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CELEBRATION OF INDIA'S 73<sup>rd</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY ON 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019



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**FOREWORD**

The Indian Embassy is pleased to present the third edition of India Newsletter covering the activities and events undertaken during July – September 2019.

This edition has been brought out when there is a strong expectation of formation of the new SS Unity Government on 12 November 2019. The Mission is highly hopeful of a positive outcome and welcome the new government to usher the country into peace and prosperity.

In this quarter, India celebrated its 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019 with great fanfare after assumption of the new government under Prime Minister Modi in May 2019. In his first address to the nation, PM Modi spoke of welfare schemes for the farmers and announced the launch of a new Jal Jeevan Mission to provide potable water. A total of ₹3.70 lakh crore has been allotted for this mission and scheme will be implemented jointly by the central and state governments. On the economic front, PM Modi expressed confidence that India will become a \$5 trillion economy in the next five years. In the last 70 years, the country was a \$2 trillion economy. He urged the citizens to take a pledge on October 2, to make the country free of single-use plastic and asked people to use cloth bags instead plastics. PM Modi also urged the startups to come up with innovative ideas to recycle plastics in the country.

The Embassy has celebrated the Independence Day with great enthusiasm along with the UNMISS Indian Battalion officials and Indian community members. The blood donation camp organised by the Indian Association of South Sudan was highly commended by the local health authorities and the national Health Minister personally visited Embassy to thank the life saving humanitarian gesture. The Indian community's social welfare activities in Juba were praised by local officials and community.

The Indian Battalion stationed at Bor and Malakal organised events to mark Independence Day celebrations. The veterinary hospital managed by the Indian battalion at Malakal has recently been renovated with UN support. While inaugurating the hospital, the Governor of the state highlighted the services rendered by the Indian battalion officials apart from their routine peace keeping operations. The Indbatt conducted yoga classes for benefit of the UNMISS officials and local community are highly popular. It was heartening to see an Indian army officer with UNMISS at Malakal conduct motivational training classes for the benefit of the youth of the POC site and to empower the girls by teaching them cycling and involve them in sports activities to instil confidence to make them mentally strong.

The Indian community organised a rousing reception in honour of the UNMISS's new Force Commander, Lt. Gen. S. Tinaikar. It was a proud moment for the community to welcome and honour the highly decorated officer of the Indian Army along with his other colleagues.

I had also visited few schools in Juba town and at Lado county. The Embassy donated books, reading and writing materials, sports items and snacks for the benefit of the children. An assurance was given to the schools that more such support would be extended by the Embassy in future.

I was able to make courtesy calls on some senior ministers in the government and briefed them of Government of India's support in the fields of education, health and agriculture. The dignitaries were appreciative of the capacity building training courses offered to the government officials which they found highly beneficial to enhance the skill and knowledge relating to their field of work.

I am hopeful that you would find this issue more interesting.

**(S. D. Moorthy)**



Celebrations of 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day of India





**CELEBRATION OF 73<sup>rd</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY IN EMBASSY OF INDIA, JUBA**

On 15th August, 2019 Indian Embassy in Juba celebrated the 73rd Independence Day of India in the Chancery. The function was attended by Indian Community members and friends of India numbering around 300. The Indian Battalion attached with UNMISS took part in the celebrations in large number.

The Chief Guest for the event was Lt. Gen. Tinaikar, Force Commander of UNMISS who is in-charge of the UN Peace Keeping Operations in South Sudan. The Indian missionaries operating in South Sudan have also participated. Ambassador Moorthy read the Hon'ble President's Speech in English and Head of Chancery Mr. Rajoria read it in Hindi to audience which was well received. Ambassador commended the welfare role being played by the Indian Community in South Sudan and also by the Indian Battalion with UNMISS. The Indian Association organized a blood donation camp to mark India's Independence Day.





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**BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANIZED BY INDIAN ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH SUDAN**

Indian Embassy along with the Indian Association in Juba organized a blood donation camp on 15th August 2019 on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day at Juba Teaching Hospital. Ambassador Moorthy participated in the Blood Donation Camp at the Juba Blood Transfusion Centre, along with the Indian Embassy officials. The Health Ministry officials thanked the Indian Association and the Indian Embassy for the organizing the life saving event which helped hundreds of needy patients in Juba. Around 100 Indian community members donated blood in the camp. Dr Riek Gok, Health Minister of South Sudan visited Embassy to personally thank Amb Moorthy for this commendable humanitarian gesture.





**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS BY INDBATT-II, UNMISS**

INDBATT-II located in Bor celebrated its 73rd Independence Day on 15 Aug 19 with great fervor and gusto. A myriad of activities were conducted to mark this national occasion. With the aim of generating goodwill and to assist locals, a total of 500 solar lamps were distributed at Bor, Akobo & Pibor amongst varied beneficiaries on 14 Aug 19. To engage the potential of youth in peace building process, INDBATT-II played a friendly volleyball match with students of John Garang Memorial University, Bor on 14 Aug 19.

A Freedom Run was organized on the morning of 15 Aug 19 for staff at Bor field office to strengthen our pledge to serve under a common UN flag. A five KVA generator was presented at Akobo on 15 Aug providing much needed succor to the locals facing water shortage. As part of continued outreach to hinterlands a medical camp was organized at New Fangak by the LDAP on 15 & 16 Aug 19. The gala celebrations climaxed with cultural performances by INDBATT-II, NEPPFU and SRIMED L2 in the evening. The event generated much interest amongst the locals and staffs.


**DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR LAMPS AT MALEK**

**FRIENDLY VOLLEYBALL MATCH WITH STUDENTS OF DR JOHN GARANG MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY**

**PERFORMANCE OF PERSONNEL OF SRIMED L2 AND NEPPFU DURING CULTURAL EVENT**

**PERFORMANCE OF PERSONNEL OF INDBATT-II DURING CULTURAL EVENT**

**FREEDOM RUN AT BOR CAMP**

**DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR LAMPS AT AKOBO**



## INDIAN BATTALION AT UNMISS RENOVATES VETERINARY HOSPITAL AT MALAKAL

Realising the acute requirement of veterinary assistance by the locals and as per the request from Government of Central Upper Nile state, Indian Battalion at Malakal was instrumental in renovation and revival of dilapidated Malakal veterinary hospital and restoration of its operations. The Quick Impact Project(QIP) of restoration of facility aimed at redressal of the aspirations of the populace has been completed in minimum time frame.

The hospital renovated by Indian Battalion with support of UNMISS Field office at Malakal and aims to extend veterinary assistance to the livestock in and around Malakal region

Addressing the gathering Honorable Governor of upper Nile State, Mr Peter Chol Wal read and emphasized on quote by Mahatma Gandhi "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." and said that animals are one of the greatest wealth of South Sudan and Government is committed to look after the welfare of livestock of state and renovation of animal health care facilities at Malakal will go a long way in preventing casualty and sickness of livestock in in area. He thanked UNMISS field office and Indian Battalion for their continued support in building the Central upper Nile state.

Commander INDBATT-1 assured state government and locals of continued support and said that soon the veterinary team of INDBATT will commence Community Animal Health Workers Training to empower the veterinary infrastructure in the state.

Renovation of Malakal Veterinary Hospital and rebuilding of state veterinary capability will inspire the locals and IDPs to return and resume their livestock farming activity as their main economic activity to enhance their self-sufficiency. The training of community animal health workers will ensure the accessibility of veterinary services to the livestock in far-flung areas of the states"



HEAD OF UNMISS FIELD OFFICE AT MALAKAL, HAZEL DEWET HANDING OVER THE KEYS OF RENOVATED VETERINARY HOSPITAL TO HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL UPPER NILE STATE, MR PETER CHOL



HONOURABLE GOVERNOR AND MINISTER OF ANIMAL RESOURCES INSPECTING TREATMENT ASPECTS



COMMANDER VETERINARY TEAM INDBATT-1 BRIEFING HONOURABLE GOVERNOR ABOUT VARIOUS RENOVATIONS CARRIED IN HOSPITAL



HONOURABLE GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL UPPER NILE STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, UNMISS STAFF AND LOCALS AT MALAKAL VETERINARY HOSPITAL



**Celebration of Vishwa Hindi Diwas**

Embassy celebrated **Vishwa Hindi Diwas 2019** on 14th September, 2019 in the Chancery. On this occasion, the Embassy organized a competition in Hindi Writing, Oratory skill and Poem recitation which was attended by Indian Community members, friends of India and the Indian Battalion attached with UNMISS in large numbers. Ambassador S D Moorthy underlined the importance of Hindi as national language and binding force. The winners were awarded prizes and citations.





### **COURTESY CALL ON HON'BLE BARNABA MARIAL BENJAMIN BY INDIAN AMBASSADOR S. D. MOORTHY**

Indian Ambassador, S D Moorthy made a courtesy call on Hon'ble Barnaba Marial Benjamin, Presidential Advisor and Special Envoy. Ambassador discussed with him the bilateral relationship between India and South Sudan and Ambassador also briefed him about India's support in Education, Health and Agriculture sector. Being a senior leader and former Foreign Minister of South Sudan, Hon'ble Barnaba is well aware of the close friendly relations between India and South Sudan. He urged the Ambassador to encourage Indian companies to visit South Sudan to explore the possibilities for investment in the country.



### **GOVERNOR OF TAMBURA STATE MET INDIAN AMBASSADOR**

The Governor of Tambura State, H.E. Maj Gen Patrick Raphael Zamol has called on the Indian Ambassador this afternoon and discussed the investment opportunities available in Tambura State. The Governor requested Ambassador Moorthy to consider his state for scholarships to study in India and capacity building training courses for the officials working in Tambura State. The Governor briefed Ambassador Moorthy about the investment opportunities available in Tambura State in agricultural sector.



### **CALL ON HON JEMMA NUNU KUMBA, ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF SPLM**

Indian Ambassador met Acting Secretary General of Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM).





**Indian community welcomed Lt. Gen. S. Tinaikar, Force Commander, UNMISS**

Indian Ambassador S D Moorthy along with Indian Community welcomed Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar, Force Commander who is in charge of the UN peace keeping force in South Sudan. Indian community and Indian missionaries operating in South Sudan welcomed and honoured the Force Commander. He expressed his thoughts on the importance of peace in South Sudan and also invited the support of Indian Embassy and Indian community to usher peace in the country. He also assured his support wherever needed. Indian Community members felicitated the Force Commander. Lt. Gen. Tinaikar is highly decorated Indian army officer with abundant peace keeping experience with UN.





**INDIAN POLICE OFFICERS HONoured WITH UN MEDALS**

Police officers from India had their proud moments when 17 of them received their UN Service medals on 10 Sept. 2019.

While the SRSG of UNMISS, Mr. David Shearer graced the Indian Medal pinning ceremony as the Guest of Honour on 10th September, the UNMISS Force Commander, Lt. Gen Shailesh Tinaikar, the UNMISS Police Commissioner, Ms. Unaisi Vunivaqa, Mr. Barthelemy Rugwizangoga, the OIC Deputy Police Commissioner and UNPOL Chief of Staff were the other notable invitees. The Indian Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Mr. S.D. Moorthy was a special invitee for the occasion.

The GoH, Mr. David Shearer, while congratulating the 17 officers, reminded them of having joined an elite list of Indian peacekeepers who have been serving under the UN flag for over 60 years. While India has contributed over 250,000 troops to UN peacekeeping missions so far, over 160 personnel have made their supreme sacrifice while defending the flag, he stated.

The Indian Ambassador S D Moorthy, congratulated the medal recipients and gave an account of the work India is doing in South Sudan for bringing peace and stability to the conflict-ridden country.

The 17 Medal recipients included 5 female officers as well. The Contingent Commander Police Advisor Rajendra Prasad presented souvenirs to the guests.





**Embassy's Community Welfare Activities**

**Visit of Africa Inland Preparatory & Primary School, Buluk**



**Visit of Nyuwa Primary School at Lado Country, Jubek**





## INDIA AFRICA PARTNERSHIP IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ORDER WAS HELD IN NEW DELHI (03 SEPTEMBER 2019)

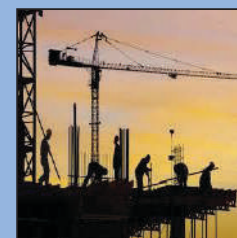
The India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order on Priorities, Prospects and Challenges National Conference was held in New Delhi. The conference was composed by research organizations, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS). It was organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu addressed the conference. India confirmed and renewed its goal to achieve \$5 trillion economy by 2024-25 as outlined in the economic survey-2019. The discussion included India's cooperation with Africa in every aspect including Trade, security, capacity building, maritime cooperation, and food security. India and Africa relationship: India and Africa have a natural partnership for over several centuries. The bilateral trade between India and Africa is about \$60billion in 2017-2018. India has hosted more than 36 leaders from Africa and 6 additional missions on the welfare of Africa. The official platform for the African-Indian relations is the India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS). The Forum Summit happens once every three years since 2008. There are about 40,000 Africans in India. Developmental challenge: India and Africa have a development challenge on agriculture, making digital Africa with the help of India. It also extends to other areas like education and health, public services, finance, etc. Indian investments plan to expand and diversify towards broad range in Africa.



## INDIAN ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE NEWS



Snapshot of Indian Economy	
<b>GDP Growth rate:</b>	As per World Bank, Indian Economy is expected to grow at 6 per cent in 2019-20
<b>Gross Value added (GVA) composition by sector (2018-19):</b>	
<b>Services:</b>	Same as the previous one.
<b>Forex Reserves:</b>	US\$ 437, 833.00 million as on 04 October 2019.
<b>Value of Exports:</b>	US\$ 26.13 billion in August 2019
<b>Major Export partners:</b>	United States (16 per cent), United Arab Emirates (9 per cent), Hong Kong (4.1 per cent), Singapore (3.2 per cent), UK (3 per cent) and Germany (2.8 per cent)
<b>Cumulative FDI Equity Inflows:</b>	FDI In India during Apr-June 2019: US\$ 16,330 Million
<b>Top Investing Countries FDI Inflows (Apr-June 2019):</b>	Singapore (US\$ 5339 Million), Mauritius (US\$ 4,676 Million), USA (US\$ 1,455 Million), Netherlands (US\$ 1,356 Million), Japan (US\$ 472 Million)





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