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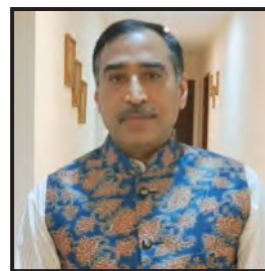


73rd REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA CELEBRATIONS



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Vishnu Kumar Sharma
Ambassador of India to
South Sudan

**FOREWORD**

The first quarter of 2022 began amid renewed fears of scarily high infection rate of Omicron mutation of Covid-19. Fortunately, the new variant proved to be less fatal and the wave started waning soon paving way for re-energized spirit of engagements and activities.

The Embassy organized a flurry of activities around the theme of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM)", to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. The enthusiastic participation of Indian community and Indian peace keepers in Juba in the Jebel Kujur Hill climbing, Fitness Run and Table Tennis Tournament organized by the Embassy was heartening. Indian peace keepers also added to the spirit of festivities by organizing "Kabaddi" and "Kushti", the traditional Indian sports to mark the National Youth Day.

Out of an apprehensive situation in South Sudan at the end of the quarter, emerged the way forward for unification of forces under the mandate of the Revitalized Peace Agreement, 2018. All involved in the peace process and the general public took a sigh of relief on this major achievement, which has given a momentum to the implementation of other important provisions of the Agreement including drafting of permanent constitution and the "Truth, Reconciliation and Healing" process. South Sudan would still need ardent will and vigorous efforts of its leadership for the culmination of transitional phase into fair and credible elections by 2023.

The Embassy celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India on 26 January 2022. With the aim to rekindle memories of NRIs in South Sudan of the freedom struggle and to reignite their commitment to nation, the Embassy organized virtual/physical events to pay tribute to those who won us freedom, both known and unsung. The events organized by the Embassy such as "750 million Surya Namaskar", AKAM Quiz, Rangoli, Yoga sessions, Hindi Divas, Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, Indian costumes show, Gandhi Talk, Shiv Ratri and Holi festivals, complemented the celebration of rich and diverse Indian culture.

Promotion of Trade & Investment, Tourism and Technology Transfer is vital aspect of expanding bilateral relationship between India and South Sudan. The Embassy organized Tourism Day, Business Interaction and 3T (Trade, Tourism and Technology) Seminar to explore avenues of growth in these fields. The feedback and inputs shared by participants, including by the representatives from Ministries of Trade & Industry, Investment and ICT, business association and Indian businessmen led to a brain storming session bringing out the challenges both countries face in promotion of trade and investment.

There were fruitful interactions with South Sudanese dignitaries and officials in different ministries to carry forward the bilateral cooperation, particularly in the field of capacity building, and also to explore new avenues of collaboration. Twenty South Sudanese students joined educational institutions in India on scholarships provided by Indian Council for Cultural Relations. To facilitate e-ITEC courses, the Embassy continued to offer training facilities at its premises to the participating South Sudanese nationals to attend the courses via online mode.

Indian army contingent in UNMISS continued their philanthropic and capacity building activities, including free veterinary treatment of livestock, construction, women empowerment, etc., in addition to their mandated duties in the face of numerous challenges. DMI, an Indian religious congregation with its missionary zeal, kept pursuing service to humanity, contributing to peace building and bringing prosperity to hundreds of families in South Sudan.

Hope you find the Newsletter, serving its objective of providing a round-up of activities of the Embassy in the previous quarter, interesting.

Vishnu Kumar Sharma
Ambassador

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Embassy celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India at the Chancery premises in Juba. Indian nationals, including the Indian peace keepers in UN Mission (UNMISS), attended the celebrations.

Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma, after unfurling the national flag, read out excerpts of the President's Address to the gathering. In his speech, he expressed gratitude to the Indian community for their philanthropic activities helping the local population, which have earned tremendous goodwill for India. He also admired their contribution towards sustainable peace and development in the country.

Referring to this year, which marks completion of 75 years since independence, as milestone for India, he urged the Indian community to participate enthusiastically in all the events the Embassy was organizing, especially those under the theme of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav." He also assured the community of all possible assistance from the Embassy in their hour of need.

Ambassador Sharma also applauded Indian contingent in UNMISS for rendering support in capacity building of South Sudanese and charitable work, in addition to their mandated duties in challenging circumstances. He also admired the courageous and professional work being carried out by Indian police personnel in UNPOL. Praising the role of Indian nationals working in religious congregations, such as Daughters of Mary Immaculate and Don Bosco in South Sudan, Ambassador described their selfless service of humanity as noble and helpful towards the cause of peace and development in the youngest nation of the world.

During the celebrations, videos on Indian Tourism were played. The participants also got an opportunity to refresh their history even as snippets of India's unsung heroes of its great struggle for independence from colonial rule as well as that on the significance of India's Republic Day were being screened.

Due to Covid-19 lockdown in South Sudan the attendance was restricted. The event was, however, broadcast live on the Embassy's Facebook page.



NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

National Youth Day, also known as Vivekananda Jayanti, was celebrated on 12 January; the birthday of Swami Vivekananda. Indian traditional sports competition of "Kabaddi" and "Kushti" were organized by Indian contingent in UN Mission in Juba to mark the occasion.

Keeping up with its commemorative celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, on the eve of 73rd Republic Day of India, the Embassy of India organised a "Solidarity Mountain Climbing" at "Jebel Kujur" Hill and a "Fitness Run" in Juba on 22 January 2022. The idea was to promote health awareness and sporting spirit among Indians. The enthusiastic participation by the Indian community and Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan made the events an enjoyable and memorable experience.



TOURISM PROMOTION

Promotion of Indian tourism is a constant element of all events organized by the Embassy. To mark the National Tourism Day, the Embassy held an event on 25 January, 2022, to promote tourism to India from South Sudan. A documentary on some major tourist attractions in India was screened. In collaboration with Indian peace keepers, a yoga session was also held to promote yoga in the country.

The Ambassador also called a meeting of prominent tour operators of Juba on 22 March 2022, at the Embassy. The participants expressed their views on potential for growth of tourism to India and possible tourism promotion avenues. A special emphasis was on promoting Ayurveda, medical and education tourism to India, which have tremendous potential of growth. Certain concrete ideas to boost tourism to India emerged out of the fruitful interaction.

750 MILLION SURYA NAMASKAR (SALUTATION TO SUN)

Salutation to Sun or "Surya Namaskar" is a sequence of 12 yoga poses. Besides being a great cardiovascular and all-body workout, Surya Namaskar is also known to have an immensely positive impact on the mind. Each round of Surya Namaskar consists of two sets, and each set is composed of 12 yoga poses. As per Hindu tradition and belief, the practice of Surya Namaskar also provides an opportunity to express gratitude to the Sun God for sustaining life on mother earth.

The National Yogasana Sports Federation of India, in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, organized "750 million Surya Namaskar" Project from January 12 to February 7, 2022 under the theme "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to mark 75 years of India's independence. Yoga enthusiasts from all around the world participated in the mega-event and received e-certificates. The Embassy officials, Indian community members and peace keepers also joined the event enthusiastically.



SWACHCHHATA ABHIYAN

In the spirit of Government of India flagship programme "Swachchh Bharat Abhiyan" (Clean India Drive), this Embassy organised a special Cleanliness Drive at the Embassy premises on 31 March, 2022. In the times when the world is grappling with the effects of Covid-19 pandemic, the importance of personal cleanliness, hygiene and clean surroundings cannot be overstated. Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma personally led the members of the Embassy in the drive.



RANGOLI FESTIVAL

Rangoli, meaning “an array of colours”, is an ancient traditional Indian art. Laying out a multi-coloured floor pattern, marks the celebration of various Hindu festivals and religious occasions. Rangoli is drawn in different regions with different names and every region has its own unique way of representing their traditions, folklore and practices through Rangoli, the art form. The decoration also symbolises welcoming or thanksgiving to Hindu deities. There is also a Hindu belief that drawing a Rangoli at the entrance would ward off evil from entering the home. In some parts of India, a fresh Rangoli may be drawn every day in homes. Some households may also have permanent Rangoli drawn.

The Mission organized a “Rangoli Making” festival to celebrate the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). Indians/Indian establishments in Juba including, BAPS Hindu Temple, Panorama Plaza Hotel, Holiday Dreamz, Bluestar, Indian contingent (UNMISS), Spicy Herbs Restaurant etc., also made rangolies on Makar Sankranti on 14 January in the spirit of AKAM celebrations.



INDIAN COSTUME SHOW

As part of the “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” festivities, the Embassy organised a display of Indian Male Traditional Dresses at the Chancery on 29 January 2022.

All India-based male officials at the Embassy, including the Ambassador, participated in the event. They all donned colourful Indian “Kurta-Payjama” and traditional jackets, which are aptly suitable for warm climate and are very comfortable to wear. The idea was to popularize Kurta-Payjama and Jacket, which is very flexible male attire that can be worn on formal as well as informal occasions. The range, in terms of colour, texture, design & affordability, in this Indian apparel is mind boggling. A Kurta-Payjama is so versatile a garment that it could be conveniently worn while sleeping at night, as well as at wedding ceremonies/ during formal occasions.



TALK ON MAHATMA GANDHI

India is marking 75 years of its independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. No national celebration could be complete without an event on Mahatma Gandhi, the foremost among Indian freedom struggle leaders and father of the nation. To pay tribute to his contribution and ideals, a talk was held in the Embassy on 09th February, 2022, in collaboration with Organisation of Non-Violence and Development (ONAD). A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi was screened for the gathering, most of whom were young South Sudanese nationals.

Ambassador Sharma spoke on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and their relevance for South Sudan, a new country under transition. The guest speaker Dr. Moses John, Director, ONAD, South Sudan, delivered a talk on Gandhi's contribution to the world and his role in influencing the thought process of contemporary African leaders. He interacted with the participants and also replied to their questions during the event.



YOGA AND PRANAYAM SESSIONS

Yoga and Pranayama (breathing exercises) are the best known gifts from Indian heritage to the world. Being a unique activity to create harmony between body, mind and soul, popularity of pranayama, alongside Yoga, is rising by the day around the world.

In a highly competitive world, stress can be managed well by the practice of yoga and pranayama. Promotion of yoga and pranayama is a regular feature of Embassy events. Special sessions of yoga and pranayama were held in the Embassy on 14 January, 25 January and 11 February in the spirit of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" for the benefit of local population.

These sessions were especially tailor-made for working professionals with a view to developing better stress-management techniques and to enhancing productive skills at work and overall well-being through yoga asanas and breathing techniques. Besides embassy officials, South Sudanese nationals and friends of India participated in the events.



SEMINAR ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT

With a view to exploring opportunities to boost investment and trade & tourism, the Embassy organized a G to B business interaction on 18 February 2022 in its premises. Prominent Indian businessmen in South Sudan and representatives from Ministry of Investment, Trade & Industry, Immigration and Employers Association of South Sudan were invited. Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma made a presentation on "Trade and Investment: Opportunities for Growth", in which he highlighted comparative and complementary aspects of the two economies to be tapped for enhanced engagement.

A panel discussion and question-answer session followed the presentations. Opportunities/potential available for growth of bilateral trade and obstacles faced by Indian businessmen in running/setting up businesses in South Sudan, were deliberated upon. The participants also made thoughtful suggestions to overcome the difficulties in the way of growth of Indian investment in South Sudan. At the end of the event, a cocktail reception was hosted by the Ambassador for the invitees to facilitate networking.

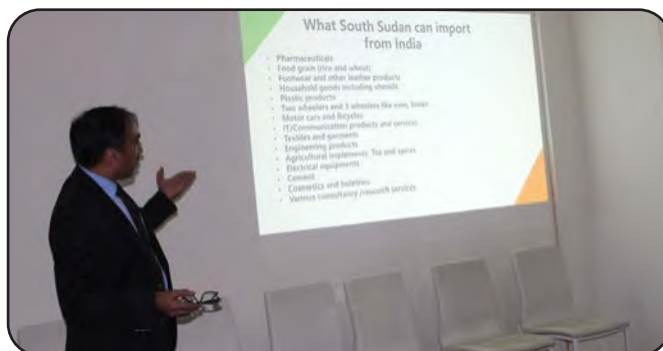


TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Commemorating 75 years of India's Independence under the theme of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a Table Tennis tournament was organized on 19 February in the Embassy premises to celebrate the sporting spirit of India Teams from Indian community, Indian peacekeepers and Indian Embassy participated in the tournament.

Mr. S.K.Rajoria, the then First Secretary in the Embassy, was the winner in singles category, while Mr. P. Tripathi, Second Secretary and Ambassador V.K. Sharma were the First and Second Runners-up respectively. The team comprising Ambassador V. K. Sharma and Second Secretary Mr. P Tripathi won in the Doubles category. The other Embassy team of Mr. S.K Rajoria, FS & Mr. R.Chaudhari, Attache and UNMISS team of Maj. Nimesh Dhillan & Sgt. Amar Singh, were the First and Second Runners-up, respectively. The winners were awarded prizes.

The wholehearted support of Indian contingent from the UNMISS and members of Indian community in South Sudan and spirited participation by their teams made the tournament a great success and an enjoyable event.



MAHA SHIV RATRI CELEBRATION

According to some Hindu scriptures, Maha Shiv Ratri is believed to be the night when Lord Shiva, one of the Gods of Hindu Trinity performs his heavenly dance "Tandava". On this particular night, it is claimed that there is a natural upsurge of energy in human physiology. Devotees pray to lord Shiva, meditate and observe fast on the occasion.

The Embassy held a small "Shiv Puja" ceremony at its premises on the evening on 1 March, 2022 for celebration of Maha Shiv Ratri in the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Embassy celebrated International Women's Day in collaboration with a local NGO African Indigenous Women Empowerment, Turk Kizilay, Trinity Energy and other organisations working for women empowerment in South Sudan on 9 March 2022. The theme of this year's event was "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". Ambassador Sharma in his address recounted various steps taken by India since its independence towards women empowerment. He emphasized the role of education and financial independence in empowerment of women and development of society as a whole.



African Indigenous Women Empowerment with support from partners and willing bodies, celebrating the international women's day under the theme

GENDER EQUALITY FOR FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY TO PROMOTE AND CELEBRATE WOMEN AND GIRL'S ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESILIENCE

VISHWA HINDI DIWAS

From time immemorial, Temples have been cultural centres of excellence in India. Keeping this rich heritage in view, and given public demand, it was decided to hold celebration of "Vishwa Hindi Diwas" celebration this year at the Hindu Temple premises on March 5, 2022 (delayed due to Covid-19 restrictions). Messages from Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister of India on Vishwa Hindi Diwas were read out at the event. Essay competition and poetry recitation were also part of the programme.

Indian Community and Indian contingent members participated in the event enthusiastically in large numbers. Some participants, who couldn't be present physically, sent video clippings of their poetry recital, which were played at the event. Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma shared his views on promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad and efforts made in this regard by Government of India during the last 75 years to get Hindi its much deserved place at the world stage. The Ambassador also appealed to the gathering to ensure that their children have right exposure for learning Hindi in their formative years, wherever they live. The winners of essay competition and poetry recitals were awarded prize by the Ambassador. The Embassy is thankful to members of Indian community and Indian contingent of UN Mission in South Sudan for their keen interest and spirited presence in this event expressing love and respect for Hindi.



"HOLI" CELEBRATION AND MILLET FESTIVAL

Festival of Colours "Holi" was celebrated in the spirit of togetherness, unity in diversity, as well as some fun and frolic at the Embassy premises on 18 March, 2022. Indian community members, Embassy officials, some UN Mission officials and local people enthusiastically participated in the Holi celebration. While all present at the festival played with colours and mingled merrily with one another, the celebrations became even more colourful with performances of singing, dancing, shayari and poetry recitation by invitees enjoyed by one and all. Baby Kritika was one of the stars of the evening, with her brilliant dance performance. A special thanks to the members of Indian community, the Indian contingent from the UNMISS & UNPOL and friends of India for participating in the festival of colours and making it a memorable event to cherish.

Traditional Indian dishes served at the occasion included delicious and healthy millet dishes, to promote this nutritious grain. Increasing health awareness during the Covid-19 pandemic in the world, has brought millet, a grain produced and used in some parts of India traditionally as a staple diet, at the forefront.



FLORAL TRIBUTE TO SHAHEED BHAGAT SINGH

Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma, along with members of the Embassy paid tributes to Shaheed (Martyr) Bhagat Singh on his death anniversary on 23rd March, 2022. On the occasion, a "Pushpanjali" (Floral Tributes) was held for the martyred Heroes of India's Freedom Struggle, including Sukhdev and Rajguru, who were hanged by the British colonials on 23rd March, 1931.



3T (Tourism, Trade and Technology) SEMINAR

An interactive Seminar on 3T- Tourism (Ayurveda/medical treatment/education), Trade and Technology was organized in the Embassy on 28th March, 2022. Mr. Gabriel Ken Malek, National Coordinator, Ministry of ICT and Postal Service and several other departments, tour operators and local entrepreneurs participated in the Seminar.

Ambassador Vishnu Kumar Sharma in his speech deliberated on the progress achieved by India since attaining Independence in 1947, particularly in the fields of agriculture, education & health sector, technology and innovation. Specifying the opportunities for investment and collaboration in technology & innovation, he spelt out areas where South Sudan could benefit from Indian technological advancements. He also shared his views on avenues for tourism, availability of affordable and quality education & medical/ayurveda treatment in India and potential for growth of bilateral trade. Mr. Gabriel Ken Malek, the guest speaker, shared his ideas on how the two countries could collaborate in the field of digital payment technology such as UPI. A video on UPI was also screened at the event.

There were also discussions-cum-presentations on rapid strides made by India in Pharmaceutical Industry and digital economy, especially digital payment including Unified Payments Interface. Presentations were also made to promote Ayurveda and tourism for medical treatment and higher education in India by Indian tour operators, namely, Global Tours, Holiday Dreamz and Satguru Travels.



ITEC ALUMNI INTERACTION

Indian Embassy organized an interaction with Indian Technical and Economic (ITEC) Alumni in its Embassy premises on 28th March 2022. This also presented the participants an opportunity to interact with one another and share their individual experiences.

In his opening remarks, the Ambassador gave a brief account of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), a flagship programme of Government of India for capacity building for developing countries. He mentioned that more than 1000 South Sudanese had attended ITEC training courses, which were fully funded by the Government of India. He appreciated formation of "India Alumni Association in South Sudan", a platform to bring together all those who studied/attended training programme in India for facilitating networking. He appealed to all alumni to join the platform and help foster even closer bilateral relations between the two countries by acting as a bridge. Yoga and tourism promotions videos were screened at the event.

The Representative from Ministry of Higher Education and Science & Technology of South Sudan, Dr. Justo Wani, Acting Under Secretary, was the Chief Guest at the event. He appreciated the generous support in capacity building India has been providing to this new nation. He also made suggestions pertaining to the selection process and to make the programme more useful for South Sudanese.

Some Alumni shared their experiences of staying in India with nostalgia. They also narrated how the training was useful in shaping their careers and developing understanding about India and expressed gratitude to the Government of India for the opportunity.

Invitees enjoyed the celebration as part of commemoration of 75th Anniversary of India's independence ("Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav") over delicious Indian cuisine and melodious music.



BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS

There were a series of bilateral meetings with South Sudanese dignitaries and interaction with diplomats in Juba. The main interactions included meetings with the Minister of Petroleum (on matters related to operation of ONGC-Videsh Ltd), Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (on Food grain assistance by India), Dy. Foreign Minister (in connection with a Quick Impact Project for digging boreholes at Mangalla IDPs Camp), Deputy Defence Minister (on DefExpo) and Minister of Housing, Land and Public Affairs (to discuss allotment of plot for Hindu temple and cremation ground). There were meetings with Under Secretaries in the Ministry of Agriculture, Investment and Director General of Trade and Industry for exploring areas of new cooperation and promotion of bilateral trade between India and South Sudan. There was also a fruitful meeting with the Under Secretary in the Ministry of Environment for the membership of South Sudan in the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure.



Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum



Meeting with Hon'ble Minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management

DMI PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI) in South Sudan has been engaging with the local communities to help them analyse their problems and enable them to find appropriate solutions. Over the years, DMI sisters, with the support of developmental professionals, have been mobilizing communities and promoting community institutions that identify and resolve their problems. Some of the community institutions promoted are known to be - farmer associations, women groups, peace and reconciliation committees, and monitoring protection committees.

During the first quarter of 2022 (Jan to March), with the support of community institutions, DMI rescued 22 gender-based violence victims and rehabilitated them with the counselling services and helped them to rehabilitate after providing counselling services. To promote employable opportunity among internally displaced youths, it has commenced vocational training, and 53 youths are now undergoing masonry and electrical training at the training centre located at the Gurie campus. 287 farmers have been trained in sustainable farming practices, enabling them to increase their crop and vegetable produces. With the support of well-wishers, members of Indian communities and government departments, DMI is able to march forward towards promoting sustainable development.



INDBATT1 OF UNMISS IN MALAKAL: CAPACITY BUILDING & CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Indian battalion-1 (INDBATT-1) of UN Mission in South Sudan, as a goodwill gesture and humanitarian assistance, distributed football and first aid medicines to the local community at Nagdier. The village chief of Nagdier Mr Chol Lil Monybur and local paramedical staff, Mr Abdallah Har, expressed gratitude to UNMISS. Local people were very happy with this gesture.

International Day of Women and Girls in Science was celebrated on 11 Feb 2022 by INDBATT-1 at Malakal. During the event, three presentations were conducted as part of awareness session to 55 pupils of Bandar Primary School in the town. Mr Philip Kuo Thon Ayuel, Headmaster of Bandar Primary School, appreciated Indbatt1 for organizing the event and stressed the importance of education in attaining gender equality to bring the community together. Mr. Yoseph Damena from the Civil Affairs Division, UNMISS Malakal underlined that young minds engaging in science, technology, engineering and mathematics can change the destiny of the country and praised the stupendous efforts of INDBATT-1 for successfully conducting the event. Commander INDBATT-1 emphasized that changing oneself can change the future of Malakal and the same is only possible with education. INDBATT-1 also distributed scholastic items as assistance to the school on the occasion.

INDBATT-1 was instrumental in revival of bridge at Kodok in Upper Nile State which was unpassable since last 10 months. The restoration has resulted in resumption of traffic flow from villages to the town. The sustainable efforts of INDBATT-1 has been highly appreciated by the local authorities and community of Kodok.

Continuing its charitable activities, INDBATT-1 extended veterinary clinical services at Malakal by treating/deworming 1846 sick animals for free during the period from 1 January to 31 March 2022. INDBATT-1 also provided two-day veterinary assistance and animal health awareness campaign in Renk Payam and in Gusrom near Abayok Camp in South Sudan from 25 Mar to 26 Mar 2022. A total of 1749 animals were treated and dewormed during the camp. Besides treatment/deworming, demonstration on tick control measures in cattle and awareness on animal health and sound animal management practices were carried out to the cattle herd owners by the INDBATT-1 veterinary team. The veterinary assistance drive turned out to be a huge success.





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Atmanirbharta (Self Reliance) in Defence

68% of the capital procurement budget earmarked for the domestic industry in 2022-23, up from 58% in 2021-22

Defence R&D to be opened up for industry, startups and academia with 25% of defence R&D budget earmarked

Independent nodal umbrella body to be set up for meeting testing and certification requirements.



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Key Highlights of Indian Budget 2022-23

India's economic growth is estimated at 9.2% to be the highest among all large economies

The outlay for capital expenditure stepped up sharply by 35.4% to INR 7.50 lakh crore (~US\$ 106 billion) in 2022-23 from INR 5.54 lakh crore (~US\$ 80 billion) in the current year.

Effective Capital Expenditure of Central Government estimated at INR 10.68 lakh crore (US\$ 147 billion) in 2022-23, which is about 4.1% of GDP.

Entering **Amrit Kaal** - the 25 year-long lead up to **India@100** -the budget provides the impetus for growth along with four priorities:

1. PM Gatishakti 2. Productivity Enhancement and Investment, Sunrise opportunities, Energy Transition and Climate Action 3. Inclusive Development for Aspirational India & 4. Financing of Investments

60 lakh (6 million) new jobs to be created under the productivity linked incentive scheme in 14 sectors

The outlay in 2022-23 to be 2.9% of GDP

PLI Schemes have the potential to create an additional production of INR 30 lakh crore (~US\$ 401 billion)

100% of 1,50,000 post offices to come on the core banking system.

Scheduled Commercial Banks to set up 75 Digital Banking Units in 75 districts.

e-Passports with embedded chips and futuristic technology to be rolled out.

PM GATI SHAKTI (BIG PUSH TO INFRA)



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