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MEDAL PARADE AT MALAKAL ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2020

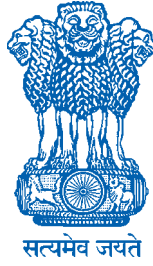


FOOD AID ASSISTANCE



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**FOREWORD**

Indian Embassy is glad to present its 4th edition of its News Letter for the period October to December 2020 covering the activities and events organised by the Embassy during this quarter.

During this period, the Government of South Sudan (GoSS) faced many political and general challenges in the country. The Revitalized Peace Agreement implementation process stagnated in view of lacking political consensus and slowed economy due to shrinking oil revenue. The government formed the Economic Crisis Management Committee to revive the falling economy and to increase the non-oil revenue collections. The reorganisation of TNLA and formation of State Assemblies and governments are yet to be completed. It was a welcome move to see the revival of Rome Talks between the government and holdout political groups to bring them into the fold of the peace process. The appeal of the international community with GoSS to speed up the peace implementation process was agreed upon and the leadership reaffirmed its commitment.

The natural calamity and inter-racial tensions during this period had seen loss precious lives in the country. The appeal of UN organisations for humanitarian assistance to help the flood affected people got a good response. The UNMISS played an effective role to stem the inter-communal tension in Greater Jonglei and in other regions.

To mitigate the sufferings of the flood affected people of South Sudan, the Government of India granted a Food Aid consisting 70 MT of Rice, Wheat flour and Sugar. The food consignment was handed over to the Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management on 16 December 2020 in Juba.

The Embassy with the support of Indian community in Juba donated food and non-food items to various orphanages located in the city. The other beneficiaries were the Juba Handicapped Association, Juba Visually Impaired Association members. The Divine Mercy center for the Street Children was visited by the Embassy officials and the inmates were donated food and other basic requirements. Our Christmas and New Year gifts to the children at the orphanages and Divine Mercy center brought a great joy on their faces !!

The Embassy donated Solar Lamps to the students in Juba and nearby villages and in Malakal to help in their studies. The students were taught how to assemble the lamps and the assembled lamps were gifted to make an awareness of clean and renewable energy. This programme was part of the Gandhi@150 celebrations commemorated from Oct 2018 to October 2020.

The Covid19 pandemic shattered the whole world. The call of inventing a vaccine to save the humanity from the deadly virus was responded by leading pharma companies and the vaccine is expected to be rolled out in the New Year. India has been developing two indigenous vaccines which are under final phase of human testing. Once it is approved, the vaccines will be offered to friendly countries of India to fulfill its global obligation and responsibilities.

India is joining the UN Security Council (UNSC) as a non-permanent member for a two year tenure (2021-2022) from 1 January 2021. As a responsible member of the global community, India shall be the voice of the developing world in UNSC.

I wish to convey Indian Embassy's warm Greetings for a Safe and Healthy New Year- 2021 to all our friends and compatriots residing in South Sudan.

(S D Moorthy)

GANDHI @150 CELEBRATIONS

Government of India celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary all over the world from 02.10.2018 to 02.10.2020. The 2 years long celebrations aimed to pay a fitting tribute to the great thinker and philosopher who is affectionately called 'Mahatma' by Indians. Indian Embassy organized following events in the last two years - Schools outreach programmes (Embassy donated books, stationery and sports materials to many schools in Juba and in other States); Tree saplings plantation programme; Gifting of food items and non food items to orphanages and old age homes in Juba; school children were taught on how to assemble solar lamps and the assembled lamps were gifted to them; to propagate Gandhi's message of peace and non-violence, pamphlets of his sayings and his autobiography were gifted to school children and general public; copies of Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography were gifted to South Sudan dignitaries.

The Embassy celebrated Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary on 2 Oct 2020 and recalled his vision for the world along with the South Sudan admirers of Gandhiji.



INDBATT-1 AWARDED UNITED NATION MEDALS IN SOUTH SUDAN

In recognition of the dedication and bravery during their deployment with UNMISS, nearly 850 troops of the 13 Punjab Infantry Battalion Group (INDBATT-1) at Malakal in South Sudan were awarded United Nations Peace Medals on completion of their mandatory tour of duty on November 20, 2020.

Ambassador S D Moorthy and UNMISS Force Commander, Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar were the Guests of Honour for the event. The ceremony was also attended by a large number of military and civilian dignitaries including Brig Gen Jai Singh Bainsla, Commander Sector South and Col Neeraj Tiwari, Commander of Indian Battalion.

The parade was reviewed by Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar, SM, VSM, Force Commander, UNMISS. He praised the Indian battalion for managing a full-fledged base at Kodok on the Western Banks of Nile.

Ambassador S D Moorthy addressed the parade and praised the battalion for undertaking all tasks of peace keeping operations while ensuring a peaceful environment for local population. He also commended the INDBATT for contribution towards building the Veterinary facilities at Kodok and Malakal and training of local youth for managing these hospitals.



AMBASSADOR'S VISIT TO VISION ACADEMY MALAKAL

Ambassador S.D. Moorthy during his 2 days visit to Malakal, interacted with Secretary General of Upper Nile State, Mr Ajak Wer Lual and distributed books and scholastic materials to students of Bandar Primary School. In his address to the students, Amb Moorthy motivated the students to study hard for upliftment of future of their country. He apprised of the students about Indian scholarships and capacity building training programmes. He visited the Malakal Veterinary hospital run by Indian Battalion and interacted with Community Animal health workers trained by the RVC team led by Lt Col (Dr) Gagandeep Singh for self-sustainability of Veterinary Services in state.



INDIAN FOOD AID TO SOUTH SUDAN

Amb S D Moorthy handed over 70 MT of food (Wheat/Rice Flour, Rice, Sugar) from Government of India to the flood affected people of South Sudan on 16.12.2020. While accepting donation, the South Sudan Minister of Humanitarian Affairs, Hon. Paul Mayen expressed his gratitude and thanked Government and the people of India for the kind and timely humanitarian gesture. He conveyed HE Salva Kiir Mayardit, President of South Sudan's gratitude to PM of India, HE Naredra Modi for his continued support and assistance to the country. The Food items are to be distributed to the flood affected people by the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) of South Sudan.



PHARMA INTERACTION MEETING

The Embassy organized an interaction meeting between the South Sudanese and Indian businessmen dealing with Pharma products and equipment. The ways and means to increase the bilateral trade was discussed. The requirement of an Indian Hospital and Pathological Testing Lab was highlighted by the participants. Amb Moorthy offered Embassy's support and assistance to the local traders in importing of Indian pharma products and other related services.



FOREIGN ENVOYS VISITED VACCINE DEVELOPMENT PHARMA INSTITUTIONS

About 60 Foreign Ambassadors based in New Delhi, visited the vaccine producing companies, Bharat Biotech and Biological E, in Hyderabad. The vaccine developed by these institutes is in the final stages of testing and is expected to be launched in another few months. The efficacy of the vaccine proved to be highly satisfactory and cost effective. India offered its vaccines to the world as a humanitarian gesture.

Australian High Commissioner to India, Mr. Barry O'Farrell, who was part of the visitors' delegation to the centres said that, "There are many vaccines being produced in countries around the world but there is only one country that has the manufacturing capacity to produce sufficient quantities to satisfy the demand of citizens in every country and that is India".



COVID19 AWARENESS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY CAMPAIGN

Indian Army officers deployed with UNMISS at Malakal conducted a 4 days Covid 19 awareness campaign and Cattle management programme at various locations of the Upper Nile State of South Sudan. The local community members appreciated the humanitarian assistance programmes of the Indian Battalion stationed in the country.



AYURVEDA DAY 2020: PM MODI TO DEDICATED TWO AYURVEDA INSTITUTIONS AT JAMNAGAR AND JAIPUR

On 13th November 2020 while observing the 5th Ayurveda Day, PM Modi dedicated to the nation of two Ayurveda institutions which are expected to play global supporting roles in the growth and development of Ayurveda in the 21st Century.

The Ayurveda Day is being observed every year from 2016, on the day of Dhanwantri Jayanti. This year it falls on 13th November 2020. Ayurveda Day is more an occasion of re-dedication to the profession and the society, than one of festivities or celebrations. Potential role of Ayurveda in the management of the Covid-19 pandemic will be the focus of this year's 'Ayurveda Day' observation.

Utilising the immense untapped potential of AYUSH systems of healthcare for providing effective and affordable solutions for India's public health challenges is a priority of the Government. Consequently, modernisation of AYUSH education is also a priority area. Multiple steps have been taken for this in the last 3-4 years. Dedication to the nation of ITRA, Jamnagar as an Institution of National Importance and NIA, Jaipur as an Institution Deemed to be University is a historic step not just in the modernization of Ayurveda Education, but in the evolution of traditional medicine itself. This will provide them the autonomy to upgrade the standard of Ayurveda education, frame various courses as per emerging national and international demand and excel in modern research to generate more and more evidences.



Ayurveda Day 2020
13th November 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dedicate two future-ready Ayurveda institutions to the nation.



National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur:

An Ayurveda Institution for Teaching and Research with country-wide repute, NIA gets a shot in the arm with Deemed to be University (De novo Category) status.



Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar:

Created through an Act of Parliament, ITRA becomes the first Institute in Ayush Sector with the status of Institution of National Importance (INI).

With the increased operational and academic autonomy, ITRA and NIA will help Ayurveda take giant strides into the mainstream of public health.



The three brightly coloured stigmas that droop over the petals of each flower form the most valued part, both medically and as a spice.

Ayurveda uses Saffron in the treatment of migraine, wounds, vomiting, discoloration and patches on skin.



Ayurveda Day 2020
13th November 2020

Globalisation of Ayurveda through standardisation of diagnostics and terminologies.

- Efforts are on to include Ayurveda in the International Classification of Disorders (ICD). This global Classification helps in study of the causes, distribution, and control of disease.
- Inclusion of Ayurveda as part of ICD is a milestone which enables physicians, health workers, researchers, policy-makers, insurers and national health programme managers, among others across the globe to pragmatically understand and harness healthcare solutions of Ayurveda.
- It will lead to globalisation, growth and mainstreaming of Ayurveda.



Ayurveda Day 2020
13th November 2020

Medicinal Plants with GI Tag

NAVARA RICE - *Oriza sativa* L.





A staple food grown largely in the state of Kerala, especially in northern Kerala, Navara is valued for its medicinal value as well.



Navara is an ancient medicinal rice variety which has unique medicinal characteristics widely used in Ayurvedic treatments.



Ayurveda uses Navara Rice in the treatment of paralysis and other neuromuscular conditions.

SOLAR LAMPS DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOL STUDENTS

On behalf of the Indian Embassy, solar table lamps were distributed on 2nd Nov 2020 at Vision Academy School students at Malakal by Indian Army officials (HMEC) team led by Lt Col MPS Ghai. Hundreds of Solar Lamps were distributed to the flood displaced school children of Lado county through MMI Fr Jayaparakash.



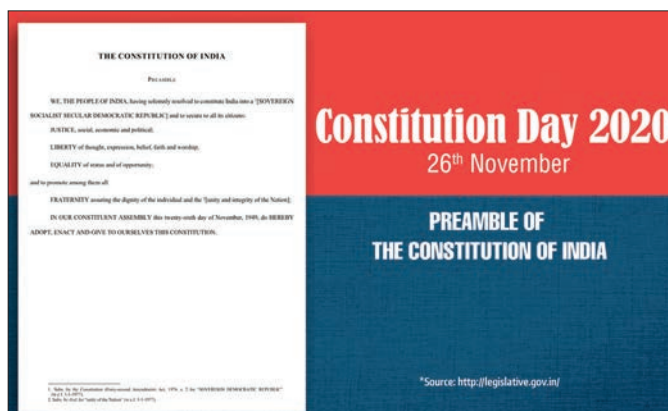
PM MODI RELEASED COMMEMORATIVE COIN TO MARK THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAO

On the occasion of 75th Anniversary of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on 16th October 2020, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin of Rs 75 denomination to mark the long-standing relation of India with FAO. Prime Minister had also dedicated to the nation 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of 8 crops.



CONSTITUTION DAY OF INDIA

Indian Embassy celebrated Constitution Day of India on 26th November 2020. The pledge was administered by Ambassador Moorthy to the Embassy and UNMISS officials.



EMBASSY'S PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES IN JUBA

Indian Embassy with the Support of Indian Community extended humanitarian assistance by donating food and non-food items to Divine Mercy Orphanage, Rejaf Blind School, St. Clare Orphanage & Union of Disabled persons during the Christmas time as a goodwill gesture.



EMBASSY'S PHILANTHROPIC SERVICES IN JUBA



PSLV SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHES EOS-01 AND NINE CUSTOMER SATELLITES FROM SRIHARIKOTA LAUNCHING SITE

India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, in its fifty first flight (PSLV-C49), successfully launched EOS-01 along with nine international customer satellites from the First Launch Pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota on November 07, 2020.

EOS-01 was successfully injected into its orbit. Subsequently, nine commercial satellites were injected into their intended orbits. After separation, the two solar arrays of EOS-01 were deployed automatically and the ISRO Telemetry Tracking and Command Network at Bengaluru assumed control of the satellite. In the coming days, the satellite will be brought to its final operational configuration.

Dr K. Sivan, Chairman of ISRO stated that PSLV-C49 successfully placed all ten satellites precisely into their orbit. He congratulated both the launch vehicle and satellite teams for rising to the occasion amidst the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. EOS-01 is an earth observation satellite, intended for applications in agriculture, forestry and disaster management support.

The nine customer satellites from Lithuania (1), Luxembourg (4) and USA(4) were launched under a commercial arrangement with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).

PSLV-C49 is the 2nd flight of PSLV in 'DL' configuration (with 2 solid strap-on motors). Besides being the 51st launch of PSLV, today's launch was also the 76th launch vehicle mission from SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota.



THE SHORE TEMPLE, MAHABALIPURAM, TAMILNADU



MAHABALIPURAM A PIECE OF INDIAN HISTORY

BALAJI MOORTHY

