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India@75 celebrations : India@75 (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) is two and half year celebration to commemorate 75 years of India's independence. Starting from March 2021 Commission has organized a number of events on regular basis, some of which organized during 2022 are as follows :

- **India-Ghana Dialogues** on (i) Women-led Development for Inclusive & Sustainable World in March 2022 (ii) Energy Security & Climate Policy in June 2022 (iii) Sustainable Development : Building Social Infrastructure to attain SDGs in September 2022, and Counter Terrorism : Challenges & Way Ahead in December 2022;
- Republic Day, National Tourism Day, Blood Donation Drive, Sports Day, National Youth Day, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, Swachh Bharat Drive (Cleanliness Drive), Fit India Movement, India-Ghana Cultural Evening, Hindi Day, Constitution Day, Ganesh Jayanti/International Day of Non-Violence, National Unity Day;
- High Commission organized a **week-long India@75 celebration** around Independence Day in August 2022, starting with a 'Cultural Gala' at the National Theater, with performance by 17-member dance troupe from India. More cultural events were held in Kumasi and Accra and the celebration continued with the National Flag hoisting in the forenoon of 15 August 2022 and at the 'State Reception' in the evening at the India House. Spiritual Evening with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, world renowned spiritual Guru, was held on 16 August 2022 at India House.
- The 8th International Day of Yoga was organized on 21 June 2022 at the iconic Independence Star Square as part of **Global Yoga Ring**. Prior to this event, curtain raiser events were held at the iconic locations in Ghana i.e. Volta Lake, Wli Waterfall, Afadjato Mountain, etc. Commission also organized **Ayurveda Day** (India's Traditional Medicines Day) in November 2022.

UNSC : 2022 was the year in which both Indian and Ghana were members of the UNSC. A delegation from India visited Ghana and held consultations in June 2022 on issues of the UNSC agenda. In October 2022, Foreign Minister of Ghana, Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey participated in the Special Meeting of the UNSC's Counter Terrorism Committee in Mumbai and Delhi in India.

G20 : India assumed the G20 Presidency on 1st December 2022. India's G20 Presidency would be a watershed moment in its history as she seeks to play an important role by finding pragmatic global solutions for the wellbeing of all, and in doing so, manifest the true spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' i.e. 'World is One Family'.

India-Ghana Relations : These further deepened during 2022 with several high-level engagements.

- **Joint Commission Meeting/PJCC** was supposed to be held this year but now is scheduled for first quarter of 2023.
- India hosted the 3rd India-Ghana **Foreign Office Consultations** in July 2022 in New Delhi, co-chaired by Deputy Foreign Minister Kwaku Ampratwum-Sarpong from Ghanaian side.
- Deputy Foreign Minister Ampratwum-Sarpong participated in India's world renowned premier Strategic Global Dialogue '**Raisina Dialogue**' in April 2022.
- The 3rd round of India-Ghana **Joint Trade Committee (JTC)** was held in July 2022 in New Delhi, co-chaired by Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry Michael Okyere Baafi from Ghanaian side.
- Minister of Defence Dominic Nitiwul participated in **India-Africa Defence Dialogue** and DefExpo 2022 in October 2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Deputy Energy Minister William Owuraku Aidoo participated the 5th Assembly of **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** in New Delhi in October 2022.
- Maj. Gen. (Rtd) Francis Adu-Amanfoh, Special Advisor to the President on Accra Initiative participated in the 3rd Ministerial Conference on Counter Terrorism Financing '**No Money For Terror**' in November 2022 in New Delhi.
- Minister for Fisheries and Aquaculture Mavis Hawa Koomson led the Ghanaian delegation to the 17th **CII-EXIM Bank Conclave** on India-Africa Growth Partnership in New Delhi in July 2022.

➤ **Parliamentary Cooperation** : A Parliamentary delegation led by Hon. Joseph Osei-Owusu, First Deputy Speaker of Parliament and comprising of Majority and Minority Leaders visited India in April 2022. Seven young MPs from Ghana visited India as part of **Gen-Next Democracy Network Programme** in May 2022.

➤ Deputy Education Minister John Ntim Fordjour led Ghanaian 20 students delegation to **India-Africa Hackathon** in New Delhi in November 2022 where Ghanaian students a number of prizes.

➤ Vice Chancellor of University of Cape Coast Prof. Johnson Nyarko Boampong visited India from in September 2022 under **Academic Visitors Programme** and concluded MOUs on cooperation with a number of Indian Universities.

Development Partnership : India has extended about US\$ 450 million concessional lines of credit (LoCs) and grants to Ghana.

➤ **Foreign Service Training Institute** with US\$ 5 million LoC has been completed and handed over this year

➤ **Yendi Water Project** with US\$ 30 million will see its execution on the ground within next few weeks.

➤ **Agric Mechanization Project** with US\$ 150 million LoC is in advanced stage of implementation.

Capacity Building : India continued to offer skill development, educational, training and capacity building opportunities in diverse fields to Ghana through ITEC and ICCR scholarships.

- 150 scholarships for civilian training
- 69 scholarships for defence training
- 35 scholarships to Ghanaian students for pursuing under-graduate, post-graduate and Ph.D. courses in various Indian universities
- 900 full/partial scholarships on tele-education platform to students from Ghana
- 10 scholarships to Ghana CID officers for Special Training Course in Forensics

Economic relations :

➤ During April-September 2022 India-Ghana bilateral trade totaled US\$ 1.9 billion, up 38% from last year's same period.

- India is one of the largest investors in Ghana with FDI value of US\$ 2.2 billion in 870 projects from 1994-2021. India was the 2nd largest investor by number of projects and the 3rd by value of FDI aggregating to US\$ 98.84 million in 25 projects in 2021.
- As part of trade promotion activities the High Commission organized virtual session on India-Ghana Business Opportunities in February 2022 as well as six virtual BSMs/B2B meetings.
- India-Ghana Business Summit on Strengthening Relations Post-Covid in April 2022 and India-Ghana Pharma Business Summit in December 2022 were organised.

Visits of Indian Business Delegations :

- 48 Indian companies participated in Agrotech Expo in March 2022;
- 50 Indian companies participated in Pharma & Healthcare Expo in April 2022;
- 15 Indian universities participated in Study in India Expo in June 2022;
- 28 Indian companies participated in ICT Expo in September 2022;
- 36 Indian companies participated in Power & Energy Ghana Expo in November 2022.

People to People Relations :

- Several **Indian regional festivals** were celebrated as part of India@75 with Indian diaspora and Ghanaians in general bringing the two peoples together.
- A 14-member cultural dance troupe from Ghana was sent to India to perform at the world renowned international cultural festival '**Surajkund Mela**' in March 2022.

Regional Outreach :

- High Commissioner **visited all the 16 Regions of Ghana** since his arrival in 2020. Besides interactions with Regional Ministers, Mayors, Members of Parliament from the Regions, Traditional Chiefs, centers of national culture, regional media and Indian scholarships alumni from the Regions High Commissioner hosted **India-Ghana Regional Round Tables**, **India-Ghana Regional Business Summits** and established '**India Corners**' at various Universities in the Regions and '**Friends of India**' (FOI) in the Regions.
