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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR IN MALAYSIA ON CONTRIBUTION OF INDIAN DIASPORA TO INDIA'S FREEDOM STRUGGLE

A high-power ARSP delegation comprising senior functionaries of ARSP, academics, scholars, journalists, linguists and cultural activists visited Malaysia on 30 March and stayed till 2 April 2024.

The delegation met prominent PIO organisations and persons during the visit and organised two international seminars on 'Contribution of Indian Diaspora in India's Freedom Struggle' in association with GOPIO Malaysia and Universiti Malaya. Distinguished scholars from Malaysia, India, Thailand and Singapore participated in the Seminars.

The University Malaya Seminar was inaugurated by Tan Sri Dato Ajit Singh, former Secretary General of the ASEAN, Prof. Datuk Danny Wang, Head of the University's Faculty of Arts, welcomed the guests.



ARSP Delegates with Indian Amb. To Malaysia H.E. Dr. B. N. Reddy along with Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia Dr. Amrita Dash

Prof: Amarjeev Lochan, Dr. Amba Pandey of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Dr. Jawahar Karnawat, Prof. Rajesh Rai from Singapore, Dr. Sofana Srichampa from Thailand, Ms. Choodamani Nagendra Shivram, Dr. Rakesh Pandey and Faculty

ARSP and GOPIO Malaysia jointly organized a panel discussion at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre in which Ms. Amrita Dash, Consul at High Commission of India in Malaysia, Mr. Gunasekaran, GOPIO President, Mr. Ravindra, General Secretary GOPIO, Shri Shyam Parande, Prof. Gopal Arora, Prof. Rajesh Rai, Prof. Sofana Srichampa, Mr. Prabhakaran S Nair of Malaysia India Heritage Society and Shri Chandrasekharan from Netaji Foundation discussed the contribution of Indian Diaspora and the importance of role of youth diaspora in the future.

Secretary General of ARSP Shri Shyam Parande, Vice President Sanjay Bhalla, Honorary Director Shri Narayan Kumar, Secretary Prof. Gopal Arora, Dean of Foreign Students Faculty of Delhi University

members of Universiti Malaya addressed the participants. Convener of ARSP Chapters Committee T.N. Malhotra also participated in the Conference.

The delegation called on the High Commissioner of India to Malaysia Shri B N Reddy and discussed in detail the India-Malaysia relations. Shri Reddy explained the various aspects of diverse Indian diaspora settled in Malaysia and apprised of the schemes of the Government of

India and the programmes being run by the Indian High Commission. He informed that the High Commission is working with more than ten different institutions in Malaysia for promotion of Indian languages and culture.

The High Commissioner appreciated the important role being played by ARSP in strengthening People to People relations with the diaspora. He expressed hope that the ARSP would continue to organize such events in Malaysia on an annual basis. It is worth mentioning that Malaysia has one of the largest Indian Diaspora, numbering around 3 million. There are eight prominent linguistic groups of Indian Diaspora. Tamil diaspora constitutes about 80%. Whereas, Punjabi diaspora is the second largest Indian diaspora



group. The ARSP delegates visited the headquarters of GOPIO Malaysia where they met senior officials of prominent diaspora organizations in Malaysia.

The discussions revolved around the problems and concerns of Indian diaspora in Malaysia and their expectations from Indian government. Based on feedback received during interaction, following recommendations are being submitted for consideration of the Ministry of External Affairs-

1. OCI card issue- problems being faced by diaspora in issue of OCI cards. The High Commissioner should be given some discretionary powers for grant of OCI card to applicants who make out a good case but are unable to provide documentary evidence for technical / historical reasons.

2. Facilitation during PBD- Indian diaspora from Malaysia is one of the largest delegations during PBDs in India. There have been complaints regarding problems of entry, seating arrangements, lack of information and coordination. The diaspora visiting PBDs expects better facilitation and coordination. For large delegations, protocol officers may also be appointed to assist the group.

3. High Level Committee on Indian Diaspora was appointed about a quarter of century ago in the year 2000. India has changed since then and so has the profile of Indian diaspora. There is a need to appoint a new High-Level committee to study the profile of diaspora, their problems, concerns and expectations.

4. Focus on young diaspora- More programs should be started to engage with young diaspora. Scope

of KIP should be expanded. More seats for diaspora youth for studying Medicine, Engineering, Space Sciences, Artificial Intelligence and Information Technology in India. Student exchange programs should be initiated / facilitated. KIP Alumni should be invited by Indian missions to maintain regular contact with them. 5. PIO day should be decided and celebrated by Indian missions to maintain contact with diaspora community in the host country.

6. Focus on promoting Indian languages and culture. More facilities should be provided to Indian Cultural Centers.

7. Many members of Indian diaspora wish to visit India for Spiritual tourism. Special facilities and schemes should be started for them. Pravasi Teerth DARSHAN Yojna should be expanded and widely publicized.

8. One specific issue was raised by Tamil diaspora organizations. A large section (referred to as B40- bottom 40%) feel marginalized and being left out of engagements by local as well as Indian government. High Commission should take steps for addressing their issues.

9. There should be the wider coverage of Contribution of Indian diaspora in freedom struggle in course curriculum of educational institutions to inspire the younger generation. Forgotten chapters of history like travails and atrocities committed on Indian workers (like Death Railways- the rail link from Thailand to Burma built in 1940's) and Ghadar movement should be included in the greater detail in history books.

10. Prominent diaspora organizations like ARSP and GOPIO should be actively involved by government in strengthening people to people relations.

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INDIA-SRI LANKA BILATERAL RELATIONS DIALOGUE

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The Workshop on India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Relations, hosted by Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad at Pravasi Bhawan on 11 May 2024, delved into the nuance and subtlety of India-Sri Lanka relations including India's financial assistance of over USD 4.5 billion to help overcome the worst economic crisis faced by Sri Lanka. The Workshop also underscored the significance of the people-to-people relations and expansion of the interaction with civil society organizations that will help understand the varied dynamics of relations with Sri Lanka, besides marking off Cricket and Movies in the bilateral relationship's agenda. The Workshop, chaired by Amb. Virendra Gupta, President of ARSP, had presentations by Amb. Yashvardhan K. Sinha, Former High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Amb. R. Dayakara, Former Indian Ambassador to Iraq and Jordan, Prof. Rajesh Kharat, Professor of JNU, Dr. Ashok Behuria, Senior Fellow of MPIDSA.

Dr. Markandey Rai, Chairperson, Foreign Affairs Committee of ARSP, pointed out that India and Sri Lanka shared 3000-year-old historical and civilizational relations besides that Sri Lanka stood geopolitically and strategically important to India. He has also noted that Sri Lanka is exploring Ramayana related spots for calibrating tourism for Indian visitors. Dr Rai addressed China's influence in Sri Lanka that may pose security concerns to India while expressing his experience of Tamil-Sinhalese conflict.

Amb. Virendra Gupta elucidated that Sri Lanka was an intimate neighbor of India, hence political stability as well as economic well-being in the country was extremely vital for India's long-term interests. He stressed the need to resolve the misconception about India being hegemonic by developing counter-narratives reflecting India as concerned about welfare and prosperity of its neighbors rather than invading on their sovereignty. Amb. Gupta accentuated that we should play down the China's growing alliances with countries strategically important to India through strengthening relationship with our neighboring countries while pursuing our national interests.

Amb. Yashvardhan K. Sinha stressed the link between India and Sri Lanka predating the recorded history and talked about the religious relations between two countries, emphasizing the importance of the worship places of Lord Shiva. He eloquently expressed the historical migration of King Mahendra from Pataliputra, India to Ceylon where he propagated Buddhism that became country's majority religion. Amb. Yashvardhan emphasized creating awareness about support extended and works done by India to Sri Lanka as people of both countries are not aware. India is always ready to stand up for Sri Lanka and has time and again proved as a benefactor of Sri Lanka whether in case of the fight against the LTTE through offering intelligence inputs or the recent protest like Aragalaya, India provided timely help to Sri Lanka for tiding over its unprecedented food crisis and economic calamity.

He mentioned the cruciality of the visit of PM Modi to Sri Lanka after 28 years of hiatus as well as argued that the entry of Indian conglomerate like Adani and others would augur well for India as the future lies in the economic integration. Amb Yashvardhan also suggested the development of Ram Setu (Causeway) will prove to be a game changer in terms of connecting India to Sri Lanka.

Prof. Rajesh Kharat shared his observations from a recent visit to Sri Lanka and highlighted cultural similarities between India and Sri Lanka as well as the influence of Hindu culture in Jaffna and other regions. He noted that Buddhist Monastery held the government of India in high values as well as Sri Lankan also had a high regard for India due to India's support during the gruesome economic crisis. Prof. Kharat suggested the translation of academic books from Sinhala and Tamil to Hindi and Sanskrit. He shed light on the religious diversity and social acceptability of other faiths in Sri Lanka as being pluralistic, multicultural, and multilingual society.



Dr. Ashok Behuria mentioned that the popular perception about India in Sri Lanka drastically changed after India extended a lifeline with assistance of over USD 4 billion during its worse economic turmoil in 2022. He emphasized the immense significance of India in Sri Lanka as almost every political player looked up to India for guidance and support. Dr. Behuria also underlined that India should engage with all Sri Lankan political parties rather than having relation with one in the changing political dynamics.

Amb. R. Dayakara pointed out that the support of Tamils of Tamil Nadu to Tamils of Sri Lanka had been exaggerated though there was sympathy for Sri Lankan Tamils because of the violation of their human rights and social deprivation but not to the LTTE. He also talked about how Sri Lankan politicians shaped the perceptions riddled with the Tamil sentiments about India that led to the creation of insecurity among Sri Lankans.

Ashok Kainth signified that the religious relation between India and Sri Lanka had been reinforced after having identified as many as 59 sites linked to the Ramayana. He further added that the visit of Guru Nanak to Sri Lanka and his interaction with the then king of Lanka, Bikram Bahu VI had been established by the 16th century inscription written in Sanskrit, Tamil and Gurmukhi script. As a result, the first gurdwara at Kurukkal Madam in the Batticaloa district has been constructed. Kainth also noted that 16 Muslim PhD. students out of 20 students of Sri Lanka had been carrying out PhD studies on the Ramayana.

The workshop ended with Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Amit Gupta, Joint-Secretary, ARSP

VOICES OF HERITAGE : AN INSIGHTFUL DISCUSSION WITH PANDIT RABINDRANATH PERSAUD Ji

On May 16th, 2024, the Diaspora Research and Resource Center (DRRC) of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) had its 24th episode of "Dialogue with Diaspora" at Pravasi Bhawan. This enlightening event brought together esteemed personalities, including Pandit Rabindranath Persaud Ji, Miss Dayawanti Persaud from Guyana, and Mr. Keshav Tiwari, a diplomat from the Embassy of Guyana.

The session began with a welcome address by Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary of ARSP. He set the stage by providing a rich background of the DRRC's mission behind the "Dialogue with Diaspora" series. Prof. Arora highlighted the multifaceted relationship between India and Guyana, emphasizing the profound contributions of the Indian diaspora to the Guyanese society and economy.

Ambassador R. Dayakar, a retired diplomat and ARSP member, introduced the guest, Pandit Rabindranath Persaud. He elaborated on the significant roles played by the Indian diaspora in Guyana, mentioning several notable individuals who received the prestigious Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award. Ambassador Dayakar also shed light on Guyana's remarkable economic transformation, underscoring its impressive GDP growth following the discovery of oil and the substantial involvement of Indian oil companies in this sector.

Pandit Rabindranath Persaud, Chairman of the Integrity Commission of Guyana, expressed his gratitude to ARSP for organizing such a pivotal dialogue. He spoke with pride about his Indian heritage and detailed the historical and cultural connections between India and Guyana. Pandit Persaud vividly described how Indian immigrants transformed Guyana from a barren land into a nation with the highest GDP growth rate in the region. He shared insights into the inclusive nature of Indian culture, citing verses from the Ramcharitmanas, Mahabharata, and Vedas, and highlighted the harmonious social life

in Guyana where people of diverse backgrounds come together, accompanied by religious flags, conch shells, and musical instruments.

He passionately expressed that the preservation and development of Guyanese culture and economy are deeply rooted in Indian traditions and values. He emphasized the importance of Vedic discipline in education and how it fosters a spirit of achievement and respect for human existence. Pandit Persaud delved into the philosophical and intrinsic values of the Vedas, culture, and religion, painting a vivid picture of the rich cultural tapestry that binds Guyana and India.

Mr. Keshav Tiwari, Second Secretary at the Embassy of Guyana, congratulated ARSP for organizing the meeting. He mentioned that India and Guyana had a longstanding and cordial diplomatic relationship that will further develop in the future.

During the interactive question-and-answer session, participants engaged enthusiastically. Shri Manohar Manoj, a journalist and author, praised Pandit Persaud's speech and raised concerns about potential threats to Indian culture from imperialist influences and political pressures. Shri Santosh Mishra – Former Director of the Indian Cultural Center, Trinidad and Tobago and Fiji and ARSP member, shared his experiences from Trinidad and Tobago, noting the flourishing Indian diaspora there and suggesting that efforts to revive Hindi in Guyana would greatly contribute to preserving Indian culture.

Dr. Subhash Goyal, founder Chairman of STIC Travel Group of Companies and ARSP member, lauded Pandit Persaud's efforts to maintain Indian traditions in Guyana. He recounted his visit to Trinidad and Tobago during the Deepawali festival, describing the vibrant celebrations and large crowds. Dr. Goyal also



inquired about tourism prospects in Guyana and the Caribbean and the potential for facilitating travel through e-visas and CARICOM visas.

Shri R. D. Gupta, a senior ARSP member, congratulated Pandit Persaud and the Guyanese community for their dedication to preserving Indian culture. He discussed the significance of India's presidency of the G20 and the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (the world is one family), expressing hope for continued collaboration and mutual progress between India and Guyana.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Narayan Kumar, Honorary Director of ARSP, summarized the key points discussed during the meeting. He reminisced about historical relations between India and Guyana where attempts to impose a singular culture. Shri Kumar emphasized that culture should evolve rather than be imposed, citing Dr. Cheddi Jagan's belief in a new world order based on human, social and cultural values.

Shri Kumar also reflected on the revolts led by Indian indentured laborers, underscoring their significance in shaping Guyanese history. He extended heartfelt thanks to Pandit Persaud for his enlightening lecture, Mr. Keshav Tiwari for his diplomatic insights, Miss Dayawanti Persaud, and all participants for their active engagement in the dialogue.

As the session drew to a close, there was a palpable sense of unity and shared heritage, underscoring the enduring bond between India and its vibrant diaspora in Guyana.

Bhojpuri MAHOTSAV 2024: A GRAND CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE



Glimpses of the Bhojpuri Mahotsav 2024 in Mauritius

The Bhojpuri Mahotsav 06-08 May 2024 commenced at the Long Beach Hotel in Belle Mare, marking a significant event that unites descendants of indentured labor immigrants to share their experiences and celebrate the Bhojpuri language and culture. The opening ceremony witnessed the presence of Prime Minister Mr. Pravin Kumar Jugnauth, alongside the Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mr. Avinash Teeluck.

Dignitaries, including several Ministers, Members of the National Assembly, members of the Diplomatic Corps, the High Commissioner of India to Mauritius, Mrs. K. Nandini Singla, President of the Bhojpuri-Speaking Union, Dr. Sarita Boodhoo, and esteemed academics, attended the event. The Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, in collaboration with the Bhojpuri-Speaking Union, organized the festival. Additionally, a musical album titled 'Hamni ke Satrangi Des' was launched on this auspicious occasion.

The Mahotsav, spanning over three days, includes various activities such as a conference focusing on the growth and development of the Bhojpuri language, its heritage, economic contributions, media influence, and cultural tourism. Visitors enjoyed a book exhibition, an art exhibition, a Bhojpuri cuisine exhibition, and cultural performances by local artists.

In his keynote address, Prime Minister Jugnauth emphasized that the Bhojpuri language symbolizes the

enduring legacy of the indentured labor route, linking Mauritius to its colonial past and the broader history of Indian migration. He highlighted that the Bhojpuri language, brought by the Girmityias, has been deeply rooted in Mauritian soil for over 190 years. Today, it plays a crucial role in Mauritius' linguistic landscape, spoken by a significant portion of the population, and serves as a bridge to the ancestral roots of many Mauritians of Indian descent.

"Our ancestors," the Prime Minister stated, "originated mainly from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. Despite their hardships as indentured laborers, they preserved the Bhojpuri language, its rich oral literature, traditions, arts, food habits, and children's games."

Prime Minister Jugnauth also remarked on the remarkable story of Indian Indentured Immigration, which spans Mauritius and other countries along the Indian Indentured Labour Route, demonstrating human resilience and triumph over adversity. He noted that the Bhojpuri language has remained a vital means of communication and cultural expression among laborers and their descendants, leaving an indelible mark on the linguistic and cultural fabric of Mauritius.

Tracing the origins and evolution of the Bhojpuri language in former plantation colonies such as the Caribbean and Fiji, the Prime Minister added that subsequent migrations to countries including England, the United States, France, the Netherlands, Singapore, Malaysia,

and Australia have further strengthened the global Bhojpuri diaspora. He pointed out that there is a vibrant Bhojpuri-speaking community of over 200 million people worldwide. In Mauritius, the language has incorporated several Creole words over time, showcasing its resilience and adaptability. Similarly, many Bhojpuri words are commonly used in Mauritian Creole, highlighting the nation's unity in diversity.

Prime Minister Jugnauth enumerated numerous initiatives to preserve the Bhojpuri language and its cultural heritage. The government has proclaimed 08 February as Bhojpuri Gammat Day to immortalize the language and integrate it into Mauritius' popular culture. In 1976, the Mahatma Gandhi Institute established a department for Bhojpuri language, folklore, and traditions, and the University of Mauritius plans to launch an online Bhojpuri study course soon.

Bhojpuri is also a significant component of local TV broadcasts, featuring a 24-hour channel and a daily Samachar bulletin in the language. The National Budget Speech is also broadcasted in Bhojpuri. "It is a matter of pride," the Prime Minister affirmed, "that UNESCO inscribed Geet Gawai and Bhojpuri folksongs from Mauritius in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2016, enhancing its value and prestige."

Regarding the Bhojpuri Mahotsav, he highlighted that it provides a unique opportunity for Girmityias'

descendants to reflect on the cultural, artistic, academic, economic, and social aspects of the Bhojpuri language. It encourages scholars, poets, writers, and business people to chart the future of the language, sensitizes the younger generation to their rich heritage, promotes academic exploration, enhances cultural tourism in Bhojpuri-speaking countries, and boosts the Bhojpuri film industry.

Minister Teeluck remarked that the Mahotsav is an essential platform for celebrating and fostering cultural

exchanges, strengthening ties between Mauritius and India, and other Bhojpuri-speaking communities. He emphasized that the historical migration of indentured laborers has resulted in a significant Bhojpuri-speaking population, influencing various aspects of Mauritian culture, including music, dance, and folklore. Protecting and preserving the Bhojpuri language is crucial, he said, urging the younger generations to use the language in both formal and informal settings.

Dr. Sarita Boodhoo underscored that

the Bhojpuri language is intrinsic to the identity of the ancestors, expressing pride in its recognition and value in Mauritian society. She encouraged the younger generation to take an interest in learning and adopting the Bhojpuri language in their daily lives. Speaking about the Mahotsav, she expressed hope that it would elevate the status of Bhojpuri, enabling speakers to learn more about their culture and language. She also advocated for establishing a Secretariat for the Bhojpuri Language in Mauritius.

PRIME MINISTER'S INDIAN ARRIVAL DAY MESSAGE 2024

MESSAGE TO THE NATION
FROM DR THE HONOURABLE KEITH ROWLEY
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
ON THE OCCASION OF INDIAN ARRIVAL DAY 2024

Fellow citizens, greetings to the East Indian community as they celebrate the one hundred-and-seventy-ninth anniversary, since their first ancestors came to Trinidad on this date, May 30, 1845.

Examining the history of those ancestors, one must marvel at the bold, daring risk they undertook – their fearlessness and courage. They were agriculture workers and persons from India's labouring class, who were enticed to leave their homes, thousands of miles away – most from villages in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in northern India, others from Calcutta and the southern regions.

This was the middle of the nineteenth century, when travel meant miles over land, then a three-month voyage, crossing the treacherous Indian Ocean, around southern Africa then across the Atlantic and finally landing in an unheard-of island called, "Chinitat", the home their children and all other citizens now call The Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. As citizens, we all need to understand the arduous struggles of the forefathers of our land. We all need, as we look forward, to look back, into our nation's history so that we will approach our collective future with greater clarity and confidence.

We should be minded that after the Abolition of African slavery in 1838, the British colonial authorities set about, replacing the slaves who left the plantations, with some 150,000 Indian indentured immigrants, on contract, over the period 1845 to 1917.

Today, we must all celebrate the strength displayed by subsequent generations of the Indian community, over the past one hundred and seventy-nine years.

Fortunately for the indentured, there were no successful attempts by the colonials of systemic "cultural erasure." In this new land, they were allowed to retain their religion and their culture, which gave their community a sense of being.

Dr Eric Williams, considered as "the Father of our Nation" stated in 1970 that there could be "No Mother India, No Mother Africa, No Mother China, or Mother Syria, but only Mother Trinidad and Tobago."

The United Nations Economic Social and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in a position paper on "Multiculturalism" wrote that the "successful management of multiculturalism, and multiethnic societies (as ours) requires not only a democratic polity, but the struggle against social inequalities and



exclusion."

We, in Trinidad and Tobago, can claim proudly that UNESCO was speaking about our history as a nation. As a people we have maintained "a democratic polity" and continue to fight against "social inequalities and exclusion."

The Indian community, as it looks at its achievements today, can point to its ancestors of 1845, and proudly to the successes of their subsequent generations in various fields that encompass the whole range of this country's achievements.

Let us all in this nation salute and celebrate with our brothers and sisters.

May God continue to Bless Trinidad and Tobago.

(Courtesy: Office of the Prime Minister Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Dated: 30 May 2024)

ARRIVAL DAY 2024: “MULTICULTURALISM IS A PRICELESS ASSET” – PRESIDENT Ali

I extend greetings to all Guyanese, at home and in the diaspora, on the occasion of Arrival Day 2024.

Arrival Day 2024 is a public holiday of great significance in Guyana. It commemorates the rich and varied tapestry of cultures that constitute the fabric of our nation.

Arrival Day recalls the waves of immigrants, including from the Caribbean, who came to our country, the majority of whom stayed to forge new lives.

On Arrival Day we celebrate their indomitable spirit and resilience and also pay tribute to the myriad contributions they and their descendants have made to our Motherland. Their enduring legacy reminds us of the human capacity to overcome adversity and thrive in the face of challenges. As we honour their contributions and carry forth their legacy, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a future that honours their sacrifices and embraces the values of unity, diversity, and inclusivity.

Multiculturalism remains a priceless asset that enriches our collective human experience. In an era where divisiveness and intolerance threaten to tear apart the social fabric of nations, highlighting and celebrating our multicultural diversity makes us stronger and more united. By celebrating the mosaic of cultures that coexist within our communities, we not only foster a sense of belonging and inclusion but also lay the foundation for a more cohesive and harmonious society.

Regardless of ethnicity, we are all equal members of the human family, united by our shared aspirations for a better future. By embracing this fundamental truth, we can transcend the artificial barriers and reject those forces that seek to divide us. By acknowledging the diverse histories and experiences that have shaped our society, we pay homage to the sacrifices and struggles of those who paved the way for us.

As we mark Arrival Day 2024, let us recommit ourselves to the ideals of unity, diversity, and inclusion. Let us celebrate the contributions of all our

peoples, past and present, and strive to build a society where every individual can flourish and thrive.



In the spirit of solidarity and mutual respect, let us forge a future where our differences are respected and where the bonds of brotherhood and sisterhood allow us to overcome the divisions of the past and the shenanigans of those who seek to manipulate these divisions for their own ulterior ends.

Together, let us build a brighter tomorrow, guided by the enduring values of justice, equality, and compassion that define us as a nation.

Happy Arrival Day, Guyana!

(Courtesy: iNews Guyana, Dated – May 5 2024)

INDIA EXTENDS US\$ 1 Million Flood Relief Aid TO KENYA

In response to the devastating floods wreaking havoc across Kenya, the Government of India has stepped forward with a gesture of solidarity and support. With 38 out of 47 counties bearing the brunt of the catastrophe, the scale of destruction is alarming, claiming 267 lives, injuring 188, and displacing over 280,000 individuals.

May 14, 2024, a beacon of hope shines as a relief consignment, valued at US\$ 1 million, embarks on its journey from India to Kenya. A meticulously curated assortment of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief items (HADR), weighing 22 tons, is being airlifted via an Indian Air Force plane. Among the essentials included are tents, sleeping bags,

blankets, power generation sets, and ready-to-eat meals, intended to provide immediate solace to the afflicted. Furthermore, the consignment encompasses 18 tons of medical aid, featuring life-saving drugs, surgical equipment, and provisions for critical care and wound management.

This benevolent initiative follows the swift response of the Indian Naval ship INS Sumedha, which reached Mombasa on May 10th, delivering vital HADR and medical supplies. Reflecting India's unwavering commitment to its longstanding friendship with Kenya, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed the significance of South-South cooperation, emphasizing Africa's



Indian Navy with relief materials

paramount importance in India's global priorities.

In extending heartfelt sympathies to the government and people of Kenya, India underscores its solidarity in times of crisis, echoing a sentiment of unity and resilience amidst adversity. This humanitarian aid underscores the enduring bond between the two nations and underscores India's unwavering support for the well-being and recovery of its African ally.

INDIAN EMBASSY IN MUSCAT AND NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF INDIA COLLABORATE TO ARCHIVE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF INDIAN DIASPORA IN OMAN

In a collaborative effort, the Indian Embassy in Muscat and the National Archives of India (NAI) have successfully completed a pioneering project to archive historical documents of the Indian diaspora in Oman. Titled “The Oman Collection – Archival Heritage of the Indian Community in Oman,” the project ran from May 19th to 27th, 2024, and saw enthusiastic participation from 32 prominent Indian families from Gujarat, whose presence in Oman dates back 250 years.

This initiative marks a significant milestone for the NAI as it was their first overseas venture in digitizing diaspora documents. Over 7,000 documents in English, Arabic, Gujarati, and Hindi were digitized under this project, with the oldest dating back to 1838 and most from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These included personal diaries, account books, ledgers, telegrams, trade invoices, passports, citations, letters, correspondences, and photographs, offering insights into the Indian community's lives, cultural practices, social activities, trade, commerce, and contributions to Omani society.

The digitized collection will be uploaded to the NAI's online portal “Abhilekh Patal,” making it accessible to researchers and the public. The project also included recording oral histories from elder members of the community. These firsthand accounts capture personal stories, migration experiences, and the community's evolution over time, enriching the archival records.



“This marks a historic milestone for the NAI and a significant step towards preserving the rich heritage and narratives of the diverse overseas Indian community,” said Arun Singhal, Director General of the NAI. Indian Ambassador to Oman, Amit Narang, highlighted the project's alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of strengthening diaspora ties. “We are rekindling a vital part of our shared heritage,” he said.

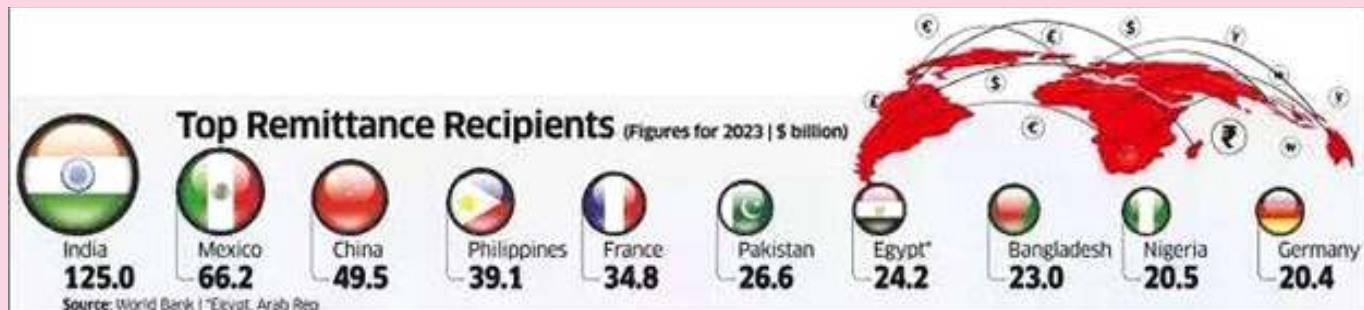
Sheikh Anil Khimji, head of the Indian community in Oman, expressed gratitude to PM Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar for their diaspora engagement efforts, stating that the archiving initiative will preserve the Indian diaspora's history and showcase the enduring India-Oman friendship.

The initiative was supported by

Oman's National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA). This project not only safeguards historical records but also fosters deeper engagement with the Indian diaspora in Oman. It serves as a valuable resource for researchers and future generations, promoting a better understanding of the longstanding India-Oman friendship.

Oman hosts nearly 700,000 Indians today, with Indians having resided in the Sultanate since the late 18th century CE, primarily as merchant families from Mandvi, Surat, and other parts of Gujarat. These families have integrated into Omani society, with many becoming citizens, while maintaining strong ties with their motherland. ■

INDIA TOPS LIST OF COUNTRIES RECEIVING HIGHEST REMITTANCES; INDIAN DIASPORA SENDS HOME RECORD \$107 billion



India tops list of countries receiving highest remittances; Indian diaspora sends home record \$107 billion©
Provided by The Times of India

In an unprecedented achievement, India has topped the global list of countries with the highest remittances. For the fiscal year 2023-24, overseas Indians have sent a record-breaking \$107 billion in remittances to their relatives back home, surpassing the \$100 billion mark for the second consecutive financial year.

According to an Economic Times report, these net remittances are nearly double the amount of net foreign investments, including both Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and portfolio investments, which totaled \$54 billion during the same period.

Multiple global studies and domestic research have indicated that remittances are linked to the level of migration, job opportunities, and the economic conditions in the source countries. The cost of remittances also plays a crucial role in influencing these overseas transfers.

The gross remittances by the Indian

diaspora, as reflected in private transfers in the balance of payments, reached an astounding \$119 billion in FY 2023-24. After accounting for the repatriation of income by private foreign residents and other remittances, the net private transfers stood at \$107 billion.

The United States continued to be the largest source of remittances to India. In 2023, the top five remittance recipient countries were India (\$125 billion), Mexico (\$67 billion), China (\$50 billion), the Philippines (\$40 billion), and Egypt (\$24 billion).

A Reserve Bank of India (RBI) survey conducted post-Covid pandemic revealed that the United States contributed 23% of the total remittances to India, while flows from the Gulf region have seen a decline. The survey also showed that the majority of these remittances are used for family needs, with a portion being invested in other assets such as deposits.

According to the World Bank's "Migration and Development Brief" released in December, India has maintained its position as the top recipient of remittances from its diaspora for more than 20 years. This trend has been largely driven by the increase in IT professionals migrating to North America and Europe since the 1990s.

"Remittance flows to developing countries have surpassed the sum of foreign direct investment and official development assistance in recent years, and the gap is increasing," said Dilip Ratha, lead economist and author of the World Bank report.

However, the World Bank Report predicts that the growth of remittances to low-and-middle-income countries is expected to soften to 3.1% in 2024, driven by slowing economic growth and the prospect of weaker job markets in several high-income countries.

THOUSANDS ACROSS THE WORLD PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

First proclaimed by the UN in 2014 in recognition of its universal appeal, the event is marked every June 21.

In a global celebration of the ancient discipline of yoga, thousands of participants across the world joined mass sessions to mark the 10th International Day of Yoga. This event, which underscores the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of yoga, originated in India and has gained international recognition.

The United Nations declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in December 2014, aiming to raise global awareness of yoga's numerous benefits. This year's theme, "Yoga for Self and Society,"

emphasized the harmony of mind and body with a holistic approach to health and wellbeing.

India's Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, a prominent advocate of yoga, led a large gathering in the Muslim-majority region of Kashmir on Friday. Despite the rain, which moved the event indoors, thousands of government employees, teachers, and students from across Kashmir attended the session.

Around the globe, people came together to practice various yoga



Practitioners strike a yoga pose at the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Jakarta, Indonesia.

poses, meditate, and engage in breathing exercises, uniting in the shared pursuit of health and harmony through yoga. ■

INDIA SENDS HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO CUBA INCLUDING 90 TONS OF 'MADE IN INDIA' ACTIVE PHARMACEUTICAL INGREDIENTS

In a significant gesture of international solidarity, India has dispatched a substantial consignment of humanitarian assistance to Cuba. The External Affairs Ministry's Spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, announced the departure on social media, highlighting the shipment of 90 tones of nine 'Made in India' Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) from Mundra port.

The APIs are expected to play a crucial role in the production of essential medicines in Cuba, aiding the nation in addressing its healthcare needs. Mr. Jaiswal emphasized that this assistance reaffirms India's status as the "Pharmacy of the World" and strengthens the enduring ties between India and Cuba.

This move underscores India's ongoing commitment to global health



and its dedication to fostering strong bilateral relationships through humanitarian support. ■

INDIAN DIASPORA SHINES IN SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT AND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURES

In a remarkable display of political prowess, several candidates of Indian descent have achieved significant victories in South Africa's recent elections, securing seats in both the National Assembly and provincial legislatures.

Among the notable winners is Mergan Chetty, who clinched his third consecutive term in Parliament.

Chetty, the longest-serving member of Indian descent in the Democratic Alliance (DA), initially represented the Pietermaritzburg City Council in 2006. Shara Singh, previously a member of the Provincial Legislature from KwaZulu-Natal, transitioned to national politics and became a Member of Parliament. Singh, upon her election, resigned from her local government position, and revealed

that four out of the DA's 87 Parliament members are of Indian descent. Ashor Saruppen also celebrated his second straight term in Parliament. Saruppen, whose roots trace back to Uttar Pradesh, had formerly served in the Gauteng provincial legislature. He is recognized as the most senior person of Indian descent within the DA leadership.

Other prominent figures include Narend Singh, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party; Fasiha Hassan of the African National Congress (ANC); Imran Ismail Moosa of Al Jama-Ah; and Visvin Gopal Reddy and Shunmugam Ramasamy Moodley of the uMkhonto we Sizwe party, all of whom secured seats in Parliament. The newly elected members were officially sworn in on Friday. While many of these elected officials

were born in South Africa, Anilkumar Kesava Pillai stands out as a native of Thiruvalla in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala, India. Pillai moved to South Africa as a young teacher 40 years ago and rose to prominence as a trade union leader for teachers. He was first elected to the provincial council of Eastern Cape in 2019, representing the ANC. Additionally, Imran Keeka, Marlaine Nair, and Riona Gokool, all members of the DA,

were re-elected to the provincial legislature of KwaZulu-Natal.

Despite these successes, some independent candidates and political formations advocating for the Indian community did not garner sufficient support to secure seats. Nonetheless, the Indian diaspora's significant representation in South Africa's political landscape marks a historic and inspiring achievement. ■

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER VISITS HINDU TEMPLE IN UAE

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar paid a visit to the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi. This significant visit to the first traditional Hindu stone temple in the Middle East highlights the strengthening cultural and diplomatic ties between India and the United Arab Emirates. BAPS, or Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha, is a well-known Hindu denomination with a global footprint.

The temple, inaugurated by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 14, 2024, has rapidly become a symbol of religious tolerance and diversity in the Gulf

region. Dr. Jaishankar's visit underscores the temple's importance to the Indian diaspora and its role in promoting international relations.

Following his visit to the temple, Dr. Jaishankar will participate in the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the Louvre Abu Dhabi. Later today, he is scheduled to meet with UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Their discussions are expected to cover a broad spectrum of issues related to the India-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership, as well as regional and global developments.



Dr. S Jaishankar - External Affairs Minister of India, Swami Brahmaviharidas - head of the BAPS Hindu Mandir, H.E. Sanjay Sudhir - Indian Ambassador to the UAE and Chairman Ashok Kotecha, stand for a picture in front of the Mandir

INDIAN-AMERICAN PHYSICIAN ELECTED OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Dr. Sampat Shivangi, a prominent Indian-American physician and community leader, has been elected as an official delegate to the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. The convention, scheduled from July 13 to July 19, 2024, will formally nominate former US President Donald Trump as the Republican Party's candidate for the upcoming presidential election.

Dr. Shivangi expressed his honor and excitement at being elected for the sixth consecutive time as a National Delegate at the convention. He emphasized his longstanding commitment to the Republican Party and his previous roles in nominating candidates like President George W. Bush, Senator John McCain,

Governor Mitt Romney, and President Donald Trump in 2016 and 2020.

As the national president of the Indian American Forum for Political Education, Dr. Shivangi has been a pivotal figure in advocating for Indian-American interests in US politics. He highlighted the significance of this nomination as an opportunity to represent the Indian-American community at a national level.

Governor Tate Reeves of Mississippi will host a special luncheon on July 16 in honor of the delegates, including Dr. Shivangi, at Northern Lights in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Shivangi's election underscores



Dr Sampat Shivangi is a founding member of the Republican Indian Council

the growing influence of Indian Americans in American politics and reaffirms his dedication to advancing community interests on a national stage. ■

PM Modi RECEIVES BHUTAN'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD 'ORDER OF THE DRUK GYALPO'

His Majesty The King presented the Order of Druk Gyalpo (Ngadag Pelgi Khorlo), Bhutan's highest award, to the Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, in a special ceremony at Tendelthang on Friday, 22nd March 2024.

His Majesty conferred the award to Prime Minister Modi on 17th December 2021, Bhutan's 114th National Day, as a mark of deep appreciation from the people of Bhutan for his leadership and personal efforts towards strengthening the exceptional relations between Bhutan and India.

His Majesty The Fourth Druk Gyalpo and the Royal Family graced the ceremony. Thousands of people from various sections of society, including schoolchildren were part of the gathering.

The ceremony included a curated performance showcasing Bhutan's performing arts, together with performances in Hindi and Gujarati, choreographed in honour of Prime Minister Modi.

Ahead of the ceremony, Prime Minister Modi received an Audience with His Majesty The King at the Tashichhodzong, where he was escorted in a Chipdrel procession, and presented a guard of honour by the armed forces and Desuung contingents.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck for being conferred with 'Order of the Druk Gyalpo', Bhutan's highest civilian honour and dedicated it to the 140 crore people of the country.

He affirmed hope that the relationship between New Delhi and Thimphu will keep growing thus benefiting the citizens of the two nations.

"It is with great humility that I accept the Order of the Druk Gyalpo. I am grateful to HM the King of Bhutan for presenting the Award. I dedicate it to the 140 crore people of India. I am

also confident that India-Bhutan relations will keep growing and benefit our citizens," PM Modi posted on X.

Notably, Prime Minister Modi became the first foreign dignitary and only the fourth person overall to receive the honour.

As per ranking and precedence established, the Order of the Druk Gyalpo was instituted as the decoration for lifetime achievement and is the pinnacle of the honour system in Bhutan, taking precedence over all orders, decorations and medals.

Visit to India by H.E. DASHO TSHERING TOBGAY, PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN



At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Bhutan H.E. Tshering Tobgay accompanied by his wife H.E. Tashi Doma made an official visit to India from 14-18 March 2024. This was Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay's first

overseas visit after assuming office in January 2024.

Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay was accompanied by Lyonpo D.N. Dhungyel, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Lyonpo Ge m

Tshering, Minister for Energy and Natural Resources, Lyonpo Namgyal Dorji, Minister for Industry, Commerce and Employment as well as senior officials from the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay

called on the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu and held discussions with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on the full spectrum of bilateral cooperation and regional issues of mutual interest. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of Power, New & Renewable Energy Shri R. K. Singh and National Security Advisor Shri Ajit Doval called on Prime Minister of Bhutan.

On behalf of His Majesty The King of Bhutan, Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay extended an invitation to Prime Minister Modi to visit Bhutan at an early date. Prime Minister Modi accepted the invitation.

From Delhi, Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay traveled to Mumbai where he met the Governor of Maharashtra and Indian business leaders.



STATE VISIT TO BHUTAN by SHRI NARENDRA MODI, PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Republic of India, made a two-day State Visit to Bhutan from 22-23 March 2024 on the invitation of His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan. Prime Minister Modi was accompanied by senior officials of the Government of India.

Prime Minister Modi was accorded a warm welcome, a reflection of the deep bonds of friendship that Bhutan and India share.

During Prime Minister Modi's state visit to Bhutan, India and Bhutan committed to pursuing a transformative partnership that advances the "unique and special"

relations between the two nations. Prime Minister Modi received audiences with His Majesty The King and His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo.

Prime Minister Modi and Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay had fruitful and wide ranging discussions in Thimphu wherein the two leaders

reaffirmed their commitment to taking this extraordinary bilateral partnership to new heights, looking into the future.



The two Prime Ministers witnessed the exchange of seven Memoranda of Understanding between their respective foreign secretaries, further strengthening the scope and depth of the cooperation and friendship between Bhutan and India.

This includes promoting connectivity through rail links, roads, air, waterways, trade infrastructure for seamless cross-border movement of goods and services, and economic as well as digital connectivity.

PRIME MINISTER MODI AND PRIME MINISTER TSHERING TOBGAY INAUGURATED GYALTSUEN JETSUN PEMA WANGCHUCK MOTHER AND CHILD HOSPITAL

Marking a significant milestone in the healthcare partnership between Bhutan and India, Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay and Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly inaugurated the Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck Mother and Child Hospital in Thimphu on 23rd March 2024. The Government of India has supported the development of the 150 - bedded Gyaltsuen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck Mother and Child Hospital at a cost of Rs. 22 Crores. The facility houses the state-of-the-art facilities for Pediatrics, Gynecology and Obstetrics, Anesthesiology, Operation Theatre, Neonatal Intensive Care and Pediatric Intensive Care.



DAYS TO REMEMBER

in July, 2024

July 01 : Canada Day (National Day of Canada)

July 04 : U.S.A. : National Day

July 05 : **Amavasya** ●

July 05 : Venezuela : National Day

July 11 : Mongolia : National Day

July 11 : World Population Day

July 14 : France : National Day

July 21 : **Purnima** ■

July 21 : Belgium : National Day

July 26 : Maldives : Independence Day

बालेश्वर अग्रवाल जी की पुण्यतिथि के अवसर पर भजन संध्या एवं श्रद्धांजलि सभा का आयोजन

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के संस्थापक और पूर्व महासचिव स्व. बालेश्वर अग्रवाल जी की 11वीं पुण्यतिथि पर प्रवासी भवन में भजन संध्या एवं श्रद्धांजलि सभा का आयोजन किया गया। भजन के कार्यक्रम से पूर्व परिषद के वरिष्ठ सदस्यों ने उनकी प्रतिमा पर पुष्पांजलि अर्पित की। अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ख्याति प्राप्त सुप्रसिद्ध भजन गायक श्री अजय याज्ञनिक जी और उनके सहयोगी संगीतकारों ने अनेक उत्कृष्ट भजन के अतिरिक्त हनुमान चालीसा का सस्वर पाठ किया। श्रद्धांजलि सभा में उपस्थित महानुभावों ने इन भजनों एवं उनके गायन की सराहना की।

सभी वक्ताओं ने बालेश्वर जी के जीवन की महानताओं, विशिष्टताओं और सरलता की चर्चा करते हुए बताया कि यद्यपि बालेश्वर जी ने एक समृद्ध परिवार में जन्म लिया था और बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय से इंजीनियरिंग

की डिग्री प्राप्त की थी लेकिन उन्होंने अपना संपूर्ण जीवन समाज की सेवा के लिए अर्पित कर दिया। राष्ट्रीय स्वयं सेवक संघ के प्रचारक के बाद उन्हें भारतीय भाषाओं की एकमात्र न्यूज एजेंसी हिन्दूस्थान समाचार को चलाने का दायित्व सौंपा गया। उन्होंने इस संवाद समिति को अपने घोर परिश्रम और अद्वितीय प्रतिभा के बल पर भारत की एक महत्वपूर्ण संवाद एजेंसी बनाने में सफलता प्राप्त की। उन्हीं के प्रयत्नों से सर्वप्रथम हिन्दी में टेलीप्रिंटर का निर्माण भारत सरकार ने करवाया।

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के अध्यक्ष श्री वीरेन्द्र गुप्ता ने प्रवासी भारतीयों को एकजुट करने और उनके भारत के साथ संबंध सुदृढ़ करने में बालेश्वर जी के योगदान को अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण बताया और कहा कि जब भारत सरकार ने प्रवासी भारतीयों के लिए समुचित

स्तर पर कोई संस्थानिक व्यवस्था नहीं की थी, उस समय बालेश्वर जी ने अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद की स्थापना कर भारत के पड़ोसी देशों और प्रवासी भारतीयों के साथ भारत के संबंधों को सुदृढ़ बनाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई। परिषद के महासचिव श्री श्याम परांडे ने विदेशों में भारतीय भाषा और संस्कृति के प्रचार में बालेश्वर जी की भूमिका को रेखांकित करते हुए कहा कि वे सर्वदा जीवन के उच्च आदर्शों पर चलते रहे। समय पालन और जीवन में अनुशासन उनकी विशिष्टता रही है। इस अवसर पर राष्ट्रीय स्वयं सेवक संघ के राष्ट्रीय कार्यकारिणी सदस्य श्री इंद्रेश जी ने बालेश्वर अग्रवाल जी की भूमिका पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि आज देश में जो राष्ट्रीय एवं सांस्कृतिक वातावरण व्याप्त है उसमें बालेश्वर जी का योगदान महत्वपूर्ण है। इस कार्यक्रम का संचालन श्रीमती सुषमा अग्रवाल ने किया।



हिन्दी साहित्य के विकास में उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए डॉ. ऊषा ठाकुर को प्रदान किया गया 12वां विश्व हिन्दी सम्मान

डॉ. ऊषा ठाकुर को हिन्दी साहित्य के विकास में उनके उल्लेखनीय योगदान के लिए 12वां 'विश्व हिन्दी सम्मान' प्रदान किया गया है। नेपाल में भारतीय दूतावास की ओर से आयोजित हिन्दी संवाद कार्यक्रम में उन्हें यह पुरस्कार दिया गया।

डॉ. ऊषा ठाकुर ने हिन्दी और नेपाली में 40 से अधिक साहित्यकारों की रचनाओं का अनुवाद किया है और हिन्दी भाषा को सुदृढ़ करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है।

यह पुरस्कार भारत सरकार के विदेश मंत्रालय की ओर से दिया जाता है। 12वां विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन 2023 में फिजी में हुआ था। डॉक्टर ठाकुर इस आयोजन में भाग नहीं ले पाईं थी इसलिए उन्हें काठमांडू में त्रिभुवन विश्वविद्यालय में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में पुरस्कार दिया गया।

इस अवसर पर उन्होंने कहा कि हिन्दी नेपाल में पर्यटकों और स्थानीय लोगों बीच सम्पर्क की भाषा के रूप में लोकप्रिय होती जा रही है।



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परिचय

- ❖ हिन्दुस्थान समाचार भारत की पहली और वर्तमान तक एकमात्र बहुभाषी न्यूज एजेंसी है।
- ❖ 10 अप्रैल, 1948 को स्थापित।
- ❖ यह एक को-ऑपरेटिव सोसाइटी द्वारा संचालित है।
- ❖ इसका प्रशासनिक कार्यालय दिल्ली में है। देशभर में 21 ब्यूरो कार्यरत हैं।

हमारी ताकत

- ❖ देश भर में 600 स्थानों पर संवाद सूत्रों का बड़ा नेटवर्क। हिन्दुस्थान समाचार देश में सर्वाधिक ग्राहक संख्या वाली न्यूज एजेंसी है। हिन्दी, अंग्रेजी, उर्दू, बांग्ला, असमिया, ओडिया, मराठी, गुजराती, कन्नड़, तेलुगु, पंजाबी और नेपाली भाषा में सबसे प्रभावी न्यूज एजेंसी।
- ❖ मीडिया जगत में समाचारों और विचारों की प्रमुख और विश्वसनीय संवाद समिति।
- ❖ हिन्दुस्थान समाचार न्यूज एजेंसी दैनिक समाचार पत्रों, साप्ताहिक पत्रिकाओं, न्यूज चैनल्स व पोर्टल्स को त्वरित गति से समाचार उपलब्ध कराती है।
- ❖ देश के सर्वाधिक प्रसार संख्या वाले प्रतिष्ठित डीडी न्यूज और आकाशवाणी को भी प्रसार भारती के माध्यम से हिन्दुस्थान समाचार 12 भाषाओं की सेवा प्रदान करता है।

विविधता

- ❖ समाचार सेवा के साथ ही हिन्दुस्थान समाचार लेख व फीचर सेवा, फोटो सेवा भी प्रदान करता है।
- ❖ आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी को ध्यान में रखते हुए हिन्दुस्थान समाचार न्यूज स्कैन सेवा का संचालन भी करता है।
- ❖ हिन्दुस्थान समाचार समूह के द्वारा युगवार्ता (पाक्षिक), नवोत्थान (मासिक) का भी प्रकाशन किया जाता है।
- ❖ भारतीय नववर्ष (वैत्र शुक्ल प्रतिपदा) के अवसर पर प्रतिवर्ष हिन्दुस्थान समाचार द्वारा दैनन्दिनी का प्रकाशन किया जाता है। इसमें भारतीय तिथि के साथ-साथ अंग्रेजी दिनांक भी होते हैं। भारतीय काल-क्रम पर आधारित यह दैनन्दिनी बहुपयोगी है।
- ❖ समय-समय पर हिन्दुस्थान समाचार द्वारा वार्षिकी का भी प्रकाशन किया जाता है। यह प्रतिवर्ष की महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी समेटते हुए इतिहास की दृष्टि विकसित करने के लिए प्रतिष्ठित है।

मार्गदर्शक एवं लक्ष्य

- ❖ राष्ट्रीय विचारों के प्रखर तपस्वी (स्व.) शिवराम आण्टे उपाख्य दादा साहेब आण्टे ने इसकी स्थापना की।
- ❖ देवनागरी लिपि में 'टेलीप्रिन्टर' से समाचार भेजने का श्रेय इस एजेंसी के माध्यम से हमारे संस्थापक दादा साहेब आण्टे को जाता है।
- ❖ पत्रकारिता के लिए जीवन समर्पित करने के साथ ही भारतवंशियों को राष्ट्रीय भाव-भूमि से जोड़ने वाले बालेश्वर अग्रवालजी (अब स्व.) के यशस्वी संपादन व प्रबंधन में हिन्दुस्थान समाचार देश की सबसे प्रामाणिक व प्रतिष्ठित न्यूज एजेंसी के रूप में स्थापित हुई।
- ❖ निर्भीक और निष्पक्ष पत्रकारिता के चलते हिन्दुस्थान समाचार एक सत्ता प्रतिष्ठान का कोपमाजन बना और इसका प्रवाह बाधित करने का निरंतर प्रयास किया गया।
- ❖ राष्ट्र कार्य के लिए समर्पित श्रीकांत जी जोशी (अब स्व.) ने हिन्दुस्थान समाचार को पुनरुज्जीवन प्रदान किया।
- ❖ हमारा लक्ष्य समाचारों का व्यापार करना नहीं बल्कि संवाद समिति को एक सामाजिक कार्य के रूप में खड़ा करना है।
- ❖ सत्य, संवाद, सेवा और सहकार के मूल मंत्र से प्रेरित।

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