High Commissioner of India presenting her credentials to His Majesty King Mswati III. Resident High Commissioner of India comes into being in Mbabane on 13th August, 2019.

King Mswati III meeting former President of India Pranab Mukherjee during the 13th CII-Exim Bank Conference on India Africa Project Partnership, in New Delhi in March 2007.

High Commissioner Radhika Vermaataran and her team meet the Cabinet Minister responsible for Education, who is also the Director of Education of Eswatini.

Local Newspaper reports on the support being offered by the Government of India to the allin Health sector of Eswatini. Joint Working Group Meeting of the two countries on Health Cooperation is on the anvil.

Celebration of the first ever ITIC and International Students' Day in Eswatini on October 30, 2019. Honorable Minister of Foreign Affairs & C was the Chief Guest at the event.

Eswatini Police acknowledges Training Assistance received from India during their first meeting with the new Indian High Commissioner.

The Indian government has offered the Indian and 34 ICRS scholarships to Eswatini in the past four years. To apply for ITIC & ICRS Scholarships visit our website (www.indianembassy.gov.in) and Facebook Page (Indian Mission of India - Mbabane) for more information.

High Commission of India Mbabane celebrates 70th Anniversary of India’s Republic Day today, 26th January, 2020.
Can Eswatini learn from India ahead of national budget?

BY THOBELIHLE MBULIGE

THEMBELIHLE - Can Eswatini learn from India ahead of the upcoming national budget?

In India, access to health and education has been considered a foundation of good governance. The Government of India has rightly focused its attention on the health sector with ambitious initiatives.

This is according to the speech from the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, which was delivered by the country’s Ambassador to Eswatini, Radha Venkataraman, during the commemoration of their Independence Day held at the embassy yesterday.

Venkataraman addressed hundreds of her fellow citizens at the embassy ahead of the actual celebration, which was held at the Royal Swazi Convention Centre last night.

Concern

The president of India stated that the Indian Government always showed concern for the wellbeing of the needy.

He said as a result, the health care budget of common people had been brought down through providing quality generic medicines at affordable prices.

In India, knowledge has been considered more valuable than power, fame or riches.

Kovind said his country respected education institutions as temples of learning.

According to Kovind, education emerged as a path to empowerment after the country gained its independence.

He said it was for that reason that a foundation of good education was built in the ancient days, with the setting up of great universities like Malanda and Takshashila.

“Our endeavour is to ensure that no child or youth is denied education. “At the same time, we want to make sure that our education meets global standards,” he said.

 Worth noting is that Eswatini has similar common goals.

Kovind also mentioned that his country relied on farming.

It is understood that when the blood between one particular family and the school authorities reached boiling point, the parents decided to transcripts to prove that the pupil had done well in his JC exams.

Information gathered was that, acting on the instruction of the REO, the students did not receive their exam fees, unless permission was sought and granted from the Ministry of Education and Training.

Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini Radha Venkataraman (C) posing for a group photo with her fellow country people. (Pic: Sibusiso Shange)

Prince Hlangumamphi (2nd R) appreciating the achievements of India at the commemoration of their Independence Day yesterday. The prince was representing His Majesty King Mswati III at the event.

India is one of the countries which have a strong bilateral relations with the Kingdom of Eswatini.

The country is popular in Eswatini after having provided 100 new tractors a few years back to government, as part of its subsidy programme.
India president hails Indian nationals

BY KAMVUNGA

President of the Republic of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, has hailed Indian nationals for their contribution and positive impact on the country.

The president was delivering his address during the 2023 Indian National Day celebrations in Pretoria.

He said the Indian community in South Africa had made significant contributions to the country's development and had played a crucial role in shaping the nation's cultural and social fabric.

President Ramaphosa also highlighted the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between South Africa and India, which he said were founded on shared values and mutual respect.

He called on all South Africans to continue to support and work together with the Indian community to build a prosperous and inclusive society.

Ramaphosa also expressed his condolences to the families of those who had lost their lives during the recent floods in India.

In conclusion, the president urged the Indian community to continue to contribute positively to South Africa's development and to work together with all South Africans to build a better future for all.

living in Eswatini

BY EMBUNDUNI

King's Representative Prince Mangwempu emphasized the importance of cultural diversity and the role it plays in the development of a country.

He highlighted the unique cultural heritage of Eswatini and the importance of preserving and promoting it.

The King's Representative also spoke about the role of education in promoting cultural diversity and the need for continued investment in education.

He called on all members of the community to support cultural initiatives and to continue to promote the country's cultural richness.

Boy (12) falls crossing Mlumu River, drowned

BY NELSON DIXON

A 12-year-old boy has drowned after falling into the Mlumu River in Eswatini.

The boy, identified as Thulani Mkhathane, was playing with friends when he fell into the river and could not swim.

The incident occurred near the riverbank in Matsapha, Mbabane.

The mother of the boy, a local resident, said her son had been playing with friends when he fell into the river.

She added that her son was a good swimmer and had never had any previous incidents of drowning.

The police have launched an investigation into the incident and are urging the public to be extra cautious around rivers and other bodies of water.

Canadian egg farmers bringing 5 million eggs to Eswatini

BY GORDON SONG

Canadian egg farmers have donated 5 million eggs to Eswatini as part of a humanitarian effort.

The eggs are being transported to the country by a Canadian-based logistics company, and will be used to support local families in need.

The donation was made in response to the ongoing food crisis in Eswatini, which has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The eggs will be distributed to local residents through a network of community organizations.

The donation is part of a broader effort by the Canadian government to support countries affected by humanitarian crises.

The eggs will be stored in temperature-controlled containers and transported to the country by road.

The Canadian government has committed to providing $2 billion in emergency assistance to support countries affected by humanitarian crises.

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**HIS MAJESTY HAILS INDIA FOR**

BY MONDELA KLOSER

Diplomatic and cultural linkages between the two countries were underscored last Friday in a special ceremony at the Indian High Commission. The event was attended by officials from the Government of India and high-ranking officials from South Africa, including the Ambassador of India to South Africa, H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar.

**LET THERE BE LIGHT**

The ceremony, which took place at the Indian High Commission, was part of a wider initiative to foster relations between South Africa and India. It was attended by representatives from both countries, who discussed ways to deepen bilateral ties and explore new opportunities for cooperation.

**ROAD TALEZ**

Indian diplomats conveyed their wishes to be part of the celebrations.

**GUESTS**

Mr. and Mrs. Singh, Mr. and Mrs. Dali, and Mr. and Mrs. Phakathi were among the guests.

**JOURNEY**

The Indian High Commissioner had a short visit on the right.

**ATTENDANCE**

The audience at the ceremony was captivated by the special event.

**IN THE PAN AFRICAN INITIATIVE**

South African officials welcomed the Indian delegation with open arms, expressing the desire to strengthen ties and work towards a common goal.

**INDIA TO PAVE WAY FOR ESWATINI IN THE PAN AFRICAN INITIATIVE**

The event was part of a wider initiative to strengthen relations between South Africa and India. The Indian delegation expressed their commitment to working closely with their South African counterparts to achieve shared goals.

**REGIONS**

The ceremony was a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to foster relations between South Africa and India. It was attended by officials from both countries, who discussed ways to deepen bilateral ties and explore new opportunities for cooperation.
India to train 50 emaSwati yearly

EZULWINI – India has once again opened its doors to emaSwati who want to enroll for the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation programme.

This was confirmed by India’s ambassador to Eswatini Radha Venkataraman during the 70th anniversary of India’s national day.

Venkataraman said her country would continue to assist emaSwati in the capacity building programme by offering 50 training slots per year under the Indian Technical Economic Cooperation programme, a flagship programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

She said her country was grateful to report the enthusiastic participation of Eswatini in the training programme.

““This training year, the resident high commission is making it easier for the applicants to make use of this sterling opportunity,” she said.

Venkataraman also mentioned that her country looked forward to the participation of emaSwati in the Annual International Craft Bazaar which would take place early February in the State of Haryana near Delhi. She said the event was aimed at showcasing the beautiful handcraft of Eswatini.

The ambassador thanked the department of Small Medium Enterprise of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade for facilitating the exposure visit.

A section of attendees following proceedings.

Ambassador of India to Eswatini Radha Venkataraman, Prince Hlangusemphi and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Thuli Dladla at the event.

Minister of Finance Neal Rijkenberg, (L) Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati (2nd L), Minister of Natural Resources Peter Bhembe (3rd R), Senate President Sikhonzenane’s boyfriend’s place before the actual distribution. Madzinane’s boyfriend lived near. “What you are doing will cause you trouble. You will have difficulties in moving around Ezulwini”.

(right pic) A section of India nationals watching a video at the event.