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Consulate remained busy with a number of bilateral, commercial and cultural activities during the first quarter of 2019-2020. Ambassador P. Harish visited Ninh Thuan Province on 1 April 2019 to take part in ground breaking ceremony of construction of Cham Community House and inauguration of a Primary School under the Quick Impact Project under Mekong Ganga Cooperation framework. He also participated in the first ICCR Foundation Day that was organized in the Southern Horticulture Research Institute (SOFRI) in Tien Giang Province on 9 April 2019. Two Indian Naval Ships, INS Kolkata and INS Shakti arrived at the Cam Ranh International Port on a goodwill visit to Vietnam from 13-16 April 2019. The Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu visited Vietnam from 9-12 May 2019. Trade fairs and exhibitions in which Indian delegations participated included 6<sup>th</sup> Vietnam International trade fair on laboratory and biotechnology (April 3-5, 2019); 31<sup>st</sup> Saigontex Expo on textile equipment and machinery; Denim and Jeans Show (6 June 2019) and Coating, Agri & Paper Vietnam Exhibition (28-29 June 2019). Besides, a B2B Meet was organized for 30 Indian companies that visited Ho Chi Minh City under the banner of Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC). Tata Motors also launched its ultra-814 range Business Utility Vehicle in Vietnam on 6 June 2019.

Major activities under cultural outreach included Indian cultural evening, UTSAV 2019 organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (INCHAM) on 11 May 2019 under the patronage of this Consulate; an International Hindi Utsav was jointly organized by the Consulate along with a Lucknow-based NGO, Parikalpana and INCHAM; Celebration of World Environment Day in the Context of [Gandhi@150](http://Gandhi@150) on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and celebration of 5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga in 7 provinces in Vietnam. Besides, a general briefing session for Indian community was organized by INCHAM and Consulate on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019. A brief interaction was organized between members of Indian community and Joint Secretary (Administration) during his official visit to Ho Chi Minh City on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019.

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## ENGAGEMENT WITH SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF VIETNAM

### Ambassador's visit to Ninh Thuan Province

Ambassador Shri P. Harish visited Ninh Thuan province to take part in Ground Breaking ceremony of Construction Project of Cham Community House at Huu Duc Village of Ninh Thuan Province on 1 April 2019. Construction of Cham Community House is one of the development partnership projects for the benefit of the Cham community, for which MoU was signed during the visit of former External Affairs Minister of India. During the visit, Ambassador also inaugurated a Quick Impact Project under Mekong Ganga Cooperation framework of Lac Son Primary School in Ca Na Commune in Thuan Nam district of the Province.



### ICCR Foundation Day

The first ever ICCR Foundation Day (IFD-2019) in Vietnam was celebrated at the campus of the Southern Horticulture Research Institute (SOHRI) in the Tien Giang Province of Vietnam on 09 April, 2019. Ambassador Shri. P. Harish attended the event and highlighted the contribution of ICCR in strengthening bilateral relations and people-to-people contacts. Pham Van Bay, Vice Chairman of People Committee, Tien Giang Province and Dr. K. Srikar Reddy, Consul General were also present in the event.



## ENGAGEMENT WITH SOUTHERN PROVINCES OF VIETNAM

### Visit of INS Kolkata and INS Shakti to Vietnam

As part of the ongoing operational deployment of the Indian Navy in the South East Asia region, two Indian Naval Ships INS KOLKATA and INS SHAKTI were on a four day goodwill visit to Vietnam from 13 to 16 April, 2019. The ships were docked at Cam Ranh International Port of Nha Trang, Khanh Hoa Province with a crew of 730 officers and sailors. Ambassador Shri P. Harish and Consul General Dr. K. Srikar Reddy visited Nha Trang to welcome the INS Kolkata and INS Shakti in Vietnam.



### Visit of Vice President to Vietnam

The Hon'ble Vice-President of India Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu was on a state visit to Vietnam from 09-12 May 2019. During his visit, he met with his Vietnamese counterpart, Ms. Dang Thi Ngoc Tinh; Prime Minister Phuc and National Assembly Chairperson Ms. Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan. He also delivered a Keynote Speech at the UN Day Vesak Celebrations in Ha Nam Province of Vietnam.





## ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL

### ANALYTICA VIETNAM 2019

The 6<sup>th</sup> ANALYTICA VIETNAM 2019, an International trade fair for laboratory technology, analysis and biotechnology was organized in Ho Chi Minh City from April 3-5, 2019. Four Indian companies participated in the trade fair and showcased their products of Analysis equipment & laboratory technology. Consul General visited the trade fair and interacted with the Indian companies.



### Saigontex 2019

14 Indian companies took part in the 31<sup>st</sup> SAIGONTEX 2019, a textile equipment and machinery & parts Expo, which was organized in Ho Chi Minh City from 10-13 April 2019. Consul General visited the venue of the exhibition and interacted with the Indian companies. More than 1026 companies from 25 countries and regions participated in the exhibition.

### Opening of the Renaissance Fashion Clothing Company in Long Giang Industrial Park in Tien Giang Province

Consul General Dr. Srikar Reddy attended the opening ceremony of the LEED factory of the Renaissance Fashion Clothing Company Ltd. at the Long Giang Industrial Park in Tien Giang Province on 19 April 2019.



### BSM organized by Indian Silk Export

#### Promotion Council (ISEPC) at HCMC

A 30 member Indian business delegation from ISEPC led by Chairman Dr. Bimal Mawandia held a BSM in HCMC on 21 May 2019. The second leg of BSM was organized in Ha Noi on 23 May 2019. The BSM was attended by representatives of Association of Garment Textile Embroidery-Knitting; Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI) Ho Chi Minh City Branch; Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association (VITAS), local textile associations, fashion designers, boutiques and other Vietnamese companies in textile sector.

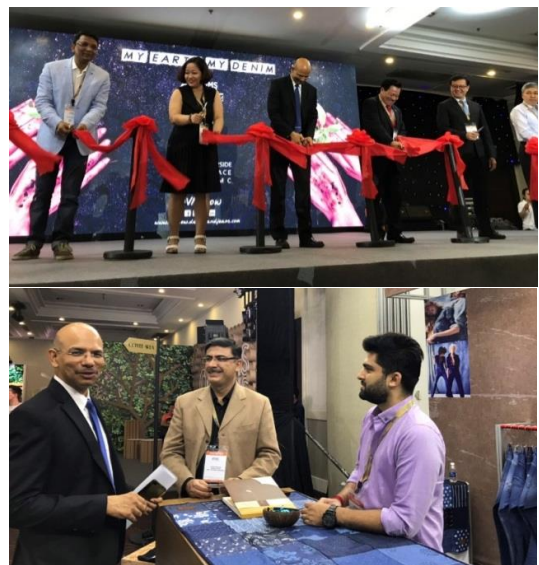


#### Launch of Tata Motors business utility vehicles in HCMC

Ambassador P. Harish was the Chief Guest at the grand launch of TATA ULTRA 814 range Business Utility Vehicle of Tata Motors in Ho Chi Minh City on 6 June 2019. The event was attended by President Tata Motors Limited (Commercial Vehicles Unit) Mr. Girish Wagh, Head International Business of Tata Motors, Mr. Rudrarup Maitra, and Chairman of TMT Motors Mr. Bui Van Huu and Acting Consul General Mr. Jeevan Chandra Kandpal.

### The Denimsandjeans.com Vietnam Show

The Denimsandjeans.com Vietnam Show returned to Ho Chi Minh City in its 4th edition on June 12-13, 2019 with over 40 garment and textile firms and visitors from 10 countries and territories like India, China, Japan, the US, the EU and Singapore taking part in it. The exhibition was organized by Denimsandjeans.com in collaboration with the Vietnam Textile & Apparel Association (VITAS) under the theme of “My Earth My Denim”. With environmentally-friendly products on display, the event lured 1,500 purchasers from 300 companies. The Acting Consul General Mr. Jeevan C. Kandpal participated in the Show and interacted with Indian exhibitors.





### CHEMEXCIL delegation to Vietnam Coating 2019 & Agri Vietnam 2019

22 Indian companies led by CHEMEXCIL participated in *Vietnam Coating 2019 & Agri Vietnam 2019* and 04 Indian companies participating in *Paper Vietnam 2019* Trade Exhibitions held from 26-28 June, 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City. Consulate organized a B2B Meet for the 26 Indian companies participating with Vietnamese companies in chemicals sector on 27 June, 2019 at Rex Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City. Consul General Dr. Srikar Reddy visited the Exhibition and interacted with the Indian traders.





## CULTURAL OUTREACH

### Indian Cultural evening, UTSAV 2019

The Indian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam under the patronage of this Consulate organized an Indian Cultural Show, UTSAV 2019 on 11 May 2019 in Ho Chi Minh City. More than 500 participants of different nationalities, including a large number of Vietnamese, Indians and Indophiles enjoyed the delightful performances of Indian traditional and contemporary dance forms. The cultural extravaganza included performances in the classical traditional dance form of Bharatnatyam and several other dances / songs from different Indian states. UTSAV 2019 proved to be a complete cultural and gastronomic experience organized by INCHAM, Ho Chi Minh City.



### 11th International Hindi Utsav in HCMC

At the initiative of NGO Parikalpana, Consulate organized the International Hindi Utsav in Ho Chi Minh City on May 26, 2019 with the support of Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam. The Parikalpana is an institution located at Lucknow ([www.parikalpanasamay.com](http://www.parikalpanasamay.com)) which is engaged in literary, social and cultural activities. The 55 member delegation of the NGO visited Ho Chi Minh City to organize the 11<sup>th</sup> International Hindi Festival. The NGO has organized the International Hindi Utsavs in Port Louis, Kathmandu, Thimphu, Colombo, Bangkok, Auckland, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bali.





### Celebrations of Gandhi@150 - World Environment Day

The Consulate celebrated the World Environment Day in the context of Gandhi@150 by organizing a peace walk and planting of saplings at the Ho Chi Minh City Zoo and Botanical Garden. The participants took a Peace Walk around the zoo followed by planting of saplings. T-shirts printed with Bapu's message and the logo of 150th birth anniversary celebrations were also distributed among the participants.



### Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation Session

The Consulate and the Art of Living Foundation in Ho Chi Minh City jointly organized an Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation Session on 8 June 2019. Four Yoga instructors from HCMC Yoga Association also participated in the event and performed the Standard Yoga Protocol together with the Yoga and Ayurveda instructors from Art of Living Foundation.



### Press Conference on 5<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga

The Consulate organized a Press Conference on June 14, 2019 to announce the dates and the venues for celebration of the 5th IDY in Ho Chi Minh City and Southern Provinces. Local dignitaries from Vietnam Buddhist Sangha; Ho Chi Minh City Union of Friendship Organizations; Vietnam India Friendship Association and the HCMC Yoga Sub-Association also attended the Press Conference among yoga lovers; representatives from local media. Mr. Jeevan Kandpal, Acting Consul General briefed the participants on the celebration of the 5th IDY.





## CULTURAL OUTREACH

### Celebration of 5th International Day of Yoga

The celebration of 5th International Day of Yoga was organized by the Consulate in 7 provinces in Southern Vietnam i.e. Khanh Hoa (15 June), Dak Lak (16 June), Tien Giang (21 June), Can Tho City (22 June), Soc Trang (23 June), Ho Chi Minh City (29 June) and Ba Ria - Vung Tau (6 July). The provincial government authorities extended their support to the event. The number of participants at each event ranged from 350-1000 people. Senior officials from the Department of Culture, Sports & Tourism, Department of External Relations attended the IDY celebration, which was covered extensively by print and visual media. Consul General Dr. K. Srikar Reddy attended the IDY celebrations in Ho Chi Minh City and Ba Ria - Vung Tau.



Khanh Hoa Province (15 June)



Dak Lak Province (16 June)



Tien Giang Province (21 June)



Can Tho City (22 June)



Soc Trang Province (23 June)



Ba Ria – Vung Tau Province (06 July)



## Celebration of 5th International Day of Yoga in Ho Chi Minh City (29 June 2019)



### Life in Vietnam - General Awareness and Information Sharing

The Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM) together with this Post organized an event 'Life in Vietnam - General Awareness and Information Sharing' on 5 April 2019 in the Consulate's premises. Presentations were made by INCHAM office bearers on topics such as income tax; real estate; availability of schools and hospitals; extension of visas/work/resident permits; general public services and emergency contact numbers in Ho Chi Minh City. The event was organized to brief such members of Indian community, who have recently arrived in Vietnam. Consul General Dr. Srikar Reddy briefed the Indian community about the consular services and community support that Consulate renders to Indian nationals on day to day basis.



### Interaction of Joint Secretary (AD) with members of Indian Community in HCMC

During his official visit to Ho Chi Minh City (22-23 April 2019), Shri Amit Kumar, Joint Secretary (AD) had a brief interaction with members of Indian community in Ho Chi Minh City in the Consulate on 22nd April 2019. About 30 members of Indian community attended the interactive session and shared the experiences of their respective fields of profession in Vietnam.





## India and VN eye closer co-operation in trade



Executives of Vietnamese and Indian companies exchange information at the India-Viet Nam business matching held in HCM City on Thursday.

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**HCM CITY** Though trade between India and Việt Nam in basic chemicals, cosmetics, dyes, and paper products has grown significantly, there is still huge untapped potential, the Indian consul general in HCM City has said.

In his opening remarks at a business interaction event held on Thursday night, K Srikar Reddy said India's exports of dyes and dye intermediates and basic inorganic and organic chemicals in 2018-19 exceeded US\$19.10 billion.

Their exports to Việt Nam were worth \$230 million, 21 per cent up from the previous year, he said.

Exports of paper and wood products from India to Việt Nam rose 23.4 per cent to \$44.38 million, he said.

"But there is still a lot of poten-

tial for trade in these areas between our countries since demand for these products has increased in Việt Nam and the country has to import a significant amount."

Vương Bắc Đầu, vice chairman of the Việt Nam Paint and Printing Ink Association, spoke about business segments in which Indian and Vietnamese businesses could enhance co-operation.

"Recently we have seen India emerge as an important supplier of pigments to the coating and ink industry. Moreover, we also expect Indian manufacturers to pay attention to other important materials such as binders and additives.

"We hope that Indian producers will be able to gradually replace traditional suppliers."

Hoàng Trung Sơn, vice chairman of the Việt Nam Paper and Pulp Association, said the Vietnamese paper industry achieved impressive growth in 2015-18, but still struggles to access modern technologies.

It now has the opportunity to expand co-operation with businesses in the region and elsewhere, he said.

"This business meeting is a very good opportunity for Vietnamese paper enterprises to meet Indian manufacturers and exporters for direct business interaction."

Organised by the Indian consulate, the event attracted 22 Indian companies led by the Chemicals, Cosmetics & Dyes Export Promotion Council, who exhibited their products at the 2019 Coatings Expo Vietnam in HCM City this week. VNS



## Yoga for our “green” life

Yoga appeared in India for more than 5,000 years ago, but the International Day of Yoga was officially adopted on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, after Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposal to the United Nations was approved. The United Nations adopted a resolution declaring June 21<sup>st</sup> as the International Day of Yoga. The resolution was co-sponsored by 177 countries among 193 members.

Sports, in general, and Yoga, in particular, play a very important role in helping us keep the balance between physical and mental health. Many countries



Mr. Luu Van Phi takes photo with Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan (Photo: K. Du)

around the world consider Yoga as an effective practice to prevent disease, stimulate healthy living, and maintain the necessary balance in both physical

and mental life. Yoga also has a positive impact on the community linkage.

Recently, based on the practical benefits from practicing

- phối hợp Tổng Lãnh sự quán Ấn Độ tại TP. HCM tổ chức Ngày Quốc tế Yoga tại Trung tâm Thể dục thể thao thành phố Mỹ Tho. Đến tham dự buổi lễ có lãnh đạo Ủy ban Mặt trận Tổ quốc tỉnh, thành phố Mỹ Tho và các sở, ban, ngành cùng 300 vận động viên của các câu lạc bộ Yoga trên địa bàn tỉnh. Về phía Tổng Lãnh sự quán Ấn Độ tại TP. HCM, có sự tham gia của ông Ram Singh Chauhan - Lãnh sự cùng huấn luyện viên Yoga - ông Sunil và các cán bộ của cơ quan lãnh sự. Công ty Bảo hiểm nhân thọ Bảo Việt đã đồng hành tài trợ áo đồng phục cho các vận động viên, phục vụ cho việc luyện tập.



Đại biểu tặng hoa cho đại diện các CLB Yoga (Ảnh: M. Thu)

“Ngày Quốc tế Yoga” năm 2019 là sự kiện có ý nghĩa không chỉ với cộng đồng Yoga mà còn đại diện cho một tinh thần sống xanh, sống lành động và sống có trách nhiệm của người Việt trong cuộc sống hiện đại. Năm 2019, Ban tổ chức chương trình mong muốn lan tỏa thông điệp: *Một hành động nhỏ cũng có thể mang lại những thay đổi lớn, một tâm hồn đẹp đi cùng với những hành động đẹp.*

Với màu trắng của chiếc áo đồng diễn cùng với các động tác biểu diễn hết sức thuần thực và có độ khó khá cao trên nền nhạc của các bài hát ca ngợi quê hương, đất nước đã thu hút đông đảo khách tham quan. Theo ông Ram Singh Chauhan - Lãnh sự Ấn Độ tại TP. HCM, buổi lễ kỷ niệm Ngày Quốc tế Yoga đã diễn ra hết sức trang trọng và đầy ý nghĩa; và thật sự đã góp phần lan tỏa thêm tinh thần luyện tập thể dục thể thao, sống khỏe mạnh và lạc quan đến với người dân trong tỉnh và cũng là dịp để người dân hiểu thêm về văn hóa và con người Ấn Độ. Từ đó thắt chặt hơn nữa mối quan hệ hữu nghị, truyền thống giữa Việt Nam nói chung và Tiền Giang nói riêng với các đối tác Ấn Độ./

Ngọc Dung



► Yoga, some Yoga practitioners have developed the concept of “Yoga for our ‘green life’” as a positive message to encourage all of us to take action to protect and maintain the surrounding environment and our planet.

From a few practicing places for those who knew and practiced Yoga in foreign countries, the popularity of Yoga is gradually growing when its benefits are recognized. Therefore, a large number of Yoga centers have been established in many big cities of Viet Nam. In Tien Giang province, though appearing recently, Yoga movement has quickly developed and attracted a lot of people to practice. Many Yoga centers are established in many localities, especially My Tho city, there are 12 Yoga clubs. In Tien Giang province, there were 140 practitioners from 5 Yoga clubs in 2016. Until 2019 there are 380 practitioners from 17 Yoga clubs. A number of Yoga clubs and practitioners have increased average by 45% per year.

In 2019, in order to continue spreading the benefits of practicing Yoga with the theme



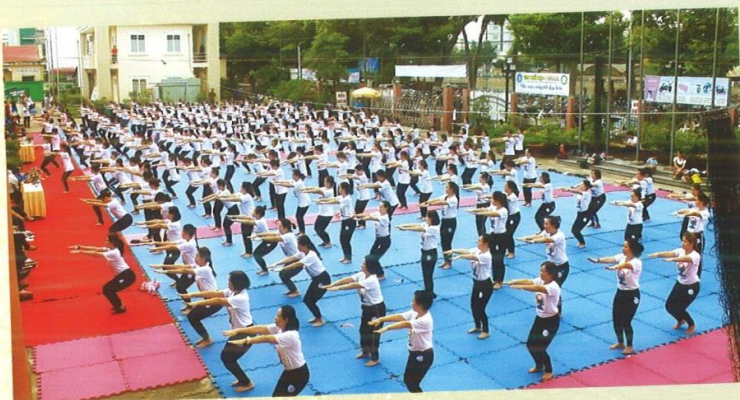
Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan and delegates are lighting (Photo: M. Thu)

of “Yoga for our ‘green’ life”, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019, Tien Giang People’s Committee in collaboration with the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City organized the International Day of Yoga at the Sports Center of My Tho City. Attending the ceremony were leaders of the Provincial Fatherland Front Committee, My Tho City and other government agencies and 300 practitioners from Yoga clubs in the province. The event was also attended by the representatives from the Consulate General of India in Ho Chi Minh City: Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan, Consul; Mr. Sunil, Yoga instructor and other officials. Bao Viet Life Insurance sponsored uniforms for practitioners.

“International Day of Yoga” in 2019 is not only meaningful with Yoga practitioners but it also represents a spirit of green, active, responsible life of Vietnamese people. In 2019, the organizers wishes to spread the message: A small action can bring great changes, a beautiful soul accompanies meaningful actions.

Thanks to the beautiful white color of the uniform along with skillful demonstration of difficult routines accompanied by the country-extolling melodies, the event attracted a lot of spectators. According to Mr. Ram Singh Chauhan - Indian Consul in Ho Chi Minh City, the International Day of Yoga 2019 was organized solemnly and meaningfully. The event truly contributed to spreading the spirit of practicing sports and leading a healthy and optimistic life throughout provincial citizens. It is also an opportunity to understand more about Indian people and culture and thus tighten the traditional friendship between Viet Nam, in general, and Tien Giang, in particular, with India.

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At the Yoga practicing (Photo: K. Du)