

# Newsletter

September & October 2024

## Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme- ITEC Day-2024 at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II, Nay Pyi Taw

Embassy of India, Yangon celebrated 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme- ITEC Day-2024 at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II, Nay Pyi Taw on 24 October 2024. The Chairman of State Administrative Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing along with his spouse, graced the event as the Chief Guest. With participation of more than 400 people. The event was attended by Union Ministers, Senior functionaries of the Government of Myanmar, ITEC alumni, Indian community members and officials from the Embassy.



Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing addresses the gathering on ITEC Day



Group photo during ITEC day

## Govt. of India launched Operation Sadbhav for extending emergency humanitarian assistance in the wake of the flood caused by Typhoon Yagi

In keeping with its First responder commitment in humanitarian situations, Govt. of India launched Operation Sadbhav on 15 Sept 2024 and dispatched the first tranche of 21 tons relief material within hours of receipt of the request from the Myanmar side. Naval ship INS Satpura carrying HADR pallets with tents, generator sets, ready-to-eat meals, kitchen sets, solar lamps, medical supplies, mosquito nets & repellents, water purification tablets and disinfectants, and other materials had been dispatched to Yangon on 16 Oct 2024.

A second tranche of 32 tonnes of aid was dispatched via IAF IL-76 on 17 Oct 2024. This comprised gen-sets, temporary shelter, hygiene kits, solar lamps and other relief materials.





*Handing over of relief materials by H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur*

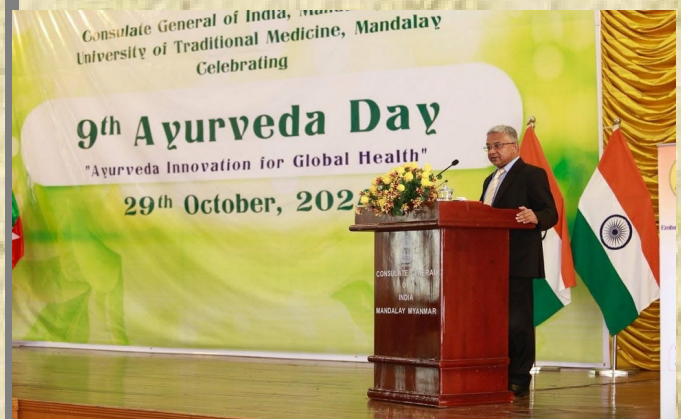


*Relief materials are being brought to the airport*



*Handing over of relief materials*

EOI, Yangon celebrated 9<sup>th</sup> Ayurveda Day on 29 October 2024 at The University of Traditional Medicine, Mandalay, in collaboration with University of Traditional Medicine, Mandalay. Over 250 participants, including students, medical professionals, and enthusiasts attended the celebration. The event featured an exhibition showcasing over 100 Ayurvedic products, workshops on traditional therapies, and interactive session led by experts. This initiative highlighted India's rich heritage in traditional medicine and fostered a deeper understanding of Ayurveda's relevance in contemporary healthcare practice in Myanmar.



*H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur addresses the gathering on Ayurveda Day*



*Exhibition on Ayurvedic product*

**Embassy of India celebrated Ayurveda Day 2024 at UTM, Mandalay**



**Embassy of India commemorated 155<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, The Father of the nation on 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Representatives of Myanmar political parties, intelligentsia and Indian community joined H.E. Sh. Abhay Thakur in paying tribute to Father of The Nation, at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Yangon. Burmese translations of works of Mahatma Gandhi was presented to the representatives of Shedagon Pagoda and International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU).



*Floral tribute to the Father of the Nation*



*Burmese translation of works of Mahatma Gandhi was handed over to the representatives of Shedagon Pagoda*

**Specialized Course on “Tea related courses at Assam Agricultural University”**

A Briefing session was held in Embassy of India, Yangon on 02 September 2024 for Myanmar candidates (2 for PG and 03 for PhD) at Assam Agricultural University, for various tea related courses.



*Interaction Session at EoI, Yangon with ITEC participants*

**Specialized training course “Master of Arts Degree in Social Work” for two years at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**

A Briefing session was held on 23 September 2024 for participants of Specialized training course on “Master of Arts Degree in Social Work” for two years at Tata Institute of Social Science, Mumbai.



*Briefing Session at EoI, Yangon with ITEC participants*



***ITEC training course on “1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Career Training Programme for Civil Servants of BIMSTEC Countries” commencing from 14.10.2024 to 25.10.2024 at National Center for Good Governance, Mussoorie.***

Embassy Of India, Yangon organized an interaction programme on 11 October 2024 for participants of ITEC training course on “1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Career Training Programme for Civil Servants of BIMSTEC Countries” commencing from 14.10.2024 to 25.10.2024 at National Center for Good Governance, Mussoorie.



*Interaction Session at EoI, Yangon with ITEC participants*

***Interaction Programme for various ITEC training Courses***

Interaction sessions were held for participants from Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Hluttaws, Office of the Auditor General of the Union and Constitutional Tribunal.



*Interaction Session at EoI, Yangon with ITEC participants*



***Feedback Programme on Progress to Proficiency Iteration -III conducted at English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU)***

A Feedback programme was organized at Embassy of India, Yangon on 01 October 2024 for the participants of training course on Progress to Proficiency Iteration -III conducted at English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad from 02 Sept-01 Oct 2024.





Feedback Session at EoI, Yangon with ITEC participants

### **Hindi Diwas Celebration at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center**

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Embassy of India, Yangon had organized a grand Hindi Diwas celebration on September 14, 2024, followed by a 'Kavya Sammelan', where renowned poets from India recited thought-provoking verses and receives an active participation from local community, students and teachers.



Lightning of Lamp ceremony on Hindi Diwas

### **Bharat week Celebrations**

Embassy of India, Yangon organized competitions in art, essay writing, and India-themed quizzes under Bharat Week celebration received active participation from diverse age groups. These events not only showcased India's rich traditions but also strengthened cultural ties with Myanmar. Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center continues to serve as a

vibrant hub for promoting cultural exchanges and nurturing appreciation for Indian art and heritage.



Drawing competition held during Bharat Week celebration at SVCC, Yangon

### **1<sup>st</sup> JWC for Kalewa Yargyi on 6<sup>th</sup> September**

The first Joint Working Committee (JWC) meeting for construction/ up-gradation of the Kalewa-Yargyi road section of the trilateral highway in Myanmar was held on 6th September 2024 co-chaired by JS (DPA-III), MEA and U Aung Myo Oo, Director General (Department of Highways). Officials from DPA-III Division, BM Division, Finance Division and contractor attended the meeting virtually.



First JWC meeting for construction/up-gradation of Kalewa-Yargyi Road









## Signing Ceremony of Five Quick Impact Projects under FY 2024-25

The signing ceremony for five Government of India-assisted Quick Impact Projects (QIP), was held on 14 October 2024 in Nay Pyi Taw. The Projects will augment civilian infrastructure in the field of agriculture, rural development, education, handloom and disaster risk reduction, for the benefit of the people in states and regions across Myanmar.

The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Ambassador Sh. Abhay Thakur. The MOUs on the five QIPs were signed by the nominated representatives (Director General / Rector) from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation; Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement; and Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development from the Myanmar side, and Mr. Ashish Sharma, Deputy Chief of Mission from the Indian side.

## Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Construction of the Three-Storey Sarsobeikman building

The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Construction of the three-storey Sarsobeikman building, USD 3.77 million GoI-assisted project for construction of a literary Centre, was held on 9th October 2024 at the project site in Yangon. The Ground Breaking Ceremony was led by Senior General Prime Minister Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister of Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Ambassador of India to Myanmar Sh. Abhay Thakur, and six other dignitaries from Myanmar. The ceremony was also attended by senior cabinet Ministers including Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Defence, Minister of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Senior Tatmadaw officials and literary scholars from Myanmar.



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Construction of the Sarsobeikman building

## Myanmar, India sign MoU under Quick Impact Projects

THE signing ceremony for five Memoranda of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Republic of India under Quick Impact Projects (QIP) was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 October 2024. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, deputy ministers from relevant ministries, senior officials and Mr. Ashish Thakur, Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. Ashish Sharma and representatives from the Embassy of India.

In the ceremony, the "Memorandum of Understanding for 'Dryer and Dryer's House for Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare'", the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of AICARE knowledge repository", the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Implementation of AICARE knowledge repository", the "Memorandum of Understanding for 'Wearing and Vocational Sector Development Project under Saundar Weaving and Educational Institute in Amarapura, Mandalay Region'", the "Memorandum of Understanding for



The commemorative group photo session in progress during the MoU signing ceremony between Myanmar and India yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

will contribute to ensure the efficient operation of the rice mill within the rice ho-park and to enhance the livelihoods of rice farming communities by signing and implementing the "Memorandum of Understanding for Dryer and Dryer's house for Agriculture Development and Farmer Welfare", to create an internet-based knowledge repository to centralize research data, publications, datasets by signing and implementing the "Memorandum of Understanding for

for the Implementation of AICARE knowledge repository", to enhance skills of the teachers from weaving and vocational institute by signing and implementing the "Memorandum of Understanding for Wearing and Vocational Sector Development Project under Saundar Weaving and Educational Institute in Amarapura, Mandalay Region", to promote the living standard of the children by signing and implementing the "Memorandum of Understanding for Constructing

a one-storey building for the Girls Training School in Mandalay Region", and to serve as a logistics hub for receiving international humanitarian assistance, thereby supporting the National Disaster Management Centre in responding to large-scale disasters, given Yangon's role as a major international entry point for Myanmar by sea and air by signing and implementing the "Memorandum of Understanding for 'Establishment of Yangon Region's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) for Natural Disaster Management'". To ensure successful implementation of the projects, Joint Project Monitoring Committees (JPMC) have been already organized to facilitate the progress of the projects. The Quick Impact Projects are implemented under the Framework Agreement on Quick Impact Projects (QIPs), signed between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of India. The Quick Impact Project (QIP) allocates US\$30,000 per project. Last year, three projects were implemented, and additional QIP projects are being negotiated with the Indian Government to support Myanmar's socio-economic development further. — MIFER

## Signing of MOUs under quick impact projects

## Site Visit to Nay Pyi Taw State Academy (NSA), Myanmar

Embassy officials led by Mr. Ashish Sharma, DCM undertook a site visit to Nay Pyi Taw State Academy (NSA) on 14 October 2024. The delegation interacted with Pro Rector, Academics and Pro Rector, Administration of NSA and other faculty members followed by a walk around of the NSA compound including the laboratories of Physics, Chemistry and



Medicine. Academic courses commenced at NSA from November 2022.



Site visit to Nay Pyi Taw State academy by Sh. Ashish Sharma, DCM,

### **First JPMC meeting for the Modern Integrated Check-Post (ICP) at Tamu - Phase I**

The first Joint Project Monitoring Committee (JPMC) meeting, was held on 22nd October 2024 in Nay Pyi Taw. Ms. Ritu Yadav, The key issues discussed during the meeting are project implementation modality, prevailing condition in the proposed project location, practical feasibility, way forward for smooth implementation, etc.

### **Signing Ceremony of Five Quick Impact Projects under FY 2024-25**

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Signing Ceremony of Five Quick Impact Projects during ITEC day celebration

### **Delegation led by Secretary, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India visited Nay Pyi Taw**

A 12-member delegation led by Shri. Pankaj Agarwal, Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India visited Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar on 05-06 September, 2024 for holding the 6<sup>th</sup> Joint Working Group (JWG) Meeting and 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Steering Committee (JSC) meeting on Power Cooperation. Transmission, generation and training were focus areas. Small Changes has been agreed on Detailed Project Report (DPR) on High-Capacity High-Voltage (HCHV) on Grid Interconnection during the meeting and the earliest date for signing the DPR has been sought from Myanmar side.

### **VC between NPCI, CBM & MPU**

A virtual meeting between officials of National Payment Cooperation of India (NPCI) and Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) and Myanmar Payment Union (MPU) was held on 25th September, 2024 and discussed the ways to explore sort of switch between MPU & NPCI and interoperability of switch between two countries. The meeting was joined by Deputy Governor of CBM and Ambassador of India to Myanmar.





*Virtual conference between NPCI, CBM & MPU*

## **2<sup>nd</sup> JMC meeting between Department of Consumer Affairs of India and Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce**

To strengthen India-Myanmar cooperation on trade in Urad and Tur, 2nd Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting between Department of Consumer Affairs of India and Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce was held in New Delhi, India on 26th September, 2024.

## **Delegation from Department of Trade, GoM visited New Delhi for 8<sup>th</sup> JTC meeting**

A 08-member delegation led by H.E. U Myint Thura, Director General, Department of Trade, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Myanmar visited New Delhi, India on 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 for holding the 8<sup>th</sup> Joint Trade Committee (JTC) Meeting and 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting.



*During JTC meeting*



## **MOTC officials participated in Bharat Telecom 2024 Expo**

Two government officials from the Ministry of Transport and Communication (MOTC), Government of Myanmar participated in the Bharat Telecom 2024 Expo held in New Delhi, India from 15-17 October, 2024.

## **Virtual meet on ITM**

A virtual meeting regarding International Travel Mart (ITM), Kaziranga, Assam and other tourism promotional issues was held on 23 October, 2024. The meeting was joined by the head of tourism and commerce related officials from Japan, Bhutan, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos & Yangon.