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Embracing the Olympic Spirit in Suriname!



On 26 July 2024, the officials and staff of the Embassy of India along with their families joined other diplomatic Missions in a boat parade led by the French Embassy in celebrating the opening ceremony of the 2024 Olympics in Paris!

The boats were adorned with the flags of participating nations, including India, gliding gracefully along the Suriname river with a French naval ship in the back-

ground. It was a beautiful display of the joy of sport, bringing together communities from across the world in a shared celebration of the spirit of the Games.

This year, India will be participating in 16 games in Paris, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our athletes. We are filled with pride and excitement as we cheer on our Indian contingent and wish them the very best in their pursuit of Olympic glory!



Shri Subhash Prasad Gupta appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Suriname



Shri Subhash Prasad Gupta (IFS:2006) has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Suriname.

He has previously served in Diplomatic Missions of India in Ankara, Istanbul, Khartoum and Vienna at various capacities. During his stint at headquarters, he was Deputy Secretary (eqv. to Deputy Director General) in the Southern Division from 2015-2017 looking after India's bilateral relations with ASEAN countries; Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and pacific island countries.

Union Budget 2024-25: Pathway to 'Viksit Bharat'

The Union Budget 2024-25 outlines a comprehensive strategy to achieve 'Viksit Bharat' by focusing on nine key priorities that aim to create abundant opportunities for all citizens. Together, these initiatives are designed to propel India towards a developed nation status.

1. Productivity and resilience in Agriculture
2. Employment & Skilling
3. Inclusive Human Resource Development and Social Justice
4. Manufacturing & Services
5. Urban Development
6. Energy Security
7. Infrastructure
8. Innovation, Research & Development
9. Next Generation Reforms

The Union Budget 2024-25 prioritizing skilling and employment highlights the crucial role these aspects play in nation-building. Skilling equips the workforce with

the necessary competencies to meet industry demands, fostering innovation and productivity. Employment not only ensures economic stability but also empowers individuals, enhancing their quality of life and contributing to overall societal progress.

With one of the youngest populations, a median age of 28, India can harness its demographic dividend by nurturing a workforce that is equipped with employable skills and prepared for the needs of the industry. Sixty-five per cent of India's fast-growing population is under 35, and many lack the skills needed by a modern economy. Estimates show that about 51.25 per cent of the youth is deemed employable. However, it must be noted that the percentage has improved from around 34 per cent to 51.3 per cent in the last decade.

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NABCONS team visits Suriname



A team from NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy – implementation partner), led by COO Dr. Haragopal Yandra, along with Mr. Bhushan Goyal, Advisor and Ms. Gunjan Khera, Consultant visited Suriname from 22 to 25 July 2024.



The purpose of the visit was to conduct a feasibility study for setting up a passion fruit processing unit, funded by the Government of India as part of the India-Caricom announcement of USD 1 million support announced by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, to bolster the SMEs sector and agricultural development in partner countries.

Accompanied by Embassy staff headed by Charge d'Affaires a.i. Mr. S. Ramji, the delegation held discussions with H.E. Pramanand Sewdien, Suriname's Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries, and Permanent Secretary of Agriculture

Anand Ramkisoensing MSc. A site assessment was conducted at Melkcentrale Parmaribo (MCP) NV, the proposed location for the processing unit. Subsequent discussions were held with the MCP Chairman and other management staff. The team visited a passion fruit pilot farm, the Food and Agriculture Industry (FAI) apart from private companies Elmer juices and Michi to gain insights into the local market.

A visit to the largest agriculture market and agriculture extension center was also organized. The team presented its observations and comments on the project potential to H.E. Albert R. Ramdin, Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business, and International Cooperation and H.E. Pramanand Sewdien, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, and Fisheries. Both ministers expressed their support for the project stressing on the importance of setting up of the processing plant at an early date to generate income and jobs for the local community.



India assumes the Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC)

Under Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, India is playing a global and regional leadership role in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). India has taken a number of global initiatives in this direction, especially that of establishing an international Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

As a representative of Government of India, Shri Rajendra Singh, Member & HoD, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), has taken over the Chair of Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre (ADPC) from People Republic of China for the year 2024-25 in Bangkok, Thailand on Thursday, 25th July 2024. ADPC is an autonomous International Organization for cooperation in and implementation of disaster risk reduction and building climate resilience in Asia and the Pacific region. India and eight neighbouring countries viz. Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the founding members of ADPC.

India also chaired the 5th Board of Trustee (BoT) meeting of ADPC held on 25th July, 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand.



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HAR GHAR TIRANGA

The **National Flag** of **India** is an epitome of pride for all Indian Nationals living in India & abroad. The Tricolor has immense symbolic significance:

- The **Saffron color** on the top of the Flag demonstrates the Strength and Courage of the People of India.
- The **White color** in the middle signifies Peace and Truth with the Dharma Chakra representing the wheel on the abacus of Sarnath's Lion Capital of the Great King Ashoka.
- The **Green color** of the Flag reflects the Fertility, Growth and Auspiciousness of the land of Bharat.

We appeal to all Indians across the globe & to the Members of Diaspora to hoist the Indian Tricolor Flag on their homes and overwhelmingly support the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign (9-15 August 2024), launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, H.E. Shri Narendra Modi in an effort to further foster Patriotism and Pride in them.

75th edition of Know India Programme

The landmark 75th edition of Know India Programme (KIP) in India saw 39 Participants of Indian Diaspora from 9 countries. The countries are Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Mauritius, Fiji, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar and South Africa. The participants visited official Government offices such as the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the Parliament of India, the Reserve Bank of India, the Election Commission of India and the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. The participants also visited various cultural and religious sites through various cities of India. The three persons, Ms. Meniesha Raghunath, Mr. Shailesh Ramdin and Ms. Shrea Ganesh, participated from Suriname.





Narendra Modi
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NABCONS team visits St. Vincent & the Grenadines

A team from India comprising Ms. Simran, US(DPA-III) from MEA and NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy - implementation partner), COO Dr. Haragopal Yandra and Mr. Bhushan Goyal, Advisor visited Saint Vincent and the Grenadines from 15- 17 July to discuss and carry out a feasibility study on the proposed Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) project funded by the Government of India. The visiting delegation held discussions with H.E. Hon. Saboto S. Caesar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour, Permanent Secretary of Agriculture, officials of the Foreign Ministry and other



key stakeholders during the visit. SVG side also organised a site visit for the visiting delegation to enable them assess the project's viability and gather necessary inputs for the development of the project. This project, funded by a US \$1 million government of India

grant announced by our Hon'ble External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, will be utilized to provide machinery to boost agricultural development through value addition in partner countries.

Launch of Tripud frigates

The first of two Advanced Frigates under construction by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for the Indian Navy, was launched on 23 Jul 24 at GSL, Goa. In keeping with maritime tradition, the ship was launched by Smt Rita Sreedharan to the invocation from Atharva Veda, in the presence of Shri P S Sreedharan Pillai, Hon'ble Governor of Goa. The ship has been named Tripud, after the mighty arrow, representing the indomitable spirit of Indian Navy and its ability to strike far and deep. The ship is designed for combat operations against enemy surface ships, submarines and air crafts. These frigates are being constructed for the first time indigenously by an Indian Shipyard. In line with the 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' initiative, a large percentage of the equipment fit, including

weapons & sensors is of indigenous origin, thereby ensuring that large scale defence production is executed by Indian manufacturing units, generating employment and capability enhancement within India.



Delegates and Members of World Heritage Committee Visit Monuments and World Heritage Sites in and around Delhi

Delegates and members of World Heritage Committee today visited monuments and enjoyed shopping, Indian cuisine and lot more on the day off on Sunday after deliberating on World Heritage Matters for 7 days from 21st July, 2024. On

26th and 27th July, 2024, the World Heritage Committee declared 25 new World Heritage Properties to the World Heritage List after much deliberations.

India is hosting the World Heritage Committee Meeting for the first



time from 21st to 31st July, 2024, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The World Heritage Committee meets once a year and is responsible for managing all matters pertaining to World Heritage and

deciding on sites to be inscribed on the World Heritage list. More than 2000 international and national delegates from more than 150 countries are participating in the meeting.

India successfully concludes its 4th periodic review by the Human Rights Committee under the ICCPR

India successfully concluded its 4th periodic review by the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Geneva today.

The Indian delegation, co-led by the Ld. Attorney General for India Shri R. Venkataramani and Ld. Solicitor General of India Shri Tushar Mehta, also included Secretary(West) Shri Pavan Kapoor, and comprised senior officials from the Ministries of Women and Child Development; Social Justice

and Empowerment; Electronics and Information Technology; Minority Affairs; External Affairs; Tribal Affairs; Home Affairs; and the Offices of Ld. Attorney General and Ld. Solicitor General.

The Human Rights Committee, comprising 18 independent experts serving in their individual capacity, monitors implementation of ICCPR and reviews reports of all States Parties (countries) by conducting periodic reviews, and then making observations and recommendations.

The rights and freedoms provided in ICCPR are guaranteed under the Constitution of India as well as our legislative and judicial framework. India became a State Party to ICCPR in 1979. India has undergone three ICCPR reviews in the past, the last being in 1997.

During the discussions, the members of the Human Rights Committee spoke appreciatively of the traditions and ethos of India, rooted in principles such as pluralism, non-violence and diversi-

ty, which are in line with the essence of human rights. It was also noted that India is a vibrant parliamentary democracy, which successfully concluded the largest democratic exercise recently.

The review demonstrated India's commitment to engaging with the international human rights framework and its willingness to address concerns, while continuing its efforts towards protection and promotion of human rights of its citizens.

सूरीनाम में मुंशी प्रेमचंद की 144वीं जन्म जयंती



विद्या निवास साहित्य संस्थान, सूरीनाम हिन्दी परिषद् और स्वामी विवेकानंद सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र के संयुक्त भारत के श्रेष्ठतम कहानी और उपन्यासकार मुंशी प्रेमचंद की 144 वीं जन्म जयंती मनाई गई। दीप प्रज्ज्वलन के साथ कार्यक्रम का शुभारम्भ किया गया।

जिसमें मुंशी प्रेमचंद द्वारा रचित अनेक कविताओं, कहानियों, उपन्यासों और उनके अनमोल वचनों पर वक्ताओं द्वारा प्रस्तुति दी गई। कार्यक्रम का संचालन ज्योति महादेव मिश्र द्वारा किया गया। इस अवसर पर स्वामी विवेकानंद सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र के निदेशक डॉ.

सोमवीर आर्य ने सभी उपस्थित हिन्दी प्रेमियों को मुंशी प्रेमचंद के बताये गए आदर्श मार्ग पर चलने और हिन्दी को आत्मसात करने का निवेदन किया। कार्यक्रम में छात्राओं द्वारा सांस्कृतिक प्रस्तुति भी दी गई।

India to host WTSA 2024 event

India is hosting the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) 2024. The event will be held from 15-24 October 2024 preceded by the Global Standards Symposium (GSS) on 14 October 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

The event is expected to be inaugurated by Hon'ble PM on 15 October 2024. WTSA is held for International Telecommunication Union (ITU) members to refine the strategic direction of the ITU-Telecommunication Standardization (ITU-T) sector. The event is likely to be attended by 1800-2000 delegates from 193-member states, global standardization bodies and the telecom/ICT industry from across the globe. The event will be a prestigious platform to showcase its technological advancements through exhibitions, demonstrations, and related events.



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Thus, assembly aims to significantly enhance the standardization ecosystem in India across critical telecom and ICT areas such as 5G, 6G satellite communications, AI, IoT, quantum technologies and cloud computing. It is for the first time that this event is being hosted in Asian continent.



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