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## CELEBRATIONS OF 72<sup>ND</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY



## CELEBRATION OF 72<sup>ND</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA IN THE EMBASSY





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Ambassador of India to  
South Sudan

FOREWORD

Indian Embassy is happy to present its first edition of its News Letter for the period January to March 2021 covering the activities and events organised by the Embassy.

During this period, the Government of India launched its COVID-19 vaccination programme on January 16, 2021, with the two approved vaccines (Emergency-use) – Covishield and Covaxin. In phase 1, health workers were vaccinated followed by people above the age of 50 years. In January, India launched the Vaccine Maitri (Vaccine Friendship) initiative – a major diplomatic effort to gift and supply made-in-India vaccines to low-income and developing countries globally and priority was given to India's neighbouring countries. While 80.75 lakh doses have been sent as gift, free of charge, 165.24 lakh doses have been delivered as part of Covax mechanism under the aegis of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation. An estimated 339.67 lakh doses have been sent as part of commercial deals. South Sudan has also got a consignment of 1,62,000 doses of Covishield vaccine under Covax programme.

The unexpected sudden spurt of Covid19 infection cases in India became a big challenge and had an immense impact on the health care system. However, the government was able to manage the situation with all its available resources and timely support from friendly countries. To contain the spread, a severe lockdown was imposed in many states and citizens were advised to follow strictly the precautionary protocols. The government had also started a vigorous campaign to vaccinate all frontline workers and people above 45 years of age.

In South Sudan, we have lost few of our countrymen during this period and the Embassy extended all required support to transport the mortal remains and for local cremation of two Indians whose mortal remains could not be sent. The Indian community had also supported in repatriation of few Indian nationals who were stranded in the country for some time. During this period, many Covid19 infected Indians got recovered with the help of our medical fraternity and Indian community's support.

Due to the pandemic lockdown, the mission was able to send only few South Sudan students to India to pursue higher studies under ICCR scholarship programme of Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Unlike previous years, South Sudan nationals could not visit India to attend various capacity building training courses under ITEC programme in view of disruption of the flight services due to the pandemic. However, the Embassy has made arrangements in its premises to enable the trainees to attend the courses online. The trainees who have benefitted from this arrangement appreciated the efforts made by the Embassy. A group of 15 government officials have attended the two week long Electoral Technology Management course in the Embassy. This arrangement enabled a large number of South Sudanese to join the online classes instead limited numbers going to India to attend such courses.

I would like to request all Indian community members and South Sudan friends to take due precautions as advised by health authorities and government to safeguard themselves from the deadly virus infection. I am hopeful that you would find this issue interesting.

(S D Moorthy)

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day Celebrations in Juba on 26 January 2021

The Embassy of India celebrated the 72nd Republic Day on 26 Jan 2021 in the Chancery in low key, in view of the pandemic and local health directives and restrictions. About 150 Indian expatriates including UNMISS officials participated in the celebrations. Ambassador read Hon. President of India's address to the nation both in English and Hindi. The programme was telecast live on the Mission's Facebook page for the benefit of the large Indian community and Indian peace keepers residing in South Sudan.

Ambassador in his address highlighted India's recent Food Aid donation to South Sudan and other community welfare activities undertaken by the Indian Embassy with the support of Indian community in Juba.





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## Don Bosco Technical Trainees Graduation Ceremony

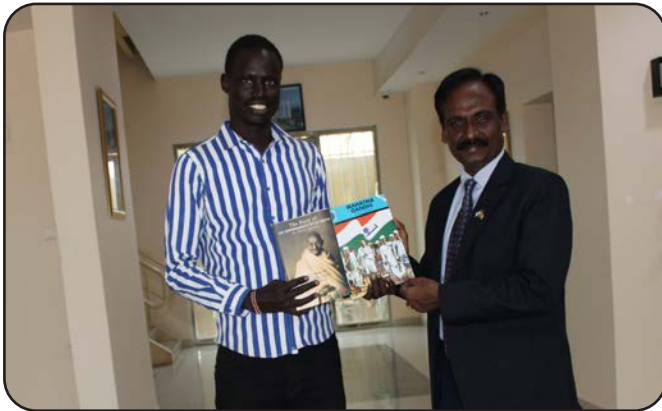
The Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre (VTC) at Gumbo held its graduation ceremony on 30th January 2021. More than 200 students of 2018 batch were awarded diplomas after successful completion of the courses on General Electrical engineering, Automobile engineering, Welding, Carpentry, Plumbing, Masonry, Computer and Secretarial trainings. The Don Bosco Salesians are in South Sudan since 2006. By their dedicated service, they trained thousands of students by imparting technical skill trainings.

Indian Ambassador S.D. Moorthy was the Chief Guest of the 6th Graduation ceremony of Don Bosco VTC. In his address to the students, he commended the dedication of the students who opted technical streams as their career which would empower them as entrepreneurs, employers and teachers who will pave the way for strong foundation for the progress of South Sudan.





## Embassy gifted Books and Scholarstic materials to Don Bosco School, Tonj



## Embassy gifted Books to Juba University Library

The India Corner set up at the Library of the University of Juba by the Embassy in January 2020 was replenished with more text books on 12 February 2021. The Embassy gifted a set of computer text books to the Dean of the library for the benefit of the students of the University.





## Capacity building training courses conducted online under ITEC Programme

The Embassy organized three online capacity building courses for the South Sudan Government officials in Electoral Technology, Management Systems and Solar Energy Technologies in the Embassy premises under ITEC programme.



## Government Officials attend Indian Capacity Building Training Course





## World Cancer Day commemoration by Indian Peace Keepers at Malakal

To Commemorate World Cancer Day, Medical team of INDBATT-1 and Indian Level -II Hospital in co-ordination with RRP Section of Malakal Field office conducted a Cancer awareness Campaign for Staff of State Health Department and local community on 04 February 2021 in Malakal which consisted of lectures about various types of Cancers prevalent amongst South Sudanese population, their screening and prevention measures. The medical team led by Col Sudheer Anayat, CO of Level II Hospital under UNMISS, Malakal distributed medicines and health supplements to the needy.





## Indian made Corona Vaccine reached Juba under Covax programme

A consignment of 132,000 doses of Indian made Astra Zenca vaccine reached Juba, South Sudan under COVAX Programme. The consignment was received by the National Security Advisor, Tut Gatluak, Health Minister, Elizabeth Acuei Yol, diplomatic corps, WHO and UNICEF representatives and government officials on arrival at Juba airport on 25 March 2021.





## South Sudan Students off to India for Higher Studies on ICCR Scholarship sponsored by Government of India

On the ICCR scholarship program, eight South Sudan students were provided admission letters and air tickets to proceed for India to join various Indian Universities to pursue higher studies on Computer, Civil and Mechanical engineering and Pharmacy courses.





**Ambassador's Meetings with Dignitaries**

Call on Hon. Ruben Madol Arol Kachuol,  
Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs



Call on  
Hon. Puot Koang Chol, Petroleum Minister

**Western Equatoria Governor, Hon. Alfred Futuyo Karaba met Ambassador**



## Major Cabinet Decisions

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## MAKING INDIA A GLOBAL HUB OF ELECTRONICS

Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for IT Hardware Approved

Key Features (1/2)



To provide impetus to domestic manufacturing & attract large investments in the value chain of IT Hardware



Target segments include Laptops, Tablets, All-in-One PCs and Servers



To benefit 5 major global players & 10 domestic manufacturers of Laptops, Tablets, All-in-One PCs & Servers

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## BOOSTING INDIA'S DRUGS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES

Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Pharmaceuticals Approved

Key Features



Scheme to be implemented for over a period of FY 2020-21 to 2028-29



Will benefit domestic manufacturers & increase the value addition in exports



Estimated total incremental sales of ₹2,94,000 crore & total incremental exports of ₹1,96,000 crore during FY 2022-23 to FY 2027-28



Expected to bring in investment of ₹15,000 crore; generate 20,000 direct & 80,000 indirect jobs



Will promote innovation for development of complex & high-tech products; improve accessibility & affordability of medical products for consumers

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## MAKING INDIA A GLOBAL HUB OF ELECTRONICS

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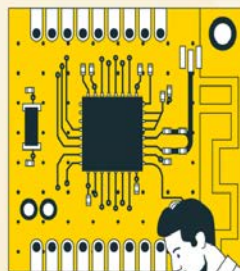
Will promote Make in India & Digital India; will position India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)



Eligible companies to be incentivised 4% to 2%/1% on net incremental sales of goods manufactured in India, for 4 years



Total cost of the proposed scheme is approximately ₹7,350 crore over 4 years



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## SCALING UP THE WORLD'S LARGEST VACCINATION DRIVE

Second Phase of COVID-19 Vaccination Approved, To Begin from 1st March '21



All Citizens aged above 60 years & those aged above 45 years with comorbid conditions to be vaccinated



Vaccination will be done in 10,000 Govt Healthcare Centres & about 20,000 private Hospitals



Vaccination at Government facilities will be free of cost for all



The charges to be incurred for vaccination at Private Healthcare Facilities will be announced by Health Ministry in few days



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## India to be a voice for developing world, says India's Envoy to UN as he installs tricolor at UNSC

### India begins its 2-yr tenure as non-permanent member of UN Security Council

"India will be a voice for the developing world and will not shy away from raising its voice against the common enemies of humanity like terrorism and will use its tenure on the United Nations Security Council to bring human-centric and inclusive solutions to matters of international peace and security,"- India's Ambassador/PR to the UN TS Tirumurti.

Speaking at a special flag installation ceremony organized at the Security Council, Tirumurti said, "India comes into the Security Council as the largest democracy representing 1/6th of humanity and with a strong commitment to reformed multilateralism, rule of law, a fair and equitable international system and to peace, security and development."

This is the 8th time India assumes membership at the UNSC. Along with India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, and Norway also began a two-year term at the body.

On January 1, India began its tenure as a non-permanent member of the 15-nation UN organ for the 2021-22 term.

About terrorism, the Indian envoy said, "We will not shy away from raising our voice against the common enemies of humanity like terrorism," adding that India looks forward to "our collective pursuit for an ideal where the World is One Family - Vasudhaiva Kutumbakama."

He said peace-keeping, peace-building, maritime security, women and youth, especially in conflict situations, and technology with a human face will receive India's attention while on the UNSC.

Amb Tirumurti also expressed gratitude to all the Member States of the United Nations who have given an overwhelming mandate to represent them in the Security Council.





# Government announces Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021

## Digital Media Ethics Code 3/3 Code of Ethics for Online News Publishers

S.No	NATURE OF CONTENT (SUITABLE FOR)	Classification
1.	unrestricted access, regardless of age, and is family friendly	U
2.	for persons aged 7 years and above, and can be viewed by a person under the age of 7 years with parental guidance	U/A7+
3.	for persons aged 13 years and above, and can be viewed by a person under the age of 13 years with parental guidance	U/A13+
4.	for persons aged 16 years and above, and can be viewed by a person under the age of 16 years with parental guidance	U/A16+
5.	which is restricted to adults	A

**Content Classification based on international practices**

## Digital Media Ethics Code Benefits and Outcomes 1/3

For Citizens and Society



## Digital Media Ethics Code Benefits and Outcomes 2/3

For Media & Entertainment Sector



## Digital Media Ethics Code Benefits and Outcomes 3/3

Digital News Publishers



## Digital Media Ethics Code 1/3 Code of Ethics for Online News Publishers



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Safeguarding Users' Rights, Ensuring Responsible Internet Freedom

## Govt Notifies IT Rules, 2021 (Intermediary Guidelines & Digital Media Ethics Code)

Social media platforms have empowered ordinary users but they need accountability against its misuse and abuse

The new Rules empower ordinary users of social media, with a mechanism for redressal & timely resolution of their grievance

Rules about digital media & online curated content publishers focuses more on in house & self-regulation mechanism

The new Rules provide robust grievance redressal mechanism while upholding journalistic and creative freedom

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Safeguarding Users' Rights, Ensuring Responsible Internet Freedom

## Govt Notifies IT Rules, 2021 (Intermediary Guidelines & Digital Media Ethics Code)

The proposed framework seeks to address peoples' varied concerns while removing any misapprehension about curbing creativity and freedom of speech

The guidelines have been framed keeping in mind the difference between viewership in a theatre and television as compared to watching it on Internet

Right to criticize and disagree is an essential element of democracy but social media platforms need to follow Constitution and the laws of India

## Digital Media Ethics Code 2/3 Code of Ethics for OTT Platforms





## ISRO's PSLV-C51 carried Brazil's Amazonia-1, 18 other satellites into Space

**A satellite built by an Indian startup carried a copy of the Bhagavad Gita and a photo of PM Modi**

India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C51 (PSLV-C51) rocket loaded with 19 satellites from Brazil, USA and India lifted off successfully from the launch station at Sriharikota.

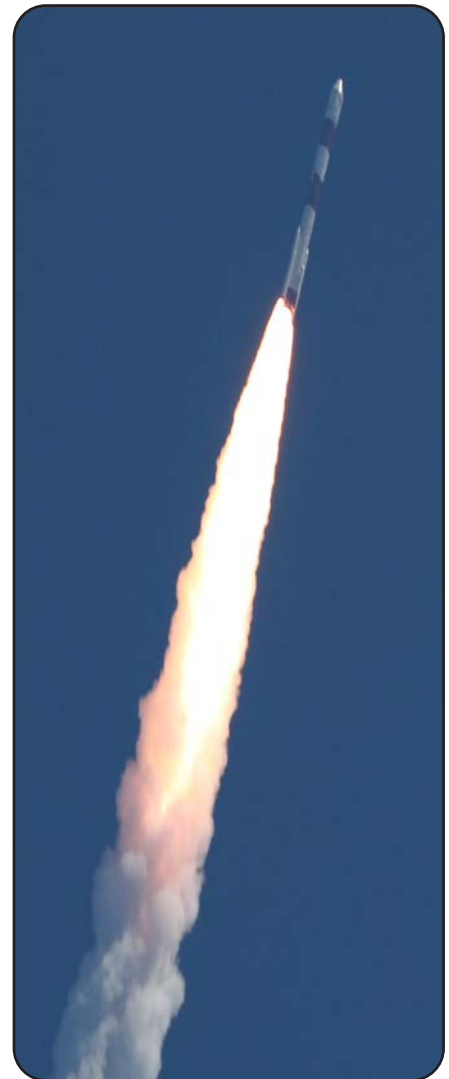
Brazil's 637 kilogram Amazonia 1 satellite, its primary passenger, successfully separated from the fourth stage of PSLVC51 and was injected into orbit.

These co-passenger satellites included three private satellites built by Indian startups.

The Satish Dhawan SAT (SDSAT), carried a copy of Bhagavad Gita and a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi into the Orbit.

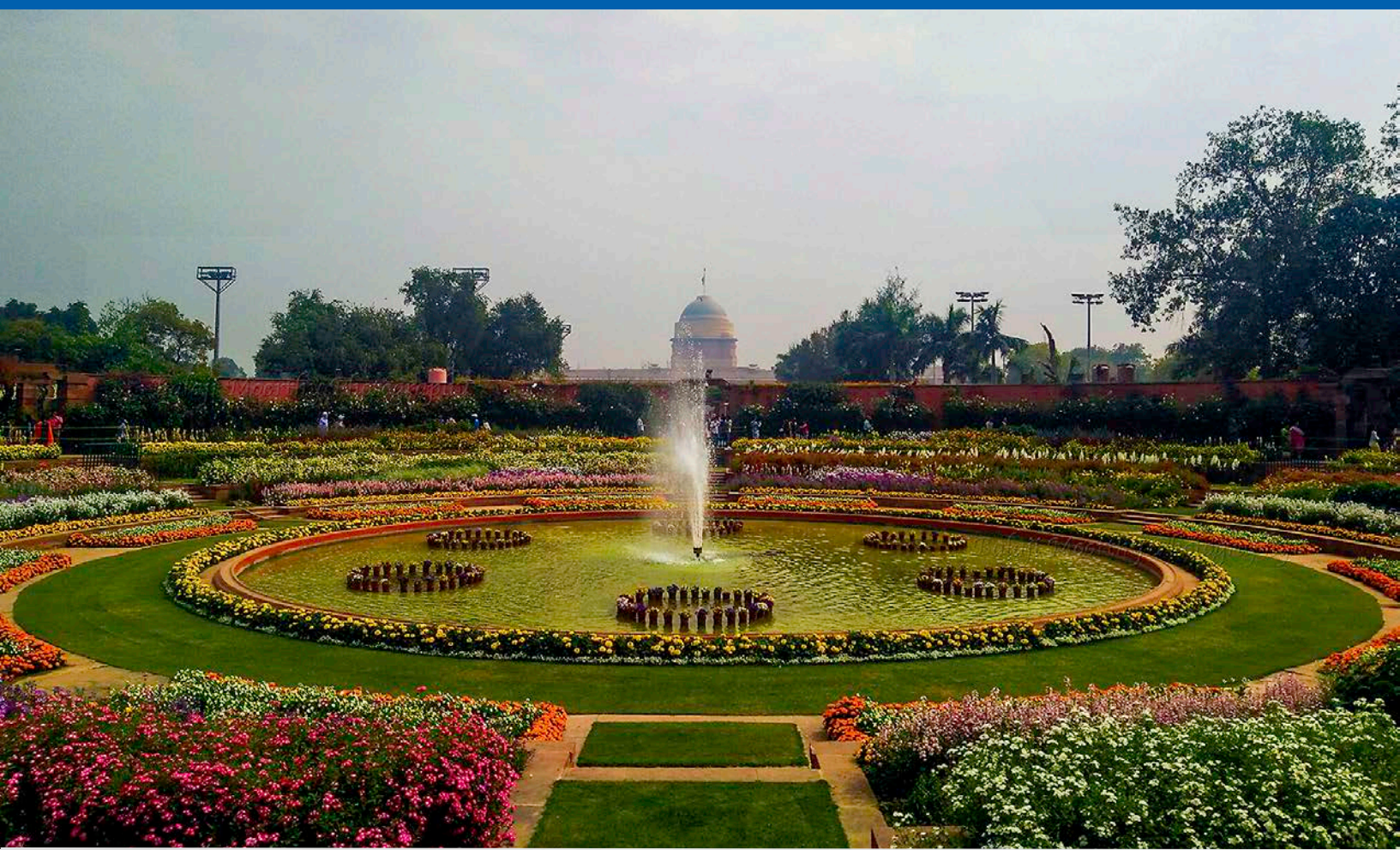
PSLV-C51 was India's first dedicated commercial mission undertaken by the New Space India Limited (NSIL), a Government of India company under the Department of Space.

India's first space mission for 2021 was one of the longest for a PSLV and lasted nearly two hours. An optical earth observation satellite, Amazonia-1 will monitor deforestation of the Amazon region. "Brazil looked forward to working with India in the field of space," former astronaut and Brazilian Minister for Science and Technology Marcos Caesar Portes was quoted. India had so far launched 328 satellites from 33 different countries.





## RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, NEW DELHI



## MYSORE PALACE, KARNATAKA

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