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*aba Ghana*

**December 2022 & January 2023**

The period witnessed the high level interactions of Hon'ble President of Ghana with Prime Minister of India during Voice of Global South Summit, hosting of Hon'ble Vice President of Ghana at India House by High Commissioner and his call on Deputy Foreign Minister. The fifth edition of India Ghana Dialogue on 'Countering Terrorism: Challenges & Way Ahead' was held. During the months High Commission organized 'Festival of India' (Diwali Mela) and also celebrated 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Vishwa Hindi Divas, Makar Sakranti & Pongal.

On commercial front, High Commissioner inaugurated India-Ghana Pharma Business Summit and also addressed virtual session on 'Business Opportunities in Ghana for Indian Businesses'.

## **POLITICAL**

Addressing Voice Of Global South Summit hosted by India, Ghana's President Nana Akufo Addo highlighted challenges of Global South inc. climate change, health & food crisis, insecurity; stressed for UNSC reforms & working together.



High Commissioner & his spouse Amb. Pratibha Parkar hosted Vice President of Ghana, HE Dr Mahamudu Bawumia, & Second Lady Samira Bawumia at India House.



## Quote of the month



**“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. Let us begin.”**

**Mother Teresa**



### Bhar OS

Bhar OS is an indigenous mobile operating system (OS), like Android or iOS. These systems help smartphone users interact with their device and access its features, while ensuring safety.

BharOS, in particular, is meant to be a contribution towards the idea of a self-reliant India or ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ by creating a secure OS environment for India-based users.

It would offer Native Over the Air (NOTA) updates, meaning that security updates and bug fixes will be automatically installed. Users do not have to check for updates and implement them on their own. It comes with the No Default Apps (NDA) setting, meaning that users do not have to keep or use pre-installed apps in this mobile operating system.

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## Political



During called on Hon. Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong, Deputy Foreign Minister of Ghana, several issues of bilateral & multilateral importance were discussed.

The 5th edition of India-Ghana Dialog (IGD) was held at the High Commission on ‘Countering Terrorism: Challenges & Way Ahead’. Amb. Rasheed Seidu Inusah, CEO, Centre for Intelligence & Security Analysis (CISA) delivered the lecture and highlighted dynamics of challenges of terrorism in Sahel threatening Ghana.



High Commissioner along with President of Ghana inspected parts of Tema-Mpakadan Railway built with assistance from India. During the inspection, High Commissioner also highlighted successful high quality project execution by Indian companies in Africa



## AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture

श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय  
Ministry of Labour & Employment  
भारत सरकार (Government of India)

# e-Shram

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NATIONAL DATABASE OF UNORGANISED WORKERS

### E-SHRAM PORTAL

Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed eShram portal for creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers (NDUW), which will be seeded with Aadhaar. It will have details of name, occupation, address, occupation type, educational qualification, skill types etc. for optimum realization of their employability and extend the benefits of the social security schemes to them. It is the first-ever national database of unorganised workers including migrant workers, construction workers, gig and platform workers, etc.

### National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation (NSKFDC)

This Scheme is being run by the Ministry of Labour & Employment. This scheme is applicable to only People involved as Safai karmacharis and manual scavengers. It provides financial assistance to the Safai Karamcharis, Manual Scavengers and their dependants through SCAs/ RRBs / Nationalized Banks for any viable income generating schemes including sanitation related activities and for education in India and Abroad.

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High Commission of India celebrated Pravasi Bharatiya Divas and Vishwa Hindi Diwas with enthusiastic participation of Indian diaspora including community leaders & students.

Addressing Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 High Commissioner urged members of Indian diaspora in Ghana to contribute to developmental efforts back in India especially during Amrit Kaal



High Commission of India celebrated 'Festival of India' at India House. The rich & multifaceted regional cultures of India were showcased by Community artists through beautiful performances. Identities of States in India were also showcased through various stalls.



## Stand Up India Scheme

Government of India launched the Stand Up India scheme on 5th April, 2016. The Scheme facilitates bank loans between Rs.10 lakh and Rs.1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe borrower and at least one Woman borrower per bank branch for setting up greenfield enterprises. This enterprise may be in manufacturing, services or the trading sector. The scheme which is being implemented through all Scheduled Commercial Banks is to benefit at least 2.5 lakh borrowers. The scheme is operational and the loan is being extended through Scheduled Commercial Banks across the country.

Stand Up India scheme caters to promoting entrepreneurship amongst women, SC & ST category i.e those sections of the population facing significant hurdles due to lack of advice/mentorship as well as inadequate and delayed credit. The scheme intends to leverage the institutional credit structure to reach out to these underserved sectors of the population in starting greenfield enterprises. It caters to both ready and trainee borrowers.

To extend collateral free coverage, Government of India has set up the Credit Guarantee Fund for Stand Up India (CGFSI).

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## AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture



High Commission observed 'Swachhata Pakhwada' (cleanliness campaign fortnight) during 1-15 January to keep premises neat, clean & tidy in the true spirit of SwachhBharat

Makar Sankranti was celebrated in Accra with Kite Flying at India House.



Ghana Tamil Association celebrated Pongal at Accra. High Commissioner addressed the gathering and lauded Ghana Tamil Association for its efforts towards promoting Indian culture & heritage during Amrit Mahotsav.

## Development Partnership

Addressing students at Graduation Ceremony of IPMC Ghana College of Technology High Commissioner urged them to be innovators and job creators to play leading role in shaping future of the world.



Ghana Human Security Research Centre authorities called on High Commissioner to discuss cooperation with India.

## Republic Day Celebration

High Commission of India, Accra celebrated 74th Republic Day of India at India House with hoisting of Tiranga, reading of President's Address to the Nation, cultural performances & awarding the achievers



## NATIONAL CYBERCRIME REPORTING PORTAL

National Cybercrime Reporting Portal is an initiative of Government of India to facilitate victims/complainants to report cyber crime complaints online. This portal caters to complaints pertaining to cyber crimes only with special focus on cyber crimes against women and children.



## Digi Yatra App

The Digi Yatra service is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for biometric boarding system using the facial recognition technology (FRT). It is a voluntary facility for air travellers to provide seamless and hassle-free experience at the Indian airports. Its main objective is to enhance passenger experience by eliminating the need for verification of ticket and ID at multiple touch points and to achieve better throughput through existing infrastructure using a digital frame.



Diverse culture of India was beautifully exhibited at Republic Day celebration at India House in Accra by talented artists of the community as well as locals in Ghana.

Celebrating Republic Day at India House in Accra High Commissioner awarded senior community member for contribution to community welfare and winners of special slogan writing competition.



## Media



High Commissioner hosted 'Annual Media Get Together' and interacted with Ghana media on India@75 Amrit Mahotsav, India in UNSC, India's G20 Presidency & bilateral ties.

## **ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK PROGRAMME**

The Prime Minister of India launched the Aspirational Block Programme at the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Delhi. The Aspirational Blocks Programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme that was launched in 2018 and covers 112 districts across the country. This new programme is aimed at improving performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters. This will enable holistic development in those areas that require added assistance. The programme will cover 500 districts across 31 states and Union Territories initially. Over half of these blocks are in 6 states—Uttar Pradesh (68 blocks), Bihar (61), Madhya Pradesh (42), Jharkhand (34), Odisha (29) and West Bengal (29).

## **Pariksha Pe Charcha**

Pariksha Pe Charcha is an annual event held every year since 2018.

During the event the Prime Minister of India interacts with students, teachers and parents from across the country, and shares valuable tips on how to take board and entrance exams in a relaxed and stress free manner.

The first edition of Pariksha pe Charcha was held on 16 February 2018; the second edition was held on 29 January 2019, in New Delhi; the third was held in 2020 and the fourth one was held on 7 April 2021 through an online meeting and the latest edition was held on 27 January 2023.

## **Republic Day Celebration**

During Republic Day celebration in Accra High Commissioner highlighted ethos of Indian Republic driving India's vision of One World One Family One Future for equitable & sustainable global prosperity achievers.



On 74th Republic Day of India High Commissioner hosted Reception at India House for representatives of government, traditional chiefs, businesses, socio-cultural institutions, media, diplomatic corps & diaspora in Ghana



Reception at India House in Accra to mark 74th Republic Day of India showcased kaleidoscope of rich & diverse Indian culture by Indian & Ghanaian artists



Martyrs Day was celebrated in Accra with floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi & High Commissioner highlighting need to commit ourselves to Mahatma's life message for universal peace.

# MISHTI PROJECT TO PLANT MANGROVES TREES



## MISHTI Scheme for Mangrove Plantation

Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes' (MISHTI) will be taken up for mangrove plantation along the coastline and on salt pan lands.

### About

→ The Mangroves cover 0.15% of the total Indian Geographical area.

→ This is around 4,975 square kilometers.

→ The main aim of the scheme is to take up mangrove plantations along the coastline and to preserve Mangrove forests.

→ MISHTI is to be implemented by converging Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority Fund, MGNREGS, and other sources.

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## Development Partnership

Chairperson of Electoral Commission of Ghana Jean Mensa called on High Commissioner to thank for training scholarships by India & to discuss further cooperation in election management & related activities.



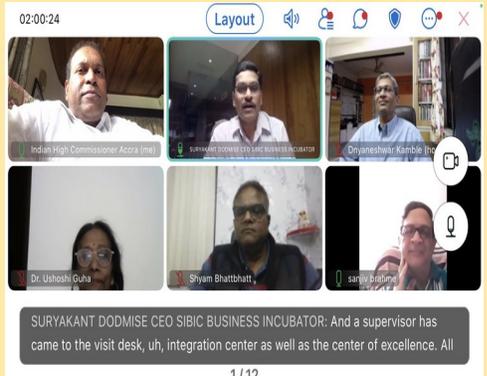
Director, Forestry Commission Training Centre called on High Commissioner to discuss ongoing bamboo based social development project in Ghana with assistance from India and Germany.

## Commerce

High Commissioner along with Hon. Michael Baafi, Deputy Trade & Industry Minister inaugurated India-Ghana Pharma Business Summit organised jointly by HCI Accra & Ghana National Chamber of Pharmaceutical in Accra.



Addressing virtual session on 'Business Opportunities in Ghana for Indian Businesses' High Commissioner highlighted synergies for SMEs from both the countries to join hands to strengthen bilateral economic ties.



## Architecture

Q. Who was the author of the book "The Problem of the Rupee: Its Origin and Its Solution"?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi
- B. M.N Roy
- C. B.R. Ambedkar
- D. Sarojini Naidu

Please mail your responses by 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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



## Gir National Park

Gir National Park is located at Junagadh, Gujarat in India. It is the only place in the world outside Africa where a lion can be seen in its natural habitat. The lions of Gir are a majestic animal, averaging 2.75 metres in length, and with a bigger tail tassel, bushier elbow tufts and prominent belly folds than his African cousin which has larger mane. Gir is a home to 40 species of mammals and 425 species of birds.

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Charminar situated at Hyderabad, Telangana, was built by Sultan Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah in 1591. An Iranian architect Mir Momin Astrawadi, who had settled in Hyderabad, designed Charminar. It presents an imposing structure which has clearly withstood the test of time. It is a square shaped monument with four pillars, one on each side. The architectural design of Charminar is inspired from the Shia "tazias". These Tazias were built in the memory of Hussain. The square shape of the monument measures 20 meters on each side. Each side of the monument is 11 meter wide and overlooks the four prominent thoroughfares. Charminar has been built with granite and lime mortar.



## Indian Musical Instrument



The tabla is actually two drums played by the same performer. Both drums have compound skins onto which a tuning paste, or siyahi, is added to help generate the wide variety of tones these drums can produce. The bayan is the larger of the two drums and is generally made of metal or pottery. The siyahi on the bayan is off-center, which allows the performer to add variable pressure on the skin, changing the pitch of the instrument with the palm of his or her hand while striking it with the fingertips.



## SORGHUM DILKUSH

The year 2023 has been declared by the United Nations as the International Year of the Millet, following a proposal by India. In this series, we are presenting a delicious dish which can be made by different varieties of millets.

### Method

1. Firstly do the yeast activation by adding small amount of milk, dry yeast & sugar, mix well and rest it for 10 minutes.
2. Add sorghum flour & remaining milk to the activated yeast, knead into a smooth dough and proof it for 15 minutes at room temperature to make the soft dough.
3. Now, prepare the stuff by mixing all the ingredients given for dilkush material.
4. Take the dough and make it into a round size ball.
5. Make a circular & thick sheet, place the prepared stuff on the dough sheet, and roll it properly. Coast the sorghum dilkush with a mixture of sugar and milk.
6. Meanwhile, preheat the oven at 180°C for 15 minutes.
7. Bake the sorghum dilkush at 180°C for 30 minutes.
8. Cool and serve as a sweet based healthy snack.

### INGREDIENTS

Sorghum flour – 40 g  
Maida – 60 g  
Dry Yeast – 5 g  
Sugar – 5 g  
Butter – 30 g  
Milk -100 ml

### For Stuff

Tutti frutti (red) – 50 g  
Tutti frutti (green) – 50 g  
Cherries (chopped)-20 g  
Coconut powder – 30 g  
Sugar – 60 g  
Raisins – 10 in number  
Cashews – 10 in number  
Cardamom pods – 10 in number (make into a powder)  
Melted butter – 15 gm

