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# CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

## Visit to South Sulawesi

South Sulawesi is one of jurisdiction areas of the Consulate General of India, Bali (CGI Bali). From 5 to 7 February 2023, Ambassador of India to Indonesia and Timor Lester H.E. Mr. Manoj Kumar Bharti accompanied by Consul General of India, Bali Mrs. Neeharika Singh visited Makassar and met with Deputy Mayor of Makassar Mrs. Hj. Fatmawati Rusdi and ITEC Scholarship alumni. He visited State University of Makassar (UNM) and India Corner established in 2015 in the University. Ambassador also visited Hasanuddin University (Unhas) and delivered a lecture on "India and Indonesia at G20".



At the end of the visit, South Sulawesi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KADIN Sulsel) received the Ambassador and Consul General and discussed future cooperation mainly in the fields of tourism, construction, and mining in the province.

### Meeting with Director of Protocol Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia

Consul General met Mr. Irvan Buchari, Director of Protocol Affairs in Kemlu (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) Indonesia on 17 February and had discussions on bilateral issues and on matters concerning Consulate General of India, Bali in particular.



### Meeting with India Committee of KADIN Indonesia

Consul General met with Mr. Satish L. Mahtani, Head of India Committee and his team on 16 February in Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN Indonesia) in Jakarta and discussed on the possible areas of collaborations and investment between Indian and Indonesian companies in eastern Indonesia.





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## Meeting with The Nusa Dua, ITDC

CG met with Mr. I Gusti Ngurah Ardita, Managing Director of The Nusa Dua, ITDC on 10 February and had discussions on the possibilities of collaboration in tourism and culture promotion especially for the International Day of Yoga, International Year of Millets & green energy for sustainable tourism.



## Meeting with Bali Tourism Office

Consul General and Mr. Tjok Bagus Pelayun, Head of Bali Province Tourism Office met on 14 February and discussed the possibilities of collaboration in tourism promotion and in creative industry, participation in various culture/tourism related events in Bali including International Day of Yoga 2023.

## Millet Themed Luncheon Meeting

Consulate General of India in Bali organised a Millet themed luncheon meeting and exhibition on 24 February for the Diplomatic Corps in Bali as a part of international Year of Millets celebrations. A special Millet menu was served during the lunch.





# CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

## My Millet Quiz

To celebrate the International Year of Millets, the Consulate General of India, Bali organised "My Millet Quiz" from 13 to 20 February on the Consulate's instagram account. The participants were requested to provide correct answers for the questions about millets. Three winners have received exclusive vouchers from the Indian restaurant, The Royal Kitchen Bali.



## Culture Discussion on Yoga

SVCC Bali organized Culture Discussion Platform program on Yoga with Goldmonk Yoga, a student's unit activity of Design & Business Institute Bali on 8 February. The program conducted by Mr. Naveen Meghwal – Director of SVCC Bali was received well by the participants.



## Yoga for Women

Yoga for women with Jagatnata Yoga community was conducted by Shri Naveen Meghwal, Director SVCC Bali on 28 February in connection with International Women's Day 2023.



## Performance of Goan Folk Music and Dance Group

ICCR sponsored Mando Mogi Margao, a Goan Folk Music and Dance group visited Bali from 15 to 16 February and performed at Geoks Arts Space, Singapadu, Gianyar, Bali. The event was appreciated by the audience.





## Consular Section at CGI Bali

Another busy month. Consulate provided 42 different services to the Indian nationals, Balinese and foreign nationals as well as to the nationals of Timor Leste. For Indonesians, India is providing eVisa in 5 sub-categories viz. e-Tourist Visa (for 30 days/01 year/ 05 years), e-Business Visa, e-Medical Visa, e-Medical Attendant Visa and e-Conference Visa. For e-Visa related information, kindly visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/>.



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Since 1 November 2022, international travelers can make electronic customs declarations online via <https://ecd.beacukai.go.id>. Such customs declarations can be made in advance, at least 2 days before departure.

Travelers entering Indonesia through Soekarno Hatta and I Gusti Ngurah Rai International Airport must fill in data via the page. After filling in the data, international travelers will get a bar code that needs to be shown to the customs officer.

The Indonesian authorities will implement electronic customs declarations at other international airports in stages.

## KEEP IN TOUCH WITH INDIA

### Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A1209)



ICCR has announced 100 Scholarship slots globally under the Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (A1209) for pursuing study of Indian Culture such as dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc. for the academic year 2023-24.

Applications from interested international students for the academic year 2023-24 will be invited online through ICCR's A2A scholarship portal which has been operational from 20 February 2023.

For further information and application, please visit:

<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>



# NEWS FROM INDIA

## Operation Dost

Following the massive earthquake that struck Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had directed that all possible assistance be extended to the affected people.

In pursuance of this, Operation Dost was launched to provide necessary support in terms SAR efforts as well as medical assistance. This has involved a whole-of-government approach with coordination among various agencies. This swift response led to the first C-17 IAF aircraft with a specialized SAR team leaving for Türkiye within hours of a request of assistance being received.

Since then, India has been able to send more than 250 personnel, specialized equipment and other relief material amounting to more than 135 tons to Türkiye on 5 C-17 IAF aircrafts.

In addition, personnel and equipment have been sent to set up a 30-bed self-sustained field hospital of the Indian Army. This includes a team of 99 specially trained personnel, with essential medicines, advanced equipment, vehicles and ambulances. The hospital will provide for a fully functional Operation Theatre, and facilities such as X-ray, ventilators, etc.



## LIFE Movement

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi wore a jacket made of material recycled from plastic bottles to the Parliament session giving a message about sustainability. The Jacket was presented by the Indian Oil Corporation. In line with the Prime Minister to phase out single-use plastic, Indian Oil has adopted uniforms for retail customer attendants and LPG delivery personnel made from recycled polyester (rPET) & cotton. At the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP26), Prime Minister Modi announced Mission LIFE, to bring individual behaviours at the forefront of the global climate action narrative. The Mission plans to create and nurture a global network of individuals, namely 'Pro-Planet People' (P3), who will have a shared commitment to adopt and promote environmentally friendly lifestyles.





# Incredible India

## Meghalaya

Dividing the Assam valley from the plains of Bangladesh, Meghalaya remains one of the most priceless gems of North East India which is loved for its diverse natural beauty. It is perhaps the only destination which can be visited during any time of the year as its charm never fades. This abode of clouds brings to you an enchanting mix of tribes, including the Jaintia, Khasi and Garo.

### Places of Interest

Meghalaya, also known as "The Abode of Clouds", is a state in northern India. There are various Meghalaya Tourist Places like Shillong, Cherrapunji, Dawki, Mawlynnong, Jowai etc. Shillong is the state's capital and also its largest city.

Places to visit in Meghalaya are unique and many are least explored. Meghalaya is one of the wettest places in India with the highest rainfall and is well-known for its mountains, rivers, waterfalls, and caves.



### Cuisines

Every cuisine is influenced by the culture and people of the place to which it belongs, and Meghalaya is no different. The dishes of Meghalayan cuisine vary across the state with its tribal communities. The staple food of the people is rice with spicy meat and fish preparations.



### Festivals

Festivals of Meghalaya are diverse. They represent the communities' agrarian soul, their close relationship with nature, and their bond with each other as equals who celebrate and offer thanks to the deities as a collective.



### Handicrafts

The state of Meghalaya is well known for various crafts. Handicrafts made with cane and bamboo products, textile weaving, carpet weaving, ornament making and woodcarving also hold an important place in Meghalaya's art and crafts. In fact, weaving forms an integral part in the culture of the state and its tribes.

For further information, please visit <https://www.meghalayatourism.in/>



# INDIAN KITCHEN

## Pukhleln

In the list of popular foods in Meghalaya, pukhleln holds a special place. This sweet treat, a prevalent dish among the Khasi tribe, has a signature character. The recipe is simple, yet the taste has a lingering effect.

### Ingredients

- 1 cup rice flour
- ½ cup jaggery
- Enough water to melt the jaggery
- Oil for deep frying

### Method

- Heat a heavy-bottomed pan, and dry roast rice flour, keeping the flame low for 5 minutes
- Once it is evenly roasted, keep it aside. You can omit the preceding step if you are using handmade rice flour.
- Heat a heavy-bottomed pan and pour the water and add the jaggery
- Cook it on simmer until both ingredients dissolve and turn into a thick syrup.
- Once the syrup has thickened, gradually add the rice flour and stir until completely smooth. Ensure there are no lumps
- Turn off the gas and take the pan off the stove
- Put a damp cloth over the mixture and set it aside
- Now, preheat the oil in the deep-frying pan
- Create tiny balls from the mixture, flatten them with your palm
- Deep fry them in oil over a medium flame until both sides are golden
- To remove extra oil, place them on a kitchen towel
- With the remaining mixture, repeat the procedure.
- The delectable, crispy Pukhleln is ready to devour



## INDIA FUN FACT

### **Mawlynnong - Asia's Cleanest Village**



Do you know that one of the cleanest villages in Asia is in India? Located in State of Meghalaya, Mawlynnong Village is known as "God's Own Garden". Cleanliness is a way of life in Mawlynnong Village. All houses here have functional toilets since 2007. There are bamboo dustbins all over the village and plastic bags are banned. The rules are strictly followed and the defaulters are charged heavily.

That's not all, Mawlynnong gets its own manure which is converted from the garbage dug into a pit. People not only clean their houses, they step out to sweep the roads and planting trees is a part of their lifestyle too.

