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**August & September, 2021**

During the months of August and September 2021, High Commission of India organised multifarious activities. As part of India@75 Amrit Mahotsav, High Commission of India celebrated 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, participated in a cricket tournament, ICWF Day was celebrated at the High Commission, High Commissioner took part in the celebration of Janamshtami which was organized by ISKCON and gave away prizes to winners of Gita Champions League, he also joined the celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi by Hindu Monastery in Ghana. High Commissioner also met with leaders of various Associations of Indian communities in Ghana and took cognizance of the issues of their concern. In a bid to cement bilateral relations further, High Commissioner met with various Ghanaian dignitaries and discussed issues of mutual concern. High Commissioner also visited Upper West Region and held meetings with several dignitaries including their Regional Minister, Paramount Chief of the Navrongo Traditional Area, MP from Bolgantanga, etc., taking our bilateral relations to a higher pedestal.

**Political**



High Commissioner called on Dy Foreign Minister Hon. Kwaku Ampratwum Sarpong and discussed several bilateral issues especially difficulties faced by Indian nationals in getting Ghana visas.

During his visit to Upper West Region, High Commissioner called on Hon. Dr. Hafiz Bin Salih, Regional Minister, to discuss ways to translate to the Region the strong ties between India & Ghana.

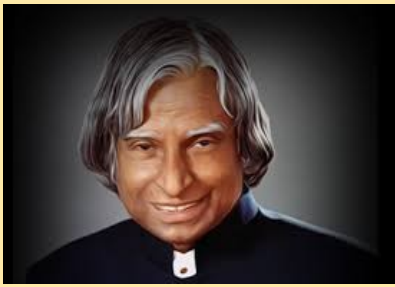


During his visit to Upper West Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Wa Naa Fuseini Seidu Pelpuo IV and discussed issues of cooperation with India

Hon. Henry Quartey, Regional Minister of Greater Accra, called on High Commissioner and discussed issues of cooperation with India especially in Smart Cities development & capacity building



## Quote of the Month



We should not give up and we should not allow the problem to defeat us.

**A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**



### **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan**

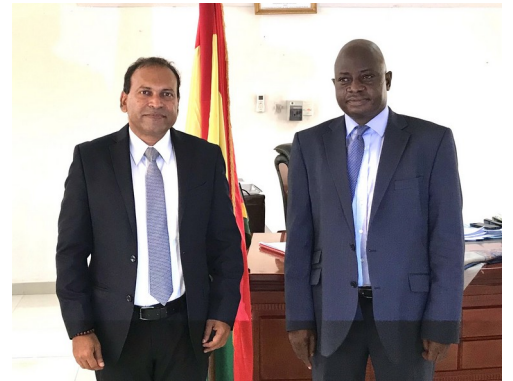
Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan drive has been launched in 2017 by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India. It envisages making 6 crore persons in rural areas, across States/Uts. It helps in building the digital divide and specifically targeting the rural population of India. It also includes marginalized sections of society such as SC, ST, Minorities, women and minorities.

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Signing Agreed Minutes of 2nd India-Ghana Foreign Office Consultations High Commissioner & Deputy Foreign Minister Hon. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong reiterated commitment from both the sides for strengthening bilateral ties further.

During his official visit to Upper East Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Hon. Stephen Yakubu, Regional Minister to discuss cooperation possibilities between India and Ghana.



During his visit to Upper East Region High Commissioner called on Pe Denis Belinia Aniakwa Adda Asapare II, Paramount Chief of the Navrongo Traditional Area, exploring how India can assist developing the community.

During his visit to Upper East Region of Ghana High Commissioner was called on by Hon. Isaac Adongo, MP from Bolgatanga, who sought assistance from India for development of the Region.



Hosting Hon. Osei Kyei Mensa Bonsu, Parliamentary Affairs Minister at India House on his election as Vice Chair of Executive Committee of CPA High Commissioner discussed India-Ghana relations including in Commonwealth

## Commerce

### Vande Bharat Trains

Prime Minister of India had announced on Independence Day of India that 75 Vande Bharat trains will be launched to connect different parts of the country. Vande Bharat, also known as Train 18, can run up to a maximum speed of 160 kmph. All coaches are equipped with automatic doors, GPS based passenger information system, hotspot wifi and very comfortable seating. Regenerative braking system in the coaches help save up to 30% of electrical energy. The train is manufactured in Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

### Samridh Scheme

The Ministry of Electronic & Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India, has launched the Samridh Scheme. The Samridh Scheme will make India's start-ups self-sufficient. It focuses on accelerating the 300 start-ups by providing customer connect, investor connect in the next three years. To provide an investment of up to Rs. 40 lakh to the start-up based on the current valuation and growth stage of Start-Up through selected accelerators.

**Aim :** To create a conducive platform for Indian software product start-ups to enhance their products and secure investments for scaling their business.

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Deputy Minister for Trade of Ghana Hon. Herbert Krpa called on High Commissioner and discussed range of issues concerning bilateral trade and convening of Joint Trade Committee meeting.



High Commissioner addressed Made in Ghana Awards and highlighted significant contribution by businesses from India in development of Ghana.

At India-Africa Agriculture Summit, Agriculture Minister of Ghana Dr. Owusu Afriyie Akoto appreciates India facilitating endeavours of Ghana to transform its agriculture sector by providing expertise & equipment.



Addressing India Business Event in Wa High Commissioner highlighted huge business opportunities to partner with India in agriculture & rural development

## Strengthening the Potential of India (SPIN) Scheme

The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched the SPIN (Strengthening the Potential of India) scheme to make potters self-sustainable. Under SPIN, KVIC will facilitate potters to get easy loans from banks that will help the potters to diversify their activities and enhance their income. It is aimed at sustainable development by creating local self-employment which is aligned with the Prime Minister's commitment of "Job to Every Hand" (Har Hath Me Kaam).

### SHOONYA CAMPAIGN

The Shoonya Campaign was launched by NITI Aayog and the Rocky Mountain Institute. It is an initiative to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry. The campaign aims to accelerate adoption of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the benefits of zero-pollution delivery. A corporate branding and certification programme is being launched to recognise and promote industry's efforts towards transitioning to EVs for final-mile deliveries.

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Exploring business opportunities for India in Upper West Region of Ghana High Commissioner visited several businesses especially in agriculture, agro-processing & textiles.

Visiting GRATIS Foundation Regional Center in Bolgatanga High Commissioner explored possibilities to strengthen the rural development technology transfer & training center with assistance from India.



### Development Cooperation/Capacity Building



Hon. Sampson Tamgombu Chiragia, MP from Navrongo of Upper East Region of Ghana called on High Commissioner for following up on issues of cooperation with India discussed during HC's recent visit to the Region.

Visiting Regional Hospital in Wa High Commissioner discussed assistance from India especially in capacity building of healthcare personnel





## Development Cooperation/Capacity Building

### Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)

UDAN is a regional connectivity scheme spearheaded by the Government of India (GoI). The full form of UDAN is 'Ude Desh ka Aam Nagarik' and aims to develop smaller regional airports to allow common citizens easier access to aviation services. The Civil Aviation Ministry has set a target of operationalizing as many as 100 unserved and underserved airports and starting at least 1,000 air routes. The Civil Aviation Ministry has approved 78 new routes under the 4th round of Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN. So far, 766 routes have been sanctioned under the UDAN scheme.

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Interacting with Indian Scholarships Alumni from Upper West Region of Ghana High Commissioner encouraged them to be brand Ambassadors of India in the Region.



During his visit to Upper West Region of Ghana High Commissioner interacted with Solar Mamas working for solarisation of distant communities in the Region after getting trained in India

High Commissioner visited Bolgatanga center of India-Ghana Kofi Annan Center of Excellence in ICT & interacted with the technology developers on status of activities of the center



High Commissioner visited Navrongo Health Research Center during his visit to Upper East Region of Ghana & discussed assistance by India especially in capacity building.

High Commissioner visited Bolgatanga Regional Hospital and discussed with its authorities assistance from India in enhancing skills of medics & paramedics.





## Bharat Net Programme

Bharat Net is a flagship mission implemented by Department of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Government of India. It is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) set up by the Government of India under the Companies Act, 1956 with an authorized capital of Rs 1000 crore. Its aim to facilitate the delivery of e-governance, e-health, e-education, e-banking, Internet and other services to rural India and to connect all the 2,50,000 Gram panchayats in the country and provide 100 Mbps connectivity to all gram panchayats.

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## Community



Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta called on High Commissioner at India House in Accra.

High Commissioner interacted with leaders of various associations of Indian community in Ghana on issues of their concern.



High Commissioner visited Dupare Community in Wa East of Upper West Region of Ghana which has got its electricity thanks to solar power provided with equipment & training assistance from India

## Education



Visiting SD Dombo University of Business & Integrated Development Studies in Wa, Upper West Region of Ghana, High Commissioner discussed establishing its linkages with universities in India.

## India@75 Amrit Mahotsav

**Deendayal  
Antyodaya  
Yojana 2021**

Aajeevika - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Government of India in June 2011.

Aided in part through investment support by the World Bank, the Mission aims at creating efficient and effective institutional platforms of the rural poor, enabling them to increase household income through sustainable livelihood enhancements and improved access to financial services.

NRLM set out with an agenda to cover 7 Crore rural poor households, across 600 districts, 6000 blocks, 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats and 6 lakh villages in the country through self-managed Self Help Groups (SHGs) and federated institutions and support them for livelihoods collectives in a period of 8-10 years.

In addition, the poor would be facilitated to achieve increased access to rights, entitlements and public services, diversified risk and better social indicators of empowerment. DAY-NRLM believes in harnessing the innate capabilities of the poor and complements them with capacities (information, knowledge, skills, tools, finance and collectivization) to participate in the growing economy of the country.

In November 2015, the program was renamed Deendayal Antayodaya Yojana (DAY-NRLM)

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High Commission of India celebrated #IndiaAt75 #AmritMahotsav at India House with Tricolour hoisting, High Commissioner's address, cultural performances, honoring diaspora leaders & awards to competitions winner.



Addressing India-Ghana Round Table in Bolgatanga High Commissioner emphasized on enormous opportunities for strengthening the relations further especially in the Upper East Region.

#AmritMahotsav High Commissioner hosted #India-#Ghana Upper West Region Round Table in Wa for Regional Minister, Traditional Chiefs, Business, Educational, Health & Cultural authorities & media.



#IndiaAt75 #AmritMahotsav Interacting with Indian Scholarships awardees from #Ghana before their travel to #India High Commissioner urged them to be bridge to bring the two countries together.

## India@75 Amrit Mahotsav

### PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021

Prime Minister of India, Hon'ble Mr. Narendra Modi, launched Gati Shakti National Master Plan. PM Gati Shakti Yojana 2021 is a master plan that would provide a leap to Aatmanirbhar Bharat (Self Reliant India). The project would provide multimodal connectivity to boost the infrastructure development of the country.

There would also be a geographic information system (GIS) enabled digital platform under Gati Shakti that would be useful for gathering relevant information on any regions topography, satellite images and physical features

This project would help in the improvement of National Infrastructure by lending them more money and providing them with more speed. The projects under the \$1.5 Trillion National Infrastructure Pipeline would be included under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan. The private players would also get a boost to invest in National infrastructure as easy clearances and monetary help would be available to them. This project would also provide last-mile connectivity to economic zones in a definite timeframe.

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High Commissioner hosted India@75 Ministerial Session at India House with Ministers of Parliamentary Affairs, Trade, Industry, Resources, Transport etc and discussed significance of this milestone for India-Ghana Ties



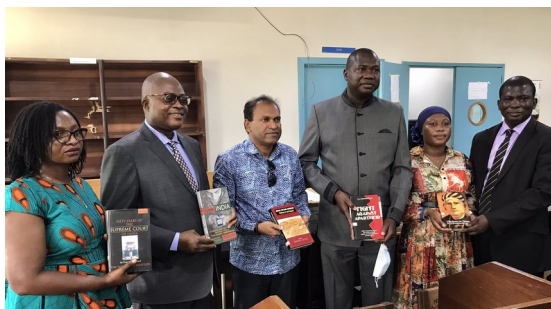
Participating in Annual Cricket Tournament by Indian Association of Ghana High Commissioner thanked organizers, participants & supporters for showcasing spirit of sportsmanship despite challenges of pandemic.

Addressing the audience at Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) Day celebration at Accra High Commissioner highlighted several initiatives taken for Indian Community welfare.



High Commissioner graced Janmashtami celebrations organised by ISKCON in Accra & awarded prizes to winners of Gita Champions League.

High Commissioner joined Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in Accra by Hindu Monastery of Africa and sought along with monks & devotees blessings of Lord Ganesha



High Commissioner along with the University authorities inaugurated ' #India Corner' at the SD Dumbo University of Business & Integrated Development Studies in Wa



## PM Jan Vikas Karyakaram

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Scheme designed to address the development deficits of the identified Minority Concentration Areas. The areas of implementation, under PMJVK, have been identified on the basis of minority population and socio-economic and basic amenities data.

The aim of PMJVK is to support the States/UTs in creating infrastructure to improve the quality of life of people and reduce the imbalances in the identified minority concentration areas to be at par with the rest of the country.

Under PMJVK, 80% of the resources would be utilized for projects related to education, health and skill development of which at least 33-40% will be earmarked for creation of assets/facilities for women/girls.

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## Media



Addressing listeners of Super Morning Drive Show of Radio Progress in Wa High Commissioner emphasised on possibilities of cooperation between India & Upper West Region of Ghana



High Commissioner interacted with GTV, premier television channel of Ghana, highlighting various aspects of India At 75 Amrit Mahotsav & India-Ghana relations



High Commissioner in an interview with Kobby Asmah, Editor of Daily Graphic, largest daily of Ghana, highlighted huge synergies between the two countries to work together especially when India celebrates India@75.

During his visit to Upper West Region of Ghana High Commissioner interacted with media persons from the Region on areas to strengthen cooperation between India and the Region. HC also briefed them on developments in India.



Interacting with Ghana Broadcasting Corporation, the national broadcaster, in Wa High Commissioner shared ways to bring India & Upper West Region of Ghana together especially in areas of health, education & agriculture development



Interacting with listeners of A1 Radio in Bolgatanga High Commissioner underlined huge synergies for multifaceted cooperation between India & Ghana





**Q. Name the highest peak in India?**

- a. Mt. Everest
- b. Nanda Devi
- c. Kamet
- d. Kanchenjunga

Please mail your responses by 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

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

### Ramappa Temple and Dholavira – UNESCO Heritage

Two landmark decisions were taken during the 44th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Fuzhou, China, with the inscriptions of the Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana and Dholavira: A Harrapan City, Gujarat on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple received its inscription as a World Heritage Site on 25 July and Dholavira: A Harrapan City was inscribed on the World Heritage List today, XX July, bringing India's number of World Heritage sites to 40.



### Architecture

The Sun Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the solar deity Surya located at Modhera village of Mehsana district, Gujarat, India. It is situated on the bank of the river Pushpavati. It was built after 1026-27 CE during the reign of Bhimadev solnki I of the Chaulukya dynasty. The temple complex has three components: Gudhamandapa, the shrine hall; Sabhamandapa, the assembly hall and Kunda, the reservoir.

### Dance

The origin of Manipuri dance can be traced back to ancient times that go beyond recorded history. The dance in Manipur is associated with rituals and traditional festivals, there are legendary references to the dances of Shiva and Parvati and other gods and goddesses who created the universe. Manipur dance has a large repertoire, however, the most popular forms are the Ras, the Sankirtana and the Thang-Ta.



### Indian Cuisine



**Avial is a thick coconut based mixed vegetable curry which is prepared on special occasions. It is predominantly prepared in south India, especially in Kerala. It is an essential dish of Sadya (a festive vegetarian feast served on plantain leaf).**



### PREPARATION

- (i) Peel and cut vegetables lengthwise into 2" pieces long.
- (ii) Grind coconut, green chili and cumin seeds into a coarsely paste with little water.
- (iii) In a large pan, cook potatoes with salt, turmeric powder and water and add mixed vegetables.
- (iv) Keep adding the vegetables to the boiling water per their cooking time. Add vegetables that take longer to cook first and the ones that cook quickly last.
- (v) Make a small well in the middle of the half-cooked veggies and pour the coconut paste into it.
- (vi) Cover the pot and cook for 5 mins.
- (vii) Turn off the flame and add half cup of sour curd.
- (viii) In case you have added raw mango along with the vegetables, don't add curd.
- (ix) After the veggies are done, prepare tempering by heating oil.
- (x) Add mustard seeds, urad dal, dried red chilis, curry leaves and asafoetida.
- (xi) Allow them to splutter.
- (xii) Pour the tempering onto the Avial and mix well. Serve Avial hot or warm with steamed rice

### Ingredients for Avial

#### For Coconut Paste

- 1 cup coconut 1 tsp cumin
- 4 green chilies
- water as required

#### Vegetables

- ½ Potato
- ½ cup cucumber 5 long beans
- 10 Tindora
- 1 Raw Banana
- 1 Carrot
- ½ cup elephant foot yam/Suran
- 1 Drumstick
- Few curry leaves
- Water and salt to taste