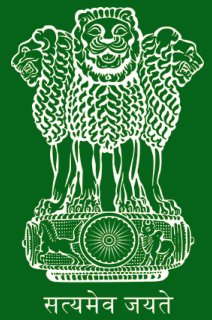


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CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting

Secretary East Mr. Saurabh Kumar led delegation visited Bali from 01 to 04 August 2023 for the ASEAN Senior Official Meeting. Consul General of India, Bali Mrs Neeharika Singh joined the delegation for the meetings.



Celebration of the 77th Independence Day of India at CGI Bali

77th Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15 August 2023 at the Consulate premises with full enthusiasm, zeal and patriotic fervor, also as a part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" and "India at 75" festivities. The event which was attended by over 150 people, commenced with the hoisting of the National flag by Consul General, followed by singing of national anthem. Thereafter, the Consul General read out the address of the Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu to the nation on the eve of the Independence Day.



The celebration was filled with Indian cultural performances, including fusion dances by SVCC Bali dance teacher and students, by India in Bali group, patriotic Hindi songs by students of Gandhi Memorial Intercontinental School (GMIS), and a painting exhibition themed 'India' and 'Independence Day of India'. The event also featured a live-streamed address by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the historic Red Fort ramparts. Prizes were distributed to the performers and all the participants of the exhibition. Attendees comprised of members of Indian community, Indonesians, media persons and friends of India, enjoyed the patriotic atmosphere and tasted the traditional Indian refreshments.



Celebration of the 78th Independence Day of Indonesia in Bali

17 August 2023 was celebrated as the 78th Independence Day of Indonesia. To commemorate the event, Government of Bali Province organised a Flag Hoisting ceremony at Lapangan Puputan Margarana, Niti Mandala, Denpasar which was attended by the CG. The annual event was attended by government officials, consular corps, police, armed forces, academicians, and students.



Visit to Phinisi Shipbuilding Industry



CG visited Phinisi Shipbuilding industry on 11 August on the occasion of 78th Independence Day of Indonesia organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia in Bulukumba Regency, South Sulawesi. UNESCO has recognized South Sulawesi's hand-crafted sailing yachts as an 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' in 2017, preserving their unique legacy in modern Phinisi yachts for cruising, diving, and recreation.



CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

Visit to East Kalimantan

CG visited East Kalimantan from 28 to 30 August and met with Mr. H. Irhamsyah, Head of Development Administration Bureau, East Kalimantan together with East Kalimantan Chamber of Commerce and Industry team led by Chairperson Mrs. Dayang Donna Faroek. They discussed the possibilities of cooperation in areas like cultural, education, energy sector, infrastructure development, capacity building and IT.

Balikpapan is the biggest city in East Kalimantan and CG met with Balikpapan City Government led by Regional Secretary of Balikpapan City, Mr. Muhaimin, S.T., M.T, and had discussions on organizing Indian culture week, IDY and collaboration in the areas like education and investment in the province. During the meeting, CG had opportunity to tie Rakhi as the day coincided with Raksha Bandhan festival which fell on 30 August this year.



AKAM Week

Consulate organised Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Week from 09 to 15 August 2023 as a part of Independence Day celebration and closing of AKAM. A series of events were organised by the Consulate General of India, Bali in association with SVCC. The activities included Indian dance workshop, screening of Bollywood movies, Indian cooking class, yoga workshop, saree wearing, hena art and rangoli workshops. AKAM Week received an exceptional response not only from the members of the Indian community but also from the people of Bali. The events were attended by the multi-national participants.



AKAM Friendship Badminton Tournament



As a closing of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and opening of National Sports Week, 'AKAM Friendship Badminton Tournament' was organised by CGI Bali on 19 August. Teams from Consulate General of Japan, Consulate General of Australia, National Narcotics Agency of Bali, Kemenkumham Bali, Bank Indonesia and Bali Provincial Government participated and enlivened the sport event held by the Consulate for the first time.



CONSULATE'S ACTIVITIES

India Day at ITK Balikpapan

CGI and SVCC Bali in collaboration with ITK Balikpapan organised 'India Day' on 28 August. Day-long programme observed informative sessions on Indian culture and GOI Scholarship schemes along with Incredible India, tourism promotion booth Bollywood movie 'Bahubali' was screened on this occasion.

Yoga and Indian dance workshops organized by SVCC were attended by students and faculties of the institute. Director, SVCC organized a special session on 'Raksha Bandhan'. All the Participants tied Rakhi to each other and showed their enthusiasm to learn more about India and Indian culture.



Makassar International Eight Festival and Forum (F8) 2023



CGI and SVCC Bali participated in Makassar International Eight Festival & Forum (F8) which was organised from 23 to 27 August at Anjungan Pantai Losari. India booth showcasing information about India tourism, Indian education, International Year of Millet, and Indian culture attracted huge number of visitors every evening. During the F8, Director SVCC, Mr Naveen Meghwal demonstrated yoga practices in an hour long programme participated by large number of yoga enthusiasts.

Sadbhavana Diwas

Consulate General of India, Bali observed Sadbhavana Diwas on 20 August. CG administered pledge to all the members of CGI and SVCC Bali. The day was observed to mark 79th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, youngest Prime Minister of India.



Panch Pran Pledge

On the eve of 77th Independence day of India, CG administered the Panch Pran Pledge to the officials of the Consulate together with Indian community members with diya in hand. The Indian community was also encouraged to take the Panch Pran Pledge with maati/diya in hand and upload a selfie on the website www.merimaatimeradesh.gov.in



Celebration of Raksha Bandhan at Dria Raba

SVCC Bali organized Raksha Bandhan celebration in Dria Raba Foundation on 31 August. Shri Naveen Meghwal, SVCC Director briefed about the importance of Raksha Bandhan. Kids tied Rakhi to each other.



Consular Section at CGI Bali

The number of foreign tourists' visit to India has seen an increase of 166 per cent in January-April 2023 compare to same period in 2022. CGI, Bali receives various queries mainly related to Indian visa. Consular wing responds to all the mails in best possible way. In August, total 50 different consular services were provided to the Indian nationals, OCI card holders, Balinese and foreign nationals.



KEEP IN TOUCH WITH INDIA

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign



'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign was held from 13 to 15 August to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 77th year of India's independence. Indian nationals were requested to upload a selfie with Tiranga on www.harghatiranga.com and change display picture to Tiranga on various media platforms.

India Mobile Congress 2023

The India Mobile Congress, co-hosted by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), is Asia's premier digital technology gathering. It serves as a meeting point for industry leaders, government officials, academics, and other stakeholders in the tech ecosystem. The event, set to take place from 27 to 29 October 2023, is expected to attract over 350 speakers, 400 exhibitors, 1000 media personnel, and 100,000 visitors from around the world. The theme for this year's event is "Global Digital Innovation."



81st Anniversary of Quit India Movement

On 09 August 2023, India commemorates the 81st anniversary of the Quit India Movement, a significant milestone in the Independence struggle. Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna shared the talk and discussed the movement, led by Mahatma Gandhi and other prominent leaders, as a defining moment in India's quest for freedom, highlighting its role in uniting the common people and strengthening the fight against British rule.

PM Modi's Participation in the 15th BRICS Summit

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg on August 23, 2023. He called for a strengthened BRICS, focusing on breaking barriers, revitalizing economies, inspiring innovation, creating opportunities, and shaping the future. PM also called for UNSC reforms, MFI reforms and WTO reforms. He also proposed a BRICS Space Exploration Consortium, Indian digital public infrastructure, skill mapping, and joint efforts for protecting Big Cats. PM called for AU's permanent G20 membership.



Soft Landing of Chandrayaan 3 on Moon's South Pole



India made history by becoming the first country to land on the South Pole of the lunar surface with the Vikram lander. The ISRO team initiated the Automatic Landing Sequence (ALS) 20 minutes before landing, allowing the Vikram Landing Module to identify a suitable spot and make a soft landing on the lunar surface. ISRO Chairman S Somnath thanked everyone for their support and expressed gratitude

for the success. They are looking forward to the Chandrayaan-3 lander and Rover on the lunar surface in the next 14 days. The project director, P Veeramuthuvel, praised the team's ability to soft land on the Moon and expressed the most memorable moment after four years of hard work. Mission Director M Sreekanth thanked the entire ISRO team for achieving this difficult task. The ISRO command center established a communication link between the Chandrayaan-3 Lander and MOX-ISTRAC, Bengaluru, and obtained images from the Lander Horizontal Velocity Camera during the descent.

PM's Address at Red Fort on the 77th Independence Day of India



Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on 77th Independence Day from the iconic Red Fort, emphasizing India's "demography, democracy, and diversity" as key factors to achieving its dreams. He recalled the COVID-19 era and emphasized India's role as a "Vishwa Mitra" (friend of the world) during the crisis. Modi urged for a strong India to contribute to global welfare, a concept he called Vishwa Mangal (expansion). The event was attended by cabinet ministers, political leaders, service chiefs, and bureaucrats. Multi-layer security was in place across Delhi, with over 10,000 personnel manning the area.

CSIR-CMERI Scientists Develop 'Made in India Electric Tractors'

The Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI) in West Bengal has developed an indigenous fully electric tractor named 'CSIR Prima ET 11' for farmers. The tractor, produced in India, is designed to cater to the demand of agriculture field applications and is made more women-friendly by placing levers and switches for easy operation. The tractor can be charged using a conventional home charging socket and can be used on the field for over four hours. It features a robust and efficient transmission system using a semi-synchronized type gearing system, and is equipped with a lifting capacity of 500 kg or more. The tractor is powered by a Lithium-ion battery with Prismatic cell conformation. The CMERI has a history of designing and developing tractors of various ranges and capacities, starting with the first indigenously developed SWARAJ Tractor in 1965.



Punjab, located in India's north-western region, is a prosperous state with a vibrant population. Named after five rivers, it is a land of ethnic and religious diversity, influenced by religious movements like Sikhism, Buddhism, and Sufism. The Punjabi language, originating from the Indo-European linguistic family, is primarily agricultural. Punjab's festivals, such as Teej, Lohri, Basant, and Baisakhi, reflect its farming ethos.

How to Reach

Punjab's main airports are in Amritsar and Ludhiana, with regular flights to Delhi. Chandigarh, the capital of both Haryana and Punjab, has a domestic terminal. Punjab is easily accessible by road, with well-developed highways and people would love the 'Dhabas' that serve local food on such highways. For people who prefer going by train, trains can be taken between Amritsar and Delhi or Chandigarh and Delhi, while the rest of the nation is connected through Delhi.

Places of Interest

Popularly known as the Land of Five Rivers, Punjab is a tourist hotspot in India. Places of interest in Punjab include the capital city Chandigarh, Amritsar, Ludhiana etc. Home to the most significant Sikh pilgrimage site Golden Temple or Sri Harmandir Sahib, Amritsar is a popular cultural, spiritual and patriotic centre in the country. Ludhiana boasts of a rich history, which is evident in the prominent architectural marvels and the ancient ruins of the Lodhi dynasty like Lodhi Fort and Phillaur Fort.



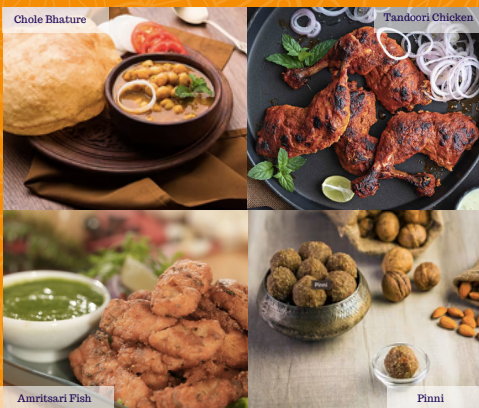
Festivals

One of the best ways to ensure that tourists enjoy at least one of these celebrated events in Punjab is to plan their travel so that it falls during these festivals. While the best season to visit Punjab is in the winter, it's also a great time to attend some of these festivals. Festivals are apt occasions when Punjab erupts into colour, noise and laughter and what better way to understand and be a part of this engaging and exciting community than on their special days? Some of the famous festivals of Punjab include Baisakhi, Teeyan, Hola Mohalla, and Gurupurab, Basant Pachami etc.



Cuisines

Punjabi cuisine, originating from the region of Punjab, is a popular Indian cuisine with a variety of delectable vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes, particularly the tandoori style. The region's rich cultivating lands, ideal for wheat cultivation, have made Punjabi a popular destination for gastronomy. The region's Basmati rice, sugarcane, barley, potatoes, vegetables, and fruits are grown in multi-cropping practices. Cattle are primarily used for agriculture and dairy farming, providing staple foods like ghee, butter, clarified butter, curd, paneer, and sweet dishes. Food additives like vinegar, starch, zarda, cumin, coriander, dried methi leaves, and black pepper are used to enhance the taste and flavor of Punjabi dishes.



Handicrafts

The traditional crafts of Punjab are remarkable for their design and intricate work. Punjab handicrafts produce some very useful items, which are exported to all over the country. The rich tradition of Punjab handicrafts includes Phulkari along with Pidhis, Jootis, Durries and Parandis. In addition, remarkable range of pottery, woodwork, metalwork etc is also being manufactured in the state.



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<https://www.punjabtourism.punjab.gov.in/>

INDIAN KITCHEN

Amritsari Kulcha

Amritsari Kulcha is crisp as well as soft leavened bread which is stuffed with boiled and mashed potatoes and spices. This bread is similar to Naan.

Amritsari Kulcha with Chole or Dal Makhani is an authentic Punjabi meal of Amritsar. It is a heavenly delight on the palate and plate.

Methods:

- Knead the dough for the Kulcha
- To prepare the dough, take a large bowl and sieve the flour in it. Add baking powder, baking soda, curd and refined oil in it. Add sugar and salt in the flour and mix it well with your fingers. Add warm milk in flour and knead the mixture to prepare a firm dough. Cover it with a damp cloth and keep it aside.
- Step 2 Prepare the potato filling
- To make the stuffing for the kulcha, take the boiled potato and mash it in a bowl. Combine finely chopped onions and green chillies with mashed potato. Add chat masala, coriander leaves, red chilli powder and cumin powder in the mixture. Sprinkle salt and mix the ingredients with a spoon.
- Step 3 Roll the Kulchas
- Now take the dough and divide it into two equal portions. Roll each portion into a ball and then flatten the ball using a rolling pin. Place a spoonful of aloo filling in the centre of the flatten dough and close the kulcha well. Sprinkle some flour over it and roll it again into a paratha.
- Step 4 Toast the Kulchas on both side
- Take a non-stick pan, add olive oil and heat it over medium flame. When oil bubbles start to rise, gently place the kulcha in the pan and cook for a minute. Flip the kulcha and cook the other side till both sides turn crispy and golden brown in colour. Once done, serve hot with Amritsari Chole.



Ingredients

For Filling

- 1 boiled potato
- 1/2 onion
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin powder
- 1/4 teaspoon coriander leaves
- 1/2 green chilli
- 1/4 teaspoon red chilli powder
- 1 pinch chaat masala

For Seasoning

- salt as required

For Dough

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 table spoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 table spoon yoghurt (curd)
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoon refined oil
- 2 table spoon lukewarm milk

INDIA FUN FACT

Punjab The Wheat Bowl of India

Punjab means the land of five rivers. The word has been derived from the Persian words panj (five) and aab (water). The five rivers namely Beas, Chenab, Jhelum, Ravi and Sutlej ran through pre-Independence Punjab, and are now divided between India and Pakistan. The presence of five rivers is the reason why Punjab's soil is conducive for wheat cultivation, and hence it is also called the Wheat Bowl of India.



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Pemprov Kaltim Tawarkan India Peluang Investasi di IKN Nusantara

SAMARINDA. TRIBUN BALI - Pemerintah Provinsi (Pemprov) Kalimantan Timur (Kaltim) menawarkan peluang kepada Pemerintah India untuk melakukan investasi di Ibu Kota Negara (IKN) Nusantara. "Jika berminat investasi di IKN, maka dapat berkomunikasi dengan Pemprov Kaltim maupun pihak Otorita IKN. Kami harap India bisa semakin tinggi investasinya. Karena, saat ini India di urutan ke-14 negara asing berinvestasi," kata Kepala Biro Administrasi Pembangunan (Adbang) Setprov Kaltim Irhamyiah saat menerima kunjungan Konjen India untuk Indonesia-Bali Neeharika Singh di Kantor Gubernur Kaltim, Selasa (29/8).

Pada kesempatan itu ia memaparkan beberapa potensi yang dimiliki serta prestasi Kaltim dan berharap

Delegasi India yang diptmpt Neeharika Singh bisa melihat langsung perkembangan pembangunan di provinsi itu, terutama di IKN. Irhamyiah mengatakan, Kaltim saat ini sedang dan terus membangun, baik infrastruktur maupun SDM berkualitas. Bahkan untuk pendidikan teknik mengenai pengaliran, Kaltim menyekolahkan ASN ke India dan masih berjalan hingga kini.

Keberadaan IKN, lanjutnya, mendorong Pemprov Kaltim bersama pemerintah pusat gencar melakukan pembangunan infrastruktur, khususnya jalan tol menuju IKN maupun Samarinda-Bontang. Selain itu Kaltim juga memiliki beragam ajang nasional maupun dunia, khususnya bidang pariwisata, seperti Pesta Budaya Erau di Tenggarong, Kutal Kartanegara. "Kami berharap berbagai event ini bisa menjadi daya tarik wisatawan asal India," ujarnya.

Ia juga menyebut Kaltim memiliki destinasi wisata Kepulauan Derawan, Maratua, dan Sangalaki. "Jika Pemerintah India mau, Kaltim terbuka dan masyarakat kami ramah-ramah," jelasnya.

Neeharika menjelaskan, tujuan kunjungannya ke Kaltim untuk mengetahui potensi apa saja yang ada di daerah ini, termasuk ingin mengetahui bagaimana perkembangan pembangunan di Kaltim. "Semoga kedatangan kami bisa memberikan informasi baru bagi Pemerintah India, sehingga dapat berinvestasi di Kaltim," jelasnya. (ant)



CINDERAMATA - Consulate General of India (CGI) untuk Indonesia-Bali Mrs Neeharika Singh bertukar cinderamata saat melakukan kunjungan ke Pemerintah Provinsi Kaltim. Pemprov Kaltim menawarkan peluang kepada Pemerintah India untuk melakukan investasi di Ibu Kota Negara (IKN) Nusantara.

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Gelar AKAM Week, Perayaan Hari Kemerdekaan India yang Ke-77 di Bali

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Denpasar (Atnews) - Hari Kemerdekaan India ke-77 dirayakan pada tanggal 15 Agustus 2023 di kantor Konsulat dengan penuh semangat, semangat dan semangat patriotik, juga sebagai bagian dari perayaan "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" dan "India at 75".

Acara dimulai dengan pengibaran bendera Kebangsaan oleh Konsul Jenderal Ibu Neeharika Singh, dilanjutkan dengan menyanyikan Lagu Kebangsaan.

Setelah itu, Konsul Jenderal membacakan pidato Presiden India Droupadi Murmu kepada bangsa pada malam hari kemerdekaan.

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