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Anele Ntshalintshali, who graduated in Mechanical Engineering in India shares her experiences.

in leaps and bounds since the Republic of India established its mission in the kingdom.

"It is such an opportune time that we gather in this manner as we are in the start of a new year.

It gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect on all the milestones we have achieved in the previous year and properly set the tone for the year ahead.

One can confirm right now that indeed 2023 looks promising between our two countries."

The King further proposed a toast to the long life and good health of the president, government and the people of the Republic of India.

Also in attendance were Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Thuli Dladla, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Moses Vilakati, Minister of Sports, Culture and Youth Affairs Harries Bulunga, senior government officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps and the Indian Diaspora in Eswatini.



Nonhlanhla Dlamini, Sithembile Zwane Dlamini and Thenjiwe Dlamini in song and dance.



Sibusiso Ntshalitshali, daughter Anele, his wife Njabulisio and Nokuthula Mthembu attentive during the event.

tions in two Melas (Fairs) held in 2020 and 2022. "While a seven-member Eswatini team participated in the 2020 Surajkund Mela, a 15-member Eswatini team participated in 2022. The 2022 Mela attracted participation of 29 countries from across the world and witnessed a footfall of about 800 000 visitors. This year, the government of India is sponsoring a record number of a 20-member Eswatini team for Surajkund Mela 2023," she added.

Minister Bulunga, on the other hand,

thanked the Indian government for fully sponsoring the trip and hoped that the move will cement the relations between the two countries. He noted that the two countries exchange strong cultural programmes where each learn from the other. He also acknowledged the economic spin-offs that come with the exchange programmes as some exhibitors have gone to that country to display their wares attracting interest from buyers who have ordered more products from the country.



Prince Guduza toasts with Charge d'Affaires Susan Joseph and her husband. They are joined by Ministers Moses Vilakati, Harries Bulunga and Thuli Dladla.



A section of the guests who attended the ceremony.



Gospel artist Linda Dlamini leads the Eswatini Culture Troupe in its performance. The troupe will be travelling to India next week.

Indian High Commission talks G20 Summit 2023

Charge d' Affaires of the High Commission of India in Eswatini Susan Joseph has noted that last year was an eventful one, as on December 1, 2022 India assumed leadership of G20.

She highlighted that the country had already hosted a number of meetings with various stakeholders as part of the year-long deliberations leading to the G20 Summit in December 2023.

She highlighted that the general feeling was that the interests and priorities of the Global South, including the African

continent often do not receive due attention and focus in key global fora, including in G20.

"To achieve this, on January 12-13, India hosted a virtual 'Voice of the South Summit' as a platform to generate ideas from the developing world that would inter-alia feed into the process, leading up to the G20 Summit in December 2023.

"The summit was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi on January 12, 2023," she disclosed.

She added that about 140 countries of the Global South participated in eight different ministerial sessions during the summit.

"As part of the Voice of the South Summit, there were eight ministerial sessions. One such session was on health in which Dr Simon Zwane, the Principal Secretary in the ministry of health representing Minister Senator Lizzie Nkosi who expressed the concerns and aspirations of Eswatini in this sector," she added.



Minister Bulunga hands over passports to the troupe leader Nkosingiphile Dlamini, while the high commissioner looks on.