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INDIA CELEBRATES 68th REPUBLIC DAY - JANUARY 26, 2017



3rd INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA
To be celebrated on 24th June 2017

At the
Embassy of India, Juba



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Juba**



FOREWORD

Against the backdrop of the announcement of the “National Dialogue initiative” by H.E President Salva Kiir, the Year 2017 began with a sense of hope for the South Sudanese people distressed by the ongoing conflict. In true Christmas spirit, President Kiir reached out to the South Sudanese people with a message of national reconciliation - an appeal for forgiveness and togetherness, while aiming to set in motion a genuine campaign to address the peoples’ concerns and grievances.

2. The Embassy celebrated the 67th anniversary of India’s Republic Day on 26 January - hosting two events - the Flag hoisting ceremony in the morning, followed by a Diplomatic reception in the evening, at the new Chancery premises. 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.

3. Senior South Sudanese dignitaries led by 6 Ministers, 3 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 attended the evening reception.

4. The project for construction of an “India-South Sudan Friendship Psychiatric & Mental Hospital” in Juba, as part of India’s commitment of US\$5 million grant to South Sudan received a boost with the visit of a delegation of technical experts from the Indian Central Public Works Department (CPWD) in January. The team made site visits, held consultations with officials of the Ministry of Health in Juba and also called on Hon’ble Minister of Health Dr. Riek Gai to brief him and discuss the way forward for implementing this important initiative of the Indian Government.

5. Adding a new milestone to our growing bilateral interactions, the Embassy organized and facilitated a month-long special training programme for 15 young South Sudanese Diplomats at the Foreign Service Training Institute (FSI) in New Delhi from 24 January to 23 February 2017. We were also able to fulfil a request from the South Sudanese government by facilitating a Special Training Course for 22 South Sudanese Health Professionals at the prestigious All India Institute for Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi during February-March. The Indian Government bore the entire cost of the training courses.

6. I present to you this latest edition of our Newsletter with the hope that you find it equally informative and readable as our past editions! Please continue to send us your valued feedback and suggestions to help us improve the quality of presentation and format of the Newsletter.

With best wishes,

(**Srikumar Menon**)

68th REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA - JANUARY 26, 2017



On **Republic Day** every year, flag hoisting ceremonies and parades by armed forces and school children are held in different parts of the country. The grandest and most ceremonial of these parades is held at Rajpath in New Delhi, showcasing a multi-faceted image of the India's rich cultural heritage and military prowess.

This year, as in previous years, the parade was presided over by the **President of India**. The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was the Chief Guest at the 2017 Republic Day parade of India. In a first, Arab soldiers contingent participated in the Republic Day parade of 2017.

Just before the start of the Parade, the Prime Minister paid tributes at the Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate by laying a wreath in memory of members of the armed forces who sacrificed their lives for the country. Later, at the saluting base on Rajpath, the President, in the presence of the Prime Minister and assembled dignitaries, unfurled the National Flag. This was followed by singing of the **National Anthem** and a 21-Gun salute and conferring of gallantry Awards like the Paramvir Chakra, Ashok Chakra and Vir Chakra on military personnel.

The parade began with past winners of gallantry awards saluting the President, moving past in open military jeeps, followed by display of Tanks, Missiles and other military hardware. Various Regiments of the armed forces, police, Home Guards and National Cadet Corps marched past the saluting base on Rajpath. The President of India, being the Commander-in-Chief of the **Indian Armed Forces**, took the salute. This was followed by a vibrant display of colourful moving tableaux from different States and cultural dances performed by school children. Children who have won the year's **National Bravery Awards** rode past spectators on colourfully decorated elephants. These children were honoured and awarded by the Indian Council for Child Welfare for performing outstanding deeds of bravery and selfless sacrifice. The Republic Day parade concluded with a display of daredevil motorcycle riding by military personnel and a flypast by Indian Air Force fighter jets, adding to the pride and joy of the spectators at Rajpath.



Picture Gallery - Republic Day 2017 at Rajpath, New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives Chief Guest Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of UAE



The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan was the Chief Guest for India's 2017 Republic Day parade.



President of India HE Mr. Pranab Mukherjee takes the salute



Marchpast by a military contingent of UAE – the first time that Arab soldiers participated in the R-Day parade



Mechanised columns display ordnance at the Parade



Daredevil motorcycle riders of the Armed Forces performing stunts on Rajpath

EMBASSY OF INDIA CELEBRATES REPUBLIC DAY-2017 IN JUBA

Senior South Sudanese dignitaries led by 6 Ministers, 3 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 attended the evening reception. The Ministers who attended were the Guest of Honour – Ambassador Ezekiel Gatkuoth, Petroleum Minister; Justice Yien Oral Lam Tut, Minister for Higher Education; Mr. Moses Achen, Minister for Trade & Industry; Ms. Sophia Pal, Minister for Water Resources, Dr. James Denga Duku, Minister for Livestock & Fisheries and Ms. Rebecca Okwaci, Minister for Roads and Bridges.







VETERINARY AID CAMPS BY INDIAN BATTALION ORGANIZED IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES OF SOUTH SUDAN - UPHOLDING A TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE OVER THE YEARS



Indian Army Medical doctors from RVC Det, 6 JAK RIF InfBnGp (INDBATT-1) have organized Vet-aid camps in various counties in South Sudan. These camps were highly appreciated and proved successful in meeting the mission mandate. Host Community Members, owners of livestock and cattle and representatives of local government organisations attended the camps in large numbers and lauded the efforts of the team.

SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR SOUTH SUDANESE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



22 Healthcare professionals of South Sudan were trained by the Govt. of India at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

A special healthcare training course was arranged specifically for South Sudanese Doctors and nurses in two batches for 15 days each with entire expenses being borne by the Government of India.

INDIAN FIELD HOSPITAL LEVEL II PLUS JUBA SOUTH SUDAN

- * Indian Army Medical Corps has successfully established a new Level-II Plus hospital in UNMISS Juba in record time.
- * India's Ministry of Defence decided in Sept 2016 to establish a new Indian Army Hospital under the aegis of the UN Mission in South Sudan.
- * Medical team originally scheduled to replace the team at existing Indian hospital in Malakal,



Mandate

- * Indian Field Hospital is mandated to be a 20 bedded hospital.
- * The hospital provides cover to all the troops contributing to the United Nations in South Sudan as well as the national and international staffs serving in this organization. Besides, UN affiliated agencies are also authorized to avail services at this hospital.
- * The emergency services are of course accessible to every person in need of urgent medical care.



- * Exhaustive lists of medical store items, self-sustenance items, vehicle and spares were prepared by medical professionals.
- * The advance medical team under leadership of Col Ashim Sud arrived in South Sudan on 31 Oct 2016.
- * The existing hospital building was handed over to the Indian team in early December. All medical departments, accident & emergencies services were quickly setup in good real time and made operational within a week. The hospital became fully functional on 15 Dec 2016 with the formal raising of the Indian flag.

Services Offered

- General Practitioner consultation
- Specialist consultations:-
 - Internal Medicine
 - General Surgery
 - Orthopaedics
 - Gynaecology
- X-Ray & Ultra-sonography
- Laboratory
- Dental
- Major & Minor OT
- ICU
- AMET services
- General ward
- Female ward
- VIP ward
- Isolation ward
- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation
- Health and Preventive medicine



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)



To boost Skill India Mission, Government of India sets aside USD 2.6 billion: The government has set aside USD 2.6 billion for developing skill, employment generation and providing livelihood to millions of youth who enter the workforce every year, giving a boost to the **Indian Government's Skill India Mission**. At least 10 million young people enter the country's workforce every year, but job creation in India has not kept pace with this influx, making rising unemployment a major challenge for the government. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, in his budget speech, announced at least half a dozen skilling initiatives not just for the youth but also for women to ensure gender parity.

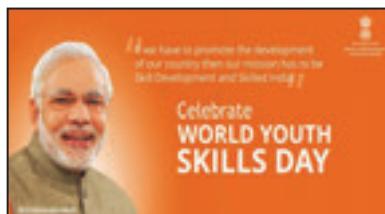
Economy to grow at 7.4% next fiscal: Ratings agencies expect the **Indian economy to grow at 7.4%** in fiscal year **2017-18**. The growth will be backed by consumption demand and government spending, leading to a growth of 3% in agriculture sector, 6.1% growth in industries and 9.1 % growth in the service sector. The final consumption expenditure is expected to grow at 8.9 % for the private sector and 9 % for the government.

FDI inflows into India jump 18% to a record \$46.4 bn in 2016: Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India in **2016** calendar year jumped 18% to a **record \$46.4 billion**, at a time when global FDI inflows fell. Data released by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) showed that Mauritius continued to be India's top source of FDI inflows at \$12.8 billion followed by Singapore (\$7.1 billion) during April-December period. Services sector continued to attract highest investment of \$7.5 billion followed by telecommunications sector which attracted \$5.5 billion inflows during the first nine months of the financial year 2016-17.

India 2nd largest LPG user in world: India has become the second-largest domestic LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) consumer in the world following Central government's rapid rollout of **clean fuel plan for poor households and fuel subsidy reforms**. LPG consumption by households has reached 19 million tonnes, registering an annual growth rate of 10%. Consumption is expected to rise to 20 million tonnes, as result of expanding consumer base in urban areas and rapid rollout of the 'Ujjwala' scheme for providing LPG connections free of cost to fifty million poor households by 2019.

Niti Ayog launches 'India Innovation Index': "India Innovation Index" is the nation's first online innovation index portal which will rank states based on their innovations. It will be a "first-of-its-kind online platform" where Global Innovation Index (GII) indicators and India-centric data from various states will be updated periodically. India currently ranks 66th out of 128 countries on the GII 2016.

Mumbai richest Indian city with total wealth of US\$ 820 billion: Mumbai has become the richest city in India with a combined wealth of US\$ 820 billion, followed by Delhi and Bengaluru, with wealth worth US\$ 450 billion and US\$ 320 billion respectively, according to a report by New World Wealth. Mumbai is home to 46,000 millionaires and 28 billionaires, while Delhi is home to 23,000 millionaires and 18 billionaires, and Bengaluru has 7,700 millionaires.



Tata Motors partners with Microsoft for new car products: Tata Motors has tied up with global technology giant Microsoft to improve the in-car connected experience. TAMO, the open platform from domestic automaker allows collaboration with various technology partners to launch low-volume niche products that can prove Tata Motors product development capabilities.

Bharti Airtel to acquire Telenor: Bharti Airtel, India's largest telecoms network operator, is to buy Telenor (India) Communications Pvt Ltd, in a deal that will bolster Airtel's footprint with additional spectrum in the 1800 MHz band. Airtel will buy Telenor's India operations in seven circles - Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh (East), Uttar Pradesh (West) and Assam.

Government doubles highways target to 15,000 km in next fiscal: The Indian government has set a target of constructing 15,000 km of highways in the next financial year, 50 % more than that in current fiscal. The road transport and highways ministry expects to construct a record 8,000 km of highways 5,000 km of highways were constructed between April and December 2016, at 18.5 km a day on average.

India signs agreement with World Bank to improve tech education: India has signed a \$201.50 million financing agreement with World Bank to improve quality of technical education. Project aims to improve quality & equity in engineering institutes and take initiatives to strengthen sector governance and performance.

Government in talks with 300 companies for US\$ 62 billion investment: The government and its investment promotion agency, Invest India, are in talks with 300 companies - both Indian and foreign, to channelize investment of \$62 billion into the country, which may help create over 1.7 million jobs. With proposed investment of around \$32 billion by Chinese companies, nearly half the flows being pursued are from China. Given the slowdown in China, investors are increasingly looking to India to not just meet the domestic requirement but even cater to demand in the region, including South East Asia.

World Bank CEO lauds demonetization: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to ban high-value banknotes as part of efforts to stamp out corruption will have a profound and positive impact on India's economy, World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva has said. She added that "Demonetization" may have caused some hardship to people living in the cash economy but in the long run the move will foster a clean and digitized economy. India is the bright spot in today's global economy and it is visible in the country's performance.

2016-17, a record year for M&A deals: This financial year has set a record for mergers and acquisitions (M&As) in India, with deals worth \$61.26 billion - more than double the value of transactions last year. The sharp increase was a result of both strong foreign buying interest and consolidation underway across sectors including telecom, cement and energy. From Rosneft PJSC's acquisition of Essar Oil Ltd to the merger agreement between Vodafone India Ltd and Idea Cellular Ltd, 2016-17 has largely been a year of big ticket M&A deals.

India to replace Russia as world's third largest refiner: India is expected to replace Russia as the world's third largest refiner by year 2020 – according to Dr Fatih Birol, Executive Director of The International Energy Agency. A strong economy and population growth is driving India towards centre stage of global oil and energy markets while boosting oil & gas production. India is the focus of attention as demand in China has begun to slow down. India's per capita oil consumption is expected to rise to 1.5 barrels per year from 1.2 barrels at present by the year 2022.

India to become 2nd largest steel maker: S&P Global Platts report says India is poised to become the second biggest steel producing country in the world after China in next 12-18 months, as steelmakers continue adding capacities in anticipation of upcoming demand. The front runner in steel production was India's largest state-owned steelmaker Steel Authority of India (SAIL), which increased crude steel production capacity to 20 million tonne per year. JSW Steel, Jindal Steel & Power, Tata Steel, Essar Steel, Bhushan Steel and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam are among other big steel producing companies in the country.

SAIL achieves record export monthly volume of steel in a decade: Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) achieved its best ever export monthly volume of steel in a decade in February 2017. A total of 103 thousand tonnes of steel was exported last month, which includes the first time shipment of CE marked plates from the New Plate Mill of SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant to Europe.

Tata Motors, Volkswagen to jointly develop auto parts, vehicle concepts: Germany's Volkswagen Group has signed a MoU with Tata Motors Ltd to jointly develop product components and vehicle concepts to be shared by Tata, VW and Skoda Auto. India has emerged at the heart of the latest realignment in the global automobile industry. Toyota, too, has taken full ownership of small car specialist Daihatsu Motor Co., and the latter's products are expected to be introduced in India in 2019.

Another Major Milestone in India's Space Programme

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on February 15, 2017, set a world record by successfully launching a PSLV-C37 rocket carrier with 103 satellites from seven countries on board. The majestic lift-off of PSLV-C37 with Cartosat-2 series space craft took place at 9:28 am from the launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The record successful launch by India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle created history by overtaking the previous record of 37 satellites launched by Russia in 2014. The payload comprised of 101 Nano Satellites, including 96 from United States of America (USA) one each from Kazakhstan, Israel, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates (UAE), as well as two Nano satellites from India.

The total weight of all these satellites carried on-board PSLV-C37 was about 1377 kg. The 101 International customer Nano satellites were launched as part of the commercial arrangements between Antrix Corporation Limited (Antrix), a Government of India company under Department of Space (DOS), the commercial arm of ISRO and International clients.



SPECIAL TRAINING OF SOUTH SUDANESE DIPLOMATS IN INDIA

A group of 15 young South Sudanese Diplomats were trained by the Govt. of India at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi. The one month special course was drafted specifically for South Sudanese diplomats by the distinguished faculty of FSI. As a part of the training, the South Sudanese diplomats, were also taken on knowledge tours to the Parliament of India, Election Commission of India etc.

Training Session at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi**Election Commission of India****Parliament of India**

VISIT OF TEAM OF EXPERTS FROM INDIA FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS FOR THE INDIA-SOUTH SUDAN FRIENDSHIP PSYCHIATRIC AND MENTAL HOSPITAL



A team of three experts from Central Public Works Department (CPWD), India visited Juba in January to discuss on technical issues and various other aspects for construction of the India-South Sudan Friendship Psychiatric and Mental Hospital.

Know India

National Flag



The National Flag is a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (kesaria) at the top, white in the middle and dark green at the bottom in equal proportion. The ratio of width of the flag to its length is two to three. In the centre of the white band is a navy-blue wheel which represents the chakra.

The top saffron colour, indicates the strength and courage of the country. The white middle band indicates peace and truth with Dharma Chakra. The green shows the fertility, growth and auspiciousness of the land.

Its design is that of the wheel which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. Its diameter approximates to the width of the white band and it has 24 spokes. The design of the National Flag was adopted by the Constituent Assembly of India on 22 July 1947.

It is really amazing to see the various changes that our National Flag went through since its first inception. It was discovered or recognised during our national struggle for freedom. The evolution of the Indian National Flag passed through many vicissitudes to arrive at what it is today.

State Emblem



The state emblem is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Ashoka. In the original, there are four lions, standing back to back, mounted on an abacus with a frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion separated by intervening wheels over a bell-shaped lotus. Carved out of a single block of polished sandstone, the Capital is crowned by the Wheel of the Law (**Dharma Chakra**).

In the state emblem, adopted by the Government of India on 26 January 1950, only three lions are visible, the fourth being hidden from view. The wheel appears in relief in the centre of the abacus with a bull on right and a horse on left and the outlines of other wheels on extreme right and left. The bell-shaped lotus has been omitted. The words **Satyameva Jayate** from **Mundaka Upanishad**, meaning 'Truth Alone Triumphs', are inscribed below the abacus in **Devanagari** script.

National Anthem

The National Anthem of India is played or sung on various occasions. Instructions have been issued from time to time about the correct version of the Anthem, the occasions on which these are to be played or sung, and about the need for paying respect to the anthem by observance of proper decorum on such occasions. The substance of these instructions has been embodied in this information sheet for general information and guidance.

The composition consisting of the words and music of the first stanza of the late poet Rabindra Nath Tagore's song known as "**Jana Gana Mana**" is the National Anthem of India. It reads as follows:

*Jana-gana-mana-adhinayaka jaya he
Bharata-bhagya-vidhata
Punjaba-Sindhу-Gujarata-Maratha
Dravida-Utkala-Banga
Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga
uchchala-jaladhi-taranga
Tava shubha name jage, tava shubha asisa mage,
gahe tava jaya-gatha.
Jana-gana-mangala-dayaka jaya he
Bharata-bhagya-vidhata.
Jaya he, Jaya he, Jaya he,
jaya jaya jaya, jaya he.*

The above is the full version of the Anthem and its playing time is approximately 52 seconds. The following is Tagore's English rendering of the anthem:

*Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people,
Dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the hearts of Punjab, Sind,
Gujarat and Maratha,
Of the Dravida and Odisha and Bengal;
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhya and Himalayas,
mingles in the music of Jamuna and Ganges and is
chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea.
They pray for thy blessings and sing thy praise.
The saving of all people waits in thy hand,
Thou dispenser of India's destiny.
Victory, victory, victory to thee.*

Currency Symbol



The symbol of Indian Rupee typifies India's international identity for money transactions and economic strength. The Indian Rupee sign is an allegory of Indian ethos. The symbol is an amalgam of Devanagari "Ra" and the Roman Capital "R" with two parallel horizontal stripes running at the top representing the national flag and also the "equal to" sign. The Indian Rupee sign was adopted by the Government of India on 15th July, 2010.

The symbol, conceptualised and designed by Udaya Kumar, a post graduate in Design from Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, has been chosen from thousands of concept entries received by the Ministry of Finance through an open competition among resident

Indian nationals. The process of establishing and implementing this new identity is underway through various digital technology and computer applications.

Incredible India

Forthcoming mega event of Embassy of India, Juba

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

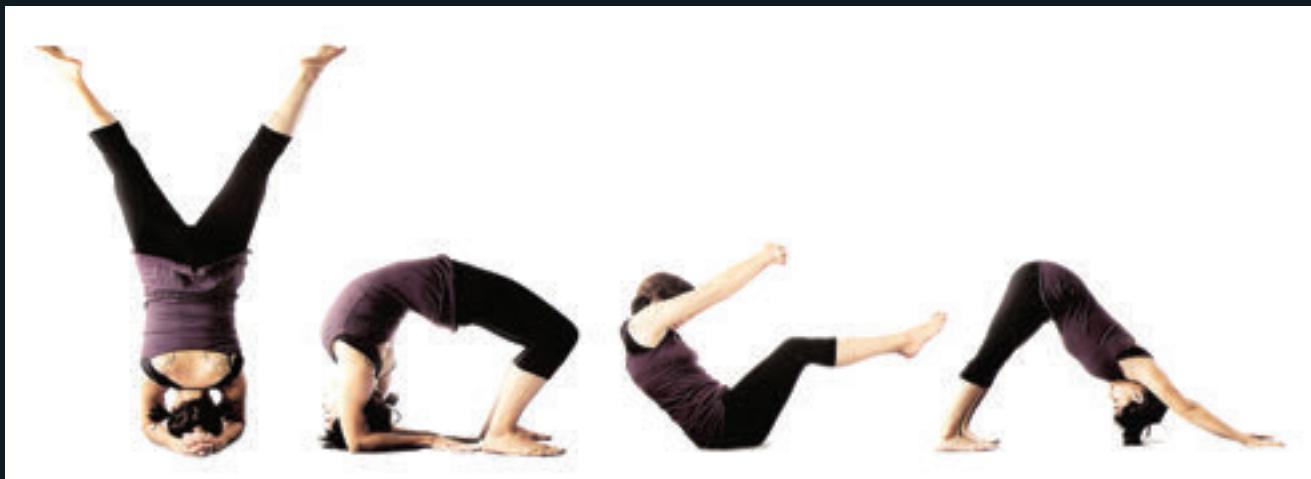
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