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### MAHATMA GANDHI'S 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation (MIRCO) and Indian High Commission, hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Lecture series at Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) Main Campus on October 2, 2019. The 6<sup>th</sup> lecture was themed: "150 years: celebration of the vision of Mahatma Gandhi."



His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation was the Guest of Honor, while Honorable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, was the co-host.



The panelists were: His Excellency Mr. Prashant Agrawal, Indian High Commissioner; Mr. Phanuel Kaapama, Senior Lecturer: Political and Administrative Studies at the University of Namibia (UNAM); and Honorable Mr. Nahas Angula, Former Prime Minister.



The panelists' speeches were followed by a Question & Answer round with the audience, which included a large number of young students. They were very much inspired by Gandhian ideas and were eager to understand how to use these ideas to tackle modern day's problems.



Special Gandhi@150 stamps issued by NamPost in honor of Gandhi Ji were also launched. This is the first time that Namibia has honored a foreign leader in this manner.



### **HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, WINDHOEK SCOOPED 'TREE AWARD 2019'**

High Commission of India received the 'Tree Award 2019' from Botanical Society of Namibia. The annual Tree Awards have been given since 2007 by BotSoc to create awareness of Namibia's indigenous trees.



High Commission of India was recognized for providing 150 indigenous trees to University of Namibia (UNAM) to mark UN Environment Day and Mahatma Gandhi 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary year in June this year. This was in partnership with UNAM, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, and ISAP.

High Commissioner received the award on behalf of High Commission from Ms. Barbara Curtis. He also commended other recipients for their contributions in conserving our environment.

### **VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT TO COMOROS AND SIERRA LEONE (OCTOBER 10-14, 2019)**

Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu visited the Union of Comoros and Sierra Leone from October 10-14, 2019. The Vice President was accompanied by a high-level delegation including ministers, Members of Parliament and senior officers of the Government of India. Vice President's visit was the first ever high-level visit from India to the two countries.

During the visit to Comoros (10-12 October 2019), Vice President Naidu had detailed bilateral meeting with President of Comoros, Mr. Azali Assoumani and met Mr. Abdou Ousseni, President of the Assembly of the Union of Comoros. He addressed the Parliament Session of Comoros and also interacted with Indian community.

During the visit a total of six (6) MoUs/Agreements were signed.



These included (i) Co-operation in the field of defence, (ii) Cooperation in the field of Health and Medicine, (iii) Exemption of visa for diplomatic and official passport holders, (iv) Cooperation in the field of Arts and Culture, (v) Protocol on Foreign Office Consultations, and (vi) e-VBAB Network Project.

During the visit in Sierra Leone (12-14 October 2019), Vice President Naidu had a detailed bilateral meeting with President of Sierra Leone, H. E. Brig (Rtd.) Julius Maada Wonie Bio and met Speaker of Sierra Leone Parliament Mr. Abass Chernor Bundu and Foreign Minister Mr. Nabeela Farida Tunia. Vice President also interacted with Indian community in Sierra Leone on October 13, 2019.



During the visit a total of six (6) MoUs/Agreements were signed. These included (i) Cultural Exchange Programme for the years 2019-2023, (ii) Agreement on the Establishment of a Joint Commission, (iii) MoU on Protocol for Consultations, (iv) MoU in Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation and the Foreign Service Institute,



(v) MoU on US Dollar 30 million Credit Line Agreement between the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Export-Import bank of India for Irrigation Development Project in Sierra Leone, and (vi) MoU on Technology upgradation Pan African e-network Project (PAeNP- Phase-I).

The first-ever visit of Vice President to the two countries provided a new momentum to India's bilateral partnership with these countries. The visit is part of India's Africa outreach policy and shows the commitment of Government of India to have stronger relations with the continent in the coming years.

### **CII-EXIM BANK INDIA-SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CONCLAVE HELD IN ZAMBIA (OCTOBER 14-15, 2019)**

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized the "CII-EXIM Bank Regional Conclave on India and Southern Africa" in partnership with Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India during October 14-15, 2019 at Taj Pamodzi, Lusaka, Zambia. The Conclave was inaugurated by Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



Mr. V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India spearheaded the Indian delegation to the conclave. Senior Leadership of Zambia along with Ministers and business delegations from Southern African countries also attended the Conclave. Mr. Raj Rallan, President of India-Namibia Chamber of Commerce & Industry (INCCI) represented Namibia.

The two day conclave involved Business Conference, Exhibition, B2B meetings, Ministerial interactions, Networking Dinner among other activities.

The Conclave aimed to serve as a platform for dialogues between India and the 16<sup>th</sup> Southern African countries, which are members of Southern African Development Community (SADC), to further strengthen the developmental partnerships.

The event also focused on economic and commercial deliberations through Business to Government (B2Gs) and Business to Business (B2Bs) engagements. It was a platform for Indian and African private sectors and key financial institutions to identify priority areas and special projects for Indian investment and partnership, with a long-term commitment to Southern Africa.

### **HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA IN MAPUTO & MOZAMBIKAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ORGANIZED A BUSINESS EVENT (OCTOBER 10, 2019)**

High Commission of India in Maputo, in collaboration with Mozambican Chamber of Commerce organized a business event on October 10, 2019 titled 'Business opportunities between India and Mozambique'. The event was presided by the Permanent Secretary to Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ms. Maria Ascensão Ribeiro Pinto. High Commissioner of India, Rajeev Kumar talked about the commercial relations between India and Mozambique and future prospects.



Many Indian and Mozambican companies spoke about their activities in the India-Mozambique business corridor and future opportunities of trade and investment between the two countries.





More than 180 representatives from different Mozambican and Indian companies participated in the event.

### HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA AND MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, NAMIBIA ORGANISED WELLNESS DAY

The High Commission of India partnered the Ministry of Health and Social Sciences, Namibia for the Ministry's Wellness Day program. A special yoga session was conducted for the Ministry's staff on October 26, 2019 in which they learnt meditation, Yogasanas, and relaxation techniques.



The importance of Yogic practices were highlighted especially from the viewpoint of various lifestyle diseases by Dr. Nikhila Hiremath, Yoga and Ayurveda expert.

### DID YOU KNOW?

India's Liberation Icon and World's apostle of peace, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (Mahatma Gandhi) was born on October 2, 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat, India. Year 2019 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi which is being celebrated worldwide. In his honour, UN celebrates Oct. 2 as International Day of Non-violence.



### UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA



The largest conglomeration of Indian ICT companies will present a world of ICT innovations, products, and services at the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of **INDIA SOFT 2020 & INDIA ELECTRONICS EXPO 2020** during **March 3-4, 2020** at **Hyderabad, India**. The event is being organized by **Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC)** with the support of **Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India**. Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) is inviting potential buyers of software & services and electronics hardware from Namibia by forwarding their details by email to: [hoc.windhoek@mea.gov.in](mailto:hoc.windhoek@mea.gov.in) and [comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in](mailto:comm.windhoek@mea.gov.in). Against a registration fee of USD 425 plus 18% GST, the Council (ESC) would provide **Return air ticket - economy class (one delegate per company)**, **Complimentary two night hotel stay**, **B2B Meetings / Business Networking**, **Complimentary Entry to the Exhibition (Two Days)**, **Complimentary Entry to the Conferences (Two days)**, **Complimentary Lunch - (Two days)** and **Complimentary Networking Dinner - (First day)**. More details to the event and Indian exhibiting companies can be accessed from the INDIA SOFT 2019 website [www.indiasoft.org](http://www.indiasoft.org).

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