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The period June-July 2021, witnessed wide-ranging activities undertaken by the High Commission of India encompassing subjects ranging from political to development partnership, commerce, media, culture, etc. The 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations were held from 1-2 July, 2021. In July High Commissioner visited Savanna Region and held meetings with Ghanaian Government authorities and discussed ways and means to augment India-Ghana relations. High Commission also organized various events in a run up to celebration of India@75 activities.

Political



2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations, held in Accra, were Co-Chaired by H.E. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary(ER), MEA and H.E. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong, Deputy Foreign Minister. The two dignitaries discussed whole range of issues of bilateral relations.

During his visit to Accra H.E. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary (ER), MEA called on Foreign Minister H.E. Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey and discussed strengthening of India-Ghana relations further.



Interacting with India-Ghana FOC Co-Chair H.E. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong, Dy Foreign Minister, in Accra, H.E. Rahul Chhabra, Secretary(ER), MEA discussed priority areas of bilateral cooperation.

MOU between India's Global Center for Nuclear Energy Partnership & Ghana Atomic Energy Commission, signed during 2nd India-Ghana FOC in Accra, enhances capacity building cooperation further.

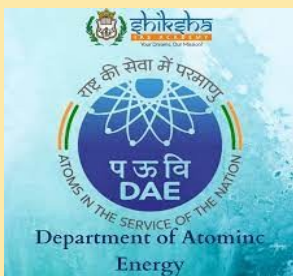


Quote of the month



“Arise, awake, stop not until your goal is achieved.” -

Swami Vivekananda



Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)'s core mandate is to sustain peaceful applications of nuclear energy, primarily for power generation. Amongst other areas of research, BARC has extensive research programmes in life sciences i.e. health, food, agriculture, waste management; water chemistry i.e. heavy water production, water desalination and purification; high energy particle physics, accelerator and laser technologies; Electronics and Instrumentation for power reactors and other nuclear facilities. In defence applications, BARC is involved in the indigenous design and development of India's fleet of nuclear-powered submarines and also plays a pivotal role in India's nuclear weapons programme.



High Commissioner hosted Dr Hakeem Wemah, Chairman, Northern Development Authority (NDA), at India House and followed up on the issues of discussion with NDA during his recent visit to Northern Region of Ghana

Calling on Dy Foreign Minister H.E. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong High Commissioner congratulated him on his appointment and emphasized that bilateral ties will be strengthened further with his vision & guidance.



High Commissioner hosted at India House the High Commissioner (designate) of Ghana to India Hon. Kwaku Asomah-Cheremeh and discussed with him priorities of strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries.

High Commissioner calling on Hon. Hawa Koomson, Fisheries Minister of Ghana discussed operationalisation of Elmina Fish Processing Plant built with assistance from India.



Hon. Seth Kwame Acheampong, Eastern Regional Minister called on the High Commissioner at India House to discuss possibilities to strengthen India-Ghana relations in the Region especially in agriculture & rural development.

High Commissioner called on Hon. Samuel Jinapor, Lands & Natural Resources Minister of Ghana and discussed cooperation in varied fields including application of IT & resource mapping technologies .



SU-SWAGATAM (Visit India) Mobile App

A new integrated requisite services Mobile App SU-SWAGATAM has been introduced to enable foreign nationals intending to visit India. The new Mobile App available from the visa application stage till the exit from the country, available on Google Play Store for Android users and App Store for IOS users, requires applicants to use the App to fill visa forms (e-Visa & Regular Visa) and subsequently deposit, along with supporting documents at the High Commission of India, Accra. The App primarily aimed to make stay of foreign nationals comfortable in India for regular/paper visa as per existing practice. The App also provides useful information on utility services like details of tourist places, government agencies, transport services, places of entertainment, health services, religious places, lodging, food and shopping etc.



During his official visit to Savannah Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Hon. Saeed Muhazu Jibril in Damongo and discussed strengthening cooperation between India & the Region.

Closing India-Africa-Conclave 2021, Hon. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong, Dy Foreign Minister of Ghana & close friend of India, underlined the huge India-Africa synergy for enormous economic development.



Addressing India-Africa-Conclave 2021, Hon. William Owuraku Aidoo, Dy Energy Minister of Ghana, welcomed Indian businesses to work together with Ghana in its ambitious efforts to attain sustainable energy security.

During his visit to Savannah Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Yagbonwura Tuntunba Bore-Essa I, Overlord of Gonja, to discuss issues of cooperation with India.



Commerce



High Commissioner calling on Hon. Michael Baafi, Dy Trade & Industry Minister of Ghana & close friend of India, discussed ways to strengthen business ties further between the two countries.

Launch of Digital Payment Solution e-Rupi

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has launched the digital payment solution e-Rupi. E-Rupi is a cashless and contactless instrument for digital payment developed by National Payments Corporation of India.

It connects sponsors of the services with beneficiaries & service providers in a digital manner without any physical interface.

It also assures timely payment without involvement of any intermediary. It can also be used for delivering services meant for providing drugs & nutritional support under Mother & Child welfare schemes, TB eradication programme, etc.



At India-Africa-Conclave 2021 Hon. Kwaku Asante Boateng, Deputy Railway Minister of Ghana unveils opportunities for cooperation with India in ambitious railway development plans in Ghana.

High Commissioner visited Indian businesses in Northern Region of Ghana including Indo Farm (farm equipment assembling) & Avnash (Ghana's biggest rice mill) and discussed their issues.



Development Partnership



A delegation from Ministry of Energy of Ghana called on High Commissioner and discussed new areas of cooperation with India in Energy sector.

COP Ken Yeboah, Director General, CID Ghana called on High Commissioner and discussed capacity building assistance by India especially in forensic science



During his visit to Accra Secretary(ER), MEA Mr. Rahul Chhabra visited Ghana Foreign Service Training Institute being built with assistance from India and took overview of progress of the work.

India@75 Celebrations



Global Pravasi Rishta Portal

To further facilitate effective communication between the High Commissions/Embassies /Consulates and the members of Indian diaspora, the Ministry of External Affairs launched Global Pravasi Rishta Portal (Rishta Portal).

The portal would enable the diaspora to reach consular office/services in a timely manner. Through the portal, registered members of the Indian diaspora would receive emergency alerts, advisories, updates on activities of the High Commission and information on the existing and new government schemes on a real time basis.

For more information kindly visit at : <https://pravasirishta.gov.in/>

International Day Of Yoga at India House in Accra was inaugurated with traditional lamp lighting by the former UNOWAS Head, Naval Chief, UN Country Rep, Dean of Diplomatic Corps & Indian Association President with High Commissioner.



Addressing International Day Of Yoga celebration at India House in Accra High Commissioner stressed the need of Yoga for holistic health & wellbeing of humanity.

High Celebrating 'India@75: Planting a Tree for a Sustainable World' on occasion of GreenGhanaDay & World Environment Day High Commissioner planted a Neem tree at India House in Accra.



'India@75: Journey through Women-led Development' AmritMahotsav, Ambassador Pratibha Parkar, spouse of the High Commissioner interacted at India House with women of Indian community on issues of their concern.

High Commissioner in an interview with Ghanaian_Times, an eminent daily of Ghana, explained the essence of India@75AmritMahotsav celebrations & its connect to India-Ghana relations.



G.O.I INITIATIVES



National AI Portal
(<https://indiaai.gov.in>)

AI Portal INDIAai is a joint initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, National eGovernance Division and NASSCOM. The National AI Portal of India – a central hub for everything AI in India and beyond. The website aims to be the trusted content powerhouse in the backdrop of India’s journey to global prominence in Artificial Intelligence. It serves as a central hub for AI related news, learning, articles, events and activities etc., in India and beyond.



SVAMITVA SCHEME

Towards the objectives of socio-economic empowerment of the rural mass and making them self-reliant, a Central Sector Scheme, “Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas’ (SVAMITVA) was launched by the Government of India. It aims to provide the 'record of rights' to village household owners in rural abadi areas of India and issuance of Property cards.



India@75 At India-Ghana Business & Trade Conclave for Women Entrepreneurs’ High Commissioner underlined huge opportunities arising out of growing bilateral economic relations for women businesses

Community & Media



Secretary(ER), MEA Mr. Rahul Chhabra interacted with members of the Indian business community in Accra on issues of their interests.



During High Commissioner interacted with members of Indian community in Tamale on issues of their concern.

In an interview with JoyNews-On-TV High Commissioner underlined the huge synergies between India & Ghana to reinvigorate economic ties between them in the post pandemic period.





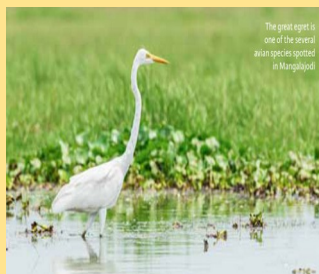
Which of the following is the National Aquatic Animal of India ??

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

Please mail your responses by 1st September, 2020

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



Mangalajodi, the largest brackish water lake in Asia, welcomes as many as 10 lakh winged visitors of almost 200 varied species. From such local migrating species as spot-billed pelican, Oriental darter and black-headed ibis to long-distance migratory birds like ferruginous pochard, Eurasian curlew, Asian dowitcher and the near-threatened river tern - the lake turns into a haven for ornithologists, naturalists and photographers alike.



Architecture

Bhedaghat Lametaghat of Narmada Valley-Bhedaghat, referred to as the Grand Canyon of India, is a town in the Jabalpur district. It is known for its marble rocks and their various morphological forms on either side of the Narmada river which flows through the gorge. Several dinosaur fossils have been found in the Narmada valley, particularly in the Bhedaghat-Lameta Ghat area of Jabalpur.

Fine arts

Ramappa Temple, also known as the Rudreshwara (Lord Siva) temple, is located in the state of Telangana in southern India. An inscription in the temple dates it to the year 1213 CE and says it was built by a Kakatiya General Recharla Rudra, during the period of the Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva. Recently, this temple received UNESCO World Heritage tag.



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



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