

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IN NAMIBIA

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INDIA PARTICIPATES IN THE FIRST G20 MEETING SINCE JOINING THE TROIKA

India's G20 Sherpa and Honorable Minister of Commerce & Industry, Textiles, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Mr. Piyush Goyal, participated in the first Sherpa Meeting convened by Indonesia, the current G20 President, on 7-8 December 2021 in virtual mode. In addition, concerned Indian officials attended the meeting in Jakarta in person. It was India's first G20 meeting since joining the G20 Troika on 1st December 2021, which consists of Indonesia, Italy, and India - the current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies, respectively.



In his interventions in various sector specific sessions (Health, Development, Education, Employment, Digital Economy, Trade, Investment, Industry, Agriculture, Environment and Climate, Energy and Anti-Corruption), Mr. Piyush Goyal outlined India's achievements and experiences, and expressed support for an inclusive approach, with pragmatic and human-centric solutions to global issues.

He conveyed that as the 'Pharmacy of the World', India will produce 5 billion vaccine doses next year to strengthen international efforts to fight the pandemic and assist the developing world.

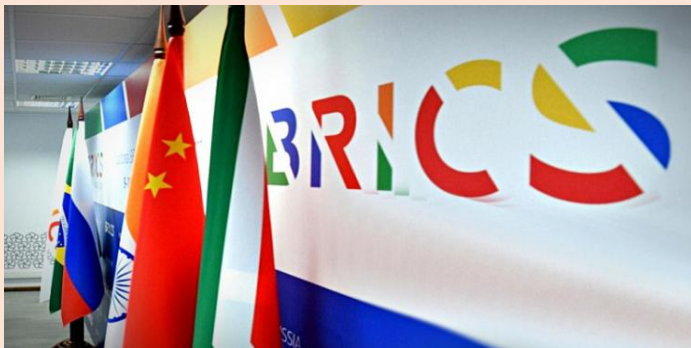


He stressed the need for equality of global health standards, including for travel, vaccine acceptance and documentation, as well as wider recognition of national pharmacopoeia. He emphasized the need to protect and promote interests of MSMEs, small and marginal farmers, local food culture and traditional knowledge, as well as promote the use of digital technologies and data for development. On climate change, he reiterated India's commitment to specific targets announced by Honorable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi at COP 26 recently, while also calling for an increased focus on consumption patterns, technology transfer and circular economy. He reaffirmed India's full support to Indonesia during their G20 Presidency.

As a Troika-member, India will work closely with Indonesia and Italy to ensure consistency and continuity of the G20's agenda. India will assume the G20 Presidency on 1 December 2022 from Indonesia, and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in India in 2023.

FOURTH MEETING OF BRICS SHERPAS AND SOUS SHERPAS

BRICS Sherpas and Sous Sherpas held their fourth and concluding meeting under India's Chairship during the year 2021, on 15 December 2021. The meeting was chaired by Secretary (CPV&OIA) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Mr. Sanjay Bhattacharyya as India's BRICS Sherpa. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the activities held in the year. For its Chairship, India had chosen the theme 'BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus' with the following priorities – (i) Reform of the Multilateral System; (ii) Counter Terrorism cooperation; (iii) Using Digital and Technological Solutions for attaining SDGs; and (iv) Enhancing People to People exchanges.



During the year, nearly 150 BRICS meetings and events were organized, of which about 20 were held at Ministerial level. Intra-BRICS cooperation was extended to new areas, such as the inaugural BRICS Digital Health Summit and the 1st Meeting of BRICS Water Ministers.

Other achievements of India's Chairship included - BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan, operationalization of the Agricultural Research Platform, signing of Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Remote-sensing Satellites Constellation, finalization of BRICS Agreement on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, and finalization of Agreement on Cooperation in the Field of Regulation of Medical Products for Human Use.

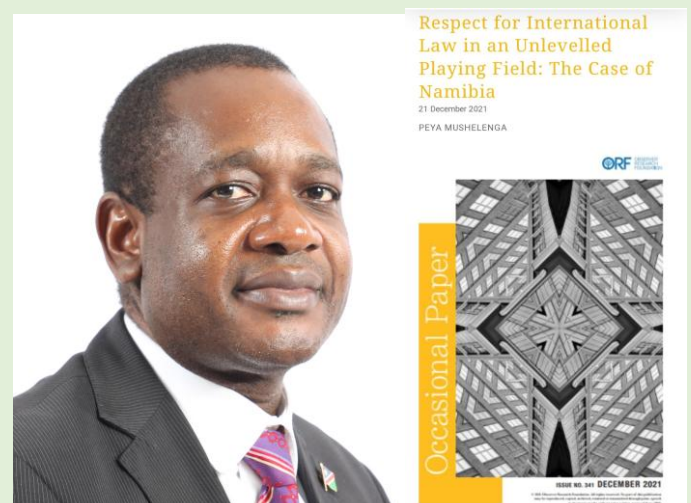
During the BRICS Sherpas and Sous Sherpas meeting, the BRICS Gavel and Handover Report were passed over to China. China also presented its priorities for its BRICS Chairship which will commence from 1 January 2022. BRICS partners commended India's BRICS Chairship in 2021.

They appreciated the activities undertaken, despite the constraint of COVID-19 restrictions, which have led to further strengthening of intra-BRICS cooperation while reinforcing the principles of continuity, consolidation, and consensus. They acknowledged that BRICS Strategic Partnership was strengthened during the year for the mutual benefit of our countries and our people.

BRICS partners agreed to extend full support to China for its forthcoming BRICS Chairship in 2022. India thanked its BRICS partners for their constructive engagement during its Chairship year, during which BRICS has emerged stronger and more vibrant.

NAMIBIA'S ICT MINISTER PAPER PUBLISHED IN NEW DELHI-BASED THINK TANK OBSERVER RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Hon. Dr Peya Mushelenga, Namibia's Minister of Information and Communication Technology has written a paper on "Respect for International Law in an Uneven Playing Field: The Case of Namibia", which has been published in New Delhi-based think tank Observer Research Foundation 's Issue No. 341 December 2021.



The same can be accessed for reading at: https://www.orfonline.org/research/respect-for-international-law-in-an-uneven-playing-field-the-case-of-namibia/?fbclid=IwAR1cxnM2hiAaBjiP7-2QIYadtGXmZ_RMjYPVXyUfp3m5E4JwKKANgrAydN4

INDIAN EXPLORER CALLED ON HIGH COMMISSIONER

Deepak Kamath, a passionate biker from Bengaluru, India who has driven across all continents (including Antarctica) and aims to cover 75 countries this year, is currently on an adventure motorcycle trip from South Africa to Norway. He reached Namibia on December 29, 2021, riding his Bajaj Dominar 400.



He called on the High Commissioner on December 30, 2021, who welcomed him to the Chancery and conveyed his best wishes for the long and exciting journey through Africa and Europe.

HIGH COMMISSION WELCOMED MS TEEN NAMIBIA 2021

The Mission was delighted to welcome Ms Teen Namibia 2021 Alexis Swart to the High Commission on December 23, 2021. Alexis is to represent Namibia at Miss Teen International contest being held in New Delhi in February 2022.

High Commissioner also presented to her books on diverse aspects of Indian culture.



HEALTHCARE SECTOR TRAINING COURSES BY MINISTRY OF AYUSH, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, has developed a robust system of standardized training, assessments and certifications in the country for development of various categories of skilled healthcare professionals as per the needs of the healthcare sector.

The following qualifications in Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy systems of healthcare have been developed by HSSC Sub Council on Ayush and Ministry of Ayush has recognized these qualifications for training in the Ayush sector.

S. No.	QP/Job Role Name	NSQF Level	Training Hours (Class + Lab)	On Job Training Hours
1	Ayurveda Ahar and Poshan Sahyaka	4	500	100
2	Ayurveda Dietician	5	540	NA
3	Cupping Therapy Assistant	4	520	240
4	Kshara Karma Technician	4	1000	200
5	Panchakarma Technician	4	1000	500
6	Yoga Therapy Assistant	4	560	340
7	Assistant Yoga Instructor	3	203	NA
8	Yoga Wellness Trainer	5	405	NA

Details may be seen under Healthcare sector at <http://www.nqr.gov.in>

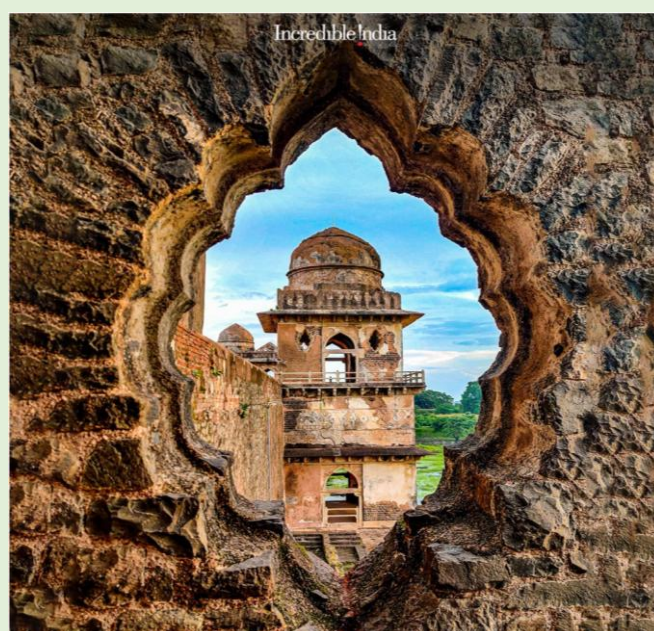
For more details, please visit <http://www.nqr.gov.in> and go to healthcare sector.

HIGH COMMISSIONER CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS WITH CHILDREN AT HOPE VILLAGE

On December 24, 2021, as in the past, High Commissioner and family celebrated Christmas with children at Hope Village, Katutura and wished them a Merry Christmas.



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Built in 15th Century, Jahaz Mahal in Mandu, Madhya Pradesh is named so as if appears to be a ship floating in water. Do see this when you visit India next.

ONGOING/ UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS

Trade Opportunities between India & Southern African Customs Union (SACU) countries - Online Exhibition:

Commence from 7th January 2022 for 3 months

The World Trade Center (WTC) Mumbai, along with the support of Consulate General of India, Johannesburg, Mangaung Chamber of Commerce and Industry in South Africa and Eswatini Investment Promotion Authority is organizing an Online Exhibition on 'Trade Opportunities between India & Southern African Customs Union (SACU) countries' which will commence from 7th January 2022 for 3 months. This exhibition presents excellent opportunities for companies of each regions to extend co-operations to benefit MSME's. There will be more than 100 companies participating in this exhibition across different sectors. The Exhibitor will be able to showcase, market and sale products in addition to participate in matchmaking B2B meetings, training programmes and workshops. WTC has developed an 'Online Trade and Exhibition' platform – www.wetrade.org to promote micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), Start-Ups and Women Entrepreneurs. This online platform has served as one of the best online platforms to support MSMEs that are facing enormous difficulties due to ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Namibian companies are invited to showcase their products and services on this platform which will help them to connect with companies from India & SACU Members (South Africa, Eswatini, Botswana, Lesotho & Namibia) and explore the fast-growing local market. There would be no charges for participation. The key focused sectors include: 1) Agro and Food Processing, 2) Clothing, Textiles & Footwear, 3) Arts & Handicraft, 4) Engineering: Industrial Machinery & Construction, 5) Jewellery & Accessories, 6) Metals and Mining, 7) Safety & Security and, 8) Travel & Tourism. For further information about the event, Anil Velde, DGM (Trade Promotion and Marketing), WTC Mumbai can be contact at email: anil@wtcmumbai.org or visit the website: www.wtcmumbai.org

VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS in SERVICES SECTOR on 11th January 2022

As part of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit, the Services Export Promotion Council of India in collaboration with the High Commission of India, Windhoek is organizing virtual Buyer Seller Meet (BSM) on 11th January 2022 in virtual format. This will provide an opportunity to interested Namibian companies to have pre-scheduled one-to-one business meetings from the below sectors: 1. Travel and Tourism Services, 2. Healthcare Services, 3. IT & ITes Services, 4. Financial Services, 5. Consultancy Services. The salient features of this BSM include; (i) The matchmaking will be done on the basis of the submitted profile. (ii) Each participant will have a separate virtual meeting room. (iii) The salient feature of this Buyer-Seller Meet will be the Artificial Intelligence-driven matchmaking. (iv) Aforementioned sectors under SEPC purview will be addressed and members in each sector will have good opportunities for interacting with their counterparts. Interested business delegates from services sector can register themselves at the link: <http://sepcevents.com/buyer>

EEPC India Invites Visitors to the First Edition of HVAC-R Expo: 18th to 22nd January 2022

The Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC India), is organizing Heating, Ventilation, Air conditioning & Refrigeration (HVAC-R) Virtual Exhibition during 18th to 22nd January 2022. The 5-day virtual event aims at connecting manufacturers of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Ventilation equipment from India and the buyers from across the globe. Focus product sectors can be accessed at the link: <https://eepecindia.org/download/HVAC-R-2022-product-list211103163141.pdf>. For more details about the show, please visit the event website: <https://eepecvirtualexpo.com/hvacr-2022>. For possible B2B's between Indian suppliers and buyers from Namibia during the above virtual show, EEPC India Contact for B2B's are: Mr. Nishikant Jumde, Sr. Joint Director, Mobile: +91 9811583353, Email: njumde@eepecindia.net and Mr. Rajat Sharma, Asst. Director, Mobile: +91-9910445432, Email: rsharma@eepecindia.net

INDIA STONEMART 2022 International Stone Industry Exhibition during February 17-20, 2022 at Jaipur, India.

Centre for Development of Stones (CDOS), an apex stone industry autonomous organization of Government of Rajasthan, is organizing the Eleventh edition of the show - India Stonemart 2022 – at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre, Sitapura, Jaipur during 17-20 February 2022. Additional details on the show are also available at website <http://www.stonemart-india.in> or www.cdos-india.com Mr. Mukul Rastogi, CEO, CDOS; Mobile +91 9829164433, Email – mukul@cdos-india.com may be contacted for any clarification/coordination in this regard.

53rd edition of IHGF Delhi Fair (Spring) 2022 to be held from 02 - 06 March 2022 in PHYSICAL FORMAT

The Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH); an apex body of handicrafts exporters for promotion of exports of handicrafts (handcrafted/handmade) and synergy products, is organizing the 53rd IHGF Delhi Fair (Spring) 2022 from 02 – 06 March 2022 as a physical (in person event) at the India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR with all necessary safety protocols and SOPs for organizing B2B trade expositions issued by Government of India. The fair will be an exclusive connect for buyers of Home, Fashion, Lifestyle, Textiles and Furniture with participation of over 2000 exhibitors in 14 exhibition halls and 900 permanent showrooms apart from Theme Pavilions, Artisanal Fare & Live Craft Making from all across India. The broad categories of products on display at the fair are: (i) Houseware, Decorative & Gifts, (ii) Furniture & Home accessories, Lawn & Garden articles, (iii) Home Textiles, Furnishings & Floor Coverings, Carpets & Rugs, (iv) Fashion Jewellery, Accessories & Bags, Ethnic Garments, Fashion Wear, Stoles, Scarves & Shawls, (v) Christmas & Festive Décor, Hand-made Papers & Products, Potpourri, Candles & Incense and, (vi) Lamps & Lighting accessories. Interest companies may kindly register themselves at www.ihgfdelhiFair.in/register. Any queries may kindly be forward on visitors@ihgfdelhiFair.in

INDIASOFT 2022 From 23 – 24 March 2022 at New Delhi, India

The Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) is organizing the 2nd INDIASOFT 2022 from 23 – 24 March 2022 at New Delhi, India. The event is aimed to assist the global outreach of Indian Electronics and IT Industry and will bring to the forefront many enterprising ventures under one roof, providing a unique opportunity for global companies looking for innovative solutions. Selected delegates will receive reimbursements of up to US\$ 1500 towards travel and stay expenses (actuals or US\$ 1500 whichever is lower) under the Program. Other entitlements include: 1. Business Meetings / Networking assistance at the exhibition, 2. Complimentary Entry to the Exhibition (Two Days), 3. Complimentary Entry to the Conferences (Two days), 4. Complimentary Networking evening - (First day). INDIASOFT 2022 will also have two major concurrent events showcasing convergence of Electronics Hardware, IT and Telecoms at one place. First, India IoT World 2022 expo will bring together a large number of Indian enterprises offering economical solutions based on use of Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things. Second is the 29th Convergence India event covering Telecoms products and services. There is a delegate registration fee of US\$ 200 per participant and they can register at <https://bit.ly/3ma5LlF> on or before 15th January, 2022 to be considered for the reimbursement of travel and stay expenses. In case of any queries/ questions, kindly contact Mr Vikrant Saxena, Sr. Manager, ESC on indiasoft@escindia.com. Event E-flyer may be accessed at; <https://email.gov.in/service/home/~/?auth=co&loc=en&id=57628&part=2>. Interested companies may kindly register at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8JXnFpczplUQ2i5vU4thzc27pbw8fjr8o_ndEjAoL38QScQ/viewform