



# High Commission of India Kingston

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## From the High Commissioner's desk



The highlight of the month of November was the Constitution Day celebrations on 26th November 2021. The theme of the celebrations was ‘Constitutionalism, the cornerstone of good governance: Shared Experiences’. The keynote speaker was the Hon. Speaker of the Jamaican House of Representatives, while several Members of Parliament, academicians and media representatives also participated in the celebrations.

Earlier this month, I toured the Blue Mountain Coffee farm and processing centre to have a clear understanding of the development of one of Jamaica’s most recognizable brands. To mark, IndiaAt75, I also organized a trek for the Heads of Missions stationed in Jamaica while treating them to some Indian delicacies.

An agreement between the High Commission and the Nature Preservation Foundation was signed under which an India-Jamaica Friendship Garden is being set-up in the Hope Botanical gardens. To achieve the US\$ 400 billion export target set by PM Modi, the High Commission of India and World Trade Centre in Mumbai organized a virtual meeting with the Jamaican and Bahamian businesses to explore opportunities for cooperation with Indian counterparts.

## India Commercial News

### **GDP seen growing at 8.3% in Q2, 9.4% full year:**

Leading rating agency India Ratings expects the economy to grow 8.3 per cent in Q2 and close the year with 9.4 per cent in FY'22, which is 10 bps lower than the consensus forecast. The agency has attributed the higher growth to the nine consecutive quarters of over 3 per cent agriculture growth, which has brightened consumer spending and the resultant uptick in private final consumption expenditure, which is likely to clip at around 10 per cent in the September quarter of the current fiscal.

### **Indian GDP likely boosted in July-September as lockdowns lifted:**

India's economic recovery likely strengthened in the previous quarter, boosted by services activity that recovered after pandemic-related mobility restrictions were eased, a Reuters poll of economists found. The November 22-25 poll of 44 economists put the median year-on-year growth forecast at 8.4% in the July-September period. The Indian economy expanded 1.6% and 20.1% in the Jan-March and April-June quarters, respectively.

## India Commercial News

### **India to soon manufacture 90% of defence products it needs: Rajnath Singh**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday said India will soon be manufacturing 90 per cent of the defence products it needs within the country and by 2024-2025, it will also export such products worth USD 5 billion. Earlier, 65-70 per cent defence products were imported. Now, as we head for self-reliance, 65 per cent of defence products are made in India. We were known as an importer of defence equipment earlier, now we are exporting those to 70 countries. By 2024-2025, we will be achieving the target of exporting defence products worth USD 5 billion as fixed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I can assure him that 90% of the defence products will be made in India soon.

## Activities of the Mission



Family members of the Mission and staff got together to perform **Shramdaan** & clean the India House compound, preparing ground for the Badminton Court.

**Rashtriya Ekta Diwas** Pledge on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, India's first Home Minister.



HC Shri Masakui toured the Blue Mountain Coffee farm and processing plant to have a understanding of this gourmet coffee that is also the world's highest mountain grown coffee.

# Activities of the Mission



## Hike for Health #IndiaAt75

The Mission organised a hike for all Heads of Missions in Jamaica to the Catherine Peak followed by visit to a coffee plantation today.

## To mark #IndiaAt75

High Commission & the Nature Preservation Foundation in Jamaica signed an agreement to setup the India-Jamaica Friendship Garden at Hope Botanical Garden, Kingston



To achieve the **US\$400 Billion** export target High Commission of India & World Trade Center organized a virtual meeting with Jamaican and Bahamian business to explore opportunities

## Activities of the Mission



A High-powered delegation comprising Member of Parliament **Hon. Rhoda Grawford**, Senator **Gabriela Morris**, Opposition Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs **Ms. Shari-Ann Henry** and Media Professional **Ms. Judana Murphy** left for India for a one week exposure trip.

### Constitution Day

**Hon. Speaker Marisa Dalrymple-Philibert** gave the keynote address at the Constitution Day celebrations themed on 'Constitutionalism, the Cornerstone of Good Governance: Shared Experiences'.



**Thank you**