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NAMIBIA-INDIA PARTNERSHIP FOR IMPROVED HIV SERVICE DELIVERY IN NAMIBIA

Ten representatives from Namibia's Ministry of Health and Social Services, Ministry of Finance, National Planning Commission, as also civil society groups are visiting India from June 30 - July 5 2019 to learn from India's experience of effectively using social contracting mechanism in its AIDS control programme to scale up HIV service delivery and significantly reduce AIDS prevalence.



The visit is being organized in collaboration with UNAIDS Regional and Country Offices. High Commissioner Mr. Prashant Agrawal briefed the delegation on extensive ongoing cooperation between Namibia and India in health sector. He also provided an overview of initiatives and policy approaches taken by Government of India along with its partners in successfully controlling HIV prevalence.



HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA & IMMANUEL SHIFIDI SECONDARY SCHOOL MARKED 150TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF MAHATMA GANDHI AND UN WORLD BICYCLE DAY 2019

High Commission of India and Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School marked the 150th Birth Anniversary Year of Mahatma Gandhi and the UN World Bicycle Day on June 3, 2019 at Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School in Katutura, Windhoek.



Speaking at the occasion, High Commissioner of India, Mr. Prashant Agrawal told Mahatma Gandhi's life story & some inspiring incidents from his life to the large number of learners present. He enjoined the children to follow Mahatma Gandhi's message of "being the change that one wishes to see in the world". Principal Mr. H.N.P. Katjuongua emphasized the values of integrity and self-respect to the learners.

In keeping with Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of preserving the environment and keeping a healthy lifestyle, 15 bicycles were also presented to deserving students on the UN World Cycle Day. These were provided courtesy of M/s. Rani Group, represented by Mr. Noora Dharani and Mr. Tim Murray.



An India Corner was also inaugurated in school's library with books gifted by the High Commission on various subjects.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA & CO-PARTNERS MARKED UN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY & 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF MAHATMA GANDHI

High Commission of India, Ministry of Environment & Tourism, University of Namibia (UNAM), City of Windhoek and Intelligence Support against Poaching (ISAP) came together on June 5, 2019 at UNAM to mark UN World Environment Day & 150th Birth Anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi by launching a tree planting campaign. A total of 150 trees (all indigenous species such as Karee, Acacias, Wild Olives, Aru, Ebony etc.) were planted by UNAM students as part of the campaign.

Speaking at the occasion, High Commissioner Mr. Prashant Agrawal remembered Mahatma Gandhi as a true eco-warrior and recalled his words that the Earth had enough to satisfy the needs of entire mankind, but not enough for our greed, Gandhiji's actions were marked by frugal consumption and protecting the nature.



Those present included Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment and Tourism; Prof. Kenneth Matengu, UNAM Vice Chancellor; Councillor J.E. Paulus, City of Windhoek; Mr. Tega Shiimi Ya Shiimi, Director, Intelligence Support Against Poaching (ISAP), media and UNAM faculty and students.

High Commissioner also called for the tree plantation drive to not remain a one-off event, but to become a movement and to take place at many locations regularly and conveyed his full support for it.

In a separate event on June 5, 2019 at Karasberg jointly organized by the High Commission of India, the Ministry of Environment & Tourism, and UNDP, another 150 trees were planted by school students.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA CELEBRATED THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2019

High Commission of India organized and celebrated the 5th UN International Day of Yoga (IDY) with great enthusiasm in Windhoek on June 15, 2019 at United Athletic Field, Olympia.



This was the largest Yoga gathering in Namibia so far, those present included Hon. Christine //Hoebes, Deputy Minister of International Relations and Cooperation; Diplomatic Corps, senior Government officials, students from Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School, Katutura; and IDY Ambassador and Ms. Glamworld Namibia Ms. Minsozi Kompeli.

High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal underlined the benefits of Yoga for the health and well-being of individuals and communities. All guests together performed Yoga exercises as part of a Common Yoga Protocol, under the guidance of well-known Yoga teachers. A special feature of the event was its eco-friendliness.

Besides Windhoek, IDY events were also held in Otjiwarongo and Walvis Bay on June 6 and June 22, 2019 respectively.

VISIT OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO NIGERIA (JUNE 11-13, 2019)

Minister of State for External Affairs Mr. V. Muraleedharan visited Nigeria from June 11-13, 2019.

During the visit, he attended the "Democracy Day" celebrations in Abuja and interacted with the Nigerian leadership on June 12. He met African leaders who attended the "Democracy Day". Minister of State also visited Lagos on June 13.



Minister of State interacted with the members of the Indian community both in Abuja and Lagos.

INDIA EXTENDS US\$ 15 MILLION GRANT ASSISTANCE TO NIGER TO ORGANISE THE AU SUMMIT

India has extended US\$ 15 million grant assistance to Niger in support of organizing of the African Union (AU) summit scheduled from July 7-8, 2019 in Niamey, the capital of Niger.



The grant assistance was symbolically handed over by Ambassador of India to Niger Mr. Rajesh Agarwal to Mrs. Lamido Ousseini Bala Goga Salamatou, Deputy Foreign Minister, Government of Niger in the presence of Mr. Mohammed Saidil Moctar, Minister and Special Advisor to the President of the Republic of Niger at a ceremony held on June 17, 2019, in Niamey.

The AU Summit in Niamey is also expected to launch the historic African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). India is also establishing Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC) under grant assistance in Niamey. The Centre honours the memory of Mahatma Gandhi whose 150th birth anniversary is being observed in 2019.

MAHATMA GANDHI INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & BIOTECH PARK INAUGURATED IN COTE D'IVOIRE

The Mahatma Gandhi IT & Biotechnology Park (MGIT-BP) was jointly inaugurated by the Vice President of Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Daniel Kablan Duncan and the Ambassador of India to Cote d'Ivoire, Mr. Sailas Thangal at an Inauguration ceremony held in Grand-Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire on June 27, 2019.



The MGIT-BP is being built with India's assistance through EXIM Bank Lines of Credit of US\$ 20 million. The inauguration of the project is an important milestone in 150th anniversary celebration of birth anniversary year of Mahatma Gandhi.

SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS FROM THE GAMBIA AT THE NATIONAL CENTRE OF GOOD GOVERNANCE (NCGG), MUSSOORIE (JUNE 10-21, 2019)

A Special Training Programme for senior civil servants from The Gambia was organized at the National Centre of Good Governance (NCGG), Mussoorie from June 10-21, 2019.

A total of 25 senior civil servants including the Solicitor General and Legal Secretary, Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries from key governmental ministries of The Gambia attended the programme.

The programme was part of Government of India's assistance to meet the capacity building needs of The Gambia.



The training was fully funded under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme.

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UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA



The 5th edition of Global Exhibition on Services (GES) 2019 is being organized by Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India in partnership with the Services Export Promotion Council (SEPC) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from September 18-20, 2019 at the Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, Karnataka. The upcoming GES 2019 will provide a platform for forging sustained partnerships amongst countries in the 12 identified champion services sectors. These include Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services (IT & Ites), Tourism and Hospitality Services, Medical Value Travel, Transport and Logistics Services, Accounting and Finance Services, Audio Visual Services, Legal Services, Communication Services, Construction and Related Engineering Services, Environmental Services, Financial Services and Education services. This event is expected to have delegates from about 100 countries and business leaders from Indian services Industry. The event will host exhibitions, focused knowledge sessions and a large number of B2B, B2G and B2C meetings. A robust participation from Indian State Governments and Union Territories is also expected. Potential participants from Namibia including Industry associations, Chambers of commerce are encouraged to attend the event. **The buyer's nomination will be purely on first come first served basis. Selected buyers will get return economic class air fare and hotel accommodation. The last date of registration for "Foreign Buyers" is August 20, 2019. The buyers may register online at website www.gesindia.in with a copy to the email address: hoc.windhoek@mea.gov.in and comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in. For further information, Ms. Nidhi Kapoor, Deputy Director, CII can be contacted at email: nidhi.kapoor@cii.in, or Mr. J. Shankar, General Manager-CII at email: J.shankar@cii.in, or Ms. Jyoti Kaur, Deputy Director General, SEPC at email: ddg.sepc@gmail.com.**

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