the trip to Malakkal, I was able to interact with school students and the youth club members of the POC camp. It is worth mentioning that the students residing at the POC camp have been taught cycling, Yoga and sports activities to strengthen them physically and mentally, by an Indian official attached with UNMISS.

The Embassy celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi on October 2 along with Indian community members and friends of South Sudan. The event had seen participation of leading Peace and HR champions of South Sudan and local students organising a colourful cultural show to mark the occasion. The ITEC Day, the annual get together of South Sudan alumni, who had attended various capacity building courses in India, was organised in December. I had also met the South Sudan's State Coordinators to create an awareness about the ITEC program. The Indian Constitution Day was observed in November to remember and honour our forefathers who gave us the Constitution of India. The Mission had also celebrated the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji and the Indian community recalled the valuable teachings of the great Indian Holy saint.

I was able to make courtesy calls on some of the senior Ministers in the national government and conveyed India's support to the peace process being undertaken in the country.

I wish to convey my warm greetings for the New Year 2020 to all our friends and compatriots residing in South Sudan. I am hopeful that you would find this issue interesting.

(S D Moorthy)

150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI

Mission celebrated the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in the Chancery. The function was attended by Senior Government Officials, dignitaries from renowned organisations like Organisation of Non-violence and Development (ONAD) and Value Interest and Non-Violent Alliance (VINA), UNMISS Officials, Indian Community members, Teachers and Students of local Schools.

Hon. Dr. Manasseh Lomole Waya, Chairperson of Relief & Rehabilitation Commission graced the occasion. The students from DMI school sang 'Vaishnav Jan to Tene Kahiye Je' song. Students from two local schools had performed a traditional dance and a short drama, on the theme "Peace and unity".



CELEBRATION OF ITEC DAY - 2019

Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day, the annual get together of alumni who attended capacity building trainings in India was observed on 12 October, 2019 in the Embassy. Under this Programme, more than 600 South Sudan officials benefitted from the capacity building courses offered under ITEC by the Government of India in the last five years. This year about 240 slots are offered to South Sudan officials to get trained at the premier institutions in India in short-term and long-term courses. The speakers shared their experience in India and commended how the training courses were helpful in their carrier. They requested Government of India to offer more slots to South Sudan nationals.



INDIAN DOCTORS WITH UNMISS SAVED THE LIFE OF A SOUTH SUDAN CHILD

Amna Khali, 6 year old girl who suffered multiple fracture in her left arm in an accident was saved by the Indian Doctors at Level II hospital at the UNMISS compound, Tongpin. She was admitted on 10 Dec. 2019 with 2 weeks old injury coupled with multiple fractures of left upper limb with open wound and loss of skin cover was a tough task to say the least and the challenges included both from anesthesia as well as from surgery side. The surgery lasted for 5 hours and the fractures were fixed by using plates and multiple screws. She was given complete personal care by the doctors and Amna was discharged after 10 days with complete recovery. Later on, Amna visited the hospital twice for check ups. The parents thanked Lt Col Ranjeet and all doctors in his team for saving the life of their daughter.



MEDAL DAY PARADE CEREMONY, INDBATT II AT BOR

INDBATT II at Bor organized the UN medal parade on 04 Dec 2019. S.D. Moorthy, Ambassador, Lt Gen SS Tinaikar, Force Commander UNMISS, Brig. Nitin Khare, National Senior of the Indian Contingents were amongst the dignitaries present at the event. A total of 205 UN peacekeepers including INDBATT II, Staff officers from other countries including Ethiopia, Albania, Germany, Norway, Vietnam, Cambodia, Guatemala, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania received the prestigious UN peacekeeping medal for their dedicated and selfless service in South Sudan.



AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON GOVERNOR OF JONGLEI & VISIT TO LANKEN

UN MEDAL PARADE OF HMEC AT MALAKAL

SD Moorthy, Ambassador visited IND HMEC at Malakal to congratulate the Indian soldiers who were awarded UN Peacekeeping medals in recognition of their unstinting service in South Sudan.

The Indian Engineers from 13 Ind HMEC are at the forefront in executing major engineering tasks in support of the mandate of UN mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). The unit had undertaken multifarious engineering tasks to support two most important UNMISS log bases; Malakal, in Upper Nile State and Bentiu in Unity State.



MEETING WITH GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL UPPER NILE STATE AND A VISIT TO INDIAN VETERINARY CLINIC & LOCAL SCHOOL IN MALAKAL



CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS



Embassy commemorated the Indian Constitution Day to honor the architects who wrote the Indian Constitution in 1949. The Indian Constitution is the longest written Constitution in the world with 395 Articles arranged under 22 Parts and 8 Schedules. After many amendments, it has 448 Articles under 25 Parts and 12 Schedules as on date. The great contributions of the Indian leaders who created the Constitution under the leadership of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar was recalled in the celebrations. The function was attended by South Sudan friends of India viz. Hon. Rober Lado, Commissioner of South Sudan National Land Commission, Hon. Abraham Biar, Member of Constituent Amendment Committee, Prof. Robert Deng, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of University of Juba, Dr. Al-Fak-Chol Luel, Dean of Law Faculty of University of Juba and Hon. Dut kull, Member, National Audit Chamber. South Sudanese guests were presented the copies of the Indian Constitution as a memento.



INDBATT-1 MEDAL PARADE CEREMONY AT MALAKAL

To recognize the services of 11 JAKL Infantry Battalion deployed with UNMISS, UN Medals were awarded to on completion of their mandatory tour of duty on December 12, 2019.

Ambassdor S.D. Moorthy was the Guest of Honour for the event. The ceremony was attended by a large number of military and civilian dignitaries including Brig Nitin Khare, Commander Sector South, Col Amit Gupta, CO, Indbatt, Ms Hazel Dewet, Head of field office, Malakal and Hon'ble Peter Chol Wal, Governor of Central Upper Nile State and Maj Gen Akol Majok, GOC, 2nd Division(SSPDF).

The parade was reviewed by Lt Gen Sailesh Tinaikar, SM,VSM, Force Commander, UNMISS.

Amb. SD Moorthy praised the battalion for undertaking all tasks of peace keeping. He commended the Indbatt for its contribution towards building the Veterinary Clinics at Kodok and Malakal.



AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALLS ON DIGNITARIES



Call on Hon. Kuol Manyang Juuk Chaw,
Minister of Defense and Veterans' Affairs



Call on Deputy Governor of
Fashoda State



Call on Dr. Riek Machar,
Chairman, SPLM-IO



Hon. Peter Chol Wal, Governor of Central Upper
Nile Nile State called on Indian Ambassador S.D.
Moorthy in the Embassy.

550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji

On 12th November, 2019, the Mission celebrated the '**550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Devji**' in the Chancery. The celebration was attended by Indian Community members including Sikh Community and friends of India. The function was started with the **Akhand Path** (reading of the religious book of the Sikh religion **Guru Granth Sahib**). "**kada**" prashad was distributed after the path.

The video clippings on teachings of the Guru Nanak Devji and celebration of 500th Birth Anniversary in 1969 were screened for the audience was highly appreciated. The speech of PM Narendra Modi on the occasion of inauguration of '**Kartarpur Corridor**' was screened for the audience.



AMBASSADOR VISITED YOUTH CENTER LOCATED AT THE POC CAMP AT MALAKAL AND INTERACTED WITH STUDENTS



COMMUNITY EVENTS



AGRICULTURE FAIR ORGANISED BY DMI SISTERS



INTERACTION WITH INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS



VISIT TO AN ORPHANAGE IN GUDELE, JUBA



MEETING WITH STATE COORDINATORS

THANJAVUR-BRIHADESHWAR TEMPLE, TAMILNADU

