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FEBRUARY- MARCH, 2023

February and March 2023 witnessed wide-ranging political, cultural, and development activities led by HCI, Accra. High Commissioner held meetings with various Ghanaian dignitaries during this period, including Ghana's Deputy Defense Minister. The India-Ghana Partnership Day was celebrated at India House with the participation of Friends of India. 'Connecting Dots - Reaching out to the People' - a publication documenting the High Commissioner's visits to the 16 regions of Ghana was also released at the India-Ghana Partnership Day. HCI launched the celebrations of the International Year of Millets by hosting a food festival at India House. High Commissioner also participated in the Holi celebrations organised by the Indian Women's Association of Ghana.

POLITICAL

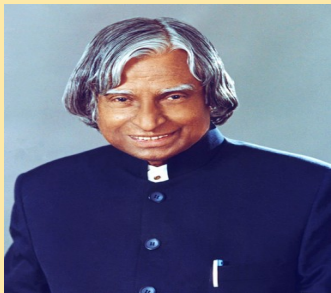


Deputy Defence Minister of Ghana Hon. Kofi Amankwa-Manu called on High Commissioner to discuss bilateral defence ties prior to his visit to India for Aero India show.

On behalf of the people & the Government of India, the High Commissioner conveyed New Year greetings to the people, the Government and the Honourable President of Ghana.



Quote of the month



Never stop fighting until you arrive at your destined place — that is, the unique you. Have an aim in life, continuously acquire knowledge, work hard, and have the perseverance to realize the great life”

Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam



NISAR Earth Science Satellite

NASA and ISRO have jointly manufactured an earth science satellite named, NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar). The mission objectives of the satellite are: Design, Develop and launch Dual Frequency (L and S band) Radar Imaging Satellite and to Explore newer applications areas using L & S Band microwave data especially in surface deformation studies, terrestrial biomass structure, natural resource mapping and monitoring and studies related to dynamics of ice-sheets, glaciers, forests, oil slick etc.

AMRIT MAHOTSAV/Culture



International Year Of Millets (IYM) 2023 was launched in Ghana by High Commission of India, Accra at India House with millets exhibition, MilletsInMyFood competition & IYM2023 food festival.

High Commissioner & other dignitaries awarded the winners of “Millets In My Food” competition at IYM2023 event at India House in Accra.



Interacting with media at this event, High Commissioner urged for increased use of Millets in cultivation & consumption to protect health & environment and for global economic growth.

At the launch of International Year Of Millets 2023 at India House in Accra stalls by CSIR, AGI, Peasant Farmers Association, School Feeding Program etc. exhibited grains, processed foods & recipes of millets.



G.O.I INITIATIVES



Government to promote AYUSH treatment through health tourism

Heal in India is an Initiative of the Government to promote the Medical Tourism in the country. Under this Initiative, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India & Ministry of Ayush has been working with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) for developing a One Stop Heal in India portal for Promotion of Medical Value Travel.

Ministry of Ayush developed a Central Sector Scheme, namely Champion Service Sector Scheme for Medical Value Travel. Under this Scheme, financial assistance in the form of Interest Subsidy is provided to private investors for the establishment of Super Specialty Hospitals/ Day Care Centers of the systems.

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Celebrating International Year Of Millets 2023 in Accra at FAO Africa thanked India for taking initiative for IYM2023 for benefiting health, protecting environment & supporting subsistence farmers.

Launching Mission LiFE 'Lifestyle For Environment' at India House in Accra, High Commissioner stressed on urgent need for changing the way we live making it in tune with the environment.



WORLD PULSES DAY

At an event in Accra celebrating World Pulses Day organised by India Africa Trade Council, High Commissioner emphasised the need for Lifestyle For Environment with initiatives including celebrating International Year Of Millets



High Commissioner commends Indian Women Association of Ghana for getting Indians & Ghanaians together for celebrating Holi, unleashing new energies and strengthening the friendship after the long hiatus of pandemic.

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National Mission on Natural Farming



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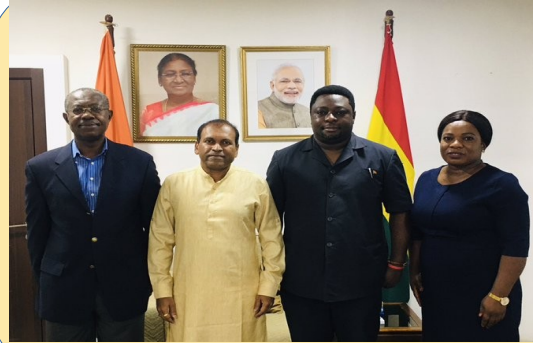
To motivate farmers to adopt chemical free farming and enhance the reach of natural farming, the Government has formulated National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a separate and independent scheme from 2023-24 by up-scaling the Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddati (BPKP). The success of NMNF will require behavioral change in farmers to shift from chemical-based inputs to cow-based locally produced inputs.

MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes) scheme

The Union Budget 2023-24 announced MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes) scheme which aims at mangrove plantation along the coastline and on salt pan lands. Mangrove plantations will be taken up through the convergence of job guarantee scheme MGNREGS, Compensatory Afforestation Fund, and other funding sources.

Development Partnership

High Commissioner with Hon. Samuel Abu Jinapor, Minister for Lands & Natural Resources discussed strengthening cooperation with India, especially investments into natural resource sector of Ghana.



Ghana Integrated Iron & Steel Development Corporation (GIISDC) CEO calls on High Commissioner to discuss cooperation with India in Iron & Steel sector including mining & processing.

2nd Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Ghana called on High Commissioner to discuss bilateral cooperation prior to visit of Parliamentary delegation led by him to India for study program.



India-Ghana Partnership Day

The event was held at India House in Accra with Friends of India including ministers, traditional chiefs, business people, civil society leaders, media, artists, alumni of Indian scholarships and Indian community.

India-Ghana Partnership Day was celebrated at India House in Accra with addresses by High Commissioner & other dignitaries, cultural performances by Indian & Ghanaian artists and sharing of experiences by alumni of Indian scholarships.



G.O.I INITIATIVES

Development Partnership



Workshop on 'Dry and Wet Waste Management Technologies for Incubation'

A Start-up Entrepreneurship Workshop was organized by Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)-BARC on Friday 10th March 2023. AIC-BARC is established under the ambit of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog to create a start-up eco-system based on spin-off technologies of Department of Atomic Energy (DAE).

In the workshop, two technologies namely SHESHA (for wet waste management) and Rapid Bio-composting (for dry waste management) were introduced by BARC scientific experts in the field and their business models were also presented.

High Commissioner appreciated the participation of delegation of Ghanaian artists at Surajkund International Crafts Mela, India's world-renowned art & craft fair.



A delegation of Ghana Federation of Traditional Medicine Practitioners Associations called on High Commissioner to discuss strengthening cooperation with India in traditional & alternative medicine.

Paramount Chief of Aflao Traditional Area Torgbui Adzongaga Amenya Fiti V along with other elders of the community called on High Commissioner to discuss cooperation and thanked India for strong business presence in the area.



'Connecting Dots- Reaching Out to the People', a publication on High Commissioner's visits to all the 16 Regions of Ghana was released by ministers & other dignitaries at India-Ghana Partnership Day at India House in Accra

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UIDAI, SETS join hands to conduct R&D in deep-tech

The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** and the **Society for Electronic Transactions and Security (SETS)** collaborated to do joint **R&D leading for the development of tools and products in deep tech domains**. It aims to improve self-reliance on information and cyber security and to reduce dependence on tools developed outside the country. Both organizations will also conduct joint research on **emerging tech areas** like Cyber Security, IoT Security, etc.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

President of Institute of Security, Disaster & Emergency Studies (ISDES), Ghana called on High Commissioner seeking cooperation with India in capacity building dealing with cybercrime, disasters etc.



Addressing India Round Table hosted by Institute of Economic Affairs, Ghana's premier public policy think tank, High Commissioner highlighted several areas for institutional cooperation.

Representing Ghana at India Energy Week, Dy Energy Minister Hon. William Owuraku Aidoo highlighted strong partnership in energy sector between the two countries.



EDUCATION

Inaugurating the Study In India Education Fair in Accra, High Commissioner highlighted opportunities for students in Ghana to pursue best quality higher education at low cost in India.



G.O.I INITIATIVES



Mahila Samman Savings Certificate

In the recent budget, the govt announced the new small savings scheme “Mahila Samman Savings Certificate” for women, intended to provide female empowerment through financial independence. It is a one-time small savings scheme that will be made available for a period of two years, from April 2023 to March 2025.



Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)

VVP, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, will provide funds for development of essential infrastructure and creation of livelihood opportunities along the northern land border. VVP (approved for 2022-23 to 2025-26) will cover Himachal Pradesh (HP), Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Ladakh. Scheme will help in improving quality of life of people and reversing out migration adding to improved security of border.

COMMERCE

Opening Agritech West Africa 2023 in Accra along with Dy Trade & Industry Minister Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi, High Commissioner highlighted opportunities for businesses from India in agriculture & rural development in Ghana.



Addressing India-Ghana Pharma Business Meet in Accra, High Commissioner highlighted partnership opportunities for businesses from India in healthcare sector in Ghana.



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

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

Please mail your responses by 31st October , 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

The Jal Mahal palace is an architectural showcase of the Rajput style of architecture (common in Rajasthan) on a grand scale. Located in the middle of the Man Sagar Lake, a man-made reservoir created in 1596, the Jal Mahal (or "Water Palace") only appears to be one story high, although there are four more levels to the building hidden beneath the water. The palace was originally constructed in 1699; the building and the lake around it were later renovated and enlarged in the 18th century by Maharaja Jai Singh II of Amber.



Indian Dance



Odissi dance was initially performed in the temples of Odisha by the 'maharis'. The divine love story of Radha and Krishna and themes from Vaishnava traditions accentuated the theatric performance. The hand and feet gestures are soft and elegant and depict the sculptural marvel of Odisha through the dance.

Indian Cuisine



Gajar ka Halwa

Gajar ka halwa is a popular Indian dessert made from grated carrots cooked in milk and sugar, laced with cardamom and garnished with roasted nuts. You would love how the warm halwa melts in your mouth and blasts different flavours to satisfy your taste buds.

INGREDIENTS

Ingredients
 1½ tbsp Ghee
 1 litre Milk
 2 kg Winter Carrots, grated
 ¼ tsp Saffron Strands
 1 cup Sugar
 Toasted Nuts
 9-10 nos. Almonds, chopped
 9-10 nos. Cashew nuts
 6-7 nos. Pistachios, blanched & silver,
 Silver vrak



Preparation

Grease the bottom of the pressure cooker with some Ghee and pour milk into it. Heat the milk thoroughly.
 Once the milk is heated, add grated carrots into it and mix well.
 Close the lid and cook it till 1 cooker whistle. Transfer it in a pan and reduce the mixture for 15 minutes.
 Add Saffron Strands and Sugar once the mixture is completely reduced and cook it well.
 Add toasted almonds and cashews into the mixture and mix well.
 Garnish with sliced pistachios and silver foil. Serve hot.

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