



The Embassy of India had a series of events in the month of April 2023.

Embassy News



Celebration of Baisakhi Festival

The Embassy of India & Gurudwara Nahr-e-Ibrahim celebrated Baisakhi Festival on April 16, 2023 at the Gurudwara Premises. A large number of Community members attended the event.

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover addressed the gathering on the occasion.



Transfer of Authority between Indbatt XXIII and Indbatt XXIV

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover and SS (Cons) Mr Ajay Kumar attended the UNIFIL ceremony of Transfer of Authority between Indbatt XXIII and Indbatt XXIV on April 24, 2023



Attending ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover attended ANZAC Day Dawn Service organized by the Australian Embassy in Lebanon at Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Beirut on April 25, 2023 and paid respects at the memorial to honour those who sacrificed their lives in the World Wars.

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Attending the 27th edition of Horeca Exhibition

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover along with SS (Com) attended the 27th edition of Horeca Exhibition on April 25, 2023 at Seaside Arena, Beirut. Cd'A interacted with Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, Hon'ble Minister of Industry of Lebanon and other Businessmen during the event.



Meeting with Ecole Saint Maroun

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover with the Embassy cultural team visited Ecole Saint Maroun in Tripoli and discuss future collaboration in the presence of Dr Imane Kamali, president of Elite Center on April 26, 2023.



Visit to Maarad - Rachid Karami International Fair

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover along with Dr Imane Kamali, President of Elite Center visited Maarad - Rachid Karami International Fair, Tripoli, a possible venue to host the celebration of International Day of Yoga 2023 on April 26, 2023

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Visit to Istanbouli Theatre, Tripoli

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover along with Dr Imane Kamali and Commercial Assistant visited Istanbouli Theatre in Tripoli and discuss with Tiro Team future collaboration. Ms. Helena explained about the history of the theatre.



Livestreaming of Radio Programme

Embassy of India, Beirut organised livestreaming of Radio Programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister 'Mann Ki Baat' on April 30, 2023. Prominent members of Indian Community along with Embassy officials attended the event.

Embassy News

Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar



The Embassy of India celebrated the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar with the Indian community members at Sant Ravidas Ji Gurudwara in Beirut.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is known as the architect of Constitution of India. His hard work in the drafting of the constitution and making it a powerful tool for social and economic empowerment of the downtrodden are praiseworthy. He ensured that there are appropriate checks and balances in the democratic system of Government and ensured that the three wings of executive, legislature and judiciary function independently with accountability to one another. In the course of his most eventful life, Dr. Ambedkar made outstanding contribution as an Economist, Sociologist, Anthropologist, Educationist, Journalist, as an authority on comparative religion, as a policy-maker, as an administrator, and as a parliamentarian. Above all he was a renowned Jurist.

Cd'A Mr. Sandeep Grover addressed the community members and asked them to approach the Mission whenever needed.

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Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar at the Embassy premises

The event commenced with the garlanding of the portrait of Baba Saheb Ambedkar by Charge d’Affaires Shri Sandeep Grover. Visiting officers of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi also graced the occasion by offering floral tributes to Baba Saheb Ambedkar. Thereafter, prominent members of Indian community also paid their floral tributes to Baba Saheb. The event was attended by all India based officials along with their families.

A ‘Photo Exhibition’ on the illustrious life of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, was also inaugurated on this occasion. The exhibition was widely appreciated by the visitors as it helped in enriching their awareness about Baba Saheb.

The public screening of documentary named “Mooknayak- Leader of the Silent” based on the life, ideas & ideals of Baba Saheb captivated the audience. Light refreshments were served to all visitors.

International Year of Millets 2023



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2023
"Shree Anna"



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السنة الدولية للدخن 2023

الدُّخْن السومطري أو الدُّخْن الصغير

الدُّخْن السومطري أو الدُّخْن الصغير (*Panicum miliare*) هو أحد أنواع حبوب الدخن الصغيرة التي تنزع على نطاق محدود في جميع أنحاء الهند حتى ارتفاع 2100 متر. إنه أحد أقارب الدخن بروسو ولكن بذور الدخن الصغير أصغر بكثير من حبوب الدخن بمحتواها المنخفض من الكربوهيدرات ، وبطء الهضم وانخفاض محتوى الصمغ القابل للذوبان في الماء ، والكربوهيدرات المعقدة ، والمركبات الفينولية ، ومحتوى مضادات الأكسدة الموجودة فيها تساعد على منع اضطرابات التمثيل الغذائي مثل مرض السكري والسرطان والسمنة وما إلى ذلك.

معدبات الدخن الصغير لكل 100 جرام:

المعدبات لكل 100 جرام
الطاقة (سعرات حرارية) 314
بروتين 10.13 جم
65.55 جم كربوهيدرات
الياف 7.72 جم
كالمسيوم 32.00 ملجم
حديد 1.30 ملجم

International Year of Millets 2023

Little Millet

Little Millet (*Panicum miliare*) is one among the minor millets grown to a limited extent all over India up to altitudes of 2100 m. It is a relative of Proso Millet but the seeds of little millet are much smaller than Proso Millet with their low carbohydrate content, slow digestibility and low water-soluble gum content, The complex carbohydrates, phenolic compounds, antioxidant content present in them helps to prevent metabolic disorders like diabetes, cancer, obesity etc.

Little Millet Nutrient per 100g:

Nutrient per 100g
Energy (Kcal) 314
Protein 10.13g
Carbohydrate 65.55g
Crude Fibre 7.72mg
Calcium 32.00mg
Iron 1.30mg



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India's G20 Presidency

100th G20 Meeting During India's G20 Presidency

India celebrates a key milestone in its G20 Presidency today, with the hosting of its 100th G20 meeting, the Meeting of Agricultural Chief Scientists (MACS) in Varanasi. The 2nd Health Working Group in Goa, the 2nd Digital Economy Working Group in Hyderabad and the Space Economy Leaders' Precursor Meeting in Shillong are also being held today.

2. Following the handover of the G20 Presidency to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the G20 Bali Summit on 16 November 2022, India's year-long G20 Presidency commenced on 1 December 2022, and would continue until 30 November 2023. Earlier on 8 November 2022, Prime Minister had launched the G20 logo and had unveiled India's G20 Presidency theme – "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"- "One Earth. One Family. One Future". Designed in the colours of India's national flag, the G20 logo symbolizes our pro-planet approach and growth amidst challenges.

3. The Group of Twenty (G20) comprises 19 countries (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, United Kingdom, and United States) and European Union. The G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of the global trade, and about two-thirds of the world population.

4. In-person participation during India's G20 Presidency is among the largest ever. Over 12,300 delegates, from over 110 nationalities have attended G20-related meetings so far. This includes participation from G20 members, 9 invitee countries and 14 international organizations. As on date, the 100 G20 meetings have been held in 41 cities, covering 28 States and Union Territories. Meetings are being organized across the length and breadth of India with the full support and participation of State Governments and Union Territories. During our Presidency, India will be hosting foreign delegates for over 200 G20-related meetings in around 60 cities across India, the widest geographical spread in any G20 Presidency. All 13 Sherpa Track Working Groups, 8 Finance Track Workstreams, 11 Engagement Groups and 4 Initiatives have embarked on substantive interactions. A new Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), a new Engagement Group "Startup 20" and a new Initiative Chief Science Advisers' Roundtable (CSAR) have been operationalized in our G20 Presidency. The 11 Engagement Groups provide a platform for dialogue among the private sector, academia, civil society, youth and women, as well as institutions including the Parliaments, audit authorities and urban administrations.

5. Till date, three Ministerial meetings have been held. The first Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting (FMCBG) was held in Bengaluru on 24-25 February 2023, the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM) was held in New Delhi on 1-2 March 2023, and the second FMCBG meeting was held in Washington DC on 12-13 April 2023. Two Sherpa Meetings have been held in Udaipur (4-7 December 2022) and Kumarakom (30 March - 2 April 2023). The FMCBG, FMM and Sherpa meetings saw record, high-level in-person participation from all delegations with Ministerial-level dignitaries.

India's G20 Presidency

28 Foreign Ministers (from 18 G20 members, 9 guest countries and AU Chair – Comoros) and 2 Deputy/Vice Foreign Ministers (from Japan and Republic of Korea) attended the FMM. These Ministerial meetings concluded with substantive outcome documents that fostered consensus on G20's shared priorities. These include consensus on setting up of an expert group on MDB reforms and on debt treatment in the 1st FMCBG, and on multilateral reforms, development cooperation, food and energy security, counter-terrorism, new and emerging threats, global skill mapping and disaster risk reduction in the FMM. The FMCBG, FMM and Sherpa meetings saw record, high-level in-person participation from all delegations with Ministerial-level dignitaries. 28 Foreign Ministers (from 18 G20 members, 9 guest countries and AU Chair – Comoros) and 2 Deputy/Vice Foreign Ministers (from Japan and Republic of Korea) attended the FMM. These Ministerial meetings concluded with substantive outcome documents that fostered consensus on G20's shared priorities. These include consensus on setting up of an expert group on MDB reforms and on debt treatment in the 1st FMCBG, and on multilateral reforms, development cooperation, food and energy security, counter-terrorism, new and emerging threats, global skill mapping and disaster risk reduction in the FMM.

6. During its Presidency, India is also amplifying the voice and concerns of the Global South and developing countries. The Voice of Global South Summit held in January 2023, chaired by the Prime Minister, was attended by 125 countries, including 18 at Heads of State/Government level and others at Ministerial level. Furthermore, during India's ongoing Presidency, participation from Africa is the highest ever, which includes South Africa (G20 Member), Mauritius, Egypt, Nigeria, AU Chair - Comoros, and AUDA-NEPAD.

7. Unique experiences showcasing India's diversity, inclusive traditions and cultural richness are also an integral part of the visiting delegates' programme. Millet-based dishes have been incorporated in the menu, and a wide range of cultural performances and excursions have been organized. Over 150 cultural events, with the participation of over 7,000 artists, showcasing local and national art forms, have been held. Many Jan Bhagidari activities are also being simultaneously held with active public participation in a whole-of-nation and whole-of-society approach, making India's G20 Presidency a "People's G20". These include G20 University Connect lecture series, Model G20 meetings, Special G20 sessions in Schools/Universities, G20 Pavilions in major festivals, Quiz contests, Selfie competitions, #G20India stories, and hundreds of other G20-theme events by the civil society and private sector.

8. Substantive deliberations during India's ongoing G20 Presidency comprise broad priority areas such as inclusive and resilient growth; progress on SDGs, green development and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE); technological transformation and public digital infrastructure; reforming multilateral institutions; women led development; and international peace and harmony.

9. India's G20 Presidency, in the build-up to the New Delhi Leaders' Summit on 9-10 September, has received immense support from G20 Members and guest countries for its inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented and decisive agenda. The wide ranging, large-scale and enthusiastic participation in India's G20 meetings is a testimony to the G20 Members and invitees coming together under India's G20 Presidency to collectively address contemporary global challenges.

News of The Month

Remarks by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Leader-level plenary of the second Summit for Democracy

Excellencies,

Namaskar!

I bring you the greetings of 1.4 billion people of India.

The idea of elected leaders was a common feature in ancient India, long before the rest of the world. In our ancient epic, Mahabharata, the first duty of citizens is described as choosing their own leader.

Our sacred Vedas, speak of political power being exercised by broad-based consultative bodies. There are also many historical references to Republic states in ancient India, where the rulers were not hereditary. India is, indeed, the mother of democracy.

Excellencies,

Democracy is not just a structure; it is also a spirit. It is based on the belief that the needs and aspirations of every human being are equally important. That is why, in India, our guiding philosophy is "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas", meaning "striving together for inclusive growth".

Whether it is our effort to fight climate change through life-style changes, to conserve water through distributed storage, or provide clean cooking fuel to everyone, every initiative is powered by the collective efforts of the citizens of India.

During Covid-19, India's response was people-driven. It is they who made it possible to administer over 2 billion doses of Made in India vaccines. Our "Vaccine Maitri" initiative shared millions of vaccines with the world.

This was also guided by the democratic spirit of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" - One Earth, One Family, One Future.

Excellencies,

There is much to say about the virtues of democracy, but let me say just this: India, despite the many global challenges, is the fastest growing major economy today. This itself is the best advertisement for democracy in the world. This itself says that Democracy Can Deliver.

Thank you, President Yoon, for chairing this session.

And thank you, to all the distinguished leaders for your presence.

Thank you very much.

News of The Month

تصريحات رئيس الوزراء شري ناريندرا مودي في الجلسة العامة على مستوى القادة للقمّة الثانية للديمقراطية

أصحاب السعادة ،

أهلاً وسهلاً!

أحمل لكم تحيات 1.4 مليار شخص في الهند. كانت فكرة القادة المنتخبين سمة مشتركة في الهند القديمة ، قبل وقت طويل من بقية العالم. في ملحمتنا القديمة ، يصف ماها بهاراتا الواجب الأول للمواطنين هو اختيار زعيمهم.

تتحدث الفيدا المقدسة لذيذ عن السلطة السياسية التي تمارسها هيئات استشارية واسعة القاعدة. هناك أيضًا العديد من المراجع التاريخية للدول الجمهورية في الهند القديمة ، حيث لم يكن الحكم وراثيًا. الهند هي بالفعل أم الديمقراطية.

أصحاب السعادة ،

الديمقراطية ليست مجرد هيكل. إنها روح أيضًا. إنها تقوم على الإيمان بلن احتياجات وتطلعات كل إنسان لها نفس الأهمية. لهذا السبب ، في الهند ، فلسفتنا التوجيهية هي "Sabka Sath ، Sabka Vikas" ، والتي تعني "النضال معًا من أجل النمو الشامل".

سواء كانت جهودًا لمكافحة تغير المناخ من خلال تغييرات نمط الحياة ، أو الحفاظ على المياه من خلال التخزين الموزع ، أو توفير وقود طهي نظيف للجميع ، فإن كل مبادرة يتم دعمها من خلال الجهود الجماعية لمواطني الهند.

خلال Covid-19 ، كانت استجابة الهند مدفوعة بالناس. هم الذين جعلوا من الممكن إدارة أكثر من ملياري جرعة من لقاحات صنعت في الهند. شاركت مبادرتنا "لقاح مايتري" ملايين اللقاحات مع العالم.

كان هذا أيضًا مسترشدًا بالروح الديمقراطية لـ Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam - أي أرض واحدة ، عائلة واحدة ، مستقبل واحد.

أصحاب السعادة ،

هناك الكثير لأقوله عن مزايا الديمقراطية ، لكن دعني أقول هذا فقط: تعتبر الهند ، على الرغم من العديد من التحديات العالمية ، هي أسرع اقتصاد رئيسي نموًا اليوم. هذا بعد ذاته أفضل دعاة للديمقراطية في العالم. هذا في حد ذاته يقول أن الديمقراطية يمكن أن تطبق.

شكرًا لك ، الرئيس يون ، على ترؤس هذه الجلسة.

وشكراً لجميع القادة المميزين على حضوركم.

شكرًا جزيلاً.

Featured Stories



A warm bowl of Rajasthan's Bajre Kichdi is infused with a rustic aroma and a perfect balance of spices that will leave you wanting more. And the best part? It's packed with essential nutrients and wholesome goodness of millet's that will leave you feeling content and satisfied.



Do you ever have a craving for something sweet that takes you back to your childhood? Look no further than Maharashtra's Jowar Ladoo! The natural sweetness of jaggery, combined with the nutty aroma of jowar flour, creates a taste that will leave your taste buds dancing with joy.



Cozy up to the ultimate comfort food - piping hot raggimudde dipped in tangy Rasam! This traditional dish of karnataka, made from millet flour and water, is hearty, healthy, and perfect for when you need a warm hug in a bowl. So grab a spoon, dive in, and let the nourishing goodness of Raggi Mudde soothe your soul!

India Tourism

Chandigarh

The city has a pre-historic past. The gently sloping plains on which modern Chandigarh exists, was in the ancient past, a wide lake ringed by a marsh. The fossil remains found at the site indicate a large variety of aquatic and amphibian life, which was supported by that environment. About 8000 years ago the area was also known to be a home to the Harappans.

Since the medieval through modern era, the area was part of the large and prosperous Punjab Province which was divided into East & West Punjab during partition of the country in 1947. The city was conceived not only to serve as the capital of East Punjab, but also to resettle thousands of refugees who had been uprooted from West Punjab.

In March, 1948, the Government of Punjab, in consultation with the Government of India, approved the area of the foothills of the Shivaliks as the site for the new capital. The location of the city site was a part of the erstwhile Ambala district as per the 1892-93 gazetteer of District Ambala. The foundation stone of the city was laid in 1952. Subsequently, at the time of reorganization of the state on 01.11.1966 into Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh, the city assumed the unique distinction of being the capital city of both, Punjab and Haryana while it itself was declared as a Union Territory and under the direct control of the Central Government.



For more information, please visit
<https://chandigarhdistrict.nic.in/>

Upcoming Events

MCCIA's Pune Expo 2023

Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Agriculture, Pune will be organizing MCCIA's Pune Expo 2023 from 6th to 8th November 2023 at the Exhibition Centre, Auto Cluster-Chinchwad, Pune.

Date: 06- 08 November, 2023

Venue: Exhibition Centre, Auto Cluster-Chinchwad, Pune.

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Mega Food Event

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries will be organizing a Mega Food Event scheduled to be held from 03rd - 05th November, 2023 in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Date: 3 - 5 November, 2023

Venue: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

15th International Railway Equipment , Services Exhibition (IREE 2023)

CII organizes the 15th International Railway Equipment , Services Exhibition (IREE 2023) will be held on 12-14 October 2023 in Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India. The International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE) is an international event in India for the Railway and its related sectors. The Indian Railways participate in the IREE in a big way, displaying their capabilities and future requirements.

Venue: Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India.

Date: 12 – 14 October, 2023

The other details related to the event may be found on event's website "ireeindia.com".

17th edition of Indian Fashion Jewellery and Accessories Show (IFJAS)

Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) is organizing 17th edition of Indian Fashion Jewellery and Accessories Show (IFJAS).

Date: 26 – 28 June 2023

Venue: India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida.

For registrations: <http://ifjas.in/register>.

Scholarships/Study in India



सत्यमेव जयते

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Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi announces One Scholarship slot for LEBANESE students for the Academic Year 2023-24 under Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme

Embassy of India, Beirut is pleased to announce the opening of A2A portal w.e.f. 20.02.2023 for Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201) (formerly General Scholarship Scheme) for 2023-24 for International Students.

2. Interested candidates are kindly invited to apply on the portal for admission in Indian Universities/ Institutes during the Academic Year 2023-24. The timeline is as follows:

20 February 2023	Opening of ICCR A2A Portal for admissions
30 April 2023	Last date of application to be submitted by students on A2A portal.
31 May 2023	Last date of Universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Missions the Embassy. If rejected, intimation to students)
30 June 2023	Last date for allocating scholarship and generating Offer Letters by Indian Mission abroad
15 July 2023	Last date of acceptance by students
22 July 2023	Based on the number of acceptances in the first round (if acceptances are less than the scholarship seats allocated) Indian Mission to offer scholarship to other students who were not considered in the first round)
30 July 2023	Second- round students to convey their acceptances

For further information, please visit www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in
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being celebrated as*

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Embassy of India, Beirut

launches Free Dance and Yoga Classes

Class Schedule

Bharatanatyam Group	: Monday and Tuesday, 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Bollywood Dance	: Wednesday and Thursday, 5:30 to 6:30 PM
Bharatanatyam Solo	: Friday, 4:30 to 6:30 PM
Yoga Class	: Saturday, 9:00 to 10:00 AM

Interested candidates, please download the Registration form from our website,
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