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SEPTEMBER, 2022

During the month, High Commissioner visited Oti Region and interacted with regional authorities. High Commissioner also met with Ghanaian dignitaries for further cementing the strong bonds of friendship. The month also witnessed the organization of India-Ghana Dialogue; celebration of Hindi Diwas, establishment of India Corner in Dambai College of Education, opening of India-Africa ICT Expo 2022 and Indian festival celebration.

POLITICAL

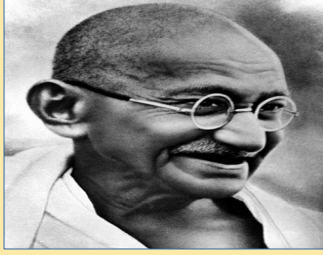
Volta Regional Minister of Ghana, Dr. Archibald Yao Letsa, led a delegation to discuss with High Commissioner cooperation with India, especially in skill development, and also possible twinning of the Region.



Hosting Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, Majority Leader & Parliamentary Affairs Minister of Ghana, at India House, High Commissioner congratulated him on his election as Vice Chair, CPA EC & thanked him to support India in elections.



Quote of the month



“A man is but a product of his thoughts. What he thinks he becomes.”

Mahatma Gandhi



Soil Health Card Scheme

Soil Health Card Scheme was launched in 2015 in Rajasthan, India by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The card informs farmers about nutrients status of the soils along with the recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to improve soil health and fertility. The card will be issued once in every 3 years to a farmer so that nutrients deficiency can be regularly detected and improved. The Government of India has updated the funding pattern for soil health card scheme implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. Accordingly, the fund sharing pattern would be 90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States and 60:40 for other states and 100% borne by central government in Union Territories.

POLITICAL

Director General of National Development Planning Commission of Ghana called on High Commissioner to discuss issues of cooperation with India.



Development Partnership

During his visit to Oti Region of Ghana High Commissioner called on Regional Minister Hon. Dr. Joshua Makubu & discussed bringing India closer to the Region with capacity building cooperation



High Commissioner interacted with traditional chiefs on issues of cultural exchange & community development partnership.

High Commissioner visited Nkwanta South Municipal Assembly in Oti Region and discussed possibilities of developmental assistance from India, especially in skilling & training of human resources.



G.O.I INITIATIVES



INS Vikrant

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi, commissioned the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier as INS Vikrant. Designed by Indian Navy's in-house Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, a Public Sector Shipyard under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Vikrant has been built with state of the art automation features and is the largest ship ever built in maritime history of India. The Indigenous Aircraft Carrier is named after her illustrious predecessor, India's first Aircraft Carrier which had played a vital role in the 1971 war. It has a large number of indigenous equipment and machinery, involving major industrial houses in the country as well as over 100 MSMEs. With the commissioning of INS Vikrant, India will have two operational Aircraft Carriers, which will bolster the maritime security of the nation.

Development Partnership

While Inaugurating Asogli Yam Festival in Ho, High Commissioner highlighted enormous opportunities to bring together people of India and Ghana



During his visit to Oti Region High Commissioner visited 'hanging village' Shiare in the mountains & Talawudu rocky beach on Volta Lake and interacted on bilateral cooperation in developing tourism infrastructure.

Visiting Krachi in Oti Region High Commissioner interacted with Municipal Chief, Traditional Chiefs & authorities of Midwifery/Nursing College on possible areas of cooperation especially in capacity building.



Visiting Dambai College of Education High Commissioner discussed with the authorities cooperation with India including in capacity building & establishing institutional linkages.

G.O.I INITIATIVES



PM SHRI

Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM SHRI) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the upgradation and development of around 14,500 schools across the country. Under the scheme (i) The schools will be selected from among the schools run by the Central Government/State Govt./UT/Local Bodies. (ii) The selected schools will be equipped with advanced infrastructure like smart classrooms, labs, libraries and sports facilities/equipment. (iii) Around 14,500 schools will be transformed into model schools which will showcase all the components of the National Education Policy, 2020. (iv) The selected schools will act as model schools and will offer mentorship to other schools in their vicinity. (v) The **aim of this scheme** is to provide qualitative teaching, learning and cognitive development. Also, to create holistic and all-rounder individuals equipped with 21st-century skills.

AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture

Interacting with artists of National Center for Culture in Oti Region High Commissioner stressed on need to strengthen India Ghana cultural exchanges



High Commissioner hosted 'India Round Table' with political, traditional, business, educational & socio-cultural authorities from the Oti Region.



High Commissioner interacted with media in Oti Region on AmritMahotsav celebration, transformational advancement in India and strengthening of bilateral relations with Ghana.



AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture

G.O.I INITIATIVES



Ayurveda (Indian Traditional Medicines)

Triphala : Triphala is a potential source of natural antioxidants that helps in preventing or slowing the progression of aging and age associated oxidated stress related degenerative diseases.

Rasayana treatment acts as the rejuvenation therapy or health & wellness promoting therapy. It is a preventive healthcare regimen to confer health and longevity. Rasayana primarily aims at providing essential nourishment to all the body tissues and enhancing their strength.



Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations organised by Maharashtra Mandal in Accra was attended by the community in large number to seek blessings of Lord Ganesh for happy & peaceful world.

High Commissioner opened Onam 2022 celebrations organised by Ghana Indian Malayali Association as part of Amrit Mahotsav in Accra



High Commission of India celebrated Hindi Diwas 2022 with address by High Commissioner, recitals of poems, quiz & essay competition and awards to the winners.

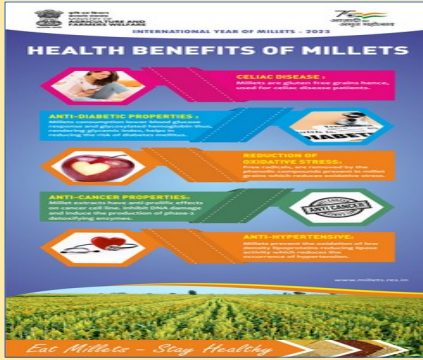


INDIA GHANA DIALOGUE



High Commission of India, Accra celebrated organized India Ghana Dialogue (IGD) on 'Sustaining Development: Building Social Infrastructure to Attain SDGs'.

G.O.I INITIATIVES



Millets are rich in several beneficial nutrients, such as phosphorus, magnesium, copper, and manganese. Millets are available in a variety of types. Incorporate them into your diet to gain health benefits.



PENCIL

PENCIL stands for Platform for Effective Enforcement for No Child Labour. PENCIL is an electronic platform developed by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for effective enforcement of no child labour policy. It was launched in 2017 to ensure effective enforcement of provisions of Child Labour Act and smooth implementation of National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme.

Components of PENCIL Portal: include Child Tracking System, Complaint Corner, State Government, National Child Labour Project and Convergence. **Portal connects:** Central Government to State Government(s), District(s), all Project Societies and the General public.

AMRIT MAHOTSAV / CULTURE

High Commissioner congratulated and awarded Gold Medal to Christian Nyanor Ohene from Ghana on winning the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Global Quiz.



High Commissioner established 'India Corner' at Dambai College of Education donating several books on various aspects of India.

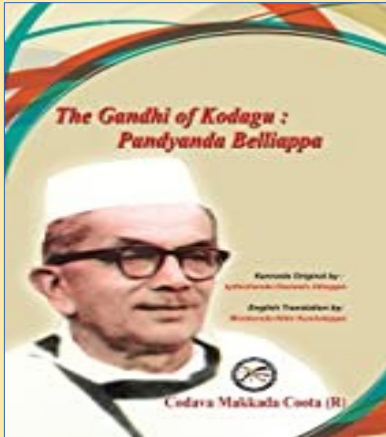
EDUCATION

Prof. Johnson Nyarko Boampong, Vice Chancellor of University of Cape Coast called on High Commissioner before visiting India to discuss cooperation with several Universities in Varanasi & Gujarat.



Vice Chancellor of University of Health & Allied Sciences in Ho, Prof. Lydia Aziato, called on High Commissioner to discuss cooperation with India especially in traditional & alternate medicine.

COMMERCE



UNSUNG FREEDOM FIGHTER OF INDIA

Pandyanda I Belliappa was a prominent freedom fighter from the Kodagu district of Karnataka. He was one of the earliest people from Kodagu to join the Congress in 1920 and one of the first to court arrest from Kodagu during the Freedom Movement. From 1924, Belliappa served on both the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of Kodagu. He played an instrumental role in Gandhian movements such as the Salt Satyagraha, Individual Satyagraha, and the Quit India Movement. The famous visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Kodagu in 1934 is a crucial episode in the story of Kodagu's freedom struggle. Gandhi's visit was largely possible due to the efforts of Belliappa, who accompanied Gandhi throughout his stay there. Belliappa's sacrifice and selfless service are hailed even today in India.

High Commissioner, along with Deputy Trade & Industry Minister of Ghana, opened India-Africa ICT Expo 2022 in Accra and urged businesses to strengthen bilateral economic ties especially in Telecom & IT.



Ghana Chamber of Pharmacy delegation led by its Chairman Harrison Kofi Abutiate called on the High Commissioner to discuss cooperation in Pharmaceutical Sector.



During his visit to Oti Region High Commissioner visited CH Foods plant processing Yam & Waste Recycling plant making compost and interacted on attracting businesses from India in agro processing & rural development.



G.O.I INITIATIVES



Prachand

Hon'ble Defence Minister of India, Mr. Rajnath Singh, formally inducted the first batch of indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) into the Indian Air Force. The twin-engine helicopter – which is officially named as Prachand – has been designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), is a 5.8 tonne class dedicated combat helicopter. LCH is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take off at an altitude of 5,000 m (16,400 ft.) with a considerable load of weapons and fuel. The helicopter uses radar-absorbing material to lower radar signature and has a significantly crash-proof structure and landing gear. The helicopter is equipped with a countermeasure dispensing system that protects it from enemy radars or infrared seekers of enemy missiles.

Commercial Updates of Ghana



The High Commission of India Accra partnered with the Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) to conduct India-Africa ICT Expo 2022 from the 14-15 September 2022 at Kempinski hotel.

Present at the event were the High Commissioner of India, Deputy Minister of Trade, Director General of TEPC, Vice President of Norden Communication, and Director of Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications. Other speakers at the event were from GIPC, and GEPA.

At the Expo various tech and other companies showcased their goods and services. Some present include MTN, IPMC, Power City Network, Prayaag Technologies, Inextrix Technologies, Peoplelink, Hudusoft, etc

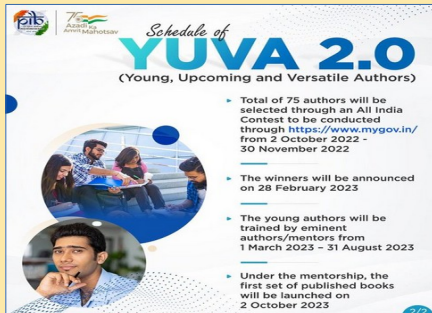
During his speech, Mr. Sugandh Rajaram, High Commissioner of India to Ghana thanked the TEPC for its reengagement of the event. He also emphasized on the opportunities for synergies and partnerships in the tech sector and to deepen efforts in these post pandemic times.

Local textile factories face collapse



The influx of pirated fabrics on the local market, high cost of production and weak enforcement of anti-piracy measures are threatening the survival of the country's remaining textile companies. The Akosombo Textiles Limited (ATL), Text Styles Ghana Ltd, formerly known as Ghana Textile Print (GTP), Volta Star Textile Limited and Printext are the main companies that survived the turbulence of a dwindling textile sub-sector but they are suffocating as a result of these triple challenges. Ghana once had a vibrant textile industry with 16 large companies that employed some 25,000 people and accounted for 27% of total manufacturing but the industry has deteriorated that by 2005, many of the textile companies folded up with the four major existing ones - GTMC, ATL, GTP and Printext - engaging a mere 2,961 workers.

G.O.I INITIATIVES



PM-YUVA 2.0

In view of the significant impact of the first edition of PM-YUVA Scheme with large scale participation of young and budding authors in 22 Indian languages and English, PM-YUVA 2.0 was launched on 2nd October 2022. The Theme of PM-YUVA 2.0 is Democracy (Institutions, Events, People and Constitutional Values). The scheme will help to develop a stream of writers who can write on various facets of Democracy in India encompassing the past, present and future. Besides, the scheme will also provide a window to the aspiring youth to articulate themselves and present a comprehensive outlook of Indian democratic values at domestic as well as international platforms. The National Book Trust, India (under BP Division, Ministry of Education, Government of India) as the implementing Agency will ensure phase-wise execution of the Scheme under well-defined stages of mentorship.

Under the scheme total of 75 authors will be selected through an All-India contest to be conducted through www.mygov.in from 2 October - 3 November 2022. The winners will be announced on 28 February 2023. The young authors will be trained by eminent authors/mentors from 1 March - 31 August 2023. Under the mentorship, the first set of published books will be launched on 2nd October 2023.

Commercial Updates



Kumasi to get electric light rail transportation system: The first electric light rail transportation (also known a Tram System) will be launched in Kumasi, capital of Ashanti Region. The project will be fully financed by the Czech Government at a total cost of €180 million. A consortium of seven companies from the Czech Republic, led by Knights A.S., will begin work next month for the tram system which would operate three main lines aimed at decongesting the city of Kumasi and pave way for easy flow of traffic

Decommissioning of Saltpond Oil Field



Ghana's first ever oilfield infrastructure decommissioning works has begun at the Saltpond Oil Field at Hini in the Central Region. The decommissioning vessel from Nigeria which arrived on 24 September started the decommissioning exercise for permanently shutting the wells because the oilfield, also called Mr Louie, outlived its economic life. Production was stopped in 2015 after the field exhausted its reserves to a low of 200 barrels a day and was unable to meet operational cost, thus becoming unprofitable.

Q. Natya-Shastra the main source of India's classical dances was written by ?

- A. Narad Muni
- B. Bharat Muni
- C. Abhinav Gupta
- D. None of the Above

Please mail your responses by 15th November, 2022

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



The Dalma Wildlife Sanctuary located on the ranges of Dalma Hills, is around 13 kms from Jamshedpur and covering area of 195 square kilometers. Wild animals including elephant, barking deer, sloth bear and Sahil can be easily sighted in their natural habitat. Both Tata Steel and the Forest Department run guesthouses at the top of the hill. There is also a temple of Shiva atop the hill, where devotees offer prayers during Shivaratri.

Architecture

Amba Vilas Palace, or Mysore Palace, is the most popular attraction of the city of Mysore (also called The City of Palaces) in Karnataka State. This regal palace marks architectural brilliance and this becomes apparent right after the first glimpse. The palace is official residence of Mysore's royal family, Wodeyars; who ruled over Mysore between 1350 and 1950. Most parts of the structure are under the control of Karnataka State Government. After Taj Mahal of Agra, Amba Vilas Palace is the most visited tourist spot of India. The palace was built in 1912 to replace the original palace that made of wood in 1897. The original palace caught fire during royal wedding of princes. Today, it is counted as one among the largest and grandest forts of India.



Indian Musical Instrument



Sitar is one of the most common and widely used Indian musical instruments. It is prevalent mostly in North India. The instrument is gourd-shaped at the bottom which acts as the resonator supported by a long neck. The neck consists of 7 cords, 20 metal frets, and 13 strings below the frets. The frets are leveraged to adjust the musical notes whereas the sympathetic strings are used to tune the notes.

Indian Cuisine



TIL BURFI

State of Jharkhand in India takes great pride in Til Barfi as one of its most scrumptious and nutritive delicacies.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 Cup Sesame Seeds
- 1 Cup Jaggery
- 3/4 Cup Khoya/Mawa
- 2 tsp Ghee /Clarified butter
- 2-3 tsp Water
- Chopped nuts for garnishing

Method

Start with roasting the sesame seeds. Place the pan on a flame to heat and then add sesame seeds to it. Keep stirring until the seeds are slightly roasted and there is change in color. It takes 2 to 3 minutes to roast the sesame seeds. If the sesame seeds are over roasted, they can turn bitter in taste. When the seeds turn puffy, transfer them to a plate. After sauteing the sesame seeds, add 1 tsp Ghee in the pan and let it melt. Once the ghee melts, add the Khoya/Mawa and sauté till it appears to be of a uniform consistency and looks slightly fried. Transfer roasted Khoya in another plate. Melt remaining desi ghee in same pan. Then melt jaggery, add 2-3 tsp water. Boil jaggery till it forms a syrup. Cook till the syrup starts to bubble. At this stage add in Khoya, mix it well. Then, add roasted sesame seeds and combine everything well till it becomes solid mass. To set the burfi, grease a plate or a tray with some ghee. Now transfer the burfi mixture to set. Sprinkle finely chopped nuts over the burfi to garnish. Allow to set for 30 minutes or until firm. Cut into desired shape and store in airtight container. Tempting and super delicious Til burfi is ready.