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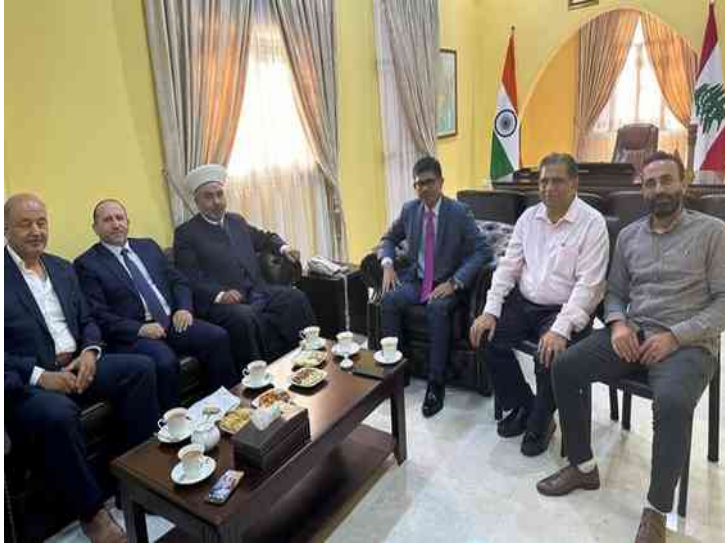
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Embassy News



Meeting with members of Ketermeya Municipal Council

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon met Mayor Yehya Alaa El Din & members of Ketermeya Municipal Council in the Embassy on 11 September 2024 and discussed issues of mutual interest.



Ambassador conveys good wishes to PhD student Kadi

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon conveyed good wishes to Ms Fatime Kadi, who will be proceeding for PhD in Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.



Ambassador plants a sapling

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India planted a Fig Sapling in the Embassy premises on 17 September 2024 as part of 'Ek Per Maa Ke Naam' during Swachhata Hi Seva campaign 2024.

News of the Month

Embassy of India organized 75th Hindi Day on 17 September 2024 during which Hindi poetry recitation, Hindi speeches and Hindi song competitions were also organized.

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon delivered speech urged regular use of Hindi language and awarded certificates and trophies to the winners.



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Celebrating Gandhi Jayanti

On 2nd October, Embassy of India, Beirut Team led by HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi ji on Gandhi Jayanti; On this day, we honour his enduring and universal message of peace, truth and non-violence, which is so much relevant today. Ambassador Sheikh also administered the Swaccha Pledge; Cleanliness Drive of the Embassy premises was also undertaken as part of 'Swachchhata hi Seva.' Lebanon reveres Mahatma Gandhi with a Street in Beirut and a Public Park in Ebel Saqi named after him.



Ambassador participates in the launch of e-Migrate portal & Mobile App V2.0

Embassy of India, Beirut led by HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon in the launch of e-Migrate portal & Mobile App V2.0 by Minister of External Affairs Dr S. Jaishankar. This will be helpful for ease of Indian manpower seeking employment abroad as well for prospective foreign employers.

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India sent humanitarian assistance to Lebanon. Minister of Public Health HE Dr. Firas Abiad received the 1st tranche of 33 tons of Indian medical aid to Lebanon, as a gift from the people and government of India, in the presence of the Ambassador of India to Lebanon, HE Mohammad Noor Rahman Sheikh, in Biel Beirut.

So far, 22 tons of medical supplies have arrived in Beirut and remaining 11 tons of medication will arrive soon.

The consignment comprising of a wide range of pharmaceutical products, including cardiovascular medications, NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), anti-inflammatory agents, antibiotics and anesthetics.

In a statement, Minister Abiad noted the importance of the donation as it is provided by India, which has become known for the quality of its pharmaceutical manufacturing, which constitutes support for Lebanon in these difficult circumstances and increases the Ministry of Health's stock to continue providing the required medical care to the displaced population and enhance the readiness of hospitals that provide care to the wounded. The Minister of Public Health thanked India and its Ambassador to Lebanon for their solidarity with Lebanon and its people in the face of the Israeli aggression and for standing by the health sector in Lebanon.

Ambassador Sheikh conveyed that the humanitarian assistance affirms India's solidarity with the government and people of Lebanon and reaffirms its commitment to maintaining close and friendly relations with Lebanon, noting that India participated in the Paris Conference on Lebanon held on October 24, 2024 and supported the BRICS Joint Statement issued on October 23, 2024 calling for an end to the conflict through diplomatic means. He also conveyed that food aid from India is expected to arrive soon. As in the past 26 years, the 900-strong Indian contingent serving in UNIFIL continues its mission to promote peace and stability in South Lebanon.

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Interaction with Indian Nationals

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon and US Ambassador HE Lisa Johnson interacted with the Indian nationals working at the US Embassy Construction project on 27 October 2024. A Consular Camp was also organised to provide consular services to the nationals.



Meeting with Belgian Ambassador

HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon received the new Belgian Ambassador to Lebanon, HE Arnout HJ Pauwels, in the Embassy on 28 October 2024 and discussed issues of mutual interests.

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Celebration of 9th Ayurveda Day

Embassy of India, Beirut organized 9th Ayurveda Day on 29 October 2024 during which HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon moderated a panel discussion of Ayurveda experts from Lebanon on this year's theme "Ayurveda Innovation for Global Health" with some panelists joining online.



Embassy observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Embassy of India, Beirut observed Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) on the occasion of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary on 31 October 2024. On this occasion, HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon also administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge.



Interview with Mariam TV

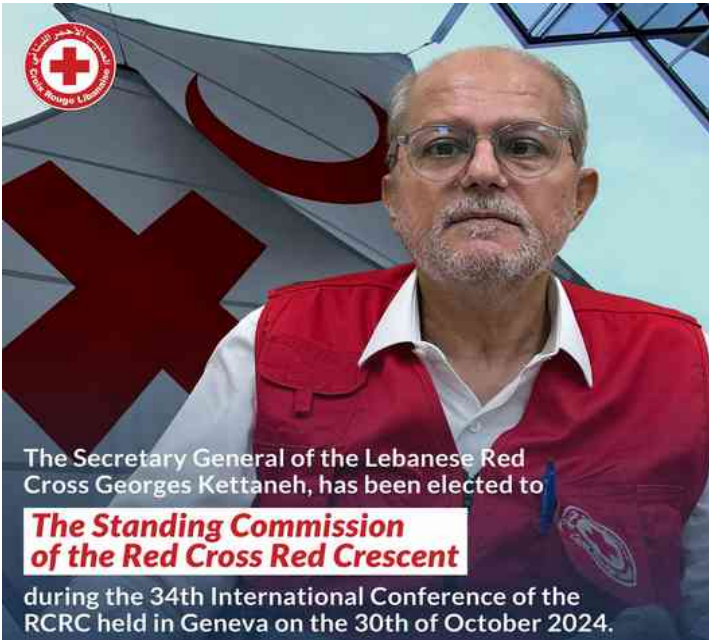
HE Md Noor Rahman Sheikh, Ambassador of India to Lebanon was hosted by Tamara Kabboul, Mariam TV on 28 October 2024. The interview tackled the humanitarian assistance sent recently by the Government of India and the activities/ projects conducted by the Embassy.

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India participated in the International Conference on Lebanon in Paris on 24 October 2024

HE Jawed Ashraf , Ambassador of India to France delivered India's statement at the International Conference on Lebanon hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron on 24 October 2024. Ambassador Ashraf reaffirmed India's commitment to peace, humanitarian support, and contribution to UNIFIL as a leading troop provider. He also highlighted the training support for Lebanese Armed Forces, called for the full implementation of UNSC 1701 and end to conflict through diplomacy.



The Secretary General of the Lebanese Red Cross Georges Kettaneh, has been elected to

The Standing Commission of the Red Cross Red Crescent

during the 34th International Conference of the RCRC held in Geneva on the 30th of October 2024.

India supports the candidature of SG of LRC

India supported the nomination of Mr Georges Kettaneh for the membership in the Standing Committee of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in the elections held in Geneva on 30 October 2024.

News of the Month

Opening remarks by External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar at the first India-GCC Ministerial Meeting for Strategic Dialogue

September 09, 2024

Highness
Excellencies,

It is a great pleasure to participate in and address the first India-GCC Ministerial Meeting for Strategic Dialogue. Our meeting today is not just an occasion to reflect on our achievements, but an opportunity to chart an ambitious and far-reaching course for the future.

The relationship between India and the GCC is rooted in a rich tapestry of history, culture, and shared values. These bonds have grown stronger with time, evolving into a partnership that spans economics, energy, defence, technology, education, people to people ties and beyond.

There are many ways to contemplate our partnership. Let me offer the framework of 3Ps – People, Prosperity and Progress.

Our people-to-people ties are the bedrock of our relationship. Close to 9 million Indians work and live amongst you, acting as a living bridge between us. Their contributions to your economic progress are widely recognized. We thank you for ensuring their welfare and comfort.

Our interactions are key to driving prosperity – for the GCC and for India. Trade has not only expanded in volume but also in diversity, encompassing a wide range of goods and services that fuel our economies and create jobs. It is important that we think not just for today. The task before us is to invest in each other's future and support each other's continued prosperity.

The GCC is a cornerstone of global energy supply. India is one of the world's largest and fastest-growing markets. Much of the future demand is going to come from us. Our deeper collaboration will help in stabilizing markets, driving innovation and enhancing energy security.

Our partnership in the areas of renewables, technology and innovation, health, space, education can also help realize our respective national goals.

But our relationship goes beyond just transactions. It is built on a foundation of trust, mutual respect, and a shared vision for the future. It has a larger goal of advancing progress in a world that is characterized by technological advancements, changing geopolitics, shifts in the global economy and the urgent need to address environmental sustainability.

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Progress and prosperity require its concomitant – security – to also be stronger. The Gulf region occupies a central place in contemporary geopolitics. In a world polarized by conflict and tension, we share a commitment to global peace, security, and stability.

The current situation in Gaza is now understandably our foremost concern. India's position in this regard has been principled and consistent. While we condemn acts of terrorism and hostage taking, we are deeply pained by the continuing death of innocent civilians. Any response must take into account the principles of humanitarian law. We support a ceasefire as soon as possible.

On the larger issue, we have consistently stood for a resolution of the Palestinian issue through a two-State solution. We have also contributed to the building of Palestinian institutions and capacities. Where the humanitarian situation is concerned, we have provided relief and increased our support to UNRWA.

Colleagues, sometimes it is adversity that brings out the real importance of friendships. The pandemic underlined how relevant we are to each other for health security, food security and maritime security. Similarly, the demands of AI, of electric mobility and of green growth highlight the importance of sharing human resources. Conflict and tensions bring out the importance of cooperating on connectivity. In a world moving towards multipolarity, we can be mutually supportive of each other's aspirations.

As I look forward to our discussions, let me recognize your commitment to this partnership. Let us use this platform to deepen our ties, explore new avenues of cooperation, and build a collaborative future.

Your Highness and Excellencies, I thank you for your attention and look forward to our discussions.

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الكلمة الافتتاحية لوزير الشؤون الخارجية د. س جايشانكار في الاجتماع الوزاري الأول للحوار الاستراتيجي بين الهند ومجلس التعاون الخليجي 9 سبتمبر 2024

صاحب السمو
أصحاب السعادة

إنه لمن دواعي سروري أن أشارك وألقي كلمة في الاجتماع الوزاري الأول للحوار الاستراتيجي بين الهند ومجلس التعاون الخليجي. إن اجتماعنا اليوم ليس مجرد مناسبة للتأمل في إنجازاتنا، بل هو فرصة لرسم مسار طموح وبعيد المدى للمستقبل.

إن العلاقة بين الهند ودول مجلس التعاون الخليجي متجذرة في نسيج غني من التاريخ والثقافة والقيم المشتركة. ومع مرور الوقت نمت هذه الروابط وتطورت إلى شراكة تمتد إلى الاقتصاد والطاقة والدفاع والتكنولوجيا والتعليم والعلاقات بين الناس وما هو أبعد من ذلك.

هناك العديد من الطرق للتفكير في شراكتنا. اسمحوا لي أن أعرض إطار عمل مكون من ثلاثة عناصر: الناس، والازدهار، والتقدم.

إن الروابط بين شعبينا تشكل حجر الأساس الذي تقوم عليه علاقتنا. فهناك ما يقرب من 9 ملايين هندي يعملون ويعيشون بينكم، ويشكلون جسراً حياً بيننا. والحقيقة أن مساهماتهم في تقدمكم الاقتصادي تحظى بتقدير واسع النطاق. ونحن نشكركم على ضمان رفاهيتهم وراحتهم.

إن تفاعلاتنا تشكل مفتاحاً لدفع عجلة الرخاء - بالنسبة لدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي والهند. ولم تتوسع التجارة من حيث الحجم فحسب، بل توسعت أيضاً من حيث التنوع، لتشمل مجموعة واسعة من السلع والخدمات التي تغذي اقتصاداتنا وتخلق فرص العمل. ومن الأهمية أن لا ن فكر في هذا اليوم فقط. فالمهمة التي تنتظرنا هي الاستثمار في مستقبل بعضنا البعض ودعم استمرار ازدهار بعضنا البعض.

إن دول مجلس التعاون الخليجي تشكل حجر الزاوية في إمدادات الطاقة العالمية. فالهند واحدة من أكبر وأسرع الأسواق نمواً في العالم. فمعظم الطلب المستقبلي سيأتي منها. وسوف يساعد تعاوننا الأعمق في استقرار الأسواق، ودفع عجلة الابتكار وتعزيز أمن الطاقة.

ويمكن لشراكتنا في مجالات الطاقة المتجددة والتكنولوجيا والابتكار والصحة والفضاء والتعليم أن تساعدنا أيضاً في تحقيق أهدافنا الوطنية.

ولكن علاقتنا لا تقتصر على المعاملات التجارية فحسب. فهي مبنية على أساس من الثقة والاحترام المتبادل ورؤية مشتركة للمستقبل. إن هدفها الأكبر هو تعزيز التقدم في عالم يتميز بالتقدم التكنولوجي والتغيرات الجيوسياسية وتحولات الاقتصاد العالمي والحاجة الملحة لمعالجة الاستدامة البيئية.

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إن التقدم والازدهار يتطلبان تعزيز الأمن المصاحب لهما. وتحتل منطقة الخليج مكانة مركزية في الجغرافيا السياسية المعاصرة. وفي عالم تستقطبه الصراعات والتوترات، نتقاسم الالتزام بالسلام والأمن والاستقرار العالمي.

إن الوضع الحالي في غزة يشكل الآن مصدر قلقنا الأول. ولقد كان موقف الهند في هذا الصدد مبدئياً ومتسقاً وفي حين ندين أعمال الإرهاب واحتجاز الرهائن، فإننا نشعر بالألم العميق إزاء استمرار مقتل المدنيين الأبرياء. ولا بد أن تأخذ أي استجابة في الاعتبار مبادئ القانون الإنساني. ونحن ندعم وقف إطلاق النار في أقرب وقت ممكن.

وعلى صعيد القضية الأوسع نطاقاً، فقد دافعنا باستمرار عن القضية الفلسطينية من خلال حل الدولتين. كما ساهمنا في بناء المؤسسات والقدرات الفلسطينية. وفيما يتصل بالوضع الإنساني، قدمنا الإغاثة وزادنا من دعمنا للأونروا.

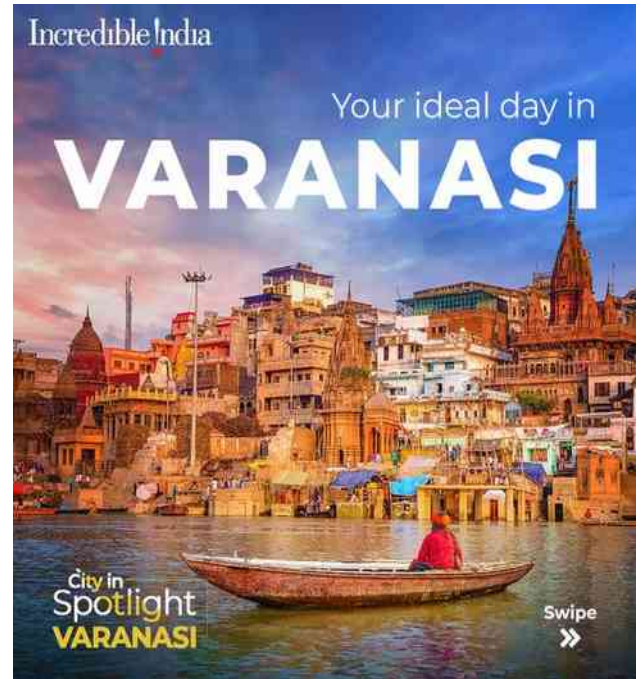
أيها الزملاء، في بعض الأحيان، تبرز الشدائد الأهمية الحقيقية لل صداقات. فقد أبرز الوباء مدى أهميتنا لبعضنا البعض فيما يتعلق بالأمن الصحي والأمن الغذائي والأمن البحري. وعلى نحو مماثل، تسلط متطلبات الذكاء الاصطناعي والتنقل الكهربائي والنمو الأخضر الضوء على أهمية تقاسم الموارد البشرية. وتبرز الصراعات والتوترات أهمية التعاون في مجال الاتصال. وفي عالم يتجه نحو التعددية القطبية، يمكننا أن ندعم تطلعات بعضنا البعض بشكل متبادل.

وبينما أتطلع إلى مناقشاتنا، دعوني أشيد بالتزامكم بهذه الشراكة. دعونا نستخدم هذه المنصة لتعميق علاقاتنا، واستكشاف سبل جديدة للتعاون، وبناء مستقبل تعاوني.

صاحب السمو وأصحاب السعادة، أشكركم على اهتمامكم وأتطلع إلى مناقشاتنا.

Featured Stories

A one day trip to Varanasi Varanasi, a city in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. It has a central place in the traditions of pilgrimage, death, and mourning in the Hindu world.



Featured Stories



Marwah, Kishtwar: A sanctuary nestled amidst nature's beauty, where the waters are gentle and the mountains are magnificent. Here's one more hidden gem waiting just to be explored.



Witness the grandeur of Jog Falls in its full glory once again this year! Karnataka's natural wonder is roaring at its mightiest, offering a spectacular display of cascading beauty. Don't miss the chance to experience this breathtaking sight for the second time this season!

Upcoming Events

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

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