



As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahosav, Embassy of India, Beirut organized various activities in the months of March & April 2022.

Embassy News



Visit by a delegation of leading businessmen

A delegation of leading Lebanese businessmen visited the Embassy of India on March 24, 2022 & had extensive discussions with Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan and Head of Chancery Mr. Sandeep Grover on enhancing trade & economic cooperation between India and Lebanon. The talks specially focused on Pharma/Agro Products/Renewable Energy Sectors.



Visit by Shri Ravi Nair & Mrs. Nair

Mr. and Mrs. Nair are great friends of Lebanon. They are regular visitors to Lebanon and have been visit Lebanon every year for past 2 decades. Mr Ravi Nair's father was close personal friend of legendary Lebanese Leader Mr. Kamal Jumblatt whose love for Indian Philosophy & Yoga is well known.



Ambassador attended Independence Day of Bangladesh

Ambassador of India Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan attended the Reception hosted by Ambassador of Bangladesh to Lebanon H. E. M J Mustahidur Rahman on the occasion of Independence Day of Bangladesh on March 26, 2022.

Embassy News



Meeting with Lebanese Minister of Economy

Ambassador of India Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan met with Lebanese Minister of Economy & Trade H.E. Mr. Amin Salam on March 30, 2022. They discussed various trade and economic issues of mutual interests.



Tributes to the martyred Indian soldiers at Tripoli

Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan paid a visit to the Tripoli Naval War cemetery at Tripoli, North Lebanon on March 29, 2022. Ambassador was accompanied by Second Secretary & HOC Shri Sandeep Grover and Third Secretary Shri Santanu Kumar Singh. Ambassador Dr Khan laid a wreath as a tribute to the martyred Indian soldiers at the Tripoli Naval Cemetery, Tripoli. The war cemetery is a part of the Commonwealth War graves. The war cemetery remembers 22 Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives during World War 2 in north Lebanon and are laid to rest here.

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Celebration of Birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar at Embassy premises

As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Embassy of India organised Birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar on 14 April 2022 at the Embassy premises. The event was graced by Shri Ram Swarup, an eminent member of the Indian diaspora along with other community members. The event commenced with the garlanding of the portrait of Baba Saheb by the Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan. Mr. Ram Swarup joined the Ambassador and paid floral tributes. The event was also attended by all members of the Embassy. On this occasion, Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan inaugurated a 'Photo Exhibition' of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar by lighting mayurlamp. The exhibition was opened from 14 to 19 April 2022. A number of Indian Community members and Embassy Staff along with their family members visited the exhibition and enriched their awareness about life of Baba Saheb.



Transfer of Authority Ceremony at the Indian Battalion

On April 16, 2022, Ambassador of India Dr Suhel Khan attended the Transfer of Authority Ceremony at the Indian Battalion UNIFIL-PIO, from 19 Madras to 18 Mahar Battalion Group. Col PN Sujay Kumar, Sena Medal, took over the charge as Commanding Officer INDBATT from Col Mohver Singh Grewal, Sena Medal.

Embassy News



Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Gurdwara

The celebrations of Birth Anniversary of Baba Saheb, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar continued in Beirut with the hosting of a community event at Gurudwara Sant Ravidas ji on April 17, 2022 as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM). Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan and Embassy officials joined the Indian community at Gurudwara Sant Ravidas ji on this occasion. Ambassador Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan unveiled the statue of Dr. Ambedkar and thanked the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee for organizing the event. While addressing the gathering Ambassador applauded the achievements of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar and his contribution during India's freedom struggle. The event was attended by more than 350 members of the Indian community. The photo exhibition of memorable pictures of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar organized at the embassy, was moved to the Gurudwara to attract wider audience and publicity.

Lebanese participation at India Fashion Tex-Reverse Buyer Seller Meet

3-member Lebanese delegation attended India Fashion Tex-Reverse Buyer Seller Meet, 2022, organised by Wool & Woollens Export Promotion Council (WWEPC) in New Delhi from March 29 -31. They had fruitful meetings with exporters in India.

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Meeting with Maj. Gen. Kheir

Ambassador Dr Suhel Khan & Head of Chancery Mr Sandeep Grover met with H.E. Major General Mohammed Khair, Secretary General of Higher Relief Committee on April 19, 2022 and discussed various issues of mutual interests.



Attending Iftar by Saudi Ambassador

Ambassador of India Dr Suhel Khan attended an Iftar Dinner organised by Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Lebanon, H.E. Waleed Bukhari on April 18, 2022.



Screening of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

The Embassy of India organised the live screening of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' at the Embassy premises on April 1, 2022. The event was attended by HE Ambassador of India Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan and officials of the Embassy. Hon'ble PM's words of wisdom and inspiration are immensely beneficial for the students for handling the exams related anxieties and for charting a path of success and self-confidence.

Embassy News



Seminar on "Women in India and Lebanon"

On the occasion of celebration of International Women's Day, Embassy of India organized a seminar on "Women in India and Lebanon" with the cooperation of Elite Center of culture and education, Tripoli on 29th March 2022 in Tripoli. The speakers for the event were Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan, President of the Elite Centre Dr Imane Kamali, Dr Zahida Jabbour, Professor and Former Secretary of Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO, Mrs Nahla Hamati, Former President of the North Educational Sector, Ministry of Education, Lebanon, Ms Anshu Chibber, Senior Editor, CNN-News18 India and Mr Youssef Eid, an eminent Poet.

The opening remarks of the event was made by Dr Imane Kamali and was followed by an eloquent speech. She spoke elaboratively on the status of women in Lebanon, emphasized on the role of women in the political arena and the importance of equal rights for women as a prerequisite for the development of any nation. Her speech was followed by Dr Zahida Jabbour, who spoke of her experiences and advocated for equal status of women in every sector.

Mrs Nahla Hamati shared her thoughts on the political role of women in the society and the need of more women faces in the parliament to transform and bring reforms for women rights.

Ms Anshu Chibber expressed her views on the gradual progress of Indian women in diversified arena. She applauded the government's efforts of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Abhiyan. She navigated through her own experiences and emphasized on the role of men in making the empowered women. Mr Youssef Eid recited Arabic translation of poems by Rabindranath Tagore.

Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan highlighted on the journey of women from the ancient era to the contemporary times in India. He enlightened on the status of women in the Vedic times, medieval queens and freedom fighters to that of modern India. He navigated through the progress of contemporary women in various fields, from increasing numbers in the parliament to representation in the Olympics. He also stressed on the need of equal rights for women for a nation's development.

Ambassador presented shield to Dr Zahida Jabbour and Mrs Nahla Nehme on this auspicious occasion. Ambassador also presented a token of appreciation to Dr Imane Kamali for her endless efforts to strengthen our bilateral cultural ties and dedication for the development of culture and education. The event got wider attention and was very well attended by the local community.

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Business Seminar and an iftar

The Embassy of India in Lebanon organized a business seminar and an iftar at Movenpick Hotel on April 13, 2022, with the collaboration with International Economic Lobby of Lebanon headed by Dr. Ali Al-Masry.

The seminar was attended by His Excellency, the Minister of Economy and Trade of Lebanon, Mr. Amin Salam and the Ambassador of India in Lebanon, Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan , Director Generals and Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Economy and Trade, in addition to the top business persons in Lebanon.

Minister Salam thanked Ambassador Khan for his tremendous efforts to promote and develop trade between Lebanon and India and expressed his full support for accelerating the economic partnership between the two countries and expanding its trade with India. He added that Lebanon is keen to partner with India to ensure its food security.

In his speech, Ambassador Khan thanked the Minister for his efforts to develop trade between both countries. Ambassador Khan spoke about India's incredible growth story, strong fundamentals of Indian economy and various measures taken by Government of India to make it a favorite destination for investments and doing business. He also spoke about increase in bilateral trade between the two countries.

Dr. Al-Masry concluded by thanking the Indian Ambassador for organizing trade seminars and his efforts to develop trade between India and Lebanon.

News of The Month

Remarks by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi at virtual meeting with the President of the USA

President Biden, first of all, I would like to express my gratitude for your warm words. Today, our Defence and Foreign Ministers are going to meet in "2+2" format in some time. Before that, this meeting of ours is important to give direction to their conversation. And you have taken the initiative of this virtual meeting, I also congratulate you for that.

Excellency,

When I visited Washington in September last year, and about which you just mentioned, you said that the India-US partnership can contribute in solving many global problems. I totally agree with you. As the world's two largest and oldest democracies, we are natural partners. And the progress that has been made in our relations over the last few years, the new momentum that has been created, perhaps it was something difficult to imagine, even a decade ago from today.

Excellency,

Our today's talks are taking place at a time when the situation in Ukraine remains very worrisome. Till a few weeks back, more than 20,000 Indians were stranded in Ukraine. And most of them were young students. After putting in lot of efforts, we managed to get them out of there safely, although one student lost his life. Throughout this development, I spoke to the Presidents of both Ukraine and Russia over the phone several times. I not only appealed for peace, but also suggested President Putin to have direct talks with the President of Ukraine. The subject of Ukraine has also been discussed in great detail in our Parliament.

The news of the recent killings of innocent civilians in Bucha city was very worrying. We condemned it immediately and have also demanded a fair probe. We hope that the ongoing dialogue between Russia and Ukraine will pave the way for peace.

Excellency,

We have also laid emphasis on the security of the civilians in Ukraine and the uninterrupted supply of humanitarian aid to them, which you mentioned at the outset. We have sent medicines and other relief materials to Ukraine and its neighbouring countries. And on the demand of Ukraine, soon we are sending another consignment of medicines.

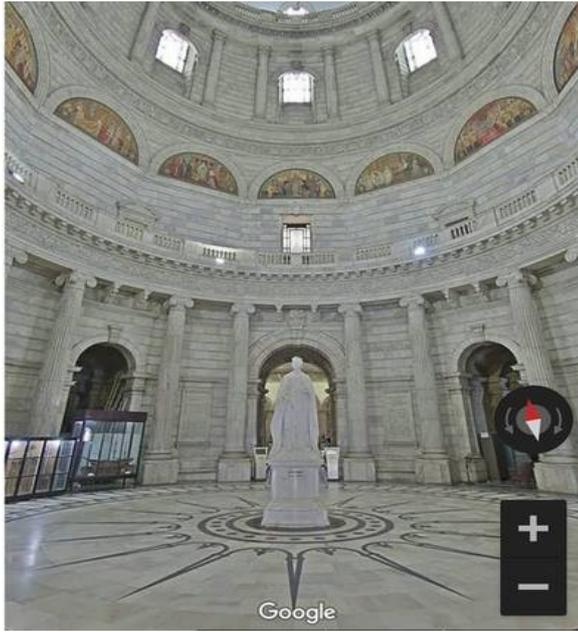
Excellency,

You gave a very important slogan at the very beginning of your term – Democracies can Deliver. The success of the partnership between India and the US is the best way to realize this slogan.

This year, India is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its independence. And we are also celebrating the 75th anniversary of our diplomatic ties. I am confident that friendship with the United States will remain an integral part of India's development journey over the next 25 years.

Once again thank you very much for today's meeting.

Featured Stories



Victoria Memorial

Constructed between 1906- 1921, Victoria Memorial is a signature landmark in Kolkata, West Bengal. At present, a museum with 25 galleries, each comprising a rich exhibition of paintings, memorabilia and manuscripts, it's a must-visit! Go for a virtual visit at : <https://www.incredibleindia.org/.../victoria-memorial.html>



Ram Navami

Ram Navami is an important Hindu festival, celebrated every year on the ninth day of Chaitra month (the first month in the Hindu lunar calendar) — it falls on April 10 this year. The Hindus celebrate Ram Navami to honor the birth of Lord Rama.



Gulmarg

No wonder Gulmarg is called the 'meadow of flowers'. The snows have gone and wildflowers adorn the valley. Let the cool breeze caress your soul. Come take a walk in paradise.

India Tourism

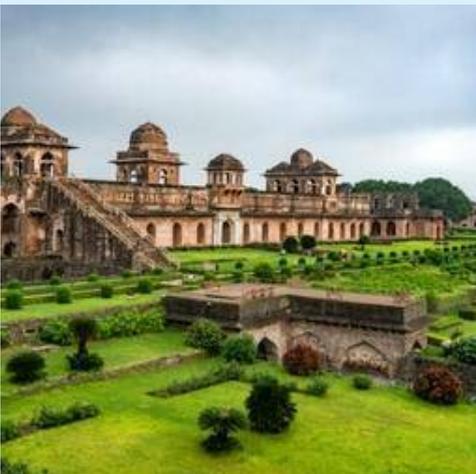
Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh can be described as the best state of the nation when it comes to the diversity of its tourism destinations. Madhya Pradesh is known as the "Heart of India" because of a lot many things that it has to offer. It has been home to cultural and spiritual heritage of almost all the religions. Innumerable monuments, intricately carved temples, stupas, forts and palaces are dotted all over the State. The natural beauty of the state is equally varied. Consisting largely of a plateau, the State has everything, from mighty mountain ranges to meandering rivers to miles of verdant forests. In fact a large part of Madhya Pradesh is under the forest cover, offering a unique and exciting panorama of wildlife. In the National Parks of Kanha, Bandhavgarh and Pench you can spot the tiger, bison and a wide variety of deer and antelope.



Kandariya Mahadev Temple

Kandariya Mahadev Temple in the UNESCO World Heritage Site is one of the most imposing structures in Khajuraho. This very beautiful spiritual abode of Lord Shiva looks stunning due to its intricate carvings and exquisite sculptures. The superb craftsmanship on various sculptures gives an insight into the glorious history.



Mandu – Jahaz Mahal

One of the monuments in Mandu that beautifully captures the medieval romance of Baz Bahadur and Rani Roopmati is Jahaz Mahal. Built by Sultan Ghiyasuddin Khilji for his large harem in the latter half of 15th century, Jahaz Mahal represents the classical phase of architecture in Mandu. This double-storied structure situated on a narrow strip of land between Munj Talao and Kapur Talao, gives an appearance of a ship anchored in the water.

For more information, please visit

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Upcoming Events

International Food & Hospitality Fair

AAHAR - The International Food & Hospitality Fair is a flagship B2B event organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), the premier trade promotion body of the Government of India. The 36 th edition of the event will be organised from April 26-30, 2022 at the iconic venue of Pragati Maidan (New Delhi). AAHAR is one of Asia's best known brands in Food & Hospitality shows. The show has grown by leaps & bounds in recent years and is today the well known destination for global vendors and sourcing professionals

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Renewable Energy India Expo

Renewable Energy India Expo popularly known as REI offers an all-inclusive platform to domestic and international manufacturers, traders, buyers and professionals from across the renewable energy domain. REI is recognized as Asia's Leading b2b expo focusing on Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Bio-Energy, Energy Storage and Electric Vehicles and charging infra. The forthcoming 15th edition of REI Expo being held during 28-30 September 2022, is estimated to attract over 700+ Exhibitors, 40,000+ trade visitors and esteemed policy-makers, decision-makers, influencers, technical experts and professionals

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