

Embassy of India
Paramaribo

Press Release

Completion ceremony of the ‘Every student a computer’ project

This morning (27 Nov 2023), First Lady Ms Mellisa Santokhi–Seenacherry and Indian Ambassador Dr. Shankar Balachandran in the presence of Amb Joan Ilahi, Project adviser at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Suriname and the student community marked the completion of an Indian grant-in-aid project ‘every student a computer’ costing USD 109,800 at Kaikoemieschool, Lelydorp, by unveiling a plaque.

During the visit of the President of India in June 2018, two small grant projects for Community development and women entrepreneurship were announced namely ‘Craft Market Place’ at Paramaribo for USD 175,602 and ‘Every Student a Computer’ for USD 109,800. This project had been initiated by the Bureau of the then-First Lady for funding under the Small Development Assistance Programme of the Government of the Republic of India. By a Letter of Intent between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname and the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India, duly signed on the 18th of June 2018, the project was approved for a grant of USD 109,800 for providing 200 Personal Computers and necessary accessories to reach 30 computers at each secondary school for IT literacy among the students of Suriname.

The Government of the Republic of Suriname organized this ceremony with the First Lady of the Republic of Suriname Mrs. Mellisa- Santokhi Seenacherry and the Ambassador speaking on the occasion.

The Ambassador Dr. Shankar Balachandran in his speech, commended the Government of Republic of Suriname, Institute of the First Lady and the implementing agency for the completion of the project and offered Indian scholarships to students of Suriname for advancing their careers. He said 91 Indian universities featured in the latest Times Higher Education’s World University Rankings making India the fourth represented nation in the world and asked the students to make the best use of the scholarships.

The First Lady expressed appreciation and gratitude to India for its invaluable support and generosity and advised the students to make use of the scholarships so generously offered by India and the computer lab dedicated to this day.

The school has over 700 students. The First Lady and the Ambassador then witnessed the students using the computer lab at the school.

A few photographs of the events are enclosed.

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सूरीनाम के लोगों के लिए एक भेंट

2018 में प्रारंभ परियोजना
"प्रत्येक छात्र एक कंप्यूटर"
के पूर्ण होने की स्मृति में

सूरीनाम गणराज्य की प्रथम महिला
श्रीमती मेलिसा संतोखी-सीनाचेरी
और
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भारत के राजदूत

द्वारा सोमवार, 27 नवंबर, 2023
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A GIFT FROM THE PEOPLE OF INDIA
TO THE PEOPLE OF SURINAME

In commemoration of the completion of the Project

EVERY STUDENT A COMPUTER
initiated in 2018

Unveiled by:

The First Lady of the Republic of Suriname,
Mrs. MELLISA SANTOKHI-SEENACHERRY
and

The Ambassador of the Republic of India,
H.E. DR. SHANKAR BALACHANDRAN
Monday, 27th November 2023













