

Newsletter

November & December 2024

Development Co-operation:

Inauguration of Monument No. 1401 after structural conservation and chemical preservation of earthquake affected Pagodas in Bagan

The handing-over ceremony of the Phase-I, 11 monuments (22 works) for the structural conservation and chemical preservation of earthquake affected Pagodas in Bagan was concluded at monument no.1401 on 13 December 2024. The Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture (MoRAC), H.E. U Tin Oo Lwin (TOL) and Ambassador inaugurated the monument in the presence to Deputy Minister of Border Affairs, Senior Ministers from Mandalay Regional Government and officials from Government of Myanmar.



H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur inaugurating the earthquake affected pagodas after conservation

Donation of 2200 MT of rice to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

A cargo vessel carrying 86 containers of 2200 MT of rice arrived in Yangon on 11 December 2024 and the consignment was handed over by Ambassador Abhay Thakur at the Yangon Port, in the presence of Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Soe Thein, Myanmar Red Cross Society and Civil Society organizations. This contribution is expected to benefit approximately 140,000 needy individuals, including children, women, youth, elderly people and persons with disabilities.



H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur donated 2200MT rice



Level 1 Aids to Marine Navigation Manager Training

Mr Lwin Ko Ko Maung, Marine Pilot from Myanma Port Authority has attended a special course on Navigation Manager Training at Marine Navigation Training Institute (MNTI), Kolkata from 04-30 November 2024, by Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways of Government of India.



MPA pilot returned after attending navigation manager training

Inauguration of Border Areas Development Programme (BADP) and Rakhine State Development Programme (RSDP) Projects

The inauguration ceremony of new projects completed under RSDP and BADP projects was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 5th and 6th December 2024 respectively. The respective ceremonies were graced by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MOSWRR) Dr. Soe Win and Union Minister for Border Affairs (MOBA) Lt Gen. Tun Tun Naung, Ambassador Shri Abhay Thakur, dignitaries from the concerned Ministries, concerned States and Regions of Myanmar and officials from the Embassy of India.



Inuguration of BADP and RSDP projects by H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur



Official photo during navigation manager training



2nd Joint Working Committee (JWC) meeting on Kalewa-Yargyi Project

The second Joint Working Committee (JWC) meeting for construction/ up-gradation of the Kalewa-Yargyi road section of the trilateral highway in Myanmar was held in hybrid format on 5th December 2024. The meeting was co-chaired by JS (DPA-III), MEA and Director General (Department of Highways), Ministry of Construction (MoC), GoM. Ambassador of India, First Secretary (DC), First Secretary (LO), Second Secretary (Political) and Project Head of Kalewa-Yargyi Project from NHAI (PIU) and Project Manager for IMT Expressway (Contractor) attended the meeting in Nay Pyi Taw along with officials from Ministry of Construction. Officials from DPA-III Division, BM Division, IFD attended the meeting virtually.

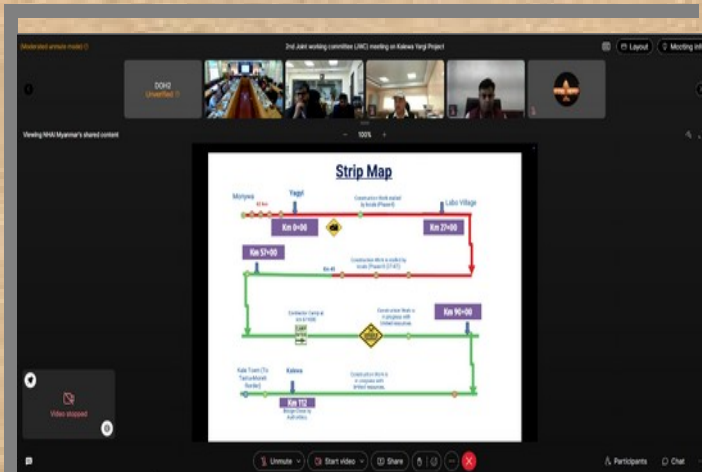


Sarsobeikman JPMC meeting held in Yangon



First JPMC meeting for 10 Quick Impact Projects under FY 2024-25

The first JPMC meeting for 10 Quick Impact Projects under FY 2024-25 was held on 24th December 2024. First Secretary (Liaison Officer) attended the meeting in person in Nay Pyi Taw and First Secretary) attended via video conferencing (VC). The meeting was chaired by Director General, Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD) for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and attended by JPMC members from Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MoNREC), Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST), Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI), Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (MoSWRR), Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development (MoCRD).



H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur attends the 2nd Joint Working Committee meeting on Kalewa-Yargyi project

Sarsobeikman JPMC and site visit on 16 December 2024

The 3rd Joint Project Monitoring Committee (JPMC) meeting for construction of Sarsobeikman Building was held on 16th December 2024 in Yangon. The meeting discussed about the progress of work followed by a site visit to inspect the status of the implementation of the work.

4th JPMC meeting held on 27-12-2024 by MoBA for QIP FY 2023-24

The 4th JPMC meeting on the following two projects was held on 27th December 2024. The two projects are 100% completed and the concerned Myanmar officials presented the completed photographs, utilization of first and second installment and current progress.

1. Construction of 20 feet Bailey bridge and four (5x5x26) feet Box Culverts in Naga Self-Administered Zone
2. Construction of 60x30x12 feet Steel Structure Multi – Purpose Community Hall in Naga Self-Administered Zone

Commercial Engagement:

CBM Governor meets RBI in Mumbai

Myanmar delegation led by the Central Bank of Myanmar Governor attended the High-Level Policy Conference of Central Banks from the Global South organized by the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai from 20 to 22 November. She also met the governor of the Reserve Bank of India at the bilateral meeting and discussed capacity-building matters for bank staff and the expansion of local currency settlement in trading with India and Myanmar.



Group photo during the meeting



During the meeting

Deputy Minister of Ministry of Commerce participated at Partnership Summit 2024 at New Delhi

Deputy Minister of Ministry of Commerce, U Minn Minn participated at the Inaugural session of Partnership Summit 2024 which was held on 2-3 December 2024 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi.



Dr. S. Jaishankar, EAM, attends the event

Myanmar delegation participated in International Solar Alliance (ISA) held in New Delhi

Two government officials led by Director General of Electric Power Generating Enterprise (EPGE) from the Ministry of Electric Power, Government of Myanmar participated in the International Solar Alliance (ISA) held in New Delhi, India from 03-06 November, 2024.

Myanmar delegation participated in 12th edition of International Travel Mart (ITM) held in Kaziranga, Assam

Two travel and tour operators and one blogger participated in the 12th edition of International Travel Mart (ITM) held in Kaziranga, Assam, India from 26-29 November, 2024.



Myanmar delegation during International Travel Mart

Capacity Building:

“ITEC Executive Capacity Building programe on Human Rights” from 11-16 November 2024 at National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi.

In keeping with the Ministry’s policy of sharing latest developments through capacity building offerings through ITEC, “human rights and good governance” is being included as a new stream of courses. NHRC, India conducted the training program for senior officials/officers of NHRIs/human rights related organizations, focusing on neighborhood, Africa, SE Asia, Central Asia and LAC regions. A Briefing session was held on 08 Nov 2024 for 4-Myanmar participants from Myanmar Human Rights Commission.



Briefing session with ITEC participants

ITEC training course on “Progress to Proficiency Iteration - IV” from 02.01.2025 to 29.01.2025 at English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad

A Briefing session was held on 31 Dec 2024 for 05-Myanmar participants from the Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Anti-Corruption Commission, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.



Briefing session with ITEC participants

15-day training program on the "Exchange of experience and information on policies and management regulations of ICT industry, popularization of public services, development of ICT

infrastructure, e-governance, e-commerce, e-education and other related services." from 25-11-2024 to 09-12-2024 at National Institute of Electronics & Technology (NIELIT), New Delhi under Mekong Ganga Cooperation (MGC) Plan.

A Briefing session was held on 08 Nov 2024 for 07-Myanmar participants from the Ministry of Commerce (02), Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology (02), Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Transport and Communications.



Briefing session with ITEC participants

Interaction Programme for various ITEC training Courses

Interaction sessions were held for participants from Union Election Commission Myanmar.



During interaction session with ITEC participants

Interaction sessions were held for participants from the Technological Universities and Yangon City Development Committee.



Know India Programme (KIP) Orientation program to 78th KIP participants at Business Center, EoI, Yangon

Pre-departure Orientation Programme for 80th and 81st KIP editions which coincided with 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention were conducted on 26.12.2024 and 27.12.2024 respectively. The 80th and 81st KIPs were held from 29 December 2024 to 17 January 2025 and 02 January to 21 January 2025. 04 participants for 80th KIP and 03 Participants for 81st KIP were selected from this Mission.



Pre-departure orientation session with KIP participants at Business Center, EoI Yangon



participants selected for 80th KIP



Participants selected for 81st KIP

Cultural Exchange:

Art Exhibition on Ramayana held at National Museum, Yangon

Embassy of India, Yangon organized an 'Art Exhibition on Ramayana' at the National Museum, Yangon from 8-15 November, 2024. The exhibition comprises of 32 exquisite paintings, 6 sculptures and 18 puppets, received enthusiastic participation of Myanmar and foreign visitors including art lovers and youth. People have shown great interest in Ramayana, the epic tale of triumph of good over evil, and appreciated the art works.

A special viewing of the exhibition was held on November 12, 2024 for over 100 guests including

Myanmar dignitaries, diplomatic corps, intelligentsia & community members.



CM Yangon region and Ambassador of India



Special viewing of Ramayana exhibition

Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebration

Embassy of India, Yangon honored Bhagwan Birsa Munda's legacy and celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Divas at India Centre on November 26, 2024. Together with the diaspora, Mission paid tribute to the brave tribal freedom fighter and reaffirmed the close bonds connecting diverse communities across India.



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas celebrated at SVCC, Yangon



Group photo during Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

World Meditation Day

Commemorating the first World Meditation Day, an inspiring meditation session was conducted on December 23, 2024 at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, in collaboration with The Art of Living, with attendees from different walks of life, dwelt on its many mental health, social and mindfulness benefits.



Meditation session at SVCC, Yangon

Welcoming conferment of classical language status to five Indian languages

Conferment of Classical language status by Govt. of India to five Indian languages viz. Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali, and Prakrit, was welcomed by Indian community representatives at our Cultural Centre on November 01, 2024. Ven. Dr. Ashin Ketu of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) delivered a speech highlighting that Lord Buddha's teachings were in Pali.



Lightning of lamp ceremony during event



Interactions with Sayadaws during event



Lecture on Ramayana at Zeyawaddy

Lecture series on Ramayana

Under the #PCTD (Promotion of Cultural ties with Diaspora) scheme of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Diaspora India Connect, lectures on the timeless influence and significance of Ramayana were held at India Centre on November 30, 2024 and at Zeyawaddy on December 21, 2024. This initiative celebrates the enduring legacy of the Ramayana, emphasizing its relevance in contemporary times and its influence across diverse cultures.



Lecture on Ramayana at SVCC, Yangon

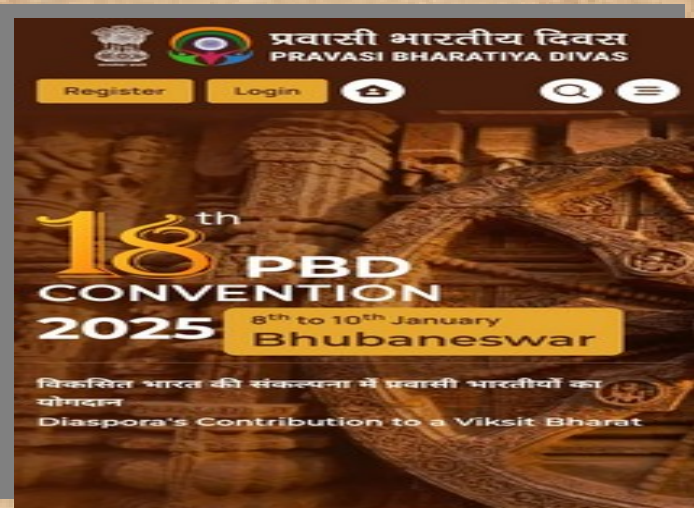
Consular Services:

Website Launch Programme of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

The Website Launch Programme of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was organized on 12 November, 2024 at India Centre, Yangon. Representatives of leading Indian community organizations joined Ambassador Abhay Thakur and Mission team, for the launch of the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas website <https://pbindia.gov.in>, by Hon'ble EAM, [Dr S. Jaishankar](#) and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, [Mohan Charan Majhi](#) with Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and External Affairs [Kirtivardhan Singh](#). PIOs were encouraged to register for 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 8-10 January, 2025. A power point presentation on Pravasi Bharatiya Divas prepared by Consular Wing, EOI, Yangon was also displayed during the programme.



During website launch programme of PBD



H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur addresses the gathering during Consular camp at Zeyawaddy

Consular Camp at Zeyawaddy

An 'Open House cum Consular Camp' was organized on 21.12.24 at Mahatma Gandhi Prayer Hall, Zeyawaddy, Bago Region. It was an outreach programme on Consular Services by Embassy of India, Yangon. PIOs were briefed on Consular Services such as procedures for filling up applications for Indian Visa, OCI (Oversea Citizen of Indian Card), PIO Card (Person of India Origin) etc. Ambassador Shri Abhay Thakur led the Consular Team and encouraged the PIOs to take benefit of the services extended by the Consular Wing. Myanmar passport holders of Indian Origin, who are in the process of applying OCI Card brought in their applications with the supporting documents to the Consular Camp, for verification. PIOs were also encouraged to register for 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from 8-10 January, 2025.



H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur donated Ramayana during the event
