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CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

Vice Governor of Bali Attending the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Hon'ble Vice Governor of Bali, H.E. Prof. Dr. Ir. Tjokorda Oka Artha Ardana Sukawati, MSi. renowned as Cok Ace, attended the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference as a keynote speaker organised in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 03 March. Prior to his departure to India, Vice Governor visited the Consulate and received by Consul General of India in Bali Mrs. Neeharika Singh. Both exchanged thoughts on various areas of mutual interest and on the visit of Cok Ace to India. At the conference which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, Cok Ace delivered his speech entitled "Sad Kerthi Loka Bali, from Bali for Global Harmony". Sad Kerthi or six sources of prosperity are the real implementation of the Balinese traditional philosophy, Tri Hita Karana in the context of development by prioritizing religious, socio-cultural and environmental aspects holistically.



Call on Mayor of Denpasar

Consul General called on Mayor of Denpasar Mr. I Gusti Ngurah Jaya Negara on 01 March to discuss further collaboration in fields of capacity building, culture, trade and commerce, tourism, and education. She also congratulated the Mayor on occasion of the 235th Anniversary of Denpasar City celebrated on 27 February.



Meeting with Commission 1 of DPRD Bali

Consul General called on Commission 1 of Bali Regional House of Representatives (DPRD Bali) at the DPRD office in Denpasar, Bali on 06 March and exchanged views on expanding cooperation between India and Bali in the field of culture, tourism, education and people to people. Both sides agreed to diversify the areas of collaboration.



Yoga for Women at UHN Sugriwa

In connection with International Women's Day 2023, CGI and SVCC Bali organised a special event for students of Brahma Widya Faculty, State Hindu University of I Gusti Bagus Sugriwa (UHN Sugriwa) on 03 March. The event "Yoga for Women" was conducted by Director SVCC Bali Mr. Naveen Meghwal.



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Celebration of Holi - Festival of Colours

Consulate General of India and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Bali in association with Balinese Indian Friendship Association (BIFA) celebrated Holi with flowers and colours on 05 March at the Consulate. Event started with CG welcoming the guests followed by cultural performances. Over 160 people graced the event including Balinese Government officers, friends of India and members of Indian community. Special Holi delicacies were also served to the guests.



Celebration of the International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Consulate General of India, Bali organised a gathering of Indonesian-Indian women from various sections of the society on 07 March. They discussed and shared their thoughts on various women issues. A special lecture by Director of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Bali on women health was also organised.



Meeting with Rector of UHN Sugriwa

Consul General visited State Hindu University of I Gusti Bagus Sugriwa (UHN Sugriwa) on 09 March and met with Rector Prof. Dr. Drs. IGN Sudiana, M.Si. They discussed on the possibilities of further collaboration in the field of education and culture. Consul General gifted some books for the proposed India Corner at the university.



Holi Celebration at Tat Twam Asi Orphanage

CGI and SVCC Bali organised Holi with theme "Colour your Soul" in Tat Twam Asi Orphanage on 04 March. Kids played with organic colour and learned the significance of Holi.



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Visit to East Nusa Tenggara

Consul General of India in Bali Mrs. Neeharika Singh visited Kupang, capital of East Nusa Tenggara from 15 to 17 March. During this visit, she met with Mayor of Kupang Mr. George M. Hadjoh. Topics discussed during the meeting, included cooperation in trade and investment, waste management, infrastructure development, education and culture.

On commercial matters, the Consul General had the opportunity to have meeting with East Nusa Tenggara Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN NTT) and the Central Bureau of Statistics. At the meeting with KADIN NTT, both parties discussed future cooperation in the field of food processing, capacity building, agriculture products, infrastructure development etc in the province. East Nusa Tenggara is a province situated in the eastern part of Indonesia with Catholic as majority. Consul General also met with Indian missionaries in Kupang Sacred Heart Monastery (Biara Hati Kudus) and interacted on various issues including consular and education matters.



For education matters, Consul General met Rector of the University of Nusa Cendana. The Consulate also participated at the International Education Fair 2023 organised by the university from 15 to 16 March and shared information about various Indian Universities, scholarship programs, tourism, culture and Indian Millets. A Yoga workshop led by the yoga teacher Mr. Naresh Kumar Nadda from SVCC Bali and Indian Millet products stall were also part of the event.



Virtual Attendance on Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference 2023

CGI Bali virtually attended the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference, inaugurated by the Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi in Pusa, New Delhi. On this occasion, PM unveiled a commemorative postal stamp and currency coin on the International Year of Millets.



Meeting with Warmadewa University

Officials of Warmadewa University visited CGI Bali on 24 March and met Consul General. They briefed about the courses or faculties and asked for the collaboration in the field of education.



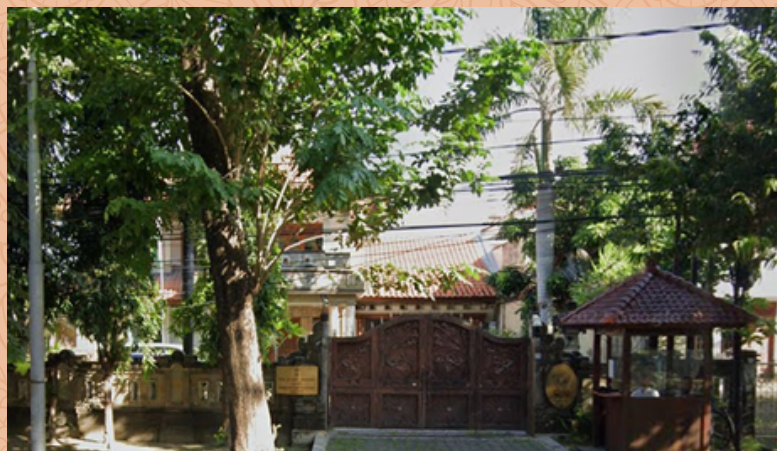
Coordination Meeting on Immigration and Consular Policies

Consul General attended Coordination Meeting of Foreign Representatives on Immigration and Consular Policies held by Indonesia Ministry of Law and Human Rights, Bali Regional Office on 31 March. It was attended by several foreign representatives including Honorary Consuls.



Consular Section at CGI Bali

In March, CGI almost doubled the services from the previous months and total 76 different services were provided to the Indian nationals, PIO/OCI card holders, Balinese and foreign nationals as well as to the nationals of Timor Leste. In order to reach out to maximum number of Indian nationals and PIO/OCI card holders residing under the jurisdiction of CGI, Bali and to resolve their problems on consular matters expeditiously, CGI, Bali organizes Open House Meetings on last Wednesday of every month between 4 pm to 5 pm. (Jl. Raya Puputan 163, Renon, Denpasar, Bali). If these happen to fall on a holiday, the Open House holds on the first working day thereafter. We appeal Indian community to take maximum benefits of this open house.



Advisory for All Indian Nationals Tourists Visiting Bali and Indonesian Nationals Visiting India



ADVISORY

- 1.e-Visa services for Indonesian nationals have been restored. Please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/> to avail the e-Visa services.
- 2.Before travelling please make sure the validity of your passport should be more than six months and it should not be damaged. Please keep your passport in safe custody during your visit in Bali.
- 3.Don't carry large sum of cash or valuables in public. Use a hotel safe wherever possible. Take care of your mobile phone, purse etc. in touristic areas in Bali.
- 4.Please carry international driving licence if you want to drive the vehicle during your visit to Bali with proper travel/medical insurance as medical facilities are very expensive in Indonesia. While driving any two-wheeler, please wear proper helmet and follow local rules and regulations to avoid any accident or any inconvenience.
- 5.Take extra precautions during swimming, participating in water sports at beaches and while taking photos/selfies at a cliff as warning signs of the danger may not be there.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH INDIA

VAIBHAV Fellowships for Indian Diaspora 2023

On the occasion of National Science Day, Government of India launched the "VAIBHAV Fellowships" Scheme for Indian diaspora in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (STEMM). Interested candidates can visit <https://dst.gov.in/news/vaibhav-fellowships> for application or further information.



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Prime Minister's Award for Yoga

Government of India launched a programme, Prime Minister's Awards for Yoga 2023 which aimed to recognise outstanding contribution towards development and promotion of yoga at national and international levels. Entries were invited through MyGov Portal till 31st March 2023.



Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference 2023

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference at Subramaniam Hall, NASC Complex, IARI Campus, PUSA New Delhi. The two-day global conference had the sessions on all important issues related to millets (Shree Anna) like promotion and awareness of millets among producers, consumers and other stakeholders; millets' value chain development; health and nutritional aspects of millets; market linkages; research and development etc.

Prime Minister inaugurated and visited the Exhibition cum Buyer Seller Meet Pavilion. He also unveiled a Commemorative Stamp and Commemorative Coin. This was followed by the Prime Minister digitally launching a compendium of Indian Millet (Shree Anna) startups and a book of millet (Shree Anna) standards.



Indonesia Attending G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting and Raisina Dialogue 2023



Indonesia Foreign Affairs Minister H.E. Mrs. Retno Marsudi visited India on 02 March to attend G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting (FMM) and Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi. While speaking at the G20 FMM, she raised the issue of Palestine and said that the conflict in Palestine is an issue that is being pushed aside by the world. In the panel at Raisina Dialogue, she appeared with the British Foreign Minister, French Foreign Minister, Danish Foreign Minister and Bill Gates. Many of the questions addressed were related to Indonesia's chairmanship in ASEAN, what are the priorities, how ASEAN contributes to maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

Lovlina Borgohain became World Champion!

India's Lovlina Borgohain won her maiden World Championships gold medal on 26 March in New Delhi. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist defeated Australia's Caitlin Parker via a split decision in a closely-fought 75kg final bout at KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium. Lovlina confirmed India's 4th medal at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi and all of them turned out to be Gold. Earlier, Nikhat Zareen won her second World Championships Gold medal, dominating the 50kg final. Nitu Ghanghas (48kg) and Saweety Boora had won the Gold medals in their respective weight categories on 25 March.



RRR's 'Naatu Naatu' and The Elephant Whisperers make history at the Oscars 2023



Indian cinema witnessed one of its biggest moments of glory on a global stage when The Elephant Whisperers won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Short and RRR's song 'Naatu Naatu' won for Best Original Song. Both The Elephant Whisperers and RRR (Rise, Roar, Revolt) are Indian productions that tell stories deeply rooted in India and its culture. The Kartiki Gonsalves-directed The Elephant Whisperers is a heartwarming documentary about dedication of a South Indian couple who look after orphaned baby elephants. In contrast, it marked the culmination of the euphoria that 'Naatu Naatu', the electrifying song-and-dance sequence from RRR.

India Coast Guard Conducting Regional SAR Exercise in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

India Coast Guard conducted regional Search & Rescue (SAR) Exercise in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh on 29 March. The exercise involved all stakeholders with effective use of available resources towards M-SAR (Maritime Search and Rescue) contingency efficiently.

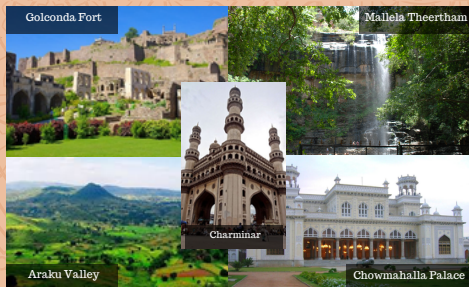


Telangana

Telangana is the youngest state of India after it was officially formalised on 2 June 2014. It is situated on the Deccan Plateau, in the central stretch of the eastern seaboard of the Indian Peninsula. The state is known for its hospitality and multicultural and pluralistic society. Hyderabad, the capital city of this state is the fifth largest city in India and home to some of India's best educational institutions, public sector and defence companies and a thriving global services sector and film industry, Tollywood.

How to Reach

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad is a major international airport connecting the state with rest of the world. Hyderabad also enjoys great rail connectivity with all other major Indian cities. Frequent state run and privately owned buses also run from Telangana to all parts of India.



Places of Interest

Telangana apart from the historical perspective of various dynastic and regional and cultural influences offers its visitors a plethora of places of pristine natural beauty. With serene lakes, verdant woods, rocky regions, abundant wildlife, flora and fauna, elaborately carved temples, magnificent palaces and forts reflecting architectural blends of Hindu, Pathan and Persian styles.

Festivals

With so many religion it is expected to host some festivals as well. To start with, Bathukamma is a part of Dasara festivities which is unique to Telangana. Celebrated by Hindu women in September/October, as per the lunar calendar.

Bonalu is another Hindu Festival, celebrated during June/July where Goddess Mahakali is worshiped. The festival is considered a thanksgiving to the Goddess for fulfilling the desires of devotees.

Ramzan is the main festival of Muslims and Moharram too is celebrated on a large scale in Telangana. It is known as 'primarily panduga'.



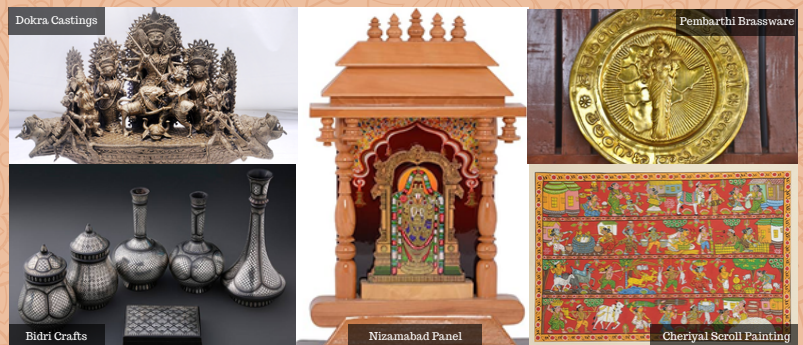
Cuisines



Cuisines of Telangana are usually spicy. Hyderabad Biryani remains the most delicious dish of the state served in variations. Sarva Pindi, made using rice flour, chana dal, peanuts and chilli, remains a healthy option for breakfast. For the lovers of non vegetarian food, Golichina Mamsam is a lip smacking dish made with mutton cooked in locally grown spices. For some sweet dish, Malidalu is a great option. It is made using chapathi pieces grinded with jaggery, cashews, pista and ghee. Hyderabad cuisines are on the list of UNESCO creativity city of gastronomy.

Handicrafts

Telangana is famous world-wide for its amazing Bronze castings that require exquisite skills for creating incredible idols. Nirmal town is world-famous for its varied range of handicrafts made using best traditional techniques to create masterpieces. Other prominent art works of the state include Nizamabad panels, Nirmal painted furniture, Dokra castings, Silver Filigree, Cherial Scroll Paintings, Bidri craft, Pembarthi brassware etc.



For further information, please visit <https://tourism.telangana.gov.in/>

Sarva Pindi

Sarva Pindi is a famous breakfast dish of Kamareddy, Telangana. It is a pancake prepared from rice flour, chana dal, ginger, garlic, sesame seeds, curry leaves, and green chillies. The mixture of grains, pulses, and spices makes it a lip-smacking dish. It is cooked in a deep, round shaped pan and to preserve the sanctity of the recipe, it is pertinent to make holes in the rolled out dough mixture before cooking it.

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp chana dal (soaked)
- ½ tbsp peanuts (roasted, skinned and crushed)
- Small onion (chopped)
- 1 tsp fresh ginger-garlic paste
- 2 green chilli (chopped)
- 6-7 curry leaves (torn)
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds (toasted)
- ¼ cup coriander leaves (chopped)



- 1 tsp red chilli powder (optional)
- 1 ½ cup rice flour
- Oil as required • Salt as required

Process

- Take chana dal and soak it overnight or soak in hot water for 1 hour before cooking.
- Add soaked chana dal, roasted peanuts, ginger-garlic paste, chopped onions, curry leaves, roasted sesame seeds, chopped coriander leaves, red chilli powder in a bowl and mix well.
- Add rice flour into this mixture and knead soft dough which will spread easily by hand.
- Take a non-stick pan and grease it well with 2 tbsp of oil.
- Grease your hand with oil and take orange-sized dough and spread it evenly on the surface of the medium-size non-stick pan. It should be ½ inch in thickness.
- When dough is evenly spread, use your index finger to make holes in the sheet. Pour ¼ tsp of oil in each hole. These holes will help make the dough crispy.
- Place the pan on a medium-low flame. Cover the pan with a lid and cook it for 15-20 minutes. You can cook it on both sides, but if you want sarva pindi to be a little moist and soft, suffice to cook it on one side alone.
- Once it is brown and crispy, remove the flame and serve with spicy pickle.

INDIA FUN FACT

Buddha Statue of Hyderabad **The World's Tallest Monolithic Buddha Statue**



The Buddha Statue of Hyderabad is a monolith located in India. It is the world's tallest monolith of Gautama Buddha measuring 18 m with weight of 350 tons, erected on Gibraltar Rock in the middle of Hussain Sagar Lake.

This monolithic statue was erected out of a white granite rock and was carved by 200 sculptors. On 1 December 1992, the statue was installed on the platform successfully.

The statue is reached by a 15 minutes boat ride. The entire man made island is beautifully decorated with lawns and landscaped garden.