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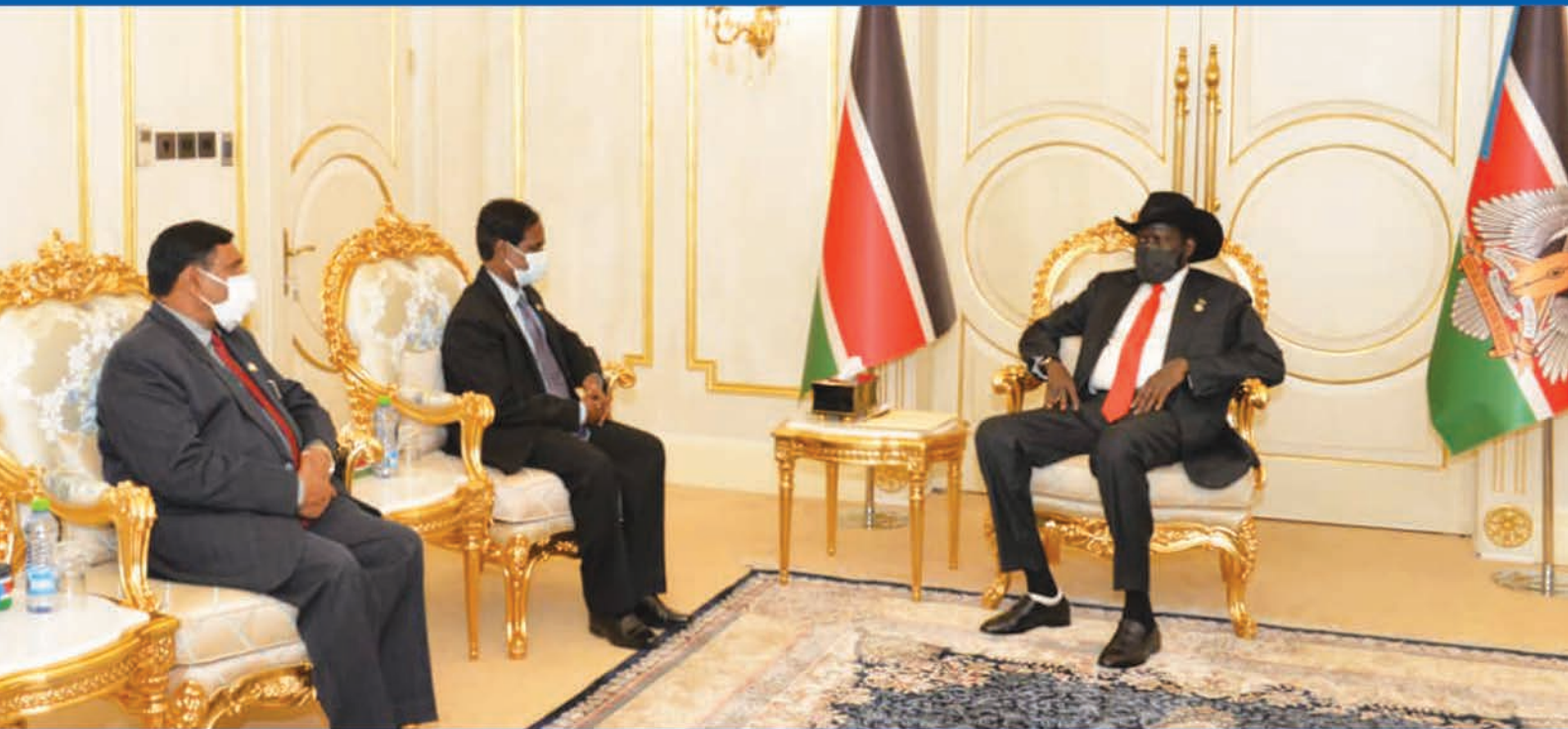


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FAREWELL CALL ON H.E. SALVA KIIR, PRESIDENT



CELEBRATIONS OF 7TH INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY



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**FOREWORD**

Indian Embassy is happy to present its second edition of its News Letter for the period April to June 2021 covering the activities and events organised by the Embassy.

The Government of India gifted 6 MT of live saving medicines to the Government of Republic of South Sudan for the benefit of people of South Sudan. Minister of Humanitarian Affairs of South Sudan, profusely recalled Government of India's constant support to the youngest nation of the world. He underlined that in a situation when the international humanitarian agencies' recent decision of pruning the aid to South Sudan in view of the pandemic and economic constrains, India's timely help of medicines would surely fill up the gap to ease the sufferings of the citizens of the country.

On 4th May, 2021, Former Ambassador S.D. Moorthy travelled back to India after successful completion of his assignment in South Sudan. Before his departure, he made a farewell call to H.E. Salva Kiir, President. Salva Kiir Mayardit alongwith the undersigned. Ambassador Moorthy cordially explained to H.E. President Salva Kiir Mayardit the Indian support to South Sudan alongwith what Indian Embassy has done in areas of education, health and welfare during his tenure of 3 years. He also underlined the key role of Indian Contingent in UNMISS and Indian Community in South Sudan. H.E. President Kiir thanked PM Modi for GoI's constant support and being with South Sudan in its difficult times. He appreciated the government of India for the support given to South Sudan at in United Nation Security Council and strong the bilateral cooperation between South Sudan and India.

On 9th June, 2021 Indian Battalion stationed at Bor celebrated Medal Day Parade Ceremony. Around 135 peacekeeping troops of Indian Battalion stationed at Bor were awarded with UN Medals for their dedicated service & sacrifice in Bor and Jonglei region.

The Mission has celebrated the 7th International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2021 in its premises. The Mission, due to restrictions imposed against gatherings due to Covid 19 Pandemic, kept the participation of Yoga practitioners limited in number around 50. The event was shown live on facebook also.

A world renowned cyclist, Dr. Raj Phanden also known as "Cycle Baba", visited Indian Embassy on his mission to travel the world on cycle to spread awareness environmental pollution, global warming, climate change, and its effect on the human race, while encouraging tree plantations as a solution to combat the ill effects of these man-made disasters. Cycle Baba had started his Mission way back in 2016, with a theme – "Wheels for Green".

The Indian Embassy has donated a set of books, relating to Indian arts and culture other common subjects, to the African Institute for Development and Leadership located at Lobonok county as part of its philanthropic activities.

It is worth praising that the Veterinary team from INDBATT-I in Kodok for their commendable service of "Attending the Unattended" by organizing a veterinary camp at Kodok for the benefit of local cattle, animals and people living there.

Finally, I would like to request all members of Indian community and South Sudanese friends to take precautions for COVID-19, as advised by Ministry of Health, to protect themselves from the deadly virus infection.

I am hopeful that you would find this issue of New Letter interesting and informative.

(S.K Rajoria)

Gift of medicines from India for the people of South Sudan

A consignment of 6 Metric tons of life saving medicines was gifted by Government of India for the benefit of people of South Sudan. The gift from India was received by Hon. Peter Mayen Majongdit, Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management and Hon. Santino Bol, Deputy Chairman of RRC of South Sudan.

Hon. Minister thanked PM Modi and people of India for their continued support to South Sudan. He recalled the donation of medicines to South Sudan in Feb 2020 and the 70 MT food aid in Dec 2020. He commended that "a friend in need is a friend indeed." He profusely recalled Government of India's constant support to the youngest nation of the world and underlined that the international humanitarian agencies' recent decision of pruning the aid to South Sudan in view of the pandemic and financial constraints, India's timely help of medicines would surely fill up the gap to ease the sufferings of the citizens of the country.

The Deputy Chairman of RRC praised India for extending a helping hand to his "younger brother" South Sudan who is in dire need of international support and especially from India at this critical time.

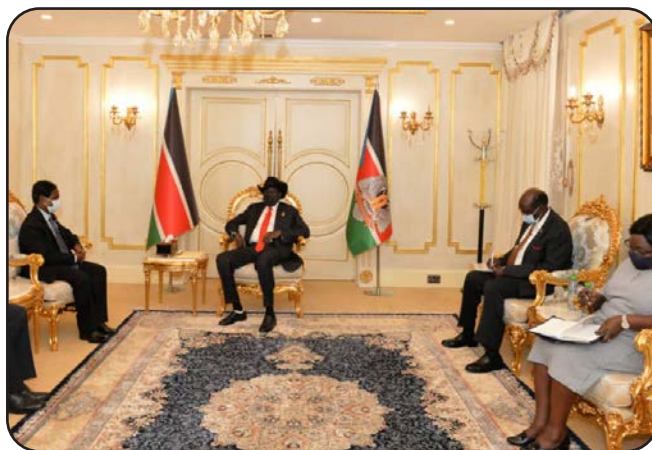
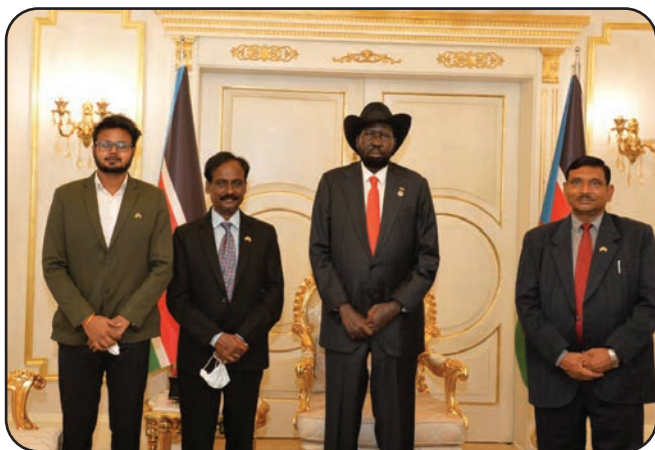
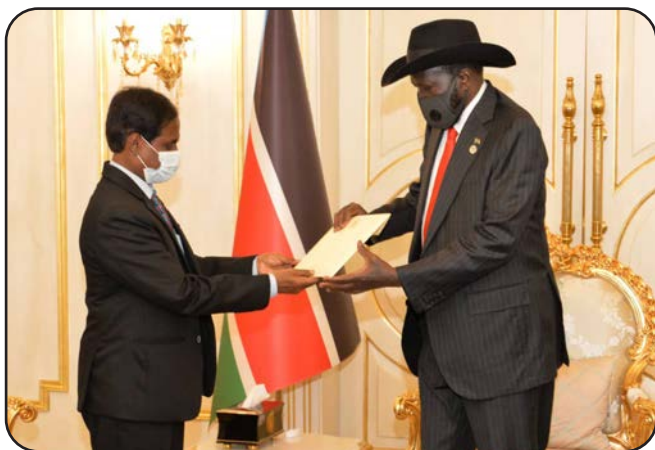
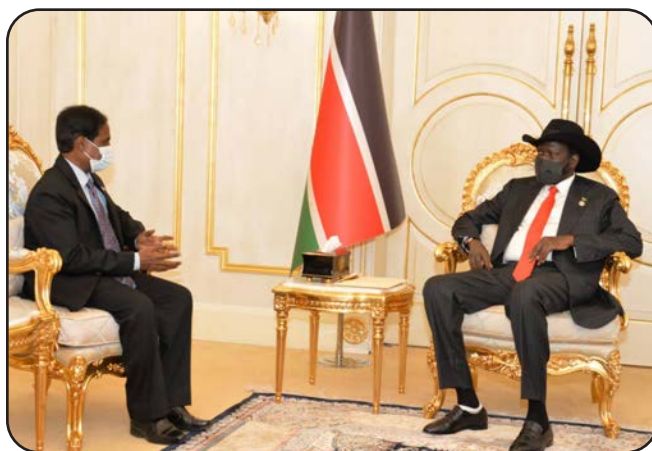


Farewell call on President H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit

Amb Moorthy, accompanied by Charge D' Affaires, S.K. Rajoria, made a farewell call on President of South Sudan H.E. Salva Kiir Mayardit. President Kiir thanked PM Modi for GoI's constant support and being with South Sudan in its difficult times.

H.E. President Salva Kiir appreciated the government of India for the support given to South Sudan at in United Nation Security Council and commended the bilateral cooperation between South Sudan and India.

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7th International Day of Yoga celebrations in Juba

The 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY 2021) was celebrated in Juba on Monday, 21 June 2021 at 0900 hrs onwards at the Embassy premises with limited participation from the Indian Community and UNMISS personnel based in Juba due to COVID-19 following all social distancing norms and protocols prescribed by Ministry and local Government.

Cd'A,a.i. Shri S K Rajoria delivered the welcome remarks and outlined the physical and psychological benefits of practicing Yoga regularly and stressed on its importance specially during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Cd'A,a.i. thanked the gathering for their presence and requested everyone to continue the practice of Yoga everyday, followed by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's address on the occasion of IDY 2021 conveying the theme of this year's celebrations "Yoga for Wellness" was televised before the beginning of the Yoga Session.

Yoga experts from INDFSU (UNMISS) of Indian Military Contingent of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) performed the various Yoga postures, Yogasanas and Pranayam before the enthusiastic participants. The yoga session was accompanied by detailed explanation of the yogasanas and was very well received by the participants.

The Indian Battalion (INDBATT-1) based at Malakal deployed in United Nations Mission in South Sudan celebrated 7th International Yoga Day with theme 'Yoga for well-being' on 21 June 2021 at Malakal. Officers and Troops from Troops contributing countries (TCC) and staff from UNMISS participated in this year's yoga day celebration. Mr Christian Mikala, Acting Head of Field Office (HOFO), Malakal, UNMISS and Col Neeraj Tiwari, Contingent Commander, INDBATT-1 graced the occasion with their presence at the event.



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Indian Battalion Commemorates World Veterinary Day at Malakal in Upper Nile State

Indian Battalion commemorated World Veterinary Day at Mahatma Gandhi Hall of INDBATT-1 Veterinary Hospital, Malakal on 24 Apr 2021. The objective to celebrate this great day is "collaborative effort of multiple discipline working locally, nationally and globally which includes veterinarian to attain optimal health for people, animals and our environment" under One Health is the key response to the COVID-19 pandemic" stated Colonel Neeraj Tiwari, Contingent Commander of the Indian Battalion in Upper Nile State. More than 40 persons attended the event which included staff from the state Animal Resources Department, community leaders and cattle owners in this one-day session. As a part of celebration, awareness lecture on cattle diseases, preventive measures and good managemental practices by Lt Col Philip Varghese, Veterinary Detachment Commander was carried out. Besides, 12 community animal health workers (CAHW) were imparted a hands-on training in administration of medicine and handling of instruments. A veterinary aid camp was also organised where in 383 animals were treated and dewormed comprising 65 donkeys, 282 sheep/goats, 02 dogs and 34 poultry. The theme of this year's was "Veterinarian response to COVID-19 pandemic"

"Commemorating on International Day, work done for animals is not an easy work. It is direct commandment from the God" said Ms Mary William, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, Upper Nile State. Emphasized the need to improve the livestock health of all counties in Upper Nile State. She said this can be achieved by focusing in two key areas - capacity building of the staff and training of individuals from the local community as CAHWs. She commended the role played by Indian Embassy in training of persons in India, when she was working at Juba earlier prior to this appointment. She praised the work carried out by Indian Battalion in the livestock sector in the state of Upper Nile and said the efforts should continue. She assured that the Government of Upper Nile State will support Indian Battalion in all aspects, since they are tirelessly working for people and restoring peace in Upper Nile State.

Indian Battalion had an immense role in connecting between UNMISS, local government, civilian staff and local community in the state of Upper Nile.



National Chamber of Commerce officials discussed trade promotion between India and South Sudan

Ms. Salwa Bakony Monytuel, Deputy Chairperson of South Sudan Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture has met Indian Ambassador S.D. Moorthy and Mr. S.K. Rajoria, Trade Officer in the Indian Embassy. The officials from the National Chamber of Commerce discussed the ways and means to increase the trade volume between India and South Sudan. The officials offered to export honey, gum arabic and sesame seeds to India since India has a huge demand for organically produces merchandise from abroad. Ms. Salwa Bakony suggested a visit from India by a delegation of Indo-Africa Chamber of Commerce to explore the business opportunities available in South Sudan. She had also suggested that an interaction meeting between South Sudan Chamber and Indian business community in Juba. Amb Moorthy has agreed to consider the request from the National Chamber of Commerce and opined that the constant interaction between the Indian and South Sudan business community would be helpful to revive the trade between two countries and to avail the expertise achieved by India in the fields of pharmaceuticals and IT sectors.



Medal Day Parade Ceremony of Indbatt-II at Bor

INDBATT-II conducted its UN Medal Parade at INDBATT-II location Bor on 09 June 2021. Lt Gen Shailesh Sadashiv Tinaikar, SM, VSM, Force Commander, UNMISS was the "Chief Guest & Reviewing Officer" for the parade. Brig Gen Jai Singh Bainsla, Sector Commander, SSOUTH & Indian SNR, Brig Gen Deepak Kumar Baniya, Sector Commander, SEAST and TCC commanders of SSB Bor were the guests for this occasion.

At the outset, the Force Commander paid homage to the martyrs of INDBATT-II, who made supreme sacrifice while rendering service in UNMISS, by laying wreath at the INDBATT-II War Memorial. Thereafter the Force Commander reviewed the INDBATT-II Medal Parade. While addressing the parade, the Force Commander congratulated INDBATT-II for their dedicated service and sacrifice in the conflict-ridden country of South Sudan and fulfilling the enormous operational responsibility amidst the various challenges in Jonglei & GPAA which has won hearts.



Wheels for Green

Dr. Raj Phanden also known as (Cycle Baba) on his mission to travel the world on cycle visited Indian Embassy in Juba. He planted a tree in Embassy premises.

Shri Raj Phanden started his Mission way back in 2016 with a mission titled – Wheels for Green, World Bicycle Traveler from India on a Bicycle to travel across the globe to create awareness on environmental pollution, global warming, climate change, and its effect on the human race, while encourage tree plantations to combat them.

On a visit to each and every country, Dr. Raj Phanden has planted thousands of trees to create more awareness, interest and encourage the local people to do the same. He has also been conducting seminars in schools and colleges to create awareness to save our planet Earth, also trying to spread the awareness of our ancient practice and the most effective treatment to all illness – Ayurveda amongst the youth, so that the upcoming generation is equipped with an understanding of how it works and prefer our indigenous treatment

It's this drive and passion for nature that has seen him reach the world's most amazing natural wonders across continents on human steam alone – pushing the boundaries physically and mentally through some of the most challenging environments the world has to offer.

Embassy of India in Juba conveyed its appreciation to Dr. Raj Phanden's enduring efforts in spreading the message of global warming and clean environment, planting thousands of trees and popularizing Ayurveda, the holistic preventive and curative traditional medicinal system of India enroute his world tour on bicycle since 2016. We highly appreciate Dr. Raj's efforts to save the planet of humanity



Indian Embassy donated books to Lobonok's African Institute

The Indian Embassy has donated a set of books relating to Indian arts and culture and books on other common topics to the African Institute for Development and Leadership located at Lobonok county. The institute was inaugurated by H.E. Dr. Wani Igga, Vice-President on 27 April 2021.



Embassy's Philanthropic services



Message of EAM on the Occasion of the Passport Seva Divas

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Minister of External Affairs
India


**MESSAGE**

It gives me great pleasure to felicitate all our Passport Issuing Authorities in India and abroad on the occasion of the Passport Seva Divas. The Ministry of External Affairs, along with the Central Passport Organization, is marking this occasion and renewing our commitment to provide passport and passport-related services to the citizens of India in a timely, reliable, accessible, transparent and efficient manner. I congratulate the Passport Offices, who have continued to deliver passport services at a high standard, even during the pandemic.

The Ministry of External Affairs has leveraged greater use of IT and digital systems into its functioning, including delivering public services. The Passport Seva Programme (PSP) currently encompasses 555 Passport Kendra across the length and breadth of our country, including 36 Passport Offices, 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) and 426 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (POPSK). We are working closely with the Department of Posts for setting up new POPSK to extend outreach of our passport services to the citizens. The Ministry has successfully integrated the passport issuance systems in 174 of our Missions/Posts abroad into the PSP, enabling us to deliver passport and passport-related services to our Diaspora abroad efficiently.

Digital platform such as the *mPassport Seva* Mobile App for submission of passport applications and the citizen-friendly 'Apply from Anywhere' Scheme have eased the process for submission of passport applications by the citizens. The *mPassport* Police App has led to expediting police verification. In a major digital transformation, Ministry has integrated the Passport Seva Programme with DigiLocker, enabling citizens to submit various documents for obtaining passport services through DigiLocker in a paperless mode. We need to continue further simplifying the passport rules and increasing our efforts to provide passport services in a comfortable environment with wider accessibility and reliability and minimizing the compliance burden on citizens.

I call upon all Passport Issuing Authorities in India and abroad to make conscious efforts to further improve the delivery of passport and passport related services, particularly utilising the new opportunities offered by increased use of technology that enable closer engagement with citizens.


(Dr. S. Jaishankar)

CIMIC Activity by Indian Battalion's Force Signal Unit

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has far reaching consequences for people of all ages across the world. With an aim to generate awareness and provide assistance to the medical frontline workers and local populace of Wau, Force Signal Unit undertook a CIMIC activity in two phases on 04 May 2021 and 16 June 21 to encourage the people to take preventive measures against coronavirus.

To assist the people in adopting safety measures and follow good hygiene, medical assistance kits and stores were donated to the staff and patients of 'Mary Help Maternal and Child Friendly Hospital', Alelchok, Wau as well as to the students of 'Mary Help College of Nursing and Midwifery'.

The medical kits comprised of PPE kits, surgical masks, N95 masks, surgical gloves, hand sanitizers, shoe covers, disposable bedsheets and disposable hand towels. The activity was carried out in coordination with the focal point 'Sister Grace' at the hospital and College.

The event was a huge success as the efforts were praised by the recipients. The team also offered handmade Indian sweets to the staff and patients which was well savoured and appreciated.



PM Modi Commits India's Support to Improve Global Health Governance

The PM has also called for global unity against future pandemics



While participating in the first Outreach Session of the G7 Summit on Saturday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed appreciation for the support extended by the G7 and other guest countries during the recent wave of COVID infections in India.

Speaking at the session, titled 'Building Back Stronger - Health', focused on global recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and on strengthening resilience against future pandemics, he highlighted India's 'whole of society' approach to fight the pandemic, synergising the efforts of all levels of the government, industry and civil society.

He also explained India's successful use of open source digital tools for contact tracing and vaccine management, and conveyed India's willingness to share its experience and expertise with other developing countries.

The Prime Minister committed India's support for collective endeavours to improve global health governance. He sought the G7's support for the proposal moved at the WTO by India and South Africa, for a TRIPS waiver on COVID related technologies.

Prime Minister Modi said that today's meeting should send out a message of "One Earth One Health" for the whole world. Calling for global unity, leadership, and solidarity to prevent future pandemics, the Prime Minister emphasized the special responsibility of democratic and transparent societies in this regard.

Attending the Unattended by Indian Battalion

Reusable masks and COVID awareness posters were also handed over to the Office of County Commissioner. County Commissioner and Executive Director of Kodok County, Religious leaders from Catholic Archdiocese of Juba and local church visited the camp and cherished the efforts of Indian Battalion extended towards empathy to the sick animals. The veterinary aid camp was highly effective with active involvement of livestock owners and all stated their gratitude to the Indian peacekeepers.



AMARNATH TEMPLE, JAMMU & KASHMIR



BRIHADEESWARA TEMPLE, TAMIL NADU

