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PM NARENDRA MODI AND PRESIDENT DR. HAGE G. GEINGOB MET AT UNGA, USA

In an effort to strengthen ties between two vibrant democracies, PM of India, Mr. Narendra Modi and President of Namibia, Dr. Hage Geingob had a warm & cordial meeting on the sidelines of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, USA on September 23, 2019.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA OFFERED DROUGHT RELIEF AID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NAMIBIA

A ceremonial handover of 1000 MT of rice, as drought relief support by India to Namibia, was done on September 20, 2019 at the Office of Prime Minister in Windhoek. H.E. Prashant Agrawal, High Commissioner of India, handed over the rice to Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister of Namibia, in the presence of Hon. Chief Samuel Ankama, Deputy Minister in PM's Office, and other senior officials from Government of Namibia.

Speaking during the occasion, High Commissioner mentioned that the pain and grief of brothers and sisters from Namibia, caused due to the severe drought, was shared by people of India, and India stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Namibia in their hour of need.



He called for the two countries to work together in areas of agriculture, irrigation, livestock and renewables to build drought resilience. Thanking the Indian Government, Hon. PM recalled that India was among the first countries to pledge support to Namibia for drought relief this year.

She also underlined the historically close partnership between the two countries. 41 containers containing 25,000 bags of 40 Kg (each 40 Kg bag containing 4 bags of 10 Kg) arrived at Walvis Bay from India earlier this month, from where it is being sent by the Office of PM to different regions to reach the intended beneficiaries.

ARTIFICIAL LIMB FITMENT CAMP LAUNCHED IN RUNDU, NAMIBIA

An Artificial Limb Fitment Camp was launched at Rundu Intermediate Hospital, Nurses Home Hall, Rundu on Monday, September 23, 2019. This humanitarian project was launched by Hon. Dr. Kalumbi Shangula, Minister of Health and Social Services of Republic of Namibia.



The camp is being organized under the partnership of the High Commission of India, Government of the Republic of India, and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, Government of the Republic of Namibia. The camp is part of commemorations of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary this year. The camp will run for six weeks beginning mid-September 2019 to provide artificial limbs to about 500 needy persons free of cost. Beneficiaries include those who have lost limbs due to accidents, diabetes, mines, snakebites, etc.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, WINDHOEK CELEBRATED ITEC DAY 2019-20

High Commission of India, Windhoek celebrated "Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation" Day on September 6th, 2019 in Windhoek. A large number of ITEC alumni from Namibia came together and joined the celebrations. It included alumni who returned to Namibia from India just a few days back, as well as those who went to India under ITEC programme more than 10 years ago.



The evening was graced by Honorable Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism of Namibia, Bernadette Maria Jagger, an ITEC alumnus herself. She, together with High Commissioner Prashant Agrawal, lighted the lamp to mark the official inauguration.



ITEC alumni from 2019, who had received Certificates of Excellence, Medals and Trophies for their academic performance in India were felicitated on the occasion. The selected candidates, who would be going to India under various ITEC courses in the coming weeks, were presented with "Letters of Acceptance".

Some ITEC alumni also shared experiences of the time they spent in India with the gathering. This was followed by cultural performances, in which one alumnus sang the famous Hindi song "Ek pyaar ka nagma hai" which he had picked up during his stay in India.

INDIAN NAVAL SHIP INS TARKASH VISITED WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA

In a demonstration of India's warm ties with Namibia, its commitment to the maritime security in the region and its solidarity with friendly countries, India naval ship named INS Tarkash visited and docked at port of Walvis Bay, Namibia during September 15-18, 2019 as part of its friendly visit to Namibia. It was warmly received by Namibian Navy, NamPort, and enthusiastic High Commission's officials & their families.



During the visit, the Commanding Officer of the ship paid courtesy calls on Governor of Erongo region, Mayor of Walvis Bay and senior defence officers, including the Acting Chief of the Namibian Navy. Professional interactions were held with the Namibian Navy towards further enhancing co-operation between the two forces.



In addition, social engagements, exchange visit of ships, sports event and sharing of best practices were held.

Yoga sessions onboard INS Tarkash in the Atlantic Ocean and a friendly Volleyball match were also among the special engagements between the Indian and Namibian Navies during the visit of INS Tarkash to Walvis Bay.

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, WINDHOEK PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK AT NUST

High Commission of India, Windhoek participated in International Education Week September 2019 on September 10th, at Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).



Dr. Nikhila B Hiremath, Teacher of Indian Culture and Ms. Beatha T. Ntinda, Cultural clerk, interacted with hundreds of students and staff of NUST informing them about the ICCR and ITEC scholarships, as well as the 'Study in India' programme of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

NEW IT CENTRE AT NUST UNDER THE PARTNERSHIP FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The newly established Centre of Excellence in Information Technology (CEIT) at Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), in partnership with the Centre for the Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), and the Government of India, has started with exciting new programmes in the field of Information Technology in Namibia.

ADS ORGANISED THEIR 9TH ANNUAL CRAFTS AND FOOD BAZAAR

The Association of Diplomatic Spouses (ADS) in Namibia organized their 9th Annual Crafts and Food Bazaar on September 28, 2019 at FNCC in Windhoek. Mrs Rakhee Agrawal, spouse of High Commissioner of India Mr Prashant Agrawal, was this year's ADS President.

Under her leadership, the ADS Team put up a grand show with participation of numerous diplomatic missions, international and local organizations, which raised funds for donation to charitable causes in Namibia.



Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador Anastas Kaboba K.Wa Kimba of Democratic Republic of Congo was the Guest of Honour, who praised the efforts of diplomatic spouses to support vulnerable populations in Namibia with their fund-raising.



On offer at the India stall were mouth-watering Indian delicacies and traditional Indian jewellery, decorative items, clothes, and accessories, with Henna (Mehendi) on hands being the special attraction. Among the cultural performances, India's beautiful Bollywood dance and enthralling Yoga-dance performance were received by the audience with great applause.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES ON THE DEMISE OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE H. E. MR. ROBERT MUGABE

The people and Government of India conveyed their deepest condolences to the family and the people of Zimbabwe on the demise of H. E. Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, former President of Zimbabwe.

H. E. Robert Mugabe as a true friend of India who contributed immensely to India-Zimbabwe friendship. He was an icon of liberation, and emerged as a great leader of Africa, who gave voice to African issues. He devoted his life to the betterment of his people. In his demise, the world has lost one of the tallest leaders of our times.

DID YOU KNOW?

India-Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (INCCI) was established in September 2016 in an effort to boost Economic and Commercial activities between Namibia and India.

UPCOMING BUSINESS EVENTS IN INDIA



The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has partnered with the COMESA Business Council and other organizations in organizing 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 from October 14 – 15, 2019 at Taj Pamodzi, Lusaka, Zambia. The main objective of the gathering is to strengthen India – Southern Africa Developmental Partnership and to identify special projects for countries in Southern Africa and establish stronger links with the region's business community. The Conclave aims to serve as a platform for dialogues between India and the 16th Southern African countries, which are members of Southern African Development Community (SADC), to further strengthen the developmental partnerships. The conclave is targeting participants from: Agriculture and Allied Services, Education & Skill Development, Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, Power and Energy, Information Technology and Telecom, Infrastructure, Financial Services, Manufacturing, Mining, Trade. The event will hold various rounds of interactions with government officials from partner countries, multilateral institutions, business community, exporters, banks, Indian business diaspora and other stakeholders with a view to identifying business, trade and investment opportunities for Indian entrepreneurs. The event will also focus on economic and commercial deliberations through Business to Government (B2Gs) and Business to Business (B2Bs) engagements. It will be 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. Mr Hardeep Singh Puri, Honorable Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Government of India will be spearheading the Indian delegation to the conclave. Senior Leadership of Zambia along with Ministers and business delegations from Southern African countries are also being invited to the Conclave. The two day conclave will involve Business Conference, Exhibition, B2B meetings, Ministerial interactions, Networking Dinner etc. All interested participants may register through the website: www.indiasadconclave.com.

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