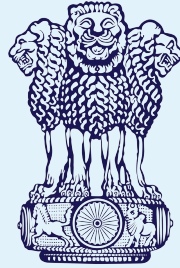


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Srikumar Menon
Ambassador of India to
South Sudan

FOREWORD

The last quarter of the year witnessed several events at the Embassy, just as there were some positive developments in the political and security situation in Juba. There were renewed efforts for peace in South Sudan, marked by initiatives by the Government and regional and international agencies. The 'National Dialogue' call made by President Salva Kiir Mayardit, the IGAD 'Revitalization Forum', combined with pro-active initiatives taken by the UNMISS, have contributed to an atmosphere of hope and optimism for the South Sudanese people. It is reassuring that the year is ending on a positive note - with great expectations from the IGAD-sponsored agreement on "Cessation of Hostilities, Protection of Civilians and Humanitarian Access". Hopefully this will be a turning point in the history of this young nation - the beginning of a new phase, leading to lasting peace and tranquility.

The UNMISS, with support of its peace keeping contingents from various countries, including India, has helped to strengthen peace in South Sudan, while also contributing to prop-up basic infrastructure. The UNMISS has to be commended especially for its efforts to widen and secure the road network, to support unhindered humanitarian aid reaching needy people in various camps (PoCs) in the remote countryside.

A high point in our bilateral and multilateral relations was the ratification of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by South Sudan In October 2017, when the South Sudanese Ministry of Environment and Forestry conveyed that the "ISA is considered ratified", as it is an implementing tool of the Paris Climate Agreement,. The South Sudanese Parliament had earlier ratified the Paris Climate Change Agreement on 14 September 2017- thus reaffirming its commitment to global environmental, climate change and sustainability efforts.

As part of our bilateral interactions, South Sudanese delegations participated in events like (i) FICCI - Higher Education Summit in Delhi from November 9-11; (ii) CII-EXIM Bank Regional Conclave in Kampala from November 20-21, and (iii) Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS) in New Delhi from November 23-24. The Embassy organized a number of in-house events like the Communal Harmony Day and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day).

Signifying and celebrating the spirit of Cultural diversity- both in India and South Sudan, the Embassy, with support of the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, organized the visit to South Sudan by a 5 member 'Kathak' Dance troupe from India, The group - led by renowned dancer - Ms. Sohini Debnath. performed at three different venues – at the UN House in Jebel; at the Freedom Hall in Juba and the last event at the UNMISS facility in Bor. The Juba dance event was also marked by performances by a South Sudanese Acholi dance group and local Indian Community artists (Dandia Group).

Embassy also had the honour to participate in the 'UN Medal presentation Parades' organized by UNMISS, to honour Indian armed forces personnel serving as Peacekeepers in South Sudan – at Bor (INDBATT-2) on 12 October, and at Malakal (INDBATT-1) on 8 November, 2017. The events also recognised the exemplary work of Indian troops under the leadership of Sector East Commander and India's National Senior - Brigadier Karanbir Singh Brar. Besides, normal peace keeping duties, the Indian battalion members and medical units have contributed substantially for the welfare of the local people –conducting several health-care and veterinary service camps in remote areas of the country.

In this festive month and in keeping with the spirit of joy, hope, forgiveness, reconciliation and healing, I wish all our esteemed readers a "Merry Christmas" and a very "Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year-2018".

(Srikumar Menon)

5th Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS)
November 23-24, 2017, New Delhi



GCCS 2017 INDIA

GCCS 2017, a multi-stakeholder platform where industry leaders, policy makers and start-ups came together to share their ideas and insights on this exciting journey. It also provided an opportunity for the participants to witness and showcase innovative digital products and services. Discussions on Era of Mobile Governance, disruptions by Technology start-ups, elements of a favourable policy environment for Digital Economy brought to fore interesting and contemporary topics those were found interesting not only by stakeholders deeply involved in the cyber space, but also offered insights on how Governments will look and govern in years to come.

In recent years cyber space has emerged as the critical differentiator for economic and social progress. With over 3.5 billion internet users in the world, cyber space is providing opportunities to individuals, small businesses and large companies to redesign their business models for efficiencies and outreach. The cyber space also offers fertile ground for innovations that offer hitherto unknown opportunities potentially disrupting businesses, Governance and our daily lives.

Cyber security and cyber breaches today is the top concern for critical infrastructure like telecom, banking, power etc. compounded by recent worldwide crippling attacks that demonstrated the dark side of digitisation. Cyber attacks are damaging to businesses and government agencies alike, and jeopardise millions of personal data of users.

The goal of GCCS 2017 was set to promote an inclusive Cyber Space with focus on policies and frameworks for inclusivity, sustainability, development, security, safety & freedom, technology and partnerships for upholding digital democracy, maximizing collaboration for strengthening security and safety and advocating dialogue for digital diplomacy.

CYBER SECURITY



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Conference on Cyber Space



SHRI NARENDRA MODI,
HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

On 23rd November, 2017 the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the 5th edition of the Global Conference on Cyberspace, a two day event in New Delhi. During the inauguration of the conference, PM Modi talked about the Digital technology. He said that the technology has emerged as a great enabler, adding that “Digital technologies are helping businesses and economies grow.”

PM Modi also said, “We are using mobile power or M-power to empower our citizens. We are using the digital domain to facilitate participative governance or Jan Bhagidari (Public Participation). It is our firm belief that there are millions of Indians, whose transformative ideas can go a long way in taking India to new heights.”

platforms, PM Modi said that these tools and platforms are making cyber-space participative for all, saying that “News that experts tell us from studios is now supplemented by experiences highlighted on social media. This transition, to a blend of expertise and experience, is the contribution of the cyber world.” On the ever-growing conference on cyberspace, PM Modi said, “GCCS 2017 is one of the biggest cyberspace conferences in the world.”

Commenting on the cyber-risks PM Modi asked people to beware and be alert to the cybercriminals, saying that “We need to ensure that vulnerable sections of our society do not fall prey to the evil designs of cybercriminals. Alertness towards cyber-security concerns should become a way of life.”

While speaking on the various Social media



SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD,
MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AND MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE

CII-EXIM Bank Regional Conclave India-East Africa 20-21 November 2017, Kampala, Uganda



CII and the EXIM Bank co-hosted the CII-EXIM Bank Regional Conclave on India and East Africa, themed 'Partners in Development' from 20-21 November in Kampala, Uganda. Aimed at showcasing Indian investment opportunities in East Africa, the Regional Conclave was a follow-up on the 12th CII- EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership held in New Delhi in March 2017.

Organised in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry – Government of India - the Regional Conclave was addressed by both the President and the Prime Minister of Uganda, and attended by key ministers and government and business delegations

from India and other East African countries as well as key representatives from industry. The Conclave presented an opportunity for the Indian private sector and key development institutions to identify priority areas and key projects for Indian investment and partnership with a long-term commitment to the region.

About 400+ delegates attended. President Museveni officially opened the conclave at the Speke Resort. South Sudan was represented at the Conclave by the Minister of Energy and Dams - Hon. Dr Dhieu Mathok Diing Wol.

In his keynote address, President Museveni said there was a big potential for cooperation between businesses in Africa and India, while drawing attention to the vastness of the market - a crucial factor that would be advantageous to both parties if utilized fully. He added that "India and Africa can complement each other very well. We have a historical link of using the English language which we should take advantage of".

Ms. Rita Teatota, Commerce Secretary, Government of India who led the Indian delegation, commented on the strong partnership that India has with African countries. She said that despite some challenges in customs procedures and diverse regulations in doing business, India will make sure that business partnerships that the Sub-continent has with Africa are realised to their full potential.



The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) will be organizing the 13th edition of CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India - Africa Project Partnership with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, from 25 - 27 March, 2018 in New Delhi, India.

CII-EXIM BANK REGIONAL CONCLAVE ON
india-इस्ट अफ्रीका
PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT
20-21 November 2017
Speke Resort Munyonyo & Conference Center, Kampala, Uganda

ITEC Day 2017 Celebration



H.E. SRIKUMAR MENON, AMBASSADOR OF INDIA



AMBASSADOR JOHN SAMUEL BWOGO KIIR

The Embassy celebrated the 'ITEC Day' on December 09, 2017 at the Chancery premises.

The event was attended by senior dignitaries, officials from local Ministries/Departments and about 50 ITEC scholars and alumni. Ambassador John Samuel Bwogo (Director General) represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The gathering of about 100 participants who attended the event, included senior officials - Dhano Obongo (DG, Foreign Office), Gideon Kuc Tueny (DG, General Education), Jimmy Gamma Hassan (Secretary to FM), Prof. Marial Awou Yol, Dean of College, Juba University, Baranya Toe Chaplin, Director (ICT-Cyber Affairs).

The esteemed gathering was given an update on the various activities under the ITEC programme which has become over the years the cornerstone of India's Training & Capacity building support for South Sudan. In his remarks made on the occasion, Ambassador of India highlighted the ITEC programme's crucial role in promoting bilateral relations and also spoke of the Indian Government's continued endeavor to share its developmental experience with partner countries like South Sudan. He added that the primary aim of the training support provided by the Indian Government through the various premier institutions in India, was to upgrade the country's human resource capacity by empowering the South Sudanese work force with better skills and techniques. He said that the training acquired made them better equipped professionals, so that when they returned home, they are able to use that knowledge to contribute positively to the development, progress and prosperity of South Sudan. Pointing to the fact that about 500 South Sudanese candidates had benefitted from the ITEC programme in the past six years, Ambassador urged the South Sudanese ITEC alumni to share the knowledge & experience acquired in India with their fellow South Sudanese and to act as a bridge to foster even closer bilateral relations between the two countries.



MR. GIDEON KUC TUENY, DG FOR GENERAL EDUCATION

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador John Samuel Bwogo Kiir from the Foreign Ministry, urged all South Sudanese, with their different ethnic affiliations, to learn to live together in diversity like Indians.

He appealed to the Indian Government to continue providing such training opportunities to South Sudanese to improve their professional skills, while also requesting for increasing the duration of the courses and removing the limits prescribed while selecting candidates (like the limiting of a second training opportunity for individuals). Amb. John urged the assembled ITEC alumni to share their experience with their South Sudanese colleagues and be inspired by 'all that India had achieved in the relatively short period of 70 years of independence'



The DG for General Education Mr. Gideon Kuc Tueny referred to the lack of skilled manpower in South Sudan and the dire need for skill development and upgradation of local workers. He said the country was facing an acute dearth of skilled workforce at all levels in the construction and manufacturing sector - like masons, painters, carpenters, technicians, printers, lathe operators/supervisors etc. and appealed to the Indian Government to support training in this area.

During the event, 4 former ITEC scholars also addressed the audience and shared their experiences in India and how the training and skills acquired during the training was being used by them at their work place and how the knowledge gained helped them in improving their career prospects in their respective organizations. DG (General Education), Dean of College - Juba University and Director (ICT-Cyber Affairs) also addressed the gathering, praising India's continued support in capacity building in South Sudan.

Ambassador thanked all the participants attending the ITEC Day celebration, and assured them to keep them informed of the forthcoming training programmes through the concerned authorities.



Picture Gallery- Events organised at the Embassy of India, Juba



Unity Day - The Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

SARDAR PATEL: AN ICON OF NATIONAL UNITY

“Guns can protect freedom from aggressive designs of neighbours or other foreign states. But internally, it is the honest core of the people and the true realisation of the responsibilities of a free citizen that alone can save freedom from the machinations of self-seeking and interested parties and individuals.” - Sardar V.B. Patel.

An extraordinary leader, freedom fighter and architect of the integration of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, better known as “Iron Man of India,” remains an enduring icon of patriotism, nationalism and the spirit of public service. In a fitting tribute to this giant, Embassy of India, Juba celebrated Sardar Patel’s birth anniversary October 31, also called Rashtriya Ekta Divas or National Unity Day.

Born on October 31, 1875 in the influential Patidar community, he did his early schooling in Gujarat and decided to study law in London. But the untimely death of his father plunged the family into a financial crisis. Fired by his steely determination, the young Patel “studied very earnestly for the law examination and resolved firmly to save sufficient money for a visit to England.” He finished his LL.B from the Middle Temple, England in June 1912 in a record two-and-a-half years and returned to India. His formidable legal acumen earned him a dedicated clientele, and he became a much sought-after lawyer.

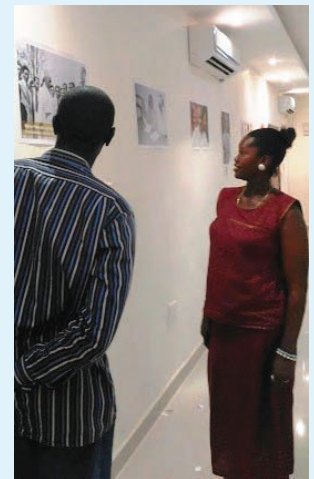


his formidable organizational abilities and unflinching commitment to nation-building, Sardar Patel successfully facilitated the integration of over 500 princely states into the framework of federal India. This was a monumental feat which earned him mass adoration and gratitude, cementing his reputation as the ‘Iron Man of India’.

Often compared to Germany’s legendary leader Otto van Bismarck for his key role in the integration of princely states into India, Patel contributed to nation-building in myriad ways. He was a leading light in the Constituent Assembly of India and played a pivotal role in the appointment of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar as the chairman of the drafting committee, and the inclusion of leaders from across the political spectrum in the process of scripting the constitution.



A chance meeting with Mahatma Gandhi at the Gujarat Club in Ahmedabad in 1915 strengthened his resolve. Inspired by the life and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, Patel became Gandhi’s ardent follower, and a fellow traveler in India’s freedom journey. Given

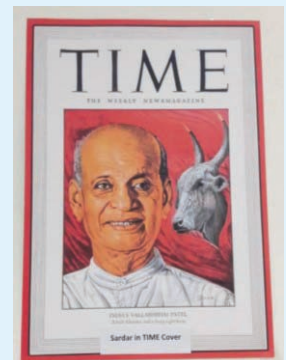


The idea of the state as an enabler of national development and resurgence animated Patel’s thinking. His vision of the State was in tune with the political values he propagated. Nationalism and patriotism were not only the foundation stones of a state, but were the core elements holding it together. In Patel’s thinking, individual liberty had to be in consonance with the provisions of the Constitution. To create a modern nation, he promoted the emancipation of backward communities and women through the Gandhian programmes and expertly utilized the higher castes for social integration and political mobilisation.

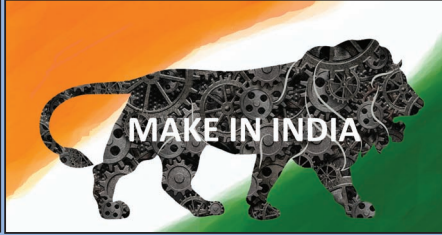
A pragmatist and realist to the core, Patel was a sharp observer of the international scene and advocated a realistic foreign policy in place of a symbolic idealism. While espousing friendly relations with India’s neighbours, Patel was quick to recognize that warmth should not be interpreted as weakness.

Besides his colossal achievements, Sardar Patel exemplified humility and Gandhian ideals of simple living and high thinking. His personality was such that he inspired instant respect and affection, even amongst those who differed with him.

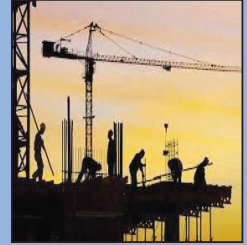
Time magazine put Sardar Patel on the cover in its January 27, 1947 issue, and called him “The Boss.” Sardar Patel was finally conferred India’s highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, in 1991.



INDIAN ECONOMIC, BUSINESS AND CORPORATE NEWS



| Snapshot of Indian Economy | |
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| 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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India is world's second-largest internet market

A STRONG STORY
INDIA IS THE SECOND LARGEST PRODUCER OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN THE WORLD

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INDIA'S E-COMMERCE MARKET IS EXPECTED TO TOUCH US\$ 200 BILLION IN TERMS OF GROSS MERCHANDISE VALUE (GMV) BY 2025

A SHADE BETTER
INDIA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY THAT GROWS COFFEE UNDER A WELL DEFINED TWO TIER MIXED SHADE CANOPY

THE FASTEST GROWING
INDIA HAS THE FASTEST GROWING AND THIRD-LARGEST START-UP ECOSYSTEM IN THE WORLD

HOME TO MILLIONAIRES
INDIA WILL BE HOME TO 4.37 LAKH MILLIONAIRES BY 2018



CONNECTING THE DOTS

INDIA'S INTERNET ECONOMY IS EXPECTED TO TOUCH INR 10 TRILLION (US\$ 147.2 BILLION) BY 2018



A DYNAMIC NATION

INDIA IS THE BIGGEST RECIPIENT OF REMITTANCES GLOBALLY



SETTING NEW BENCHMARKS

THE PACKAGED CONSUMER GOODS SECTOR IN INDIA IS EXPECTED TO CROSS THE US\$ 100 BILLION MARK BY 2020



AN EMERGING GIANT

INDIA'S DIGITAL PAYMENTS SECTOR IS EXPECTED TO BE WORTH US\$ 500 BILLION BY 2020



IN GREAT DEMAND

INDIA IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER AND CONSUMER OF BLACK TEA



VAST POTENTIAL

CONSUMER SPENDING IN INDIA IS EXPECTED TO TOUCH US\$ 3.6 TRILLION BY 2020



A GROWING INDUSTRY

INDIA'S RETAIL SECTOR IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE TO US\$ 1.2 TRILLION BY 2020



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Visit of Indian Kathak Dance Troupe to South Sudan

The Embassy of India in Juba in collaboration with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi hosted an Indian Dance Troupe led by the world famous 'Kathak' dance artist and teacher - Ms. Sohini Debnath.

Kathak is one of the eight major forms of Indian classical dance. The origin of Kathak is traditionally attributed to the traveling bards of ancient northern India known as Kathakars or storytellers. The term Kathak is derived from the Vedic Sanskrit word Katha which means "story", and Kathaka means "he who tells a story" or "to do with stories". Wandering Kathakas communicated stories from the great epics and ancient mythology through dance, songs and music in a manner similar to early Greek theatre. Kathak evolved during the Bhakti movement, particularly by depicting the stories of childhood and youth of the Hindu God Krishna, often played in the courts of erstwhile north Indian kingdoms. Kathak as a performance art survived and thrived as an oral tradition, learnt and innovated from one generation to another verbally and through practice.

Graceful vibrant Kathak Dance performed by Sohini Debnath & group (Debashree Bhattacharya, Samila Bhattacharya, Rhea Das and Sudip Sanyal) unleashed their magic at the Freedom Hall, Juba (main event) on 12th November 2017. The event was attended by a number of South Sudanese dignitaries, foreign diplomats, international community, besides a large number of South Sudanese nationals.



Hon. (Ms.) Rebecca Joshua Okwaci, Minister of Roads and Bridges graced the occasion and conveyed her appreciation for the efforts being made by the Embassy of India in Juba, as also by the wider Indian community in helping to boost the morale of the South Sudanese people. The Minister said she looked forward to enhanced bilateral cultural exchanges with India in the near future.



REBECCA JOSHUA
MINISTER OF ROAD, SOUTH SUDAN



Ambassador Mases Akol
Director General for International Corporation

Along with the performances presented by the guest artists from India, South Sudanese Singers, orchestra band, and the local Indian community members also showcased their talent in music and dance. The audience were impressed by the perfect rendition of Indian songs by the South Sudanese orchestra band. The South Sudanese 'Acholi' dancers also presented a magnificent folk dance performance at the event.



Acholi Dance group

The dance troupe also performed at the UN Compounds in Juba and Bor, and earned appreciation of the international community and the peacekeepers present at the shows, on 11th and 13th November 2017.



Indian Battalion provides much needed veterinary services in Upper Nile State of South Sudan

Supporting local pastoral communities in UPPER NILE State to control the spread of diseases among their livestock, INDBATT-1, Veterinary team under supervision of Lt Col Prashant Tripathi, conducted several veterinary camps throughout the Upper Nile State.

The ongoing strife and political turbulence in South Sudan has caused severe damage to an already fragile veterinary infrastructure, especially in Upper Nile region. The INDBATT-1, fully understanding the importance of veterinary care, conducted several veterinary camps

throughout upper Nile state, in coordination with local government authorities to treat the cattle and livestock of villagers. Along with treatment of animals, owners were also educated on Healthy animal management practices, including instructions on how to de-worm them. Since March 2017, the Indian Battalion has treated over 5,000 cattle, sheep and Goats. Along with treatment



of animals, members of this motley lot received medicines, Calcium supplements and feed additives. While appreciating the efforts of INDBATT-1, the administration also requested for similar assistance in future and assured their full support for such commendable work.

Conducting veterinary camps and thus improving the animal health vital to cattle keepers has proved to be a useful aid in

establishing a link between military and humanitarian components of UNMISS, as well as with other development partners in the area. The initiative was also aimed to step up trust with the local officials for sustained future efforts.

Col Gaurav Batra, CO, INDBATT-1, said "The population of cattle in this area is quite sizeable and their health requires attention. I'm glad that villagers have benefitted greatly from the camps. We would be happy to extend support to community in future."

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