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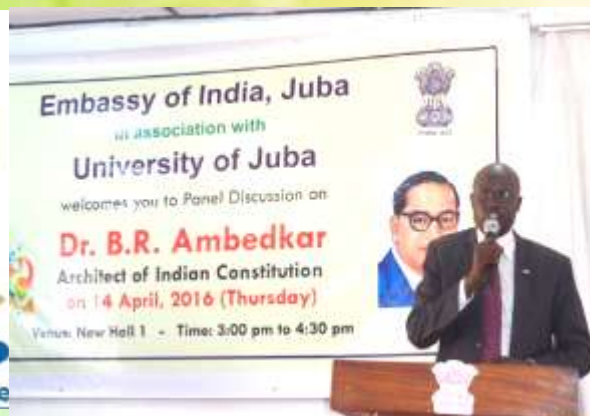
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South Sudan Vice President James Wani Igga participates in CII-Exim Bank Conclave in New Delhi (14-15 March 2016)



South Sudan's Vice President H.E. Mr. James Wani Igga with India's Minister of State for External Affairs Gen. V.K. Singh (Retd) at inauguration of the CII-Exim Bank Conclave in New Delhi



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**Ambassador of India
to the Republic of South Sudan,
Juba****FOREWORD**

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this 3rd edition of the Embassy of India Newsletter from Juba. It has a special feature on the noble and critical role played by Indian Army Doctors of UNMISS in conflict zones of South Sudan. They have lent a helping hand, while providing much needed critical healthcare to the local population.

We also have a brief coverage of the activities of the Embassy since the last edition was released. Highlight of this quarter has been the commemoration of the **2nd International Day of Yoga (IDY)** on 21st June 2016. As in other parts of the world, IDY was celebrated here in Juba through a Yoga demonstration organised on 25th June - with active participation from Government Ministers, dignitaries, Indian Contingent of UNMISS, Indian community and members of the public. The event has helped to raise the profile of Yoga among our South Sudanese friends as they realise the many benefits of Yoga - especially in attaining inner peace – so essential for people striving for peace in this strife-torn world.

We had an important bilateral visit from the South Sudanese side to India in March. **Vice President James Wani Igga** attended the CII-EXIM Bank Conclave in New Delhi, where he invited Indian companies and investors to participate in South Sudan's economic and industrial diversification. The Minister of Finance and Dy.Governor of Bank of South Sudan accompanied the Vice President.

With support of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Indian Community in Juba, the Embassy hosted a 12-member Cultural Dance Troupe from India. The folk dancers performed to the accompaniment of vibrant folk music at the Freedom Hall on 29 March in front of a 900 strong enthusiastic audience, including prominent dignitaries and members of the diplomatic community. The folk dancers also performed for the UNMISS contingents on 30 March at the UN House.

In April, we organised a symposium cum seminar at University of Juba to commemorate the 125th Birth anniversary of Dr. B.R.Ambdedkar, architect of the Indian Constitution. The academic event drew active participation from students of various faculties of the University. Panelists, comprising senior government officials and members of the academia, had an interactive exchange of views and also fielded questions from the Students. We also had the honour to host a senior Member of the Indian Parliament from the Rajya Sabha (House of Elders) – Dr. Mahendra Prasad Singh. He met Speakers of the South Sudanese Council of States and the National Assembly and also interacted with the Indian community in Juba.

Enjoy browsing this latest edition ! With best wishes,

Sd/-
(Srikumar Menon)

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THE BLUE BERETS & HELMETS INDIAN PEACEKEEPERS IN UNMISS - SOUTH SUDAN Glimpses from INDBATT activities : Past and Present

CRITICAL ROLE PLAYED BY INDIAN ARMY DOCTORS IN CONFLICT ZONES IN SOUTH SUDAN

INDIAN FIELD HOSPITALS (LEVELS I AND II) IN MALAKAL (SOUTH SUDAN)

The UN mission in South Sudan has expressed appreciation for the critical work done at military field hospitals in South Sudan by Indian doctors who have treated hundreds of patients and provided assistance to civilians seeking protection from fighting between government forces. Indian doctors stationed at UN mission bases in South Sudan have been recognized for providing critical healthcare services, including helping deliver babies, amid the conflict and violence. The first baby was delivered alive and healthy by Indian doctors a day before Christmas in 2013 when Malakal was first attacked. Since the crisis began on 15 December 2013, the hospital opened its doors to not only UNMISS staff, but also to IDPs living in the POC sites and to residents of the larger community. The medical staff has performed over 1000 surgeries, offered ob-gyn services, helped deliver babies, and offered a whole host of other services every year. They have truly been Angels of Mercy for the local population.



INDBATT DOCTORS PROVIDE VETERINARY SERVICES TO LOCAL POPULATION IN MELUT

In January 2016, the Indian Battalion (INDBATT) operating in the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) base of **Melut** organised a veterinary camp for the livestock. Recognizing the efforts of INDBATT, the County Commissioner of Melut (in Upper Nile state of South Sudan) applauded the contribution of Indian troops and said they have had a positive effect on the security situation and development of the area, according to UNMISS.

UN PEACE FLAG RAISED BY INDBATT PERSONNEL ATOP MOUNT KILIMANJARO

On December 26th 2015, Col Dipinder Virk and Major Vikash Kumar from India along with Major Liviu Chende from Romania, became the first UN peacekeepers serving under UNMISS, to reach the summit of **Mount Kilimanjaro** (the highest point in Africa). This was a symbolic effort by the United Nations to bring Peace and stability in Africa and more specifically to South Sudan.

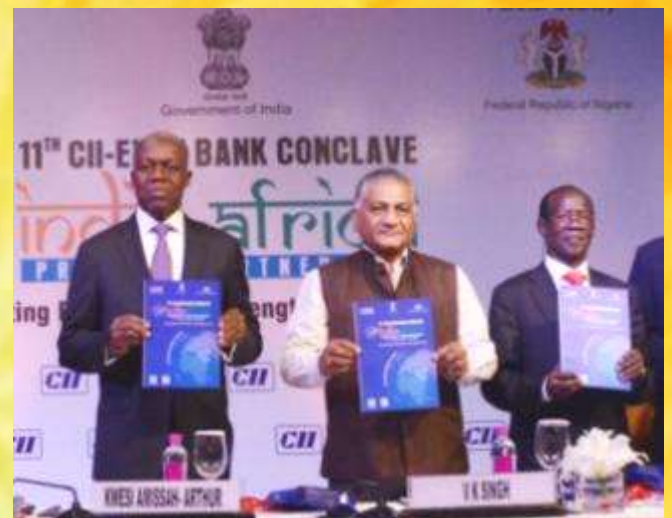


11th CII- EXIM BANK Conclave on "India Africa Project Partnership" held in New Delhi on March 14, 2016.

The **CII EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership** was held at Taj Palace Hotel in New Delhi from 14-15 March 2016. The event attracted participation of 23 Ministers from Africa, including over 500 African delegates and 500 Indian delegates. Around 300 B2B meetings were held during the conclave. The first Conclave was held in the year 2005 as an initiative launched by CII in partnership with EXIM Bank of India and with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

The inaugural session was addressed by, among others, **H E James Wani Igga, Vice president, Republic of South Sudan; Gen. VK Singh (retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India;** Mr Yaduvendra Mathur, Chairman & MD, Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM); Mr. Noel N Tata, Chairman of CII Africa Committee & MD of Tata International Ltd and Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII).

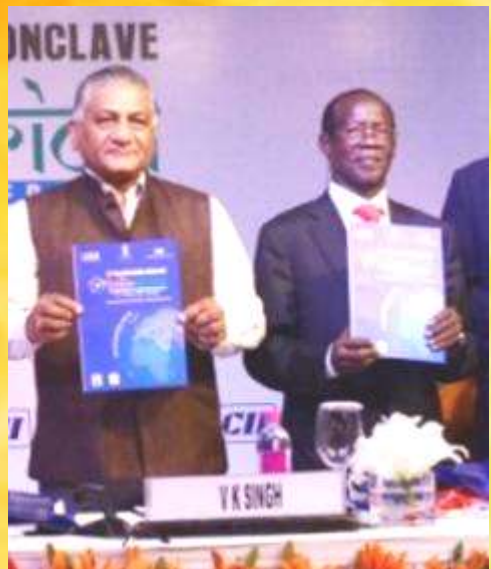
The South Sudanese delegation to the Conclave, led by Vice President Igga, included Hon. Mr David Deng Athorbei, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Aggrey Tisa Sabuni, Presidential Advisor and Mr John Dhor, Deputy Governor, Bank of South Sudan.



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Vice President Igga with Hon. Minister for Power Mr. Piyush Goyal



Vice President Igga and Hon. MoS Gen VK Singh releasing the publication



The Conclave aimed at promoting Partnerships at 3 Levels- Government, Institutional and Enterprise levels and to facilitate enhancement of Indian project exports to African markets, apart from strengthening "Brand India" amongst the African decision makers and business leaders. The series of 11 Conclaves that have been held so far have helped bridge relations between Indian & African businessmen and senior government officials under the public-private-partnership (PPP) model. The next edition of the Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership will be held in New Delhi in March 2017.

H.E. Mr James Wani Igga, Vice President, Republic of South Sudan, invited Indian companies and investors to participate in South Sudan's economic and industrial diversification. Currently, South Sudan has high dependence on oil production and exports. H.E. Mr Igga said that the South Sudan government extends a package of incentives to prospective investors that includes tax holidays, access to land, entry work permits, easy licensing, etc. He also underscored the need for greater joint efforts by India and Africa to meet the UN's Sustainability Development Goals.

Vice President Igga said Indian investments in Africa must be directed towards areas where Africa enjoyed comparative advantage. Underscoring India's lead role in capacity building in Africa and initiatives for women's empowerment, he invited Indian investments in South Sudan's Agriculture, Mining, Oil exploration, infrastructure development and social services sectors.

Speaking about how India could help countries like South Sudan to achieve their development goals, **Hon. Mr Deng Athorbei, Minister of Finance** and Economic Planning, South Sudan, said that his country was focused on making SMEs profitable - for which infrastructure development was necessary. *"We are looking at projects to help SMEs thrive, for which we need to develop physical infrastructure like roads and power... South Sudan was considering large funding options to finance mega projects in the country....We are looking at half a billion dollar funding for developing road infrastructure and \$1.5 billion for building a dam on the Nile river....We are only interested in finished products. We don't want to handle money. Most of our projects are bankable, so we do not need feasibility reports to be funded,"* **Minister Athorbei** also invited Indian companies to invest in South Sudan's Agriculture sector, saying that the country offers large tracts of lands 'almost for free'. *"South Sudan has a population density of 19 person per km. 73% of our population live in the rural areas,"* he said, adding that the country, which depends heavily on oil products and exports, is now "pursuing a policy of regional cooperation" and the government has decided to diversify its economy. *"We are also looking at promoting community housing...EXIM Bank of India could perhaps extend guarantee for local currency financing of such projects".* He also suggested that Indian companies could borrow from their nationalised banks for financing of projects as the interest rate at which SMEs borrow is rather high in Africa.

Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)'s study on **"Focus Africa: Enhancing India's Engagements with Southern African Development Community (SADC)"** was formally released jointly at the event by Gen. V. K. Singh (Retd.), Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India; H.E. Kwesi Amissah-Arthur, Vice President, Republic of Ghana; **H.E. James Wani Igga, Vice President, Republic of South Sudan**; and Hon. Okechukwu Enelamah, Minister of Industry, Trade & Investment, Republic of Nigeria.

INDIAN CULTURAL DANCE EVENT AT FREEDOM HALL on 29 March 2016

The Embassy of India in Juba organized a cultural programme of Indian Folk Dances at the Freedom Hall on **29 March 2016**. The event was held under auspices of the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and was attended by **Hon. Bol Makueng Yuol, Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. Abdon Agaw Jok Nhial, Secretary General in the President's Office, Mr. Abdon Terkoc Matut, Undersecretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs** and other senior South Sudanese Government dignitaries. Invitees also included Ambassadors & representatives of Diplomatic Missions, Indian nationals in Juba, local South Sudanese and members of the public.

The event showcased '**Dandia Ras**' - the traditional folk dance form of Gujarat, the Western province of India. Twelve Indian dancers dressed in attractive costumes and colourful, exotic turbans performed four dance items to the beats of drums and vibrant music, much to the appreciation of the 900-strong assembled audience. This event was the first of its kind to be organised in Juba by the Indian Embassy.

Ambassador Srikumar Menon, welcomed the audience and thanked the Government of South Sudan and the Indian Community for the support and assistance in organizing the Dance performance at the tastefully decorated Freedom Hall. He expressed optimism that Peace would hold in South Sudan, while hoping that this would be the beginning of many more such events in Juba. He urged the South Sudanese Ministry of Culture to arrange a visit of a South Sudanese cultural troupe to visit India. Such exchanges, he said, would contribute to enhanced people-to-people contacts and would further strengthen the close cultural and friendly ties between India & South Sudan.

Speaking of India's cultural diversity, **Secretary General Nhial** said that it was something from which the South Sudanese, with their own culturally diverse society, could learn from. India, with its 1.2 billion people and



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colorful cultural and ethnic diversity had so much to show and offer to South Sudan by example. He said that for a country like India to choose South Sudan as one of the few destinations to stage a cultural show was something that was most notable. He also spoke of the similarities in the style and level of passion reflected in the dances from the two countries, which were quite vigorous and demanded lot of physical energy. The Secretary General thanked the Embassy of India for making it a memorable occasion, which, he remarked **"we as South Sudanese, will forever remember"**. He called on all Indians in South Sudan to contribute to the development and strengthening of social relations between the people of the two countries.



The Indian Dandia Ras Dance Troupe also performed at the **UN House** in Jebel Kujur Juba on **30 March 2016**, before a gathering of UN and UNMISS personnel belonging to different battalions, including the IndBattt team. The **UNMISS Director for Mission Support - Ms. Stephani Scheer** was the chief guest on behalf of the SRSg. Several UNMISS personnel joined the dancers on stage for the last dance item to provide a fitting and memorable finale to the event.



SYMPOSIUM AT JUBA UNIVERSITY: 125TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR

The 125th Birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was commemorated in South Sudan with the Embassy organizing a lecture-seminar/symposium at the Juba University on **14 April 2016**, on the theme titled- **"Ambedkar: Architect of the Indian Constitution"**. The panelists for the event were **Mr. Abdon Agaw Jok Nhial, Secretary General in the President's Office; Dr. (Ms.) Pauline Elaine Riak, Professor of Sociology and Deputy Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Juba University; Justice Ajonye Perpetua, Deputy Chairperson, South Sudan Law Society** (all of whom were members of the National Constitution Review Commission and the subsequent Drafting Committee that prepared the Constitution of Southern Sudan in 2005 (before independence). Other speakers from University of Juba were Prof Marial Awou Yol, Dean, College of Social & Economic Studies, Prof. Jacob Dut Chol, Senior Lecturer of Politics, and Prof. Abraham K. Nyuon, Lecturer of Politics at Juba University. The 350 strong audience included, among others, senior professors, lecturers and students from the University.

A 15-minute short video film on the life and times of Dr. Ambedkar was screened at the event. In his opening introductory remarks, **Ambassador Srikumar Menon** highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's inspiring life story, his legacy and relevance in the context of present day issues, his seminal role in drafting and framing the Indian Constitution that led to his being popularly known as the chief architect of the historic document. **Secretary General Abdon Agaw Jok**, in his talk, discussed in detail governance issues that formed part of the constitution drafting exercise and how South Sudan could assimilate and learn from India's experience in this regard. Among the other panelists, **Prof. Jacob Chol** touched on the importance of having a written constitution, while **Justice (Ms.) Ajonye Perpetua**, outlined the legal perspective and the role of Women in the constitutional making process - both in the South Sudanese and Indian context. The two hour programme, which was prolonged beyond the stipulated time, ended with an inter-active Q&A session, where the panelists fielded questions from the assembled students.



Visit of Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) to Juba, South Sudan 28 April 2016

Dr. Mahendra Prasad, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), accompanied by his wife, made a brief visit to Juba, South Sudan, on 28 April 2016. Hon'ble MP made separate courtesy calls on Speaker of the Council of States (Upper House of Parliament of South Sudan) and Speaker of National Legislative Assembly (Lower House of Parliament). Ambassador accompanied him on these calls.

Rt. Hon Joseph Bol Chan, Speaker of the Council of States commended India for recent measures taken to raise the profile of its diplomatic relations with South Sudan and expressed his country's wish to learn from the best practices and experience of successful democracies like India – especially on issues of governance and parliamentary practices. Noting that Dr. Prasad has been a long serving 7-term MP with wide legislative experience, Speaker noted that his visit happily coincided with the establishment of the new Transitional Government of National Unity (TGoNU) – which he said was the beginning of a new phase of peace and development in South Sudan's history. He requested Hon'ble MP to facilitate a visit by a joint parliamentary delegation of MPs from South Sudan to New Delhi soon.

Rt. Hon Manasseh Magok Rundial, Speaker of the National Legislative Assembly, underlined the need to enhance exchanges between the two Parliaments in addition to exchange of knowledge, experience and resources for capacity building of the Members and Secretariat staff of the National Parliament. Speaker Magok commended India for supporting the process of implementation of the peace agreement for resolution of the conflict in South Sudan. Ambassador hosted a dinner in honour of Hon'ble MP and his spouse where they interacted with members of the Indian Community and Board Members of the Indian Association of South Sudan (IASS) in Juba.



UNESCO-SPONSORED SPORTS EVENT IN JUBA (18 APRIL)

The UNESCO, in partnership with UNMISS, organised a Sports & Culture event in Juba on 17 April 2016. The event named- **"Sports together for a united country"** included friendly volleyball matches between teams from Juba town and UNMISS (also comprising players from INDBATT), besides display of martial arts, children's singing and traditional cultural dances showcasing South Sudan's cultural diversity. Mr. Eugene Owusu, UNMISS Dy SRSG, Mr. Salah Khaled, UNESCO Country Representative, Chief of South Sudan National Olympic Committee, DG - Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports and the Indian Ambassador attended the event.



2ND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA (IDY-2016)**ABOUT THE IDY LOGO**

- The IDY logo reflects **Harmony and Peace for Humanity** - which is the very essence of Yoga.
- **Folding of both hands** symbolises **Yoga - the Union**, which reflects the **Union of Individual Consciousness**, a perfect harmony between **Mind & Body, Man & Nature**, a holistic approach to **Health & Wellbeing**.
- **Brown leaves** symbolise the **Earth element** ; **Green leaves** symbolise the **Nature** ; **Blue** symbolises the **Water element** ; **Brightness** symbolises the **Fire element** and the **Sun** symbolises the **Source of Energy & Inspiration**.

2ND INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2016 CELEBRATED IN INDIA AND THE WORLD OVER

Record for longest human yoga chain – 8000 participants celebrating IDY in Ahmadabad, India, June 21, 2016.



New York's iconic Times Square turns into Yoga Square June 21, 2016.



Yoga practitioners at a rehearsal on Rajpath in New Delhi June 19, 2016.



Above : PM Narendra Modi leads and practices yoga with thousands of Indians in Chandigarh, India, June 21, 2016



PM Modi leads 1st IDY Celebrations in Delhi last year June 21, 2015



1st IDY Celebrations in New Delhi last year June 21, 2015



Commemorative postage stamp issued for 1st Int Day of Yoga 2015



2ND INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA (IDY-2016) IN JUBA - SOUTH SUDAN

The 2nd International Yoga Day was celebrated in Juba, South Sudan on 25 June 2016 at the Panorama Plaza with a Yoga Demonstration led by personnel of the Indian contingent of UNMISS. **Mayor of Juba City Council Stephen Wani** and **Mr. Kwong Gatluak, former Minister of Transport**, Govt of South Sudan were the Guests of Honour at the event. The 40 minute Yoga demo was preceded by a Video presentation of PM Modi's message, followed by short remarks by Indian Ambassador and Mayor Stephen Wani. Others who participated included the **Kenyan Ambassador Cleland Leshore, Ambassador Paul Okaro, Director General in Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, as well as UN personnel, members of expat community, Indian Community and local South Sudanese in Juba.



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Snapshot of Indian Economy/ Transportation in India	
 	Airports Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages 125 airports in the country, which includes 18 international aerodromes, 78 domestic ones and 26 civil enclaves at defence airfields. International Airports: Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Bengaluru, Chennai, Goa, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kochi, Kolkata, Mumbai, New Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram, Port Blair, Srinagar, Jaipur, Nagpur, Calicut, Tiruchirappalli, Coimbatore.
	Railways The Indian Railways network is spread over 65,800 km, with 12,617 passenger and 7,421 freight trains each day from 7,172 stations plying 23 million travelers and 2.65 million tonnes (MT) of goods daily.
	Roadways India's road network: 4.87 million kms (2 nd largest in world). Number of vehicles growing annually @10.16%. Indian roads carry 65% of freight & 85% of passenger traffic.
	Waterways 14,500 kms
	Major Sea-Ports of Entry Chennai, Ennore, Haldia, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Kolkata, Kandla, Kochi, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Mangalore, Paradip, Tuticorin and Vishakhapatnam.

Indian e-commerce to hit \$315 billion in 2016: IAMAI study

India might have only 300 million Internet users, out of its total population of 1.3 billion. But this has not stopped online commerce from establishing itself in the country. For any other industry, it takes decades of effort to have companies that are worth billion dollars. But in India, out of the nine startup unicorns, four are horizontal online marketplaces. And despite the recent shutdowns and funding crunch affecting the startup ecosystem, digital commerce has established itself. The latest study by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has, in fact, found that at a growth rate of about 30 percent between December 2011 and December 2015, Indian digital commerce stands at \$190 billion. The report estimates that it will hit \$315 billion this year.

Why it's time to invest in India: Experts

Big names like Amazon are betting on India and investors should as well. The e-commerce giant has announced it will invest an additional \$3 billion into its India operations, bringing its total investment in the country to \$5 billion. "You hear U.S. industrials talking about the opportunities in India and clearly India has replaced China," Tim Seymour, managing partner of Triogem Asset Management, said in an interview with CNBC's "Power Lunch." He thinks it is a story that is only getting better. "Inflation in India hasn't really structurally been this low ever. If there's one country in the world that benefits the most from low-commodity prices, it's arguably India. They are growing industrially. The country is also increasing its oil demand, noted Seymour.

Economy on right track, says RBI Governor

Confident about India's growth picking up further with "more animal spirit" and good monsoon, RBI Governor Raghuram Rajan said the economy is on the right track though "true numbers" of GDP could be 1 per cent up or down. "I would hope that with good monsoon, strong rural demand, with more animal spirit and public investment picking up pace, I think with all that coming together there will be need for private investment. "We have some way to go. I am not saying that economy is where it should be. We do have work to do. We can celebrate when we see private investment strongly back on track and I think we are capable of much stronger growth that we have right now," Rajan said in interviews to TV channels.

India the new Silicon Valley? Amazon invests \$5 billion

India is the new Silicon Valley. At least that's how Amazon sees it. The e-commerce powerhouse will invest another \$3 billion on top of the more than \$2 billion it committed to the country last year, Chief Executive Jeff Bezos announced in Washington. With Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in attendance, Mr. Bezos said the South Asian country is Amazon's fastest growing region. "I can assure you it's only the beginning, and as we say in Amazon, 'it's only day one,'" said Bezos. He said the investments will spur startups in India, and accelerate the country's role as a "hub for innovation and digital entrepreneurship." India would also become home to the firm's largest software engineering and

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development center outside of the US, said Bezos. The center would be in Hyderabad, alongside the development center Apple plans to open for Map apps for the iPhone, iPad, Mac and iWatch. Apple's facility will create 4,000 jobs, said CEO Tim Cook. "The talent here in the local area is incredible and we are looking forward to expanding our relationships and introducing more universities and partners to our platforms as we scale our operations," said Mr. Cook.

India is already an emerging global technology hub. With investments from Amazon, Google, and Apple, Hyderabad will only contribute to India's startup scene centered in Bengaluru. During a December visit, Google CEO Sundar Pichai announced a program to train 2 million developers in the country, for which it will partner with 30 universities across India. The Indian-born CEO also shared plans to expand free WiFi in 100 railway stations and a rural internet program for women from pilot to full-scale program to cover three lakh villages in three years. It seems that Mr. Modi rightly believes in the power of technology to facilitate his country's economic development. Increased connectivity can help Indians deliver goods and services across the country and participate in the global economy. *Ben Rosen*, Christian Science Monitor.

Healthcare Sector : Charting new growth in India's medical tourism market : With India offering lowest cost and highest quality treatment, it has become a hub of medical tourism destination. The surge in the cost of medicines and hospitalisation has made man's struggle to prolong his life more difficult and at a time when diseases are on the rise. Offering quality care with affordability has become a very important objective. India's attractiveness as leading destination for medical tourism lies in its ability to offer both. According to a report released in 2014 by the Commonwealth Fund, the US spent more per capita (\$8,508) on healthcare than Norway (\$5,669), which has the second most expensive system. Whereas, India is at around one-tenth of the price of comparable treatment in the US or UK. India was "one of the lowest cost and highest quality of all medical tourism destinations, it offers wide variety of procedures at about one-tenth the cost of similar procedures in the US." According to the Ministry of Tourism, 2014 statistics, around 230,000 patients from all over the world came to India in 2013, with the majority coming from developing and underdeveloped economies. Another healthcare report released by FICCI, in collaboration with consultancy firm KPMG, reveals that the medical travel market in India is set to triple from \$2.8 billion in 2014 to \$10.6 billion in 2019, registering an increase of 30 per cent annually.

Ayurveda and Yoga : India's strategy is to offer various services across different segments of healthcare medical tourism. For example, India is a country known as the birthplace of Ayurveda and Yoga. Ayurveda centres around treatment with medicinal plants and herbs, most of them unique to the sub – continent of India and found nowhere else. While Ayurveda cannot help a person who's just suffered a heart attack, it can help the very same person maintain a healthy diet and better standard of living post recovery from the attack. About 600,000 foreign tourists, many from Europe, visit Kerala, a state with more than 30 million people, every year, and nearly 35 per cent are repeat visitors seeking Ayurveda treatments. Yoga, an ancient art which helps to create harmony between the body, mind and spirit to enhance wellbeing, has also been luring a lot of medical tourists to India's shores. Yoga and Ayurveda have emerged as popular forms of alternative health therapies.

"I for Afrika" Mega Event in Mumbai 27 – 30 September 2016

"Africa is the next Frontier
for Entrepreneurs"



INDO-AFRICAN CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

The **Indo-African Chamber of Commerce & Industries (IACCI)** is hosting the annual mega event - the 8th edition of "I-For Afrika" on 27-30 September 2016 at the Bombay Exhibition Center, Goregaon, Mumbai. The event would look at developing and visualising 'from concept to conclusion' of Projects in Africa. There will be **B2B sessions** of interactions and networking between captains of Indian Business community who are desirous to promote, foster develop their business with Africa. Presentations will be made on a range of topics like - Ease of Doing Business with Africa; Growth strategy for Enhancement of SMEs; Scope for Information Technology in Africa; Case Studies of successful PPPs in Africa; Pharmaceutical, Healthcare Infrastructure & Medical Technology; Importance and Role of Transport and Logistics in Indo-African Trade; Supporting technology transfer and capacity building; Promoting entrepreneurship etc.

For more details of event - pls contact Mrs. Sunanda Rajendran, IACCI, Mumbai on tel +91 22 22821390; Mob: +91-7506378914 and Email : srjendran@iacci.org / info.iacci@gmail.com



INDIA'S SPACE PROGRAMME



INDIA SUCCESSFULLY TEST FLIES MINI-SPACE SHUTTLE

On May 23, 2016, India launched the first test flight of its robotic space plane prototype - a winged, unmanned spacecraft and Reusable Launch Vehicle Technology Demonstrator - that resembles a Miniature Space Shuttle. Built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the craft - called the Reusable Launch Vehicle-Tehnology Demonstrator (RLV-TD) - a "wholly Made-in-India effort" is designed to test the technologies needed to build a fully reusable orbital space plane. [<http://www.space.com/>]. India is now a member of the space plane club.

The unmanned vehicle was launched by a HS9 rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Center on Sriharikota Island just off the east coast of India. The rocket fired for 90 seconds, taking the 1.5-ton space plane to a maximum altitude of 40.4 miles (65 kilometers). The 21-foot-long (6.5 meters) RLV-TD then came back down to Earth, hitting the atmosphere at five times the speed of sound and ultimately splashing down in the Bay of Bengal. ISRO declared the 770-second mission a success.

ISRO Officials stated that "In this flight, critical technologies such as autonomous navigation, guidance and control, reusable thermal-protection system, and re-entry mission management have been successfully validated." The ISRO team has been working on the project for the past 10 years, with the past five spent on designing the actual model. The RLV-TD success is a key step forward in India's goal of developing a reusable orbital launch system. The homegrown indigenous model cost just under one billion rupees (\$13.3 million) to develop - which is significantly less than the \$60 to \$90 million price tag of SpaceX's rockets. India had earlier launched a spacecraft to Mars in 2013 which cost only a fraction of what it cost NASA.

CNN described the launch as - "One small step for India, but a potentially giant leap for cheaper space travel."



INDIA'S PSLV BLASTS OFF WITH A RECORD NUMBER OF 20 SATELLITES

India created a world record by blasting 20 satellites, through the launch of a Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), which lifted off on 22 June 2016 from the Satish Dhawan Space Center in Sriharikota. The PSLV had an assortment of payloads for the Indian government, domestic universities, and institutions and companies from Indonesia, Canada, Germany and the United States, including a pathfinder satellite for Google's Terra Bella Earth observation division.

All 20 satellites were successfully placed in their respective space orbits and the mission was declared successful - marking a historic development in Indian space commerce and creating a niche for itself in the global space landscape. The flight was the 36th PSLV mission since its debut in 1993, and the 4th PSLV launch this year. It was the 35th successful PSLV flight in a row since the launcher failed on its maiden mission. **"The PSLV has now become a success symbol for ISRO and for the country"** said P. Kunhikrishnan, Director of the Satish Dhawan Space Center. The 145-foot-tall (44-meter) rocket, boosted by 6 strap-on motors packed with 12 metric tons of solid propellant, climbed into a clear morning sky, initially veering southeast from the launch base, then turning south once over the Bay of Bengal.

INFORMATION / ADVISORY INDIAN NATIONALS AND DIASPORA IN JUBA

REGISTRATION OF INDIAN NATIONALS IN SOUTH SUDAN

Indian Passport holders or Persons of Indian Origin, resident in South Sudan, are requested to kindly register their details with the Embassy of India. This information will help us to provide you requisite assistance. Registration with the Embassy of India is voluntary. Kindly forward details on email admn.juba@mea.gov.in or hoc.juba@mea.gov.in
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MEA, CONSULAR, PASSPORT AND VISA (CPV) DIVISION: <http://www.mea.gov.in/cpv.html>

CONSULAR GRIEVANCES MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MADAD PORTAL) :

<https://org1.passportindia.gov.in/AppConsularProject/welcomeLink>

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Online visa application Link : <http://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>

INDIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION FOR OVERSEAS INDIANS (IDF-OI)

The Indian Diaspora which is spread around the world has shown keen interest in participating in social & development programmes and flagship initiatives of the Government of India - such as **Swachh Bharat** and **Namami Gange**. So far, there were no platforms or institutional mechanisms to channelize contributions of Indian Diaspora to such programmes. There were also concerns about accountability of the organisations receiving funds, transparency and reporting mechanisms. To facilitate such contributions/philanthropy by NRIs/PIOs, the Government had set up in 2008 the **India Development Foundation for Overseas Indians (IDF-OI)** as a not-for-profit Trust chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA). After the merger of MOIA with MEA, **IDF-OI** is now part of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and is Chaired by Hon'ble External Affairs Minister (EAM).

The **IDF-OI** has gathered a pool of nearly 100 social & development projects pertaining to **Swachh Bharat, Sanitation, Education, Women's Empowerment** and **Sustainable Livelihood** after consulting the States. The revamped website of IDF-OI [www.idfoi.org/] includes detailed information about these projects. Efforts are on to connect with the Diaspora through social media platforms such as Twitter and Facebook.

The following aspects of IDF-OI mechanisms are being shared with NRIs/PIOs in South Sudan: -

- IDF-OI** has received exemption from MHA under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA 2010) owing to which it has necessary permissions to receive contributions in foreign currency.
- IDF-OI** does not charge/deduct any administrative charges from the contributions it receives from NRIs/PIOs. Except the bank transaction charges the entire amount received from NRIs/PIOs is transferred to the project implementing agency.
- To enable oversight of implementation of programmes funded by overseas Indian donors an agreement will be signed between **IDF-OI** and project implementing agency.
- Implementing agency for the programme will send regular feedback reports, photos and statement of utilization of funds to the donor. These will also be posted on IDF-OI's website.
- At the site of project funded by the NRI/PIO donors will get an acknowledgement with a signage which states that - *"The project has been funded by Shri..... through **IDF-OI**".*

As a result of revamping and outreach efforts, **IDF-OI** has already received the following contributions from overseas Indians in the last six months - (i) **Rs.72 lakh** for construction of **community toilets in Kerala**; (ii) **Rs. 25 lakh** for the **Namami Gange project**; (iii) **Rs. 1 lakh** for the **Namami Gange project**.

IDF-OI is setting up a Payment Gateway through its website which will enable NRIs and PIOs to contribute even small amounts ranging from a few dollars using their credit cards or debit cards online to projects of their choice offered by IDF-OI. The Embassy of India in Juba would like to invite our overseas Indian friends to contribute to projects offered by **IDF-OI**.

INDIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA IN JUBA

25 June 2016

The Indian Community turned up in large numbers to celebrate the International Day of Yoga on 25 June, 2016. Personnel of the IndBatt team led the Yoga demonstration exercises for others to follow. Members of the Indian Association in South Sudan (IASS) extended their support in organising the event at the Panorama Plaza.



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