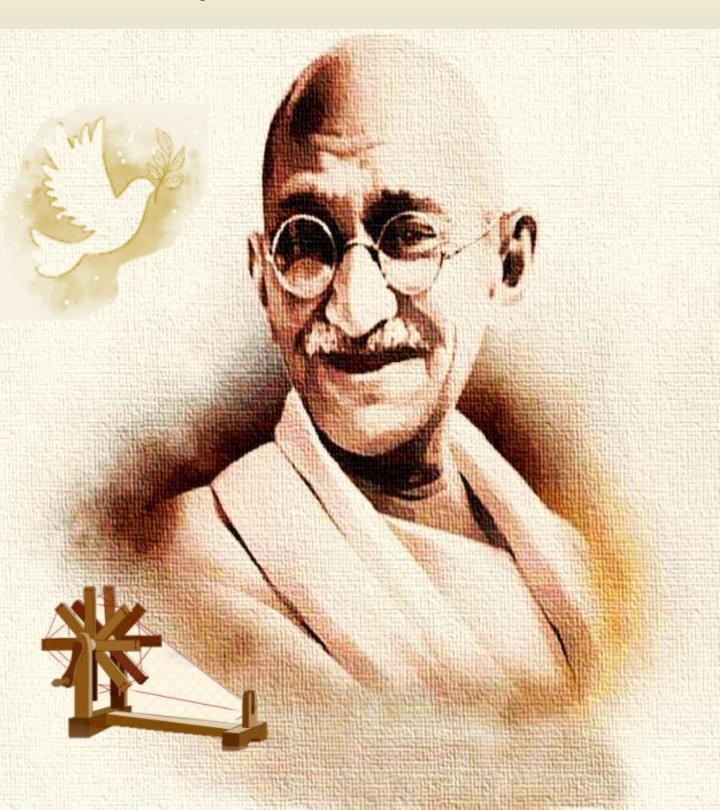
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2nd India–Qatar Joint Committee on Security and Law Enforcement



Source: twitter

Both sides reviewed and positively assessed the entire gamut of security and law enforcement cooperation between the two countries. The two countries agreed to work towards the early conclusion of the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty on Criminal Matters.



while

the

Qatar

The second meeting of the India–Qatar Joint Committee on Security and Law Enforcement was held virtually. The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary at the Ministry of Home Affairs Mr.

delegation was led by Brigadier General Nasser Yousef Al Mal from the Ministry of

Source: twitter

Praveen Vasishta,

Source: twitte

Ambassador's meeting with Minister of Commerce & Industry

Ambassador met Mr. Ali Al Kuwari, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Acting Minister of Finance. They discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral trade, investment and economic partnership.

Bilateral Opportunities between Qatar and India

Doha Bank-hosted session on "Bilateral and Synergistic Opportunities between Qatar and India"

Ambassador participated in the discussions that focused on exploring and strengthening various trade and economical opportunities further boosting bigger bilateral openings ahead for both countries.



Source: twitter

Business Networking Event in Gems & Jewellery

The Indian Business and Professionals Council (IBPC) in association with Gem Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) organised India-Qatar Business Networking Event in Gems & jewellery.

Leading exporters from India and importers from Qatar participated & discussed opportunities & challenges. Gems and Jewellery forms 5% of India's total exports to Qatar and has great potential for further growth.



Source: twitte

Qatar Maha Trade Expo



Source: twitter

Indian The **Business** and Professionals Council (IBPC) in association with Maharashtra Professional Forum (MPF) hosted a virtual buyer seller meet "Qatar Maha Trade Exo," involving more than 50 participants dealing in food & products, **MEP** organic equipment and bio fertilizers.

CEO of Enbad Holdings Qatar, Ghanim Al Sulaiti, gave the participants a glimpse of future changes and the importance for businesses in Qatar to focus on sustainability in both products and supply chain.

Indian exporters used the platform to showcase their products and services in multiple industry specific interactive breakout sessions, allowing potential buyers from Qatar to meet, source information and view the latest offerings from SMEs in Maharashtra.

India at Project Qatar 2021





Source: twitter

Ambassador inaugurated the Indian expatriate - Kerala Business Forum's pavilion at **Project Qatar 2021.**

2 companies from India and 8 members of Kerala Business Forum exhibited a wide range of products including building materials and oil industry equipment.

India's participation in Merwad Exhibition

Under the sponsorship of Qatar Chamber (QC) and backed by Qatar Businesswomen The sixth edition of the "Merwad" Exhibition kicked off on 1 October 2021.

The expo displayed 150 booths and Forum, and 135 Qatari female entrepreneurs, in addition to participants from the GCC countries, Lebanon, Turkey, and India.



Source: twitter

Nooraniyat -The Bridal Edit

Qatar Tourism and Shop Qatar 2021 in collaboration with Fab Entertainment held the three-day trunk show of Manish Malhotra's Nooraniyat, The Bridal Edit from 28 - 30 September 2021 at the Mondrian Hotel. It was the center of attraction and took the crowds by storm at the 5th edition of Shop Qatar.



Source: Facebook

India at Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) at Katara



The third edition of Qatar International Art Festival (QIAF) at Katara featured Indian culture by starting the evening with tabla beats led by Santosh Kulkarni. Celebrating the 75th Independence Year of India, colourful glimpses of Indian culture were showcased with folk and classical performances.



More than 300 participants from over 65 countries participated.

Friendly match between India and Qatar

India Qatar played a friendly match at Al Raya Training Pitch as part of the Community World Cup 2021 under Qatar Community Football League.

48 community teams from various countries took part in the tournament.



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Gandhi Jayanti

Embassy of India celebrated 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in chancery premises. The Guest of Honour was Dr. Jaber Al Naoimi -founder and Chairman of Newton Schools.

The program began with floral tributes to Gandhi by Ambassador and Dr. Naoimi. There was a mesmerizing performance by singers from Platform Doha, of some of the favorite Bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi including Vaishnava Janato , hum ko mann ki Shakti dena etc. Graceful dance performances by the students of Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) showcasing some of Gandhian principles and ideals.





Source: twitter

A video rendition of Mahatma Gandhi's favorite bhajan "Vaishnava Jan Te" by a Qatar based renowned singer Mr. Ahmed Abdulrahim, which was shot during celebration of 150 birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was palyed.

The event was attended by many from Indian community, Embassy officials, members of the media







National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Divas)



Embassy of India celebrated National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Divas) on the birth anniversary of 'Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel' on October 31st.

On this occasion a week-long Quiz Contest was conducted on the Embassy Social media.

Birla Public School family takes Integrity Pledge



Indian schools also celebrated the Day by taking the integrity Pledge.

Open House





Source: twitter

Embassy held Open House in hybrid format. Ambassador along with officials of the Embassy and ICBF members interacted with the local Indian community discussing various issues related to consular, passport, travel and employment.

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Cleanliness Campaign

Embassy has carried out a Special Cleanliness Campaign from 2 October to 31 October, 2021



Source: twitter

Special Consular Camp

Embassy of India, Doha in association with Indian Community Benevolent Forum – Qatar organized Special Consular Camp in Venture Gulf Engineering Camp at Industrial Area.

Ambassador and Mr. Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz Al Nasser, Vice Chairman & COO of Venture Gulf Engineering visited the camp.







Special Consular and Labour camp today at AMWAJ Labour camp in Dhukan.









Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – October 2021

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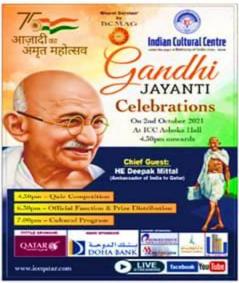
Commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – October 2021







Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations 2021























A tribute- Gandhi Jayanti 2021

As a tribute to great environmentalist Mahatma Gandhi, ICC Qatar association with Baladiya organised a tree planting event in Old Airport Park. Ambassador and Mr Mohammad Abdullah Mohammad, head of the Garden section, planted trees. Students Green Ambassadors under Campus Care Force of MES Indian School also participated in tree planting along with Indian Community members.









A beach cleaning at Fariah beach in association with Al Shamaal Municipality and Indian Community active participation cleared nearly 4 square Km area from plastic.



The tinv tots dressed themselves in khadi and cotton kurta pyjamas. Children drew and colored symbols associated with him.



Indian School's celebrated Gandhi Jayanti on the virtual platform through which the students paid their tribute. They presented the life and struggles of through their artworks, singing patriotic Gandhiji songs, drawing and colouring, listening to stories and watching documentaries highlighting the life of the Father of our Nation.



As part of India @75, "Azaadi ki Amrith Mahotsav" and to commemorate 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) launched the Vande Bharat poster showcasing an array of ativities organized for a week starting on 2 October.

Ambassador inaugurated an exhibition about Mahatma Gandhi and freedom movement-related paintings by Visual Arts Qatar.

Gandhi Jayanti celebration poster launched

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Arts will present
a on October 8, a
performances on October 9.



The event started with a live quiz with 12 finalists.

Prizes were distributed to winners of competitions organized by the North Indian Association as part of the Hindi Diwas celebrations.

ICBF Insurances were presented to ten Indian workers as well.

A cultural show by Barwa Community Monday Activity Group, Bharat Darshan, depicting India's freedom struggle was also presented during the celebration.

Various other Indian Associations showcased a fiestas of cultural events over the week.





Source: Facebook





A week long-Vande Bharat celebrations

ICC organises series of activities to mark India's 75th Independence Day

THE Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) conceived, planned and executed 'Vande Bharat' events for nine days starting with beach cleaning in north Qatar along with ICC Youth Wing as part of the activities to celebrate India's 75th Independence Day 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', and 152nd birth anniversary of the father of the nation. Mahat-

ma Gandhi.

The programmes saw active participation of various teams.
The Gandhi Jayanti day saw quiz competition finals, the inauguration of VAFI Gandhij painting exhibition, cultural show 'Bharat Darshan' and a host of other events for the day.

is for the day.

long with Doha Municipal orities, ICC YW and MES or students participated in a



tree plantation drive at Old Air-port Park while Samanwayam captivated the audience with Vande Matarami cultural event featuring dances and a skit show. ICC YW and team also hosted Malhar Musical night along with food stalls to engage young Indi-ans.

ebraiced the Mahakavi Bharatiyar centenary with a skit and songs and dances that were presented with a difference.

Batukamma by Telan-gana Jagruthi, a floral festival celebration with regional folk songs and dances, was well at-tended, while another all-wom-en event was overwhelmingly successful.

Bharat Bhagya Vidhata pa-triotic songs and dance perfor-mances by Bangiya Parishad Qatar were part of a well-choremerising classical dances and songs by Maestro Arts held the audience spellbound. The Maestro team brought together talents ographed event. The other

After one and a half years of Bharat Ke Rang, IWA Ke Sang, dance forms, from states of India lockdown and COVID-19 restrictions, the ICC, with support from the Embassy of India, decided to create a platform for the Indian by Indian Woman Association, which was well directed with exa pattorm for the Indian community to come out, partici-pate and enjoy under protocols and restrictions. cellent costume designs to suit e traditions.

Qutar Tamila Sangam cel-rated the Mahakavi Bharatiyar

The ICC thanked the Indian

The ICC thanked the Indian community and ICC affiliated organisations for their wholebeart-ed support for their wholebeart-ed support for the events. ICC MC also thanked Ambasador of India to Qatar HE Dr Deepak Mittal and Dr Alpana Mittal for their support, timely advice and inspiration, as well as ICC Coordinating Officer X-avier Dhanraj, first secretary at the Embasys of India, for his coordination and advice.



Telangana Jagruthi Qatar celebrates traditions with spectacular display

Batukamma, a cultural symbol of the southern Indian state of Telangana, was organised as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative to mark the 75th In-

dependence of India.

President of Telangana Jag-ruthi Qatar Nandini Abbagouni said the chief guest of the event was Dr Alpana Mittal, wife of Indian ambassador to Qatar Dr Deepak Mittal, and Padma Karri, second secretary, Indian

embassy. Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) president P N Baburajan, vice-president Subramanya Hebba-gelu, general secretary K Krish-na Kumar and ICC Advisory Council chairman K S Prasad, as well as Indian Community Benevolent Forum president Ziad Usman and vice-president Vinod Nair were the spe-

cial guests.

Women and girls were dressed for the occasion to reflect the Indian culture and performed Batukamma with "amazing spirit and enthusi-asm", a press statement noted. On this occasion, the crafts-

manship of Telangana han-





dlooms was displayed with a saree in a match box and a ring sari specially brought from Sircilla with the objective of promoting handlooms and sup-

porting artisans.

Oggu Katha, a dying artform from Telangana, was performed in a "first-of-its-kind"

rendition outside India, the

statement added.

The special attraction of the programme was the Batukamma song composed by famous Indian music director A R Rah-man for Telangana Jagruthi. The event was attended by

people from all walks of life.

Bangiya Parishad Qatar, ICC mark Gandhi Jayanti





of 'Bande Bharat Festival' in order to cele-brate Gandhi Jayanti, in line with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
Dr Deepak Mittal, Indian ambassador to

Qatar, graced the occasion, among others. The event was attended by ICC president P N Baburajan and the ICC managing commit-



In his welcome speech, Bangiya Parishad Qa-tar president Biswajit Banerji thanked Dr Mittal for his presence and inaugurating the cultural fiesta. He also thanked ICC for inviting BPQ to

be a part of the event

Sudhir Gupta, joint secretary of the ICC, con-gratulated the winners of the Gandhi Jayanti quiz competition.

ICC conducts 'Malhar' musical programme

A s part of the India@75
Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav
and Gandhi Jayanti celebrations, the Indian Cultural centre (ICC) organised a musical journey, 'Malhar,' led by the ICC Youth Wing and with participa-tion of amateur singers in Doha. Food stalls with traditional

Tool stalls with traditional village settings from various parts of India were among the main attractions of the evening. ICC president P N Baburajan formally inaugurated the event where youth wing co-ordinator and ICC Managing Committee (MC) member Mohan Kumar gave the welcome address. ICC vice-president Subbarmamya Hebbagelu delivered the presidential speech by highlighting the active role and participation of the ICC Youth Wing in the various events organised by the centre.

centre. Youth wing Executive Committee representative Manjoth spoke about the potential of the youth while another active ex-ecutive committee member, Abdulla Poyil, proposed the vote of

thanks.

The musical journey of the day began with Mahatma Gandhi's favourite bhajan, Vaishnav Jan Tō, after the lighting of a traditional lamp by ICC MC, Advisory and Youth Wing members.





Nivedhya Menon steered And anchored the musical pro-gramme, in which singers Muthu Lathief, Harib Hussain, Aneesh Kumar, Mythili Shenoy and Reshma Raveendran enthralled

the audience with songs in Hindi, Malayalam, and Tamil at ICC's Ashoka Hall. The hall resembled a dance floor as many of the audience members were on their feet thanks to the splendid performance by the singers. During the final mashup, the audience and yout congregated at the stage along with the singers in making the event more information from the singers in making the first musical stage programme to held after the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions.

A number of other dignitaries attended the evening, such as ICC Advisory Council chairs at the control of the stage of th

Amanusa vadakkangara, Rusiya Group manager Dr Karim, ABB local division manager, and prominent community activist Chandrasekhar Angadi.

Samanvayam holds Vande Mataram presentation

s part of India @75 years of independence celebrations, Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and to commemorate 152nd Birth Anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti, Indian Cul tural Centre (ICC) organised a week-long event starting with beach cleaning at Al Shamal, Fariha, tree-plantation at Old Airport Park and Vande Bharat celebrations by affiliated organisations from October 2-9.

Samanvayam, in co-ordination of sisterly organisa-tions and associations such as Punarjanani, Science India Forum, Bharathi Mandram and Sanskriti Sangam presented hour-long presentations of patriotic, dance, songs and drama named Vande Mataram.

The skit on Indian freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru was directed by M P Radhakrishnan. Dance per-



formances by two teams were choreographed by Seema and

Indian embassy first secretary Sachin Dinkar Sankhpal was the chief guest, ICC presi-dent P N Baburajan and general secretary Krishnakumar Bandkavi the guests of honour. Samanvayam vice-president Kunal Singh Dabi welcomed the attendees.

President Shreedevi Ananthakrishnan, Sankhpal and Bandikavi spoke. Samanvayam general secretary Ravindra Prasad proposed a vote of thanks

The event was anchored by Vidya Suresh.

Medical Camps



Qatar Indian Social Forum in association with Naseem Medical Centre conducted а Medical for Camp Drivers & Workers.



42nd ICBF Medical Check Up for Indian Workers in association with Allevia Medical Centre & WellCare Pharmacy - 15th October 2021.

Health checkup covered blood sugar, blood pressure, BMI, Vision test and Doctors Consultation. Lipid profile, ECG and Dental checks were done as per Doctors advice. Free medicines were also provided.







Source: Facebook



Source: twitter

PM Narendra Modi at 18th India-ASEAN Summit

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, all of us had to face a lot of challenges. This challenging time also tested the India-ASEAN partnership. Our mutual cooperation in the COVID era will keep strengthening our relations in the future. It will make the base for goodwill between our people.

In 2022, the India-ASEAN partnership will complete 30 years. India will also complete 75 years of its independence. We will celebrate this significant milestone as ASEAN-India Friendship Year.

India always sees the unity and centrality of ASEAN as a priority. The lively relations of India and ASEAN for thousands of years are reflected in our shared values, languages, traditions, architecture, scriptures, culture, and food.

The special role of ASEAN is deeply rooted in India's Act East Policy and Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) policy. India's Indo Pacific Oceans Initiative and ASEAN's Outlook for the Indo-Pacific are the frameworks for our shared vision and mutual cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

PM Modi also called for an early review of the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in goods that India has been seeking for Indian businesses to gain better access to markets in the ASEAN region. The approval by ASEAN for reviewing FTA is significant for India to aid Indian businesses in matters related to non-tariff barriers.

PM Modi also announced the India-ASEAN start-up festival to mark the friendship year 2022 between India and ASEAN region. PM Modi highlighted the significance of innovation and technology in the post-pandemic economic recovery period while proposing an India-ASEAN start-up festival.

PM Modi at COP26 Climate Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the World Leaders' Summit of COP26 in Glasgow today. In his opening remarks, he affirmed India's commitments to tackling climate change, and outlined the country's plans for it.



- Paris Summit was a sentiment, a commitment by 1.25 billion Indians not making promises to the world but to themselves.
- India is home to 17 per cent of the world's population, accounts only for 5 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions.
- India expects developed countries to make \$1 trillion available as climate finance.
- As we track the progress of climate mitigation, we must also track climate finance.
- PM Modi noted that even if the methods of adaptation are local, the support provided to vulnerable countries must be global.

Prime Minister presents India's 'Panchamrit' - the five key elements to deal with climate change:

- Enhance renewable energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030
- To achieve about 50 percent cumulative electric power installed capacity from renewable energy resources by 2030
- Reduce total projected carbon emissions by 1 billion tonnes, from now to 2030
- To reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by more than 45 percent by 2030 from 2005 level
- To achieve the Net Zero Target by 2070

PM Modi urged people to opt for environmentally conscious lifestyle choices that can go a long way in tackling climate change. 'Lifestyle for Environment' must become a global mission.

PM proposed a one-word movement - LIFE, which means Lifestyle for Environment a necessity that all of us come together and take forward LIFE as a movement."

Source: twitter

PM Modi attends G20 Summit



Addressing the first session of the G20 summit in Rome — "Global economy and global health", — Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about the need for a collaborative approach to fight the COVID-19 pandemic covering scientific communities and governments.



He called on the developed nations to set a target of providing at least one per cent of their GDP for financing green projects in the developing world.

Highlighted India's contribution to the global fight against the Covid pandemic and spoke about the nation's 'One Earth, One Health' vision.

He invited the world's biggest countries to make India their partner in economic recovery and supply chain diversification. PM Modi held various bilateral meetings with several heads of the state on the sidelines of the G20.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a oneon-one interaction with Pope Francis at the Vatican City on 30 October.

Invest India elected as President of WAIPA

Invest India has been unanimously elected as the President of the World Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (WAIPA) for 2021-2023.

India has made consistent efforts at implementing pioneering economic reforms welcoming business, which resulted in Invest India currently facilitating more than USD 155 billion in indicative investment potentially creating over 3 million jobs.



Source: twitter

Covid 19 Vaccination milestone

India has administered more than 1.17 billion Covid vaccines under the world's largest vaccine drive so far.





The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on October 21 illuminated 100 monuments such as Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb and Qutub Minar in Delhi, Agra Fort and Fatehpur Sikri in Uttar Pradesh, Konark Temple in Odisha and Mamallapuram Rath temples in Tamil Nadu — were lit up in the tricolour to celebrate the milestone of 100 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses

7 facts about India's COVID-19 vaccination Programme

- 1. India commenced the world's largest vaccination drive on January 16, 2021.
- 2. Under the first phase of COVID vaccination in the country, only health and frontline workers were administered the doses. The frontline workers included paramilitary forces, police, sanitation workers, among others.
- 3. The second phase of the COVID-19 vaccination in India covered all the residents over the age of 60. The citizens between the ages of 45 and 60 with one or more qualifying comorbidities were also allowed to receive vaccination under this phase.
- **4.** The eligibility to receive the vaccine doses was later extended to all citizens over the age of 45. PM Modi, on April 8, 2021, also called for a four-day Teeka Utsav from April 11 to April 14 in order to increase the pace of the vaccination program.
- 5. The third and final phase of the Vaccination program started from May 1, 2021, under which all Indian citizens over the age of 18 were eligible to receive the vaccine doses.
- 6. The first vaccine to be approved by India was Covishield (manufactured by Serum Institute of India, Pune) and the second was the homegrown COVAXIN, developed by Bharat Biotech.
- Since then, India has approved Sputnik V, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and ZyCoV-D.

Source: twitter

Free of charge Tourist Visa

Government of India has decided to grant the first 5,00,000 Tourist Visas free of charge on a first-come, first-serve basis starting from 6 October 2021.

- Government of India has also decided to allow certain relaxations in travel restrictions for Foreign Tourists intending to visit India, the salient points of which are:
- i) Foreign nationals intending to visit India for the purpose of tourism will be allowed to enter India on e-Tourist Visa/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa through chartered flights (for group tourism only) from 15 October 2021;
- ii) All individual foreign nationals intending to travel to India for tourism purposes, by flights or by sea routes only, would be permitted to enter India from 15 November 2021;
- iii) All foreign nationals, under point (i) and (ii) above, would be required to obtain a fresh e-Tourist/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa which will have to be utilized within 120 days from the date of issue of such Visa. This Visa will remain valid for single entry for up to 30 days from the date of entry. Existing valid e-Tourist/ Regular/ Paper Tourist Visa would continue to remain suspended till further orders;
- iv) This facility would be applicable only to Tourist Visa/e-Tourist Visa issued on or after 6 October 2021.
- v) In respect of quarantine and all other health/ Covid-19 related matters, extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of India shall be strictly adhered to.

India tops G7 nations in exports

India records highest growth in merchandise exports in 1.5 years. According to the data released by the World Trade Organization, India led the G7 nation in terms of growth in merchandise exports which stands at 47% year-on-year in the January – July quarter.

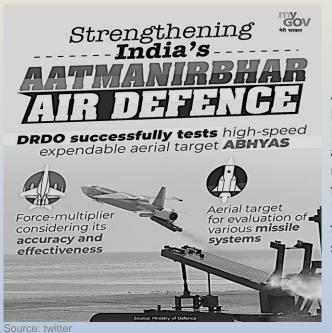


Agni-V successfully test-fired

India successfully test-fired its longest range surface-tosurface ballistic missile, Agni-V.

- Capable of hitting targets ranging upto 5000 kms
- Very high degree of Accuracy
- Uses a three stage solid fuelled engine
- 'Credible minimum deterrence ' & 'zero first use'
- Armed with a nuclear warhead





DRDO Abhyas

ABHYAS is designed & developed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru. The air vehicle is launched using twin under-slung boosters which provide the initial acceleration to the vehicle.

It is powered by a gas turbine engine to sustain a long endurance flight at subsonic speed

DRDO and IAF test long-range bomb from fighter aircraft

Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) on October 29, 2021, jointly flight tested indigenously developed Long-Range Bomb (LRB) successfully from an aerial platform. The LRB right after its launch guided to a land-based target at a long-range with accuracy within specified limits.



Source: twitter

The flight test of the Long-Range Bomb (LRB) and its performance was monitored by a number of range sensors including Electro-Optical Tracking System (EOTS), Telemetry, and radar deployed by the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.

India tops at ISSF Junior World Championship





- India won 43 medals to finish on top in the ISSF Junior World Championship held in Lima (Capital of Peru).
- India concluded the meet with 17 Gold, 16 silver and 10 bronze medals.
- The USA finished second on the medal table with 21 medals including six gold, eight-silver and six bronze.
- Manu Bhaker was the most successful Indian athlete who won four-gold and one bronze medal.



Kashmir's Tajamul Islam Clinches Gold In World Kickboxing Champion

13-year-old girl Tajamul Islam who hails from Kashmir's Bandipora district won a gold medal in the under-14 category of the World Kickboxing Championship held in Cairo Egypt.

World Women's Chess Championship

India clinched its first-ever silver medal in the final of the FIDE World Women's Team Chess Championship.

The five girls Vaishali Rameshbabu, Bhakti Kulkarni, Harika Dronavalli, Padmini Rout, Koneru Humpy participated in the Women's Chess World Cup 2021.



Expo 2020 Dubai: India pavilion

The Indian pavilion opened on 1 October 2021 at the Expo 2020 Dubai with cultural performances. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the large Indian diaspora during the inaugural ceremony of India Pavilion through a video conference.

Referring to the theme of India's pavilion — "Openness, Opportunity and Growth" — PM Modi highlighted that India is one of the most open countries in the world, open to learning, open to perspectives, open to innovation and open to investment.

India Pavilion at Dubai Expo 2020 records 2 lakh footfall in one month.





Kuwait Towers lit up with Kuwait, India national flags

Indian tricolor on the iconic Kuwait towers to commemorate 60th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between India & Kuwait, rekindling longstanding dynamic partnership.

This is the second time Kuwait Tower is illuminated with India's flag. First time in the history of Kuwait, on May 2021, Kuwait Tower was illuminated with India and Kuwait flag to extend Kuwait's support to India in its fight against Covid-19.



MoS V Muraleedharan interacted with the leaders of Indian community in Gulf.



Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan interacted with leaders of Indian community in Gulf countries on the well being of Indian community.

Reviewed procedures and mechanisms in place on Consular matters and Grievance Redressed to serve Indian community better.

India gets re-elected to U.N. Human Rights Council for 2022-24 term





The @UN General Assembly elected 18 members of the #HumanRights Council bit.ly/3j0pAUY

India and Qatar both the countries have been elected as member of the UNHRC.

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We will continue to work for promotion and protection of Human Rights through #Samman #Samvad #Sahyog





India was re-elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for a sixth (2022-24)term with an overwhelming majority as it vowed to promote and protect rights through human "Samman (Respect), Samvad (Dialogue) and

India got 184 votes in the 193member assembly.

Sahyog (Cooperation)".



- Deeply concerned by the mounting death toll due to the prolonged fighting between the government forces and Ansarallah in Marib and other parts of Yemen. The ongoing hostilities and the cycle of violence further jeopardize the chances of a ceasefire.
- Millions of Yemenis are bearing the brunt of the protracted conflict. The
 unprecedented humanitarian crisis has been compounded by the
 precarious economic situation. The declining currency exchange-rate has
 further worsened the situation by inflating the prices of food, fuel and other
 commodities.
- Concerned by the restrictions and impediments to the movement of humanitarian aid and other essential commodities into and within Yemen.
- Financing for humanitarian operations is another area that needs the attention of the international community.
- Encourage the Government of Yemen and the Southern Transitional Council to continue the dialogue for resolving the issues related to the implementation of the Riyadh Agreement.
- Reiterate India's call for the full implementation of Stockholm Agreement.
- Recognize the efforts of UNMHA to resume the RCC and its joint mechanisms to implement the Hudaydah Agreement.
- We welcome the exchange of prisoners with local mediation, we also believe that there is a need for an establishment of proper mechanism for such exchanges, as envisaged in the Stockholm Agreement.
- India condemns the sustained cross border missile and drone attacks into Saudi Arabia.
- condemn the recent car bombing in Aden targeting prominent political figures. Such targeted assassination attempts and other recent attacks in Aden risk destabilising further the security situation in southern Yemen.
- Urgent solution to the FSO SAFER issue is required to avoid any imminent environmental catastrophe and ensure uninterrupted international maritime passage through the Red Sea.
- The only sustainable solution to the conflict is a peacefully negotiated Yemeni led and Yemeni owned political settlement that is inclusive, fair and priorities the well being of all Yemenis.



UNSC Open debate on Middle East (including the Palestinian Question)

- India's position on the Palestine issue is consistent and well known. We firmly believe that only the establishment of a sovereign, viable and independent State of Palestine, within recognized and mutually agreed borders, living side by side with Israel in peace and security, taking into consideration the legitimate security concerns of Israel, can deliver a durable and lasting solution to the conflict.
- India's long-standing position that the Palestine issue be resolved through a peacefully negotiated settlement that promotes a two-State solution.
- Consolidating the ceasefire in Gaza and expediting its reconstruction should continue to remain a priority of the UN and the international community.
- India's call for regular and predictable transfer of aid and other essential items to Gaza to ease the humanitarian situation and facilitate early reconstruction, as well as for appropriate use of such aid.
- Encourage parties to remain engaged on the prisoner exchange discussions and work towards a positive outcome, this being a humanitarian imperative. We appreciate the role of Egypt in facilitating these talks.
- Condemn all acts of violence against civilians, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction. Appreciate the recent announcements to improve the economic and administrative relationships between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. These announcements have to be translated into actions.
- India continues to support the UNRWA Agency's core budget through annual voluntary contributions.
- India has been consistently supporting Palestinian nation-building efforts under the India-Palestine developmental partnership. In addition to our ongoing projects in health, education and technology sectors, we are also implementing quick impact projects, which would benefit the local communities.
- Call upon the international community, the Middle East Quartet in particular, to take concrete steps towards resuming and facilitating peace negotiations.

Synergies in fintech, PPPs, clean energy seen to bolster Qatar-India ties

By Peter Alagos

atar and India have a wide range of sectors for investment and partnership opportumites that would bolster trade and economic ties of both countries, said Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal during a webinar hosted by Doha Bank yesterday.

The event titled 'Bilateral & Synergistic Opportunities between Qatar and India' was moderated by Doha Bank CEO Dr R Seetharaman, who was joined by six-time Member of Pariament and former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu, former Foreign Secretary of India Ranjan Mathai, Shaliesh Haribhakti & Associates chairman Shallesh Haribhakti, and Doha Bank country manager Manish Mathur. In a speech, Mittal said focus is be-

In a speech, Mittal said focus is being placed on how to diversify Qatar-India bilateral trade.

The South Asian nation is active in the State's food security efforts, while Qatar is participating in India's energy needs as an important source of LNG, he pointed out.

"As I look at it, Qatar-India trade

has a 77% energy basket, so the effort is how to diversify this basket further.

There are strengths on both sides that can help to achieve this objective. "Another focus is to forge a more comprehensive partnership between both countries by investing on each

One of these efforts is a link between 'Invest India' and 'Invest Qatar', which are already in discussion to set up co-operation opportunities," Mittal said.

He said collaboration between the Qatar Financial Centre (AFC) and the Indian Financial Service Centre (IFSC) "would help bring complementarity and synergy between both sides"

Aside from building "more efficient" banking channels between both sides, Mittal said stronger logistics and more shipping lines are happening between the west coast of India and Hamad Port.

On a government-to-government level, Mittal said "there is an effort to set up a Joint Working Group on Trade and Commerce and a Joint Task Force on Energy."

"Steps are afoot to set up a Joint

Business Council," the ambassador said, adding that more than 6,000 Indian companies are registered with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI).

The ambassador also reported on India's focus on sustainability and increasing its renewable energy component.

He said India aims to develop as a gas-based economy, citing the Indian government's "560bm" in energy infrastructure development plan, which includes "\$13bm" in gas infrastructure, "\$4bm" in LNG terminals, and "\$17bm" in the city-based gas distribution network, among others.

"Qatar is also giving strong potential for Indian businesses for sprengles in the development of ports, seaports, free zones, and Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), which also opens new avenues for partnerships for Indian businesses to look towards Qatar" he said.

Mittal stressed that more opportunities for synergy and investment cooperation are being presented in the services sector, hospitality and related industries, IT, health security, startups and technology, fintech, agritech, and sportstech.

MES students claim prizes in inter-school 'Hindi Pakhwada' contest

MES Indian School won many prizes at the 'Hindi Pakhwada' an inter-school Hindi language competition organised jointly by the embassy of India and North Indian Association at Birla Public School and DPS-Monarch International School recently. The competitions were in slogan writing, elocution and poem recitation in various categories. Vedika Vilas Shinde (X. J) and Mahek Shaikh (X. J) won the first and second prizes, respectively, in the senior category, and Vedha Virender Redkar (VII N) second prize

in the intermediate category. Amreen Khalil Ahmed Khatri (III B) won second prize in the junior category. Darshan Vilas Shinde (VI C) won second prize in slogan writing. Ayaana Sameer Nakhwa (IX K) won second prize in elocution in the senior category.

The prizes were presented by Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal during the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at the Indian Cultural Centre. School principal Hameeda Kadar congratulated the winners.



A winner receiving her prize from Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal.

Indian envoy opens Indian expat forum's pavilion at Project Qatar

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AN Indian expatriate business forum has set up a pavilion for the first time at the Project Qatar 2021, the country's largest construction show being held at DECC.

The Kerala Business Forum's pavilion was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador HE Deepak Mittal on Monday. The pavilion features a wide range of products including building materials and oil industry equipment. Eight members of KBF have exhibited their products at the pavilion.

Speaking to Qatar Tribune, KBF President Shanavas Bava said, "This is for first time a business organisation is taking such an initiative to attend Project Qatar exhibition. The platform will help its members to interact with a number of successful business personalities and explore the potential of the booming Qatari economy."

The inaugural ceremony of the pavilion was also attended Counsellor (Political and Commerce) at the Indian Embassy in Qatar Angeline Premalatha, KBF General Secretary Nihad Ali, KBF advisory board chairman KR Jayaraj, President of Indian Cultural Centre PN Baburaj, President of Indian Community Benevolent President Ziad Usman. President of Indian Business Professionals Council Jaffer U Sadiq, IBPC Board of Governor members AP Manikantan and prominent Indian community members.

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The Kerala Business Forum's pavilion was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador HE Deepak Mittal on Monday.

'Mahatma Gandhi's values of non-violence, peace and truth very much relevant today'

THE Ideal Indian School (IIS) observed 'Gandhi Jayanti' to commemorate the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gan-dhi, the Father of Nation of

India.

The day is marked as the International Day for Peace and Non Violence.

Students from various sections of the school participated in the programme, highlighting the ideals that Mahatma Candhi stood for Through pa ing the ideals that Mahatma Gandhi stood for. Through pa-triotic songs and speeches, the students pledged to keep the spirit of the Mahatma alive.

Junior section students brought out their artistic skills by colouring a picture that depicted the message of non-

violence.
Teachers spoke about Mahatma Gandhi and his values of non-violence and how he fought for India's freedom.
Speaking on the occasion, IIS Principal Syed Shoukath Ali urged the students to abide by the principles and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. He also stressed the values of peace, truth, non-violence and co-operation, which are still relevant, many decades after Indianay decades after Indianay decades after Indianay Candhi and evant, many decades after In-dependence. (TNN)









Ideal Indian School (IIS) students celebrated Gandhi Javanti, the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation of India.

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Ambassador of India to Qatar H E Dr. Deepak Mittal with officials from MME and ICC during the event.

ICC participates in tree planting initiative to mark Mahatma Gandhi's birthday

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To commemorate the 152nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) and municipal authorities, held a tree plantation event in Old Airport Park.

Ambassador of India to Oatar H E Dr. Deepak Mittal. ICC Coordinating officer and 1st Secretary Xavier Dhanraj, participated with Mohammed

Abdullaa Mohammed from the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME)

The Ambassador expressed appreciation for participation in such programmes, by the Indian community and thanked the municipal authorities for the extended support. The MME has targeted to plant a million trees across Oatar under its 'Plant Million Tree' initiative.

The Ambassador reiterated

that the Indian community would extend all support and participate in planting a million trees across the country. Qatar is home away from home for all Indians and will do everything possible to keep the environment clean and green.

ICC Management Committee, along with President P N Babu Rajan, attended the programme. ICC Youth wing team was also present.

Ideal students pledge to keep spirit of Gandhi alive

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GANDHI JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS

Live quiz and art exhibition mark ICC festivities

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Prizes for winners of various competitions held by the North Indian Association as



Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal inaugurates the exhibition

part of the Hindi Diwas celebrations were presented. So were insurance policies under the Indian Community Benevolent Forum scheme for 10 workers employed by the municipality.

A cultural show by Barw Community Monday Activit Group, Bharat Darshan, depicte India's freedom struggle.





Construction sector plays key role in bolstering trade with Qatar, say top diplomats

Similarly, Indian ambassador Dr Deepak Mittal said more than 10 companies from India are participating in Project Qatar, which was inaugurated by HE the Minister of Commerce and Industry and Acting Minister of Finance Ali bin Ahmed al-Kuwari.

"India certainly has strength in the construction and industrial sectors, and Indian companies have been doing a bountiful job for entities in Qatar, be it Kahramaa, Ashghal, and QP, among other sectors where they are participating in the development and growth of Qatar.

"Events like Project Qatar provides an opportunity for India to showcase its specialisation in fields, such as the services sector, among other areas where existing work is already being done," Mittal pointed out.

"This exhibition also provides an opportunity for people to get to know more about this sector and to build and develop new relations," the ambassador noted, citing the presence of organisations like the Kerala Business Forum and the Indian Business & Professionals Council.

On Qatar-India trade, Mittal added: "In 2021, we have already seen the graph moving up in a positive direction; statistics would be out soon. India and Qatar continue to be among the top five trading partners.

"Qatar is concerned in terms of being able to bring goods and commodities to India as an export destination, and to be able to source goods and services from India, so certainly the trade and partnership between both countries are growing and I am confident that this will continue to grow."

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السفير الهندي يشارك في مبادرة زراعة مليون شجرة



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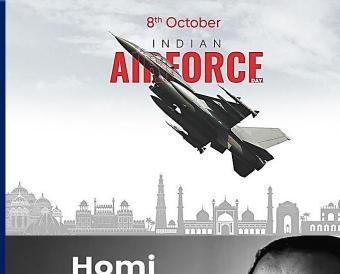
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تنظيف شاطئ فريحة بالتعاون مع المركز الثقافي الهندي



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International Day of Non-Violence
2 October

The Birthday Of Mahatma Gandhi



Homi Jehangir Bhabha

30 October 1909

24 January 1966



National Unity Day

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