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

We are happy to present to you this latest edition of the Embassy Newsletter which is an attempt to bring to you a summarised version of the various events that have taken place in the preceding few months.

The Third edition of the International Yoga Day IDY2017 was celebrated in Juba on 24 June. The Minister for Roads and Transport – Ms. Rebecca Akwaci and the Minister for Fisheries and Livestock – Mr. James Janka Duku were the guests of honour at the Yoga event. We had active participation from Yoga enthusiasts from a wide cross-section of the capital's population including professionals, expats and local South Sudanese people. Their interest and enthusiasm indicated that there is more awareness, acceptability and a growing following for Yoga as means to lead a more healthy and fulfilling life and also as a new secular lifestyle choice. Minister Rebecca noted the potential of Yoga in contributing towards bringing peace, harmony and stability in South Sudan.

The Indian Republic got a new President on 25 July 2017, when Mr. Ram Nath Kovind was sworn-in as the 14th President of India.

India, with a 1.25 billion population, this year is celebrating the 70th anniversary of its independence. Forbes Magazine referred to "India At 70" as "An Emerging World Power". In 1947, at the time of independence, the Indian economy was just 15% the size of the U.S. economy; today it's about half as large, when measured in terms of purchasing power parity. According to Forbes - "as India continues to tackle its pressing economic, human development and social equity goals, India, like China, is emerging as a world power even as it still has an unfinished domestic agenda".

The Embassy marked India's 70 years of independence by hosting two events on 15 August - the Flag hoisting ceremony in the morning, followed by a Diplomatic reception in the evening, at the new Chancery premises. As in past events, an enthusiastic group about 250 Indian nationals living and working in Juba and other parts of the country, as well as Army officers and Jawans of the Indian contingent of UNMISS attended the morning function to honour the Indian National Flag. The evening reception was attended by Senior South Sudanese dignitaries led by 7 Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Academicians, Bureaucrats from Ministries and Government Departments, Ambassadors and Representatives of Diplomatic Missions and UN agencies based in Juba and prominent members of the Indian Community. Justice Yien Oral Lam Tut, Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology was the Guest of Honour. He is scheduled to make an official visit to India shortly at the invitation of the Indian HRD Minister.

I do hope you would enjoy going through this edition of our Newsletter and, as always, please do continue to send us your valued feedback and suggestions.

With best wishes,

(Srikumar Menon)

71st INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA - AUGUST 15, 2017

India celebrated its 71st Independence Day on 15th August 2017. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort in New Delhi. In his speech, Prime Minister (PM) greeted all Indians on the 70th Anniversary of India's Independence. In his message to the youth, especially those who were born in the 21st century, PM said that the young people will decide the future and fate of India.

He said that when we focus our hard work towards the betterment of the nation, the fruits of the hard work increase manifold, adding that the New India must be powerful, strong and self sufficient in every field. PM commended the uniformed and armed forces of India who always came forward and never stepped back, while facing the challenges of all kinds - whether it was left wing extremism, terrorism or other internal security disturbances. PM assured that India is self sufficient in taking security measures and was ready to face any kind of challenge—whether land or sea, cyber or space.

In fight against terrorism, India had support of several countries across the world. PM said that Government of India had launched a website which will have details of all those who won gallantry awards to create awareness about their sacrifice. PM also informed the countrymen about the policies implemented by his government to eradicate corrupt practices and to improve work culture to accelerate infrastructure development keeping in view the welfare of all sections of society, especially the poor. PM invoked team India to work for a new India - where youth and women will get ample opportunities. An India which is free of casteism, terrorism, corruption, nepotism. A clean India.





Mr. Ram Nath Kovind sworn in as the 14th President of India by Justice JS Khehar (the Chief Justice of India) at a special ceremony in the Central Hall of Parliament in New Delhi on July 25th, 2017.

"Our Independence was the result of efforts by thousands of patriotic freedom fighters led by Mahatma Gandhi. Later, Sardar Patel integrated our nation. Principal architect of our Constitution Babasaheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar instilled in us the value of human dignity and of the republican ethic. These leaders did not believe that simply political freedom was enough. For them, it was crucial to also achieve economic and social freedom for millions of our people. We would be completing 70 years of our Independence soon. We are also well into the second decade of the 21st century, a century that so many of us intuitively believe will be an Indian century, guided and shaped by India and its accomplishments. We need to build an India that is an economic leader as well as a moral exemplar. For us, those two touchstones can never be separate. They are and must forever be linked. The key to India's success is its diversity. Our diversity is the core that makes us so unique. In this land we find a mix of states and regions, religions, languages, cultures, lifestyles and much more. We are so different and yet so similar and united." - **Mr. Ram Nath Kovind, in his speech after swearing in as the President of India**

Personal Information:

1. Born on October 1, 1945, in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur Dehat, Ram Nath Kovind was the youngest among three brothers.
2. Married to Savita Kovind, Ram Nath Kovind has a son, and a daughter.
3. He is a graduate in law from Kanpur College. He was selected for the allied services but he declined to join and started practising the law. By profession, Kovind used to practice in Supreme Court and Delhi High Court as an advocate.
4. On August 8, 2015, Kovind was appointed Governor of Bihar.

EMBASSY OF INDIA CELEBRATES 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE - 15TH AUGUST 2017

As part of the celebration of 70th Anniversary of Independence of India, by the Mission, beside the Flag Hoisting Ceremony, Ambassador hosted an evening reception at the Chancery premises. Seven cabinet Ministers of the TGoNU and two ministers of the Jubek state attended the function, beside several other South Sudanese dignitaries, senior officials from Foreign Office/other Ministries, foreign ambassadors as also the Special Representative of the UNSG David Shearer, and prominent Indians. The Ministers who attended beside the Guest of Honour – Hon. Justice Yien Oral Lam Tut, Minister for Higher Education, Science & Technology, were Ms. Jemma Nunu Kumba, Minister for Wildlife & Tourism; Mr. Moses Hassan Achen, Minister for Trade & Industry Dr. James Janka Duku, Minister for Fisheries & Livestock; Ms. Rebecca Okwaci, Minister for Roads and Bridges; Mr. Gabriel Thoukuoch Deng, Minister for Mining and Mr. Richard K. Mulla, Minister for Federal Affairs. The Guest of Honour, in his speech, highlighted the 'neutral' position taken by India regarding the crisis in South Sudan. He commended the role being played by the friendly Indian community in South Sudan. He lauded the support extended by India in the field of education and capacity building. He also spoke about the growing profile of India, globally and in the field of space, science and technology. The Minister also said that he was looking forward to his visit to India.







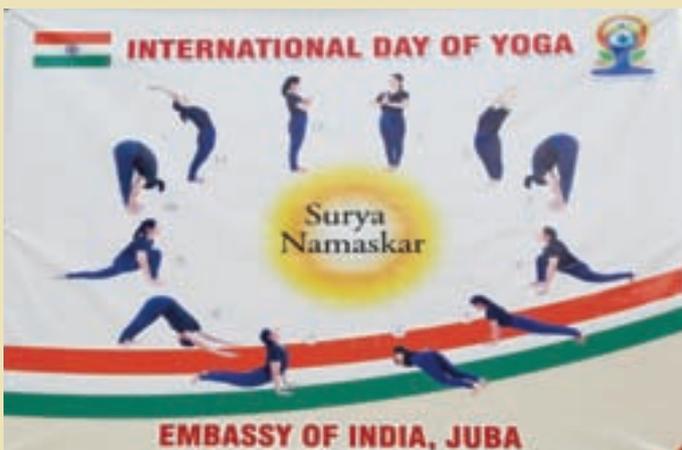
EMBASSY OF INDIA CELEBRATES THIRD INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

Third International Day of Yoga 2017 was celebrated in Juba on 24 June 2017 (Saturday) at the Embassy premises. About 125 Yoga enthusiasts from the local South Sudanese community, Indian Community, senior government dignitaries, Ambassadors/ Diplomats, expatriates working in UN agencies and NGOs participated in the early morning event.

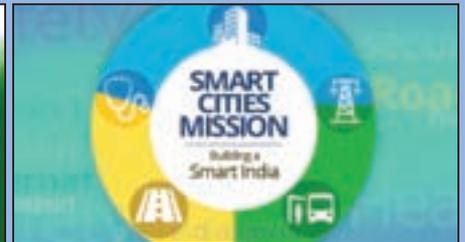
The Minister for Roads and Transport – Ms. Rebecca Akwaci and the Minister for Fisheries and Livestock – Mr. James Janka Duku were the guests of honour at the Yoga event. A team led by Major Manpreet and two lady officers of the Indian Military Contingent of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) presented and demonstrated the various Yoga postures and Yogasanas before the enthusiastic participants. The yoga session was accompanied by detailed explanation of the yogasanas and was very well received by the participants. Minister Rebecca, in her address to the gathering, noted the potential of yoga in contributing towards bringing peace, harmony and stability in South Sudan and urged that Yoga practice should be spread around the country and its message taken to those who were unable to attend the event.



Picture Gallery – Celebration of Third International Day of yoga- 21st June 2017



INDIAN ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE NEWS



Snapshot of Indian Economy	
GDP Growth rate	According to World Bank, Indian economy grown at a rate of 7.93 per cent in 2015-16, and is expected to grow at 7.9 per cent in 2017-18.
GDP Composition- by Sector	Services : 65% Industry : 18% Agriculture : 17%
Forex Reserves	US\$ 369.95 billion (as on 31st March 2017)
Value of Exports	India's global exports stood at US\$ 21.07 billion in January 2016
Major Export Partners	US, Germany, UAE, China, Japan, Thailand, Indonesia and European Union. India is also tapping newer markets in Africa and Latin America.
Cumulative FDI Equity Inflows:	US\$ 324,357 Million (2000 to 2016)
Top Investing Countries FDI Inflows	Mauritius (34 per cent), Singapore (16 per cent), UK (8 per cent), Japan (8 per cent), USA (6 per cent), Netherlands (6 per cent)



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FLYING HIGH
INDIA IS THE FASTEST GROWING MAJOR AVIATION MARKET IN THE WORLD

A DYNAMIC NATION
INDIA IS WORLD'S SEVENTH MOST VALUED 'NATION BRAND' WITH A TOTAL BRAND VALUE OF US\$ 21 BILLION

ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY
INDIA PLANS TO SET UP 50 NEW AIRPORTS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS

COMMITTED TO FINANCIAL INCLUSION
India holds first rank in commitment to financial inclusion

TRANSFORMING INDIA
INDIA IS THE MOST OPEN ECONOMY IN THE WORLD FOR FDI

A YOUNG NATION
INDIA IS A YOUNG NATION OF 1.2 BILLION PEOPLE WITH A MEDIAN AGE OF 27 YEARS

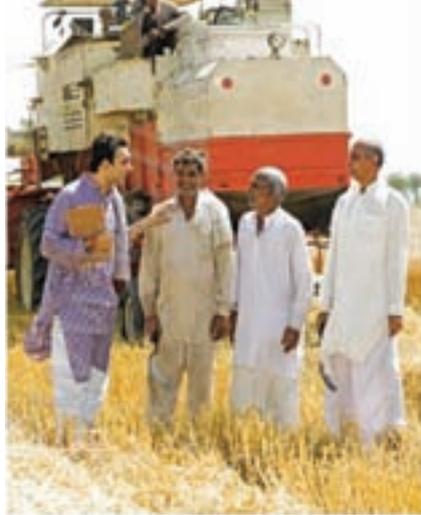
RAIL ROAD CONNECTIVITY

India has the largest rail network in Asia and the world's second largest under one Management.



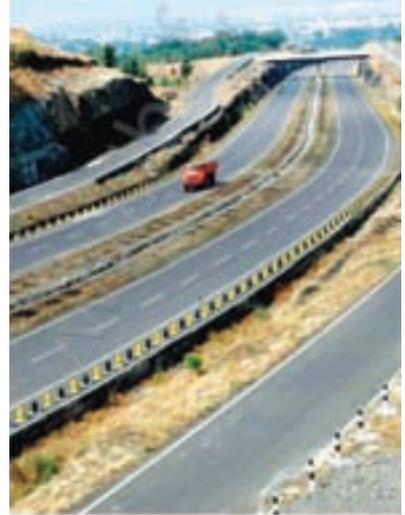
RURAL GROWTH STORIES

India's total rural income is estimated to reach US\$ 1.8 trillion by 2020-21.



ROADS TO THE FUTURE

India has the third largest road network in the world spanning over 3.3 million km.



PARTNERSHIPS WITH LIFE

With 4,000,000 strong healthcare professionals, the country is becoming the world's healthcare hub.



MEETING HEALTH NEEDS

Consumer health market in India will touch US\$ 14-18 billion by 2020.



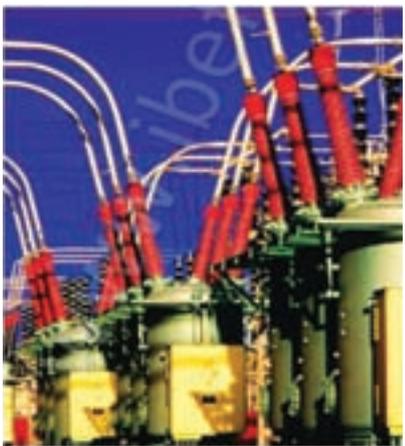
OPEN YOUR EYES

With over 4 million surgeries performed and 32 million patients treated, Aravind Eye Care Systems is the largest eye care provider in the world.



A GLOBAL POWERHOUSE

The Indian transformer industry exports to over 50 countries including the US, Europe, Middle East, Africa and the Far East countries.



GREEN JOBS FOR CHANGE

India's renewable energy market is likely to create 10.5 million green jobs by 2020.



WORLD'S LARGEST REFINERY

Jamnagar in India is the world's largest oil refinery.



A GREENER WORLD

India's share of global market for low carbon goods and services to be US\$ 135 billion in 2020.



FUEL OF THE FUTURE

By 2020, over 1,000,000 hydrogen-powered cars will cruise on India's roads. After having produced the world's cheapest automobile - Tata Nano - India is well on course to unveil its zero pollution cars that would transform the world's automobile industry.



HARNESSING WIND POWER

India is the world's third largest manufacturer of wind turbines.



RUNNING THE WORLD

India's acclaimed prowess in IT & ITES and the growing pool of skilled knowledge and services personnel, have made it the world's preferred IT destination.



MICROSOFT'S WINDOW TO THE FUTURE

All tooling work for Microsoft's software for mobile devices is carried out in India. The Microsoft India Development Centre has a dedicated team that drives key aspects of Microsoft's global delivery model.



PROMINENT STOCK EXCHANGES

BSE is the world's largest stock exchange with over 5000 listed companies. NSE is the world's third largest by transactions.



NURTURING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

By 2020, 114 million Indians will start one person companies, thereby creating millions of job opportunities.



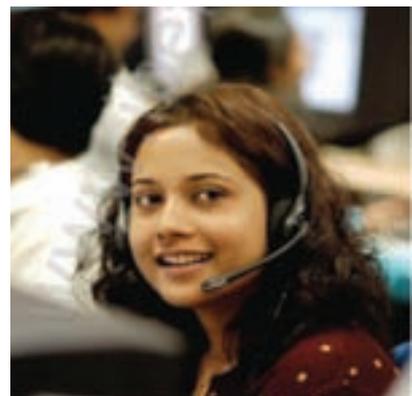
WOMEN MILLIONAIRES

At 16 percent, India has the highest proportion of ultra high net worth (UHNW) women in the world. India has over 1.250 UHNW women with a combined fortune of US\$ 95 billion.



TALENT ON CALL

India's IT-BPM industry is one of the largest and most sought after employers, employing over 7 percent of India's professional workforce.



STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC VALUES



ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA, NEW DELHI

Through efficient and scientific management of elections and electoral rolls, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has played a key role in strengthening the Indian democracy. Inspired by its vision on the philosophy of democracy as well as on the multifarious aspects of democratic ethos and operations, including most importantly, efficient and flawless delivery of free and fair elections, the ECI established the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) in June 2011. The establishment of IIIDEM stems from the realization of modern India's founding fathers and constitution architects that free, fair credible and professionally managed elections form the bedrock of a vibrant democracy. The Institute is an instrument for the ECI to continually keep its tools of election management and democracy sharp, ready, and up-to-date.

H.E. PROF. ABEDNEGO AKOK ACUOL, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN LED A DELEGATION TO INDIA, HELD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS



AMBASSADOR SRIKUMAR MENON DISCUSSED BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH HON'BLE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, H.E. MR. DENG ALOR KUOL



INDIA-SOUTH SUDAN BILATERAL RELATIONS

Ambassador called on Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Sudan - Hon'ble Deng Alor Kuol, on 09th August, and discussed bilateral relations. Ambassador informed the Minister about the GoI supported projects which were pending due to the security issues, like the two Vocational Training Centres. Ambassador informed the Minister that our technical teams were ready to execute the projects subject to establishment of peace in the respective areas. Similarly, there are proposals for setting up of a Rural Technology Park for skills development, and a Agricultural Seed Production-cum-Demonstration Centre (ASPD) agreed to under the IAFS-II which were pending since long. The Minister asserted that there was a visible improvement in the security situation in South Sudan in the recent two-three months.

Ambassador briefed the Minister, of the present status of the 'South Sudan-India Friendship Psychiatric and Mental Hospital project' in Juba, that was held up for want of technical specifications of the allotted plot of land. Ambassador also informed the Minister that a draft MoU on FOCs that was, in principle, cleared by the Government of India would facilitate the progress in bilateral cooperation in a institutional manner. The Hon'ble Minister appreciated the proposal and commended the excellent bilateral relations between our two countries.



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE 'JUBA-INDIAN CLUB'

The 'Juba-Indian Club' has been organising Cricket matches in Juba among the Indian community groups, over the past five years. The club held their prize distribution function' on 20th August 2017. The event was supported by the Indian Association of South Sudan (IASS). Embassy of India, Juba personnel were also invited and participated at the event that was attended by about 60 Indian nationals. The Embassy encouraged the community members to actively revive the activities of the club and continue to encourage their South Sudanese friends to participate in such sports activities. Shri Raja Murali, Charge d' Affaires, handed over the Champion's trophy and other prizes to the respective winners.



DELGATION FROM INDIAN ARMY VISITS SOUTH SUDAN

Lt. Gen. Jagbir Singh Cheema, AVSM, VSM, Dy. Chief of Army Staff, Indian Army visited Indian Contingent in Bor & Malakal. The high level visit is to afford a first-hand experience to the operational conditions and a morale booster for the Indian soldiers on UN Peace Keeping Missions. During his visit Lt. Gen. Cheema held discussion with his South Sudanese counterparts and SRSG, UNMISS.



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