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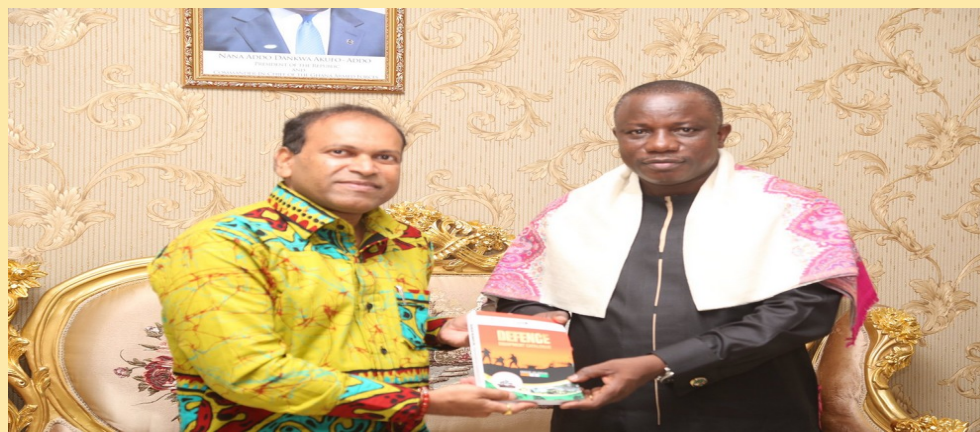
OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 2022

The period witnessed the high level visits of Foreign Minister, Defence Minister and Deputy Education Minister of Ghana to India for different events. High Commissioner visited Western North Region and interacted with regional authorities. High Commissioner also met with Ghanaian dignitaries in Ghana for further cementing the strong bonds of friendship. The months also saw the celebrations of Guru Nanak Divas, Navratri, National Unity Day, Constitution Day and establishment of India Corner at College of Education in Sefwi Wiawso.

On commercial front High Commissioner launched Make In India ETB India products, inaugurated Power & Energy Ghana Expo 2022 & India Pavilion and addressed virtual India-Ghana Pharma Meet.

POLITICAL

High Commissioner called on Hon. Dominic Nitiwul, Defence Minister of Ghana to discuss strengthening bilateral defence & security ties prior to his visit to India for India-Africa Defence Dialogue.



Hon. Dominic Nitiwul, Defence Minister of Ghana participated in India-Africa Defence Dialogue 2022 in Gandhinagar.



Quote of the month



“Hard work never brings fatigue. It brings satisfaction.”

Narendra Modi



Rashtriya Vayoshree Yojana

This is a Central Sector Scheme, fully funded by the Central Government through Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

The Scheme aims at providing Senior Citizens, belonging to BPL category and suffering from any of the age related disability/infirmity viz. Low vision, Hearing impairment, Loss of teeth and Locomotor disability, with such assisted-living devices which can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions, overcoming the disability/infirmity manifested.

POLITICAL

Foreign Minister of Ghana, Ms Ayorkor Botchwey along with other UNSC members paid tribute to the victims of terror, reaffirming the global commitment against terrorism, at the 26/11 Memorial at Hotel Taj in Mumbai.



Foreign Minister of Ghana, Ayorkor Botchwey participated in the first segment of the Special Meeting of the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee in Mumbai.



High Commissioner called on HE Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey, Foreign Minister of Ghana to discuss strengthening further the bilateral ties comprehensively.

High Commissioner began his visit to Western North Region of Ghana with call on Regional Minister Hon. Richard Ebbah Obeng discussing ways to bring India closer to the Region



Development Partnership

PROTOCOL FOR RESTORATION AND REPATRIATION OF CHILD

GHAR - Go Home And Re-unite
NCPCR's designated portal



GO HOME AND RE-UNITE (GHAR)

The National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched the 'GHAR – GO Home and Re-Unite'.

About

It addresses the changed roles of CWCs and District Child Protection (DCPO) for children in need of care and protection.

The portal was developed by the NCPCR. The portal has digital tracking and monitoring of children who are in the Juvenile Justice system and need to be repatriated to another country/state/district.

Digital transfer of cases of children to the concerned JJB/CWC of the State.

It will help in speedy repatriation of children.

List of Government implemented schemes will be provided, so that at the time of restoration the CWCs can link the child with the schemes to strengthen the family and ensure that child remains with his/her family.

High Commissioner called on Ogyeahohoo Yaw Gyebi II, President of National House of Chiefs of Ghana and discussed cooperation with India especially in socio-cultural community development.



Interacting with women collectives in Western North Region High Commissioner reiterated India's commitment to support women-led developmental priorities of friends in global south like Ghana especially in agriculture & rural development.

High Commissioner briefed media from Western North Region on socio-economic developmental efforts in India, especially while celebrating Amrit Mahotsav, and in bilateral relations with Ghana.



Visiting Nurses Training College & Municipal Hospital in Sefwi Wiawso, High Commissioner discussed capacity building assistance from India in priority areas of bilateral developmental cooperation: health & education.

Development Partnership

DefSpace

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, launched Mission DefSpace at DefExpo 2022 in Gandhinagar.

About

The space programme aims to develop innovative solutions for the Defence Forces through industry & startups.

Importantly, the initiative will prepare India for future possibilities in space domain and will also increase the country's preparation further.

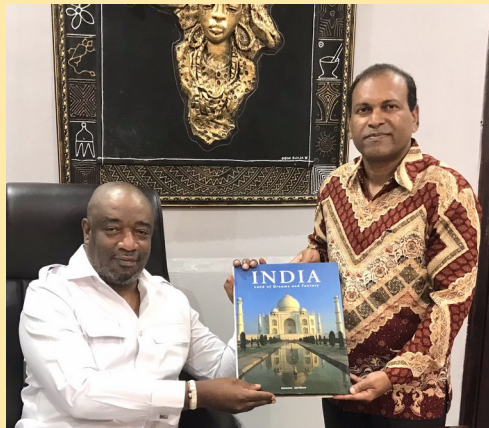
Under Mission DefSpace, 75 challenges are being opened to get innovative solutions, based on the defence requirements in the space domain.

The programme will focus on various challenges in this area that have been reviewed and identified by the three defence services.

There are more than 60 developing countries with whom India is sharing its space science.

By next year, ten ASEAN countries will also get real-time access to India's satellite data.

India Germany Ghana join hands in triangular cooperation in developing bamboo-based enterprises for sustainable livelihood & income generation in Ghana especially for rural youth & women with training by Indian experts.



High Commissioner called on Ga Mantse, King Tackie Teiko Tsuru II, to discuss issues of developmental cooperation between Ga State & India in overall context of deepening bilateral relations with Ghana

During his visit to Western North Region of Ghana High Commissioner interacted with alumni of Indian scholarships and urged them to promote India in the Region.



Development Partnership



12th World Hindi Conference

The 12th World Hindi Conference is being organized in Fiji from 15-17 February 2023.

The online registration for participation in the Conference commenced from 6 December 2022 at URL www.vishwahindisammelan.gov.in.

The fee for participation in the Conference can be paid online through Internet Banking or any valid Debit/Credit Card, as detailed on the website.



High Commissioner hosted India Round Table in Sefwi Wiawso with political, traditional, business, socio-cultural, health-educational & media authorities from Western North Region of Ghana

During his visit to Western North Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Katakylie Kwasi Bumangama II, Paramount Chief of Sefwi Wiawso Traditional Area.



Ogyeahoho Yaw Gyebi II, President of National House of Chiefs of Ghana called on High Commissioner to appreciate his visit to Western North Region bringing India closer to the Region.

Community

High Commissioner interacted with Presidents of Associations of Indian Community in Ghana on issues of concern of the community under the aegis of India Community Forum in Ghana.



AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture

Startups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) Scheme

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry recently announced that IP facilitator charges have increased by almost 50% for patent filing under the SIPP scheme.

About

→ For patents, the fee for application and filing has been increased to INR 15K from INR 10K.

→ For trademarks and designs, the fee has been increased to INR 3K from INR 2K.

→ SIPP scheme launched by Government of India, facilitates the start-ups to file applications for patents, designs and trademarks through registered facilitators in appropriate IP offices by paying only the statutory fees.

→ Any Start-Up certified by the Start-up Certification Board as having an innovative business.

→ For effective implementation of the scheme, facilitators shall be empanelled by the Controller General of Patent, Trademark and Design (CGPDTM).

→ The CGPDTM shall regulate conduct and functions of empanelled facilitators from time to time.



Guru Nanak Jayanti was celebrated in Accra with Shabad Kirtan & Langar; High Commissioner emphasized need to follow teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji & thanked Punjabi Association Ghana to organise the event



Gujarati Association of Ghana organized Garba Night for 3 days on the occasion of celebrations of Navratre in October 2023. High Commissioner also attended the event and encourage the organizers to celebrate Indian Festivals in Accra.



Celebrating birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhai Patel as National Day of Unity at High Commission of India, Officers took Pledge of Unity & Integrity of the Nation

High Commission of India, Accra organised AYUSH Medical Camp highlighting importance of Ayurveda for holistic health



EDUCATION

Environment Education, Awareness And Training (EEAT)

Environment Education, Awareness and Training (EEAT) is a Central Sector scheme implemented by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

To promote environmental awareness and mobilize students' participation for environment conservation.

Under this Scheme there are two major programmes namely Green Corps (NGC) Programme and National Nature Camping Programme (NNCP).



Green Corps (NGC) Programme

Under this scheme more than 1 lakh Eco-clubs have been formed in schools and colleges to educate students and to spread awareness on environmental.

A financial assistance of Rs 5,000/- per Eco-club used to be provided under this programme with a ceiling of 500 school Eco-clubs per district and 100 college Eco-clubs per State.



Deputy Education Minister of Ghana, John Ntim Fordjour, had fruitful discussions with Education Minister of India Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan on issues to strengthen cooperation in education & innovation.



Visiting College of Education in Sefwi Wiawso High Commissioner discussed with the authorities establishing linkages with institutions in India, staff training assistance & setting up of 'India Corner'

Dr. Kwame Addo Kufuor, Chancellor of Kumasi Technical University (KsTU) called on High Commissioner to discuss strengthening the University with technological assistance from India.



Commerce



Launching Make in India ETB India products in Ghana and addressing India-Ghana business event in Accra High Commissioner urged businesses to partner to exploit huge synergies that exist between the two countries.

COMMERCE



The National Nature Camps Programme

The National Nature Camps Programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Environment and Forests in Environment Education, which is aimed at creating greater awareness, understanding and empathy of children with and for the environment. Through this initiative it is hoped that every child who goes through middle school (classes VI to VIII) will get at least one opportunity for a 2-3 day camping experience during these years. The 'Nature experience' for children and teachers has huge potential to trigger their sensitivity towards nature appreciation and conservation, leading to positive environmental actions at different levels.

WWF-India, in partnership with MoEF organized camps in different biosphere reserves. The camps were attended by more than 660 students from 15 schools.



Addressing India Business Event in Western North Region of Ghana High Commissioner urged SMEs from the Region to partner with Indian businesses to further strengthen bilateral economic ties

During his visit to Western North Region High Commissioner visited SMEs in processing of rice, wood & cocoa and also in ceramic works to know potential of strengthening business ties of India in the Region



Opening Power & Energy Ghana Expo 2022 & India Pavilion High Commissioner urged businesses to join hands to benefit from excellent quality affordable Indian products & technologies in electrical & renewables.

Addressing India-Ghana Pharma sector online interaction High Commissioner urged businesses from both the sides to further deepen bilateral business ties in pharmaceuticals & healthcare.



Business delegation of Association of Ghana Industries & SPINnet Textiles & Garment Cluster traveling to participate in India's International Textiles Machinery Exhibition called on High Commissioner to discuss facilitating bilateral partnership in textiles.

Q. Which state is the 'Beach Capital of India' ?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Goa
- D. Gujarat

Please mail your responses by
31st December , 2022

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



Tansen Music Festival

Tansen Samaroh is celebrated every year in the month of December in Behat village of Gwalior district, Madhya Pradesh. This is 96th festival this year. It is a 5 day musical extravaganza. Artist and music lovers from all over the world gather here to pay tribute to the Great Indian Musical Maestro Tansen. The event is organized near the tomb of Tansen by the Academy of the department of culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh. Artists from all over India are invited to deliver vocal and instrumental performances.

Tansen Samaroh is organized jointly by Ustad Alauddin Khan Kala Evam Sangeet Academy and Department Of Culture, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Architecture

The Great Chola Temples of southern India are an exceptional testimony to the development of the architecture and the ideology of the Chola Empire and the Tamil civilization in southern India. They represent an outstanding creative achievement in the architectural conception of the pure form of the Dravida type of temple (characterized by a pyramidal tower). The Cholas were the second great historic dynasty of the Tamil Nadu, which was the home of the ancient Dravidian culture whose influence was so considerable in the whole of south-east Asia. The great temple of Tanjore was built in a few years, from 1003 to 1010, during the reign of the great king Rajaraja (985-1014), true founder of the Chola Empire which spread throughout the whole of southern India, part of Ceylon and the Maldives and Laccadive archipelagos.



Tulip Festival

Tulip festival is an annual celebration that aims to showcase the magic of Tulips in the world famous Tulip garden as part of tourism efforts by the Government of India. It is organized during the onset of spring season in Kashmir valley. Tulips in Kashmir remain in bloom for 15-20 days from the last week of March to mid April, depending upon the weather conditions. Asia's largest tulip garden situated on the foothills of Zabarwan Range offers a mesmerizing spectacle.



Gujarati Methi Thepla recipe is one of the many comfort foods. It is not only famous in Gujarat but all over the India. It is a flatbread made up of wheat flour, fenugreek leaves and some spices. It is used for regular meals, traveling as well as for picnics. Methi Thepla is also a healthy diabetic snack, as fenugreek leaves improves the insulin and glucose response.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups Whole Wheat Flour
- 1/2 cup Fenugreek Leaves, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup Yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon Turmeric powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Red Chilli powder
- 1/4 teaspoon Asafoetida
- Oil, for cooking the thepla
- Salt, to taste
- 1/2 tsp Sugar (Optional)

Method

Wash the fenugreek leaves, drain and chop them. Combine the whole wheat flour, turmeric powder, chili powder, asafoetida powder, salt, sugar and chopped fenugreek leaves in a large bowl. Add yogurt and knead into a soft dough using approximately 3/4 cup of water. Add 2 tsp of oil to coat the dough. Cover and allow the dough to rest for 15 mins. Preheat the skillet on medium heat. Divide the dough into equal portions and shape into round balls. Dust the thepla dough in flour and roll them out into thin circles to approximately 6 inches in diameter. Place the rolled out dough on the skillet. Cook it on a medium flame until you see small air pockets popping out. At this point flip the Thepla and apply about 1/2 tea spoon oil on it. Press it using a spatula Cook till it turns golden brown from both sides. Remove from heat and place on a flat plate. Continue the process with the remaining rolled out portions and stack the cooked theplas one above the other. Stacking them maintains softness and prevents the methi theplas from drying out, preserving moisture, keeping their texture super soft. Serve it with pickle, yogurt, and/or a curry.



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