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**OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2021**

The period witnessed intense activities ranging from Political, Commercial, Development Partnership as well as Culture and Community. During the period, High Commissioner called on many Ghanaian Dignitaries. 1<sup>st</sup> India Ghana Dialogue was launched by Prof A.M. Oquaye, former Parliament Speaker of the Republic of Ghana. HC visited Ashanti and Volta Region and held meeting with local authorities and discussed ways to increase India's multi-sectoral engagement with Ghana. India-Ghana Trade & Investment Forum was launched at Volta Fair-2021. e-VBAB (Tele Education & Medicine) Center was inaugurated at KNUST, Kumasi. HCI, Accra organised many events under India@75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

**POLITICAL**



High Commissioner called on Rt. Hon Alban Sumana Kingsford Bagbin, Speaker of parliament Ghana to discuss cooperation between parliaments of India & Ghana.



High Commissioner called on Hon. Kwaku Ampratwum Sarpong, Dy Foreign Minister of Ghana and discussed issues of cooperation with India especially strengthening development partnership.



Hon. Mark Okraku-Mantey, Deputy Minister for Tourism, Art & Culture of Ghana called on High Commissioner to discuss cooperation with India prior to his visit to Goa for Tourism Expo.



High Commissioner & Dr Patrick Kuma-Aboayge, DG Ghana Health Service discussed cooperation in wake of Covid situation: vaccines from India, local production, COWIN platform, certificates recognition & training.

## Quote of the month



“Take up one idea, make that one idea your life. Think of it, dream of it, Live on that idea let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success .” -

*Swami Vivekananda*

## SMART CITIES MISSION PORTAL BY MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Smart Cities Mission's objective is to promote cities that provide core infrastructure and give a decent quality of life to its citizens, a clean and sustainable environment and application of 'Smart' Solutions. The focus is on sustainable and inclusive development and the idea is to look at compact areas, create a replicable model which will act like a light house to other aspiring cities. You can find detailed information about the Smart Cities Mission, Smart city features, selection process, implementation, financing, etc..

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Center for Democratic Development Ghana team called on High Commissioner and discussed possibilities of cooperation with think tanks in India for collaborative studies.



High Commissioner with Hon. Simon Osei Mensah, the Ashanti Regional Minister and Hon. Sam Pyne, Mayor of Kumasi Metropolitan discussed possible sister-state & sister-city ties with India.



National Food Buffer Stock Co. CEO Hanna Abdul-Wahab called on High Commissioner and discussed possible cooperation with India in ensuring food security in Ghana.



## INDIA - GHANA DIALOGUE IGD



Addressing India-Ghana Dialogue, High Commissioner highlighted democratic consolidation in India in 75 years since independence & its significance for Ghana . An Inaugural Lecture of India Ghana Dialogue 'Being Democracies' was delivered by Prof A.M. Oquaye, former Parliament Speaker of the Republic of Ghana. The Dialogue was moderated by the High Commissioner.

Tagline contest for  
**NATURAL FARMING**



“The Agriculture has emerged as a reliable sector to hold economic impetus for India when the World is facing economic contraction due to one of the most deadly and challenging pandemic. To strengthen economy & self-sustainability, the call for ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ is announced as a big opportunity for Agriculture and allied sectors. Natural Farming (NF) is a chemical free natural farming system wherein use of low cost inputs (cow dung/ urine and plant extract based) coupled with recommended agronomic practices like mulching, intercropping are promoted.

The theme for this event is **Promotion of Natural farming .”**



## CENTRAL VISTA PROJECT

The Central Vista was originally designed with a strong underpinning geometry, splendid symmetry and a carefully choreographed processional route (axis, focal point, nodes and termination). The proposed Master Plan aims to restore the original symmetry and order, while respecting the heritage of the buildings and spaces.

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During his visit to Kumasi, High Commissioner called on Asantehene His Majesty Otumfuo Osei Tutu II and discussed ways to increase India's multi-sectoral engagement with Ghana.

## DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Ashanti Regional Minister Hon. Simon Osei Mensah with High Commissioner, Vice Chancellor of KNUST & Kumasi Mayor inaugurated e-VBAB (Tele Education & Medicine) Center at West Africa's Premier Science and Technology Institution Kwame Nkrumah University Of Science And Technology, Kumasi.



Celebrating Amrit Mahotsav with strengthening of partnership through Gandhi Ward at 37 Military Hospital in Accra, High Commissioner visited the Ward & discussed enhancing its facilities with Hospital Commander Brig Gen Obodai.



In line with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, High Commissioner visited Nurses Training College in Ho in the Volta Region, a beneficiary of strong India-Ghana development partnership, & discussed further cooperation in capacity building.

At the Opening of the Volta Fair-2021, High Commissioner highlighted opportunities for businesses from both the sides to bring India further closer to Ghana and Volta Region.



# G.O.I INITIATIVES

## PM Atma Nirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana 2021

Announced on 1st February, 2021  
Centrally Sponsored Scheme  
Duration: 6 years till FY 25-26  
Budgetary Outlay of about Rs.64,180 Cr

Strengthen India Healthcare Infrastructure and Capacity to Combat Current/Future Disaster/Pandemic

### KEY POINTS

- Capacity building of Health system and institutions to respond effectively to Pandemics like Corona
- Build an IT enabled disease surveillance system
- Strengthening Health Units at Point of Entry that is Airports, Seaports and land crossings
- Integrated Health Information Portal
- Setup a National Institution for ONE Health
- Regional Research platform for WHO South East Asia region.
- 4 regional National Institutes of Virology.

## PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana

This initiative focuses on strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country. It will provide support to set up 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 high focus states. Besides this, 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres will be established in all the States. An IT-enabled disease surveillance system through the development of a network of surveillance laboratories at block, district, regional and national levels in all Metropolitan areas.

The Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana will improve the healthcare infrastructure in India substantially. People will have better access to healthcare services in both rural and urban areas. Moreover, the PMASBY scheme will also set up more number of medical colleges for medical students and also enable healthcare professionals to become better prepared to deal with public health emergencies in future.

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## DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP



Celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Ho Technical University in the Volta Region of Ghana, High Commissioner gifted books to India Corner established in the University Library.

Commemorating Mahaparinirvan Diwas, High Commissioner paid tribute to Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar and donated medicines & health supplies to 37 Military Hospital in Accra.



Strengthening friendships, High Commissioner & Effutu Paramount Chief opened Friends of India Society Chapter in Central Region & urged its members to be brand Ambassadors of India in the Region and beyond.

Planting trees for a sustainable world, High Commissioner along with traditional & municipal authorities launched tree plantation drive in Winneba in Central Region of Ghana.



While donating health supplies to Sompahemaa Foundation in Kumasi, High Commissioner underlined commitment of India & Indian community to social development in Ghana.

Interacting with media on Farmers' Day in Ghana, High Commissioner highlighted ongoing efforts of cooperation between India & Ghana in priority area of agricultural development.



# G.O.I INITIATIVES

## Transport Subsidy Schemes

The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, started sharing free e-learning platforms. These included: (i) Diksha portal which has e-learning content aligned to the curriculum, (ii) e-Pathshala, an app by the National Council of Educational Research and Training for Classes 1 to 12 in multiple languages, (iii) SWAYAM hosts 1,900 complete courses including teaching videos, computer weekly assignments, examinations and credit transfers, aimed both at school (Classes 1 to 12) and higher education. (iv) SWAYAM Prabha is a group of 32 direct to home channels devoted to the telecasting of educational programmes. While this looks fairly impressive, there are many pitfalls.

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### Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS)

Modernising New India's Textile Industry

- > Outlay (2016-22): **INR 17,822 Cr**
- > By 2022: **INR 1 Lakh Cr** worth investments
- 35.6 Lakh employment opportunities

Source: PIB

## Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS)

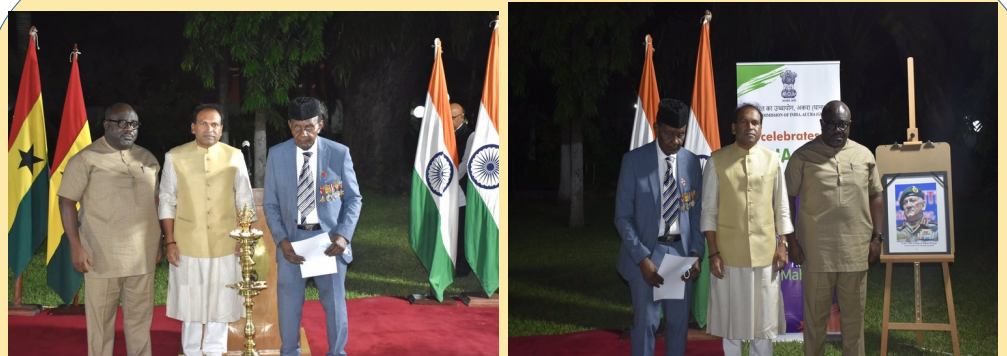
With Aim of 'Make in India' and 'Zero Defect and Zero Effect' in manufacturing, the government provides credit linked capital investment subsidy. This scheme would facilitate augmenting of investment, productivity, quality, employment, exports and import substitution in textile industry. It will also indirectly promote investment in textile machinery manufacturing. .

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# DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP DAY



In celebration of Amrit Mahotsav, High Commissioner along with Dy Defence Minister of the Republic of Ghana inaugurated India-Ghana Defence Partnership Day at India House in Accra with ITEC alumni from the Ghana Armed Forces. During the event, High Commissioner together with the Defence Minister awarded best student certificate to Capt. Gideon Kwabena Otchere Ampoma.



Addressing ITEC network alumni from the Ghana Armed Forces, High Commissioner, Dy Defence Minister Hon. Kofi Amankwa-Manu & WW II veteran Joseph A. Hammond urged them to strengthen India-Ghana bond of friendship. ITEC alumni of Ghana Armed Forces also paid tribute to Late CDS Gen Bipin Rawat.



# G.O.I INITIATIVES

## Technology & Quality Upgradation Support for MSMEs (TEQUP)

The The first objective of the present Scheme is to sensitize the manufacturing MSME sector in India to the use of energy efficient technologies and manufacturing processes so as to reduce cost of production and the emissions of GHGs. Activities under the scheme are:

i. Capacity Building of MSME Clusters for Energy Efficiency/Clean Development Interventions and other technologies mandated as per the global standards.

ii. Implementation of Energy Efficient Technologies (EET) in MSME units.

iii. Setting up of Carbon Credit Aggregation Centres (CCA) for introducing and popularising clean development mechanism (CDM) in MSME clusters.

iv. Encouraging MSMEs to acquire product certification/licences from National/International bodies and adopt other technologies mandated as per the global standards.

v. Study of Impact of the scheme, administrative and other miscellaneous items .

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## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Authorities from Ghana highlighted huge synergies with India in education & skill development in the priority areas of bilateral cooperation, at India-Africa Higher Education & Skill Development Summit.



Addressing Virtual B2B meet on strengthening trade & investment in Ghana in Electronics sector. High Commissioner urged Indian businesses to avail growing opportunities with their unique products & technologies.



Giving away Ghana Business Quality awards in Accra, High Commissioner urged businesses from both the sides to deepen the India - Ghana economic engagement.



Addressing India-Ghana virtual business meet for Chemical sector, High Commissioner urged businesses from both sides to avail opportunities to partner themselves in order to boost the bilateral trade.



Addressing Asia-Africa Leadership Forum in Accra, High Commissioner highlighted India's growing engagement with Africa for mutual growth & development.



# G.O.I INITIATIVES



## Ayushman CAPF Healthcare Scheme

The scheme is a joint initiative by the MHA and NHA to help CAPF personnel access healthcare services pan India. The scheme provides cashless and paperless medical treatment at empaneled hospitals. The CAPF personnel and their dependents will get an e-card to avail of the scheme.

The Scheme covers all Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) officials & serving personnel as well as their dependents from seven forces namely, Border Security Forces (BSF), Assam Rifles, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and National Security Guard (NSG).

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Addressing India-Ghana Trade & Investment Forum at Volta Fair-2021, High Commissioner and Regional Minister highlighted huge synergy in strengthening bilateral business ties further.

## **Indian Community & Culture**



Constitution Day 2021 was celebrated in Accra with reading of the Preamble of the Constitution of India. The event was also commemorated at India House in Accra with the members of the delegation from Parliament of Ghana visiting India.



High Commission of India celebrated Diwali at India House in Accra with traditional festivities by High Commission of India-Accra families, local authorities, diplomatic corps & Indian community leaders. The event was graced by Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, Parliamentary Affairs Minister of the Republic of Ghana.

# G.O.I INITIATIVES



## Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Technology Upgradation (CLCSS)

The Scheme aims at facilitating Technology Upgradation of Micro and Small Enterprises by providing 15% capital subsidy [ceiling of 15 lakh] on institutional finance availed by them for induction of well-established and improved technology in approved sub-sectors/products.

The admissible capital subsidy is calculated with reference to purchase price of Plant and Machinery. Maximum limit of eligible loan for calculation of subsidy is 100 lakh. Operational Procedure under CLCSS scheme is now online and a paperless process.

## The Venture Capital Assistance Scheme

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Venture Capital Assistance is financial support in the form of an interest free loan provided by SFAC to qualifying projects to meet shortfall in the capital requirement for implementation of the project.

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## Indian Community & Culture

Unity Day celebrated at the High Commission of India – Accra with tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his birth anniversary and pledge for National Unity.



Commemorating Amrit Mahotsav, High Commissioner awarded grants to Indian diaspora associations & friends of India societies & applauded them for promotion of Indian culture & heritage in Ghana bringing both peoples together.

Celebrating Communal Harmony High Commissioner awarded prizes to winners of essay competition and highlighted significance of communal harmony for diverse nation like India.



Addressing Ayurveda Day celebrations in HCI, High Commissioner urged all stakeholders to work together to promote Ayurvedic lifestyle for holistic health & well being.

Celebrating Amrit Mahotsav with school children from CBSE schools in Ghana writing Post Cards To PM Narendra Modi on 'My Vision for India' & 'Unsung Heroes of Freedom Struggle'.



Celebrating Amrit Mahotsav on the theme 'Children & Ideas' Indian diaspora children in Ghana participated enthusiastically in the quiz Dekho Apna Desh.



# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INITIATIVES

## RBI Retail Direct Scheme

It will enhance access to the government securities market for retail investors. Retail investors will be able to open and maintain their Government Securities (G-Sec) account online with the RBI free of cost. It will bring the middle class, senior citizens, small businessmen, and employees directly and securely in G-Sec.

## Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme

Launched on 21 November, 2021, this scheme of the India Government is based on the One Nation-One Ombudsman. It improves the grievance redress mechanism for resolving customer complaints against entities regulated by the RBI. It will facilitate a single point of reference for customers to lodge their complaints, track status, submit documents and provide feedback.

## PM GatiShakti-National Master Plan

Launched on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, the scheme will integrate and implement various infrastructure schemes in the next four years. It will subsume Rs. 110 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline that was launched in 2019. The scheme will increase cargo handling capacity, reduce turnaround time at ports, develop 11 industrial and 2 defence corridors, extend 4G connectivity to all villages, extend gas pipeline network, national highway network, creation of new airports, heliports, water aerodromes and more.

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# INDIAN COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, High Commissioner joined Sangat to celebrate Guru Nanak Jayanti in Accra and emphasised the need to follow message of love & compassion of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.



High Commissioner addressing a cultural evening organized by Ghana India Malayali Association in Accra highlighted diverse heritage as the strength of India while celebrating Amrit Mahotsav.



Hare Krishna Society introduced essence & message of Bhagvad Gita to participants during an event organised by Khuda Rakkah Group, an India friendship society in Tamale, Northern Region of Ghana. The event also included Hindi language classes and was attended by Hon. Sule Salifu, Mayor of Tamale, capital of Northern Region of Ghana.



Khuda Rakkah Indian Group, has also organised a Health Walk with Indian music & dance; a free Health Check In order to bring India closer to other parts of the Region.



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 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

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1<sup>st</sup> five successful responses will receive interesting information material about India.



## Architecture

The National War Memorial in India is a national monument built to honour and remember soldiers of the Indian military who fought in armed conflicts of independent India. The names of armed forces personnel killed during the armed conflicts with Pakistan and China as well as the 1961 War in Goa, Operation Pawan, and other operations such as Operation Rakshak are inscribed on the memorial walls in golden letters.



## Festivals



**Durga Puja- Durgotsava or Navaratri,** A festival celebrating the powerful Goddess Durga, Durga Puja is a major festival in India. The colourful and high energy festival is celebrated by decorating huge pandals, in the middle of which a heavily decorated idol of Goddess Durga sits. The festival is marked by a lot of dancing, singing and wholesome enjoyment. Celebrations of Durga Puja in Kolkata is a can't-miss sight, it is really a lifetime opportunity to witness a festival in the heart of its existence.



## Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN ABHIYAN) - NATIONAL NUTRITION MISSION

NEP 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.

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### RASGULLA

Rasgulla, also known as Rosogolla, Rasagola, or Rosogola is a South Asian syrupy dessert popular in the Indian subcontinent and regions with South Asian diaspora. It is made from ball-shaped dumplings of chhena and semolina dough, cooked in light sugar syrup made of sugar.



### Ingredients For Rasgulla

- 1 liter Full Cream Milk (cow milk is preferable)
- 2 tablespoons Lemon Juice
- 2 tablespoons semolina
- 1½ cups Sugar (little less or more, as per your taste)
- 4 cups Water
- 2-3 Green Cardamom Pods, optional

### PREPARATION

To prepare rasgulla, the cheese (prepared with milk) mixture is formed into small balls. These balls are then simmered in sugar syrup. While serving add a drop of rose water (only organic and edible type of rose water, not rose perfume or synthetic flavors) to enhance the flavor and taste.