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The period witnessed intense activities ranging from Political, Cultural, Education, Community & media. The High Commissioner visited Ashanti region, launched India@75 #AmritMahotsav, donated 50,000 Made in India Covidshield vaccines to Ghana, etc. The visit to Ashanti Region was undertaken to strengthen traditionally warm and friendly bilateral relations and to explore the possibility of fortifying the economic and commercial relations. The launching of India@75 saw the high level Ministerial participation from the Ghana Government.

Important Engagements/Initiatives



High Commissioner launched 'India@75 Amrit Mahotsav' at India House with Ghana Parliament Speaker, Chief Justice, Ministers of National Security, Parliamentary Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Water & Sanitation, Tourism & Culture & others.

High Commissioner handed over to Hon'ble Foreign Minister & Health Minister of Ghana gift of 50000 'Made in India' Covishield vaccines as symbol of old & close friendship between the two countries & the two peoples.



Political



High Commissioner hosted at India House Hon'ble Minister for Lands & Natural Resources of Ghana, Mr. Samuel Jinapor, to discuss issues of intensifying economic relations between India & Ghana

Quote of the month



“Remember that the greatest crime is to compromise with injustice and wrong”

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARDHAN SCHEME)

The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation of India has launched Unified Portal of Gobardhan to promote Gobardhan scheme and track real time progress. The aim of the scheme is to manage convert cattle dung and solid waste in farms to compost, bio-gas and bio-CNG. Important component of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) of managing solid and liquid waste. The scope of the scheme is to (i) support villages safely manage their cattle waste and agricultural waste (ii) Support communities convert their waste to biogas and fertilizer (iii) Promote environmental sanitation and curb vector borne diseases through effective disposal of waste in rural areas.



High Commissioner visited Suame Municipal Assembly in Ashanti Region & interacted with Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, MP from the constituency, Parliamentary Affairs Minister & Majority Leader, on issues of cooperation with India

High Commissioner called on Asantehene Otumfuo Osei Tutu II at Manhyia Palace in Kumasi and discussed strengthening cooperation between India & Ghana in general and India & Ashanti in particular



Hosting Hon. Dr. Archibald Letsa, Volta Regional Minister at India House High Commissioner followed up on discussions during his recent visit to the Region to strengthen India Ghana relations in Volta Region

High Commissioner hosted at India House Hon. Farouk Aliu Mahama, MP from Yendi in Northern Region of Ghana where a US\$30mn water supply project is being executed with Indian assistance.



During his visit to Ashanti Region High Commissioner discussed with Hon. Osei Assibey Antwi, Mayor of Kumasi, the Regional Capital, issues of strengthening cooperation with India.



The Government of India has unveiled the 'Start-up India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)' to provide financial assistance to start-ups. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry will implement the scheme. The scheme will be implemented for the next 4 years and is expected to support 3600 start-ups in India.

TRIFOOD SCHEME

TRIFOOD Scheme is a joint initiative of Ministry of Food Processing Industry, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED. It seeks to promote value addition to Minor Forest Produce (MFP) procured under Van Dhan Yojana. These parks procure raw materials from the Van Dhan Kendras and process them so they can be sold across the country through the outlets of Tribes India. The units are envisaged to be professionally operated by reputed food processors. It also promotes local employment opportunities for the tribal communities and provide entrepreneurial opportunities in terms of raw material linkages to the units.

High Commissioner hosted at India House Hon. Kwasi Adu-Gyan, new Regional Minister of Bono East, who was DG of Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT.



Interacting with Dr. Emmanuel Akwete, Ghanaian political and governance expert & Executive Director of Institute for Democratic Governance, High Commissioner discussed cooperation in strengthening democratic traditions.

Culture

Children participated with great enthusiasm in India@75 Amrit Mahotsav Painting Competition on 'Regional Diversity in India'.



India@75 Amrit Mahotsav with colours: Celebrating rich tradition of the festival of great fervour and enthusiasm Holi at India House in Accra.

Launching 'Little Guru', an app to learn Sanskrit, at an event, High Commissioner urged the participants to download, use & promote this gamified app to learn world's oldest language through fun.





JAL JEEVAN MISSION

Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is being implemented through Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. JJM is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India. The programme will also implement source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and reuse through grey water management, water conservation, rain water harvesting. The JJM will be based on a community approach to water and will include extensive Information, Education and communication as a key component of the mission. JJM looks to create a jan andolan for water, thereby making it everyone's priority.

High Commission of India celebrated 130th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar as part of India@75 AmritMahotsav with floral tributes to Dr Ambedkar, addresses by High Commissioner & Director of Institute of Democratic Governance of Ghana, quiz & awards to winners of essay competition.



During his visit to Kumasi, High Commissioner visited National Cultural Centre and discussed with its authorities cultural cooperation including exchange of artists with India.

High Commissioner wished Tamil community in Ghana a healthy & prosperous Tamil New Year during online celebrations organised by Ghana Tamil Association.



Commerce

High Commissioner hosted India-Ashanti Region Round Table in Kumasi with participation by Ministers, Mayors and authorities from various fields from the Region including business, education, health & culture.



High Commissioner visited Crops Research Institute, premier agricultural research facility of Ghana, in Kumasi and discussed with the authority the areas of cooperation with India

During his visit to Ashanti Region High Commissioner visited Cocoa processing facility of Olam Cocoa in Kumasi to know more about the business climate in the Region



POSHAN Abhiyaan

PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment



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The Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition or POSHAN Abhiyaan or National Nutrition Mission, is Government of India's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan. Its aim is to ensure holistic development and adequate nutrition for pregnant women, mothers and children.

Little Guru App

Indian government has launched first-ever app that enables the user to learn Sanskrit, the ancient language of the country. The app created by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been named 'Little Guru'.

The app aims to make learning Sanskrit easy and entertaining by 'gamifying' it. It has been developed by Bengaluru-based company Gamapp sportswizz. The app is available on Google Play Store.

During his visit to Ashanti Region High Commissioner visited the facilities of Asante Kotoko, one of the most popular soccer clubs of Ghana, in Kumasi



High Commissioner interacted with Ghana National Chamber of Commerce in Kumasi on enhancing India Ghana business ties in Ashanti Region

High Commissioner visited Obuasi, well known gold mining town in Ashanti Region, and discussed with authorities in the area including local MP and Municipal & Traditional Chiefs cooperation with India



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Community & Education



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UMANG

UMANG (Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance) is developed by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) to drive Mobile Governance in India.

UMANG provides a single platform for all Indian Citizens to access pan India e-Gov services ranging from Central to Local Government bodies and other citizen centric services.

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<https://apps.apple.com/in/app/umang-india/id1544944177>



Interacting with alumni of Indian scholarships from Ashanti Region, High Commissioner urged them to be catalyst in promoting India in the Region.

High Commissioner visited Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital KATH in Kumasi and discussed with its authorities assistance from India especially in the area of capacity building.



High Commissioner along with Vice Chancellor and the Librarian of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology in Kumasi established 'India Corner' in the University Library with gift of books on India.



High Commissioner interacted with Indian community members in Kumasi on issues of their interest.

Important Events/Engagements

→ The Government of India has taken a decision to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence which falls on 15th August 2022 in a befitting manner at national and international level in the form of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

→ The Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi inaugurated the Maritime India Summit 2021, through video conferencing, in New Delhi on March 2, 2021. The aim is to explore the potential business opportunities in Indian Maritime sector and making Aatmanirbhar India.

→ The Prime Minister of India also addressed the fourth Global Ayurveda Festival through virtual mode, in New Delhi on March 12, 2021. The Prime Minister emphasized the need to promote food items relating to Ayurveda and food items that further good health.

→ The Prime Minister dedicated to the nation the Ramanathapuram – Thoothukudi natural gas pipeline and Gasoline Desulphurisation Unit at Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited, Manali.

→ The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery, Oil India Limited's Secondary Tank Farm at Madhuban, Dibrugarh and a Gas Compressor Station at Hebeda Village, Makum, Tinsukia.

Dr. Samuel Donkor, President of All Nations University of Koforidua, called on High Commissioner to brief on efforts by the university building successful linkages with universities in India.



Media



High Commissioner interacted with listeners of Morning Show of Garden City Radio in Kumasi on multifaceted India - Ghana relations in Ashanti Region.

During his visit to Kumasi High Commissioner briefed media persons from Ashanti Region on developments in India and Indo-Ghana relations.



In an interview to GTV High Commissioner briefed the audience on Covid situation in India and large scale efforts to manage it successfully; also thanked Ghanaians for their sympathies & goodwill.

High Commissioner penned 'India@75: Significance for Ghana & World' in Ghana's top daily Daily Graphic on launch of India@75 celebrations on 12 March at India House in Accra.





Which of the following is the National Aquatic Animal of India ??

- a. Seahorse
- b. Starfish
- c. Penguin
- d. River Dolphin

Please mail your responses by 1st June, 2021 at info.accra@mea.gov.in

1st five successful responses will receive interesting information material about India.



National Animal

The magnificent tiger, *Panthera tigris* is a striped animal. It has a thick yellow coat of fur with dark stripes. The combination of grace, strength, agility and enormous power has earned the tiger its pride of place as the national animal of India. Out of eight races of the species known, the Indian race, the Royal Bengal Tiger, is found throughout the country except in the north-western region and also in the neighbouring countries, Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. To check the dwindling population of tigers in India, 'Project Tiger' was launched in April 1973. So far, 27 tiger reserves have been established in the country under this project, covering an area of 37,761 sq km.



Architecture

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, formerly known as the Prince of Wales Museum of Western India, is one of the premier art and history museum in India. Situated on the southern tip of Mumbai on the 'Crescent Site', the Museum building is a fine example of the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture. This building is listed as a Grade I Heritage Building and has been awarded the '2010 UNESCO Asia – Pacific Heritage Award' for Cultural Heritage Conservation'.



Fine arts

The Kankaria lake is a multi-sided artificial lake, representing a rejuvenated pedestrian urban space in East Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The lake front has been redeveloped to offer a modern urban space with entertainment facilities like the tethered balloon safari, train ride and the high speed rides.



MANIPURI KHICHDI

Manipuri Khichdi is a delectable main dish hails from Manipur which is one of the seven states of the north eastern part of India.

Ingredients for Manipuri Khichdi

- 1 Cup Basmati Rice
- 1/4 Cup Yellow Pigeon lentil Toor Dal 1 Small Onion Chopped
- 1 Tsp. Ginger and Garlic Paste
- 1 Tsp. Cumin Seeds
- 2 Tbsps. Peanuts Fried
- 2 Green Cardamoms
- 2-3 Cloves
- 1 Small Bayleaf
- 2 Whole Red Chilies
- 2 Tbsps. Ghee
- 1/2 Tsp. Turmeric Powder
- Salt to taste



PREPARATION

- Wash and soak the rice and pulse for 15 minutes.
- Drain all the water and transfer into pressure cooker with 2 cups of water, salt and turmeric powder.
- Cover with lid and cook till to soft or 3-4 whistles