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India - a 'Vishwa Bandhu' - a friend to the world!

On behalf of the people of India, PM Narendra Modi delivered a historic address at the Summit of the Future of the United Nations.

PM underscored the need for global peace, human centric approach, multilateral reforms, dialogue and diplomacy, commitment to SDGs and called for a stronger voice for the Global South.



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Ambassador visits Ramleela



The ideal of Lord Rama crosses the Atlantic ocean and the Ramleela tradition is well preserved and popular in the country of Suriname.

The Ambassador along with DC Wanica and various other dignitaries witnessed the Ramleela play organized by the Mahashakti Durga Samaj.



As a Special Campaign on Cleanliness is observing under “Swachhata Hi Sewa Campaign” from 14 September – 01 October 2024 with the theme of ‘Swabhav Swachhata - Sanskaar Swachhata’ as a prelude to Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2nd October 2024, the Ambassador Subhash P. Gupta this morning (27 September) administered a Swachhata pledge to officials of the Mission and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre to adopt and spread the message of cleanliness at various levels.

India has made significant strides in the Global Innovation Index 2024, now ranking 39th among 133 economies, up from 81st in 2015

The country leads the way as the top performer among lower-middle-income economies and excels in innovation outputs, ranking 33rd globally. This progress reflects India’s vibrant start-up ecosystem and robust knowledge capital



INDIA'S RISE IN THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2024



Source: World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Ambassador calls on various Ministers

Ambassador Subhash P. Gupta made courtesy calls on various ministers of the Government of Suriname in the month of September.

He spoke on multiple challenges on bilateral front and for deep-rooted India-Suriname ties, ongoing cooperation and support in their respective fields.

The Ambassador also spoke to the ministers regarding the ITEC training as capacity building for members of their respective ministries.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta calls on Dean of Diplomatic Community in Suriname



Ambassador Subhash P. Gupta called on H.E. Julang Pujianto, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Suriname and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps. They shared views on possibility of organising cultural events in collaboration given the civilizational links and bilateral relations between India and Indonesia as well as their relations with Suriname, which has significant Indian and Javanese diaspora.

Embassy takes part in Suriname Tourism Festival



Embassy of India participated in the Suriname Tourism Festival in collaboration with Asian Bridal and Olive Restaurant. Ambassador attended the inauguration and welcomed the Surinamese Minister of Transport, Communication and Tourism, the Deputy Chairman of the National Assembly and the US Ambassador to Suriname at the India stall curated around tourism and trade fairs promotion apart from Indian textiles and cuisine.

Embassy takes part in Doing Business Suriname-India programme



Ambassador Subhash Gupta participated in the Doing Business Suriname-India programme organised by the Directorate of International Business of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation on 14th September. Leaders of several Surinamese business associations, representatives of Suriname Investment and Trade Agency, members of the Presidential Committee on India projects interacted with the Ambassador and exchanged views on improving India-Suriname business relations.



As part of the special #Plant4Mother campaign, launched by Hon'ble PM Modi, Ambassador, Subhash Gupta, and the District Commissioner of Wanica North West District Shri Bholanath Narain planted two neem trees at the headquarters of the Commissariat on 17 September 2024.

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WHEN WE TALK ABOUT GLOBAL FUTURE,

then human centric approach should be foremost



India dispatches humanitarian assistance to SVG



India dispatched its first tranche of humanitarian assistance to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines on 21 September 2024, for rehabilitation of settlements post Hurricane Beryl.

The aid of approx 10 tons comprises sleeping bags and hygiene products has been dispatched via air route today. The remaining second tranche of 60 tons items are planned via sea route.

Celebrating 10 Years of Mann Ki Baat!



10 Years of **Mann की Baat**

The Radio Show That Keeps India Hooked

A Show that No One Wants To Miss

- **23 Crore+** Regular Listeners
- **41 crore** Occasional Listeners
- **96% population** of India aware of Mann Ki Baat
- **100 Crore** have listened to Mann Ki Baat*

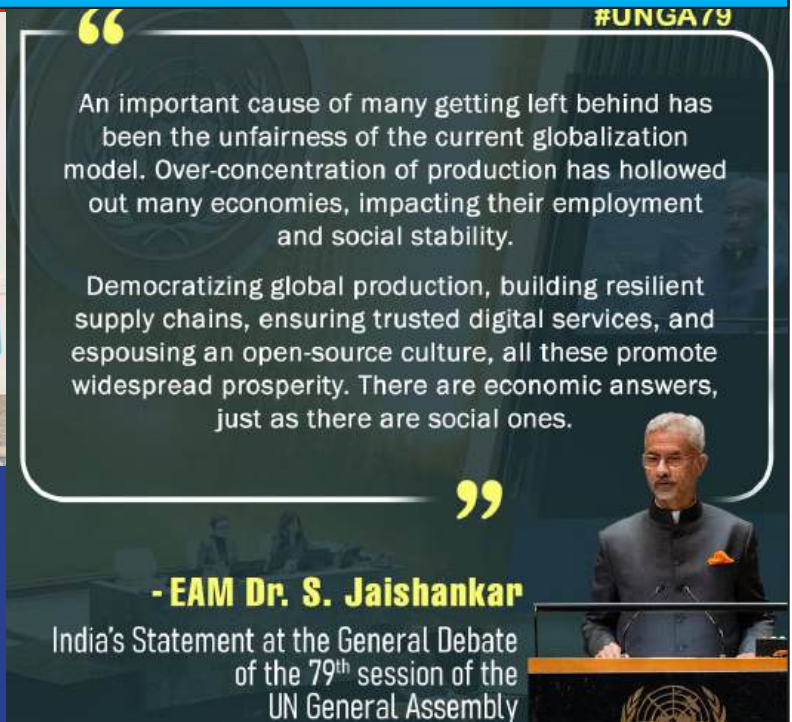
For a decade, the iconic radio show Mann ki Baat hosted by PM Narendra Modi has engaged and inspired India and Indians all over the world. A cornerstone of community engagement, it empowers everyone to build a nation that inspires future generations.



A meeting of the India-CARICOM Foreign Ministers was held on 27 September 2024. It was Co-chaired with FM Dr. Vince Henderson of Dominica. Discussions around upgrading of partnership and deepening cooperation in health, IT, FinTech, capacity building, renewables and food security.

India's bonds with CARICOM draw from past experiences, address current needs and aspire towards a brighter future.

Ambassador visited the Lalla Rookh museum. The museum is named after the first ship that brought Indian migrants to the shores of Suriname and is thus curated around the theme of the life of Indian immigrants in Suriname. Ambassador had fruitful exchanges with the Board of Lalla Rookh Foundation led by Mr. Farid Ketwaru.



#UNGA79

“An important cause of many getting left behind has been the unfairness of the current globalization model. Over-concentration of production has hollowed out many economies, impacting their employment and social stability.

Democratizing global production, building resilient supply chains, ensuring trusted digital services, and espousing an open-source culture, all these promote widespread prosperity. There are economic answers, just as there are social ones.

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- EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar

India's Statement at the General Debate of the 79th session of the UN General Assembly

EAM Dr S. Jaishankar delivered India's Statement at the General Debate at the 79th session of the UNGA.



Ambassador Shri Subhash P. Gupta met with Mr. Sayed Farid Ahmad, Deputy Director and Dr. Sumita Das Majumdar, Assistant Director of the National Archives of India along with the team from the National Archives of Suriname. The team from NAI is on an official visit to Suriname to discuss cooperation in the field of archives conservation and digitization, which is part of the Cultural Exchange Programme between India and Suriname. The team had fruitful interactions and delivered lectures which were well received. Both sides briefed the Ambassador on the further plans of cooperation.



हिन्दी दिवस की कार्यक्रम सूरीनाम हिन्दी परिषद में

सूरीनाम हिन्दी परिषद के तत्वावधान में १४ सितंबर को हिन्दी दिवस के अवसर पर भाषण प्रतियोगिता आयोजन के साथ साथ एक लघु नाटक का मंचन हुआ जिसमें हिन्दी सिखने के फायदे बताये गए। राजदूत ने भी हिन्दी के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला और प्रतिभागियों को हिन्दी पुस्तकें भेंट की।



सूरीनाम हिन्दी परिषद के अध्यक्ष और इसके सदस्यों ने राजदूत को परिषद द्वारा किये जाने वाले कार्यों से अवगत कराया। राजदूत ने हिन्दी शिक्षण के कार्य में परिषद को हर सम्भव सहायता देने की अपनी मंशा जाहिर किया। वार्ता के दौरान, हिन्दी दिवस के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित किये जाने वाले कार्यक्रम पर भी चर्चा हुयी।



Ambassador Subhash Gupta had a lively interaction at Bharat Bhawan with representatives of various cultural and social organizations in Suriname.



ITEC Day 2024 celebrated at the Bharat Bhavan

The 60th ITEC Day was celebrated at Bharat Bhawan in Paramaribo with the participation ITEC alumni, Government officials and journalists of Suriname.

Ambassador Alber Ramdin, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation delivered his remarks as Chief Guest after lamp lighting and sharing of experiences by ITEC Alumni and a few cultural performances. A video on ITEC programme and PM's message were also played.



Amb. Subhash Gupta attended the celebrations marking the 95th foundation day of Arya Diwaker Temple in Paramaribo on 27 September. He congratulated all participants and followers of Arya Samaj in Suriname for remarkable journey of Arya Diwaker temple and underlined the importance of the Vedas in the development of Hindu way of life.



Ambassador visited Saramacca and had a meeting with DC of Saramacca, Ms. Sherin Bansi Durga. Carrying on the #Plant4Mother campaign launched by Hon'ble PM Modi, he along with the DC planted a neem tree in front of the Commissariat on 18 September.



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