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India-Suriname Bilateral Meeting | Traditional Medicine Cooperation

On the sidelines of the Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine 2025, the Ministry of Ayush held a productive bilateral meeting with the delegation from Suriname on 18th Dec 2025.

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in Traditional Medicine & Homeopathy under the existing bilateral framework, with emphasis on policy collaboration, Ayurveda Garden, regulatory dialogue, and promotion of integrative health models.

The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. A. Raghu, Adviser (Ay), Ministry of Ayush and Ms. Silvana Afonsoewa, Member of the National Assembly of Suriname. From the Indian side Shri PK Pathak, Principal Consultant; Shri Jasvinder Singh, Director; Dr. Abhijit Dutta, Research Officer (H), International Cooperation Section, Ministry of Ayush; and Shri Dharmender Kumar, Under Secretary (Central America), MEA, were present.

President Droupadi Murmu Extends Christmas Greetings to the Nation



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The Ambassador presented a certificate to Mr. BREI Armand Desire, who successfully participated in the Young Officers' Course held in Mhow, India, from December 2024 to May 2025. Mr. Brei shared his training experience and provided insightful feedback. This specialized program was fully funded by the Government of India under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) initiative, underscoring India's commitment to capacity building and strengthening international partnerships.

Embassy of India Celebrates Geeta Jayanti in Paramaribo



The Embassy of India celebrated Geeta Jayanti, the sacred day marking the revelation of the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Geeta, on 5 December at the Swami Vivekanand Culture Center (SVCC) in Paramaribo. The event saw enthusiastic participation from members of the Indian diaspora and friends of India.

In his remarks, the Ambassador highlighted the Geeta's core messages, such as dharma, selfless action, balance, resilience, and devotion, that continue to guide humanity across generations. He also noted that the recent Geeta Yatra by ISKCON beautifully reflected the enduring spiritual and cultural connections within Suriname.

The celebration featured recitations of Geeta verses by representatives from Arya Dewaker and an SVCC teacher, followed by a soulful musical composition by the vocal teacher. Students of SVCC then presented a captivating dance cum act depicting the profound dialogue between Arjuna and Shrikrishna.



On 10 December, a special event was organized at Arya Diwakar Temple, Paramaribo, to mark the Inscription of Deepavali as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Members of the Indian community, diaspora, and diverse socio-cultural organizations came together in joy and pride to celebrate this milestone.



The gathering reflected unity, cultural richness, and the enduring spirit of Deepavali as a festival of light, knowledge, and harmony.



Amb. Subhash Gupta joined the Indian Diaspora in an inspiring ISKCON-coordinated Geeta Yatra held in Paramaribo on 01 December 2025 coinciding with #InternationalGeetaMahotsav in Kurukshetra and the impending Geeta Jayanti on 5 December 2025. The vibrant procession was followed by a sacred Yagna and soulful recitation of verses from the Mahabhagavad Geeta, culminating in a short reflection on its timeless essence at the ISKCON temple. A celebration of spirituality & the eternal wisdom of the Geeta.

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Marking the #2ndworldmeditationday, the Embassy and the Swami Vivekanand Culture Centre organized a serene meditation session this morning at Bharat Bhawan, Paramaribo. Yoga enthusiasts, members of the Indian diaspora, and Friends of India came together to celebrate mindfulness, inner harmony, peace, and collective well being.

On this occasion, Amb. Subhash Gupta shared insightful reflections on the evolution of India's meditation traditions, noting how these practices were embraced not only within Vedantic philosophy but also by Buddhism, Jainism, and other ancient schools of thought.

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De succesvolle lancering van LVM3-M6, waarmee de zwaarste satelliet ooit, de Amerikaanse BlueBird Block-2, werd gelanceerd vanuit Indiase bodem en in de ruimte baan werd gebracht, markeert een trotse mijlpaal in het verhaal India's ruimtevaart sector.

Het versterkt India's capaciteit voor zware lanceringen en onderstreept de groeiende rol op de wereldwijde markt voor commerciële ruimtevaart.

Dit weerspiegelt ook de inspanningen voor een zelfvoorzienend India (Aatmanirbhar Bharat). De felicitaties aan onze hardwerkende ruimtevaartwetenschappers en -ingenieurs.

India blijft steeds hoger stijgen in de wereld van de ruimte!



Ambassador held an interaction with journalists on 13 December 2025 and briefed them on the progress of ongoing bilateral projects between India and Suriname and provided an update on the upcoming Second WHO Global Summit on Traditional Medicine, to be held in India from 17–19 December.



गत ९ दसिम्बर २०२५ को पारामारिबो स्थिति भारत भवन में, हर्दि संवाद कार्यक्रम के तत्वावधान में एक वशिष परचिर्चा का आयोजन कया गया। इस अवसर पर सूरीनाम हर्दि परषिद के सभापति सहति परषिद के अधकियारी एवं सदस्यगण उपस्थति रहे और हर्दि भाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार में नरिंतर संलग्न रहने की अपनी वचनबद्धता दोहराई। परचिर्चा में सूरीनाम में हर्दि की वर्तमान दशा और दशिा पर वचिार-वमिर्श हुआ। प्रतभागियीं ने हर्दि को सांसकृतकि पहचान और पीढियीं के बीच सेतु के रूप में सशकत बनाने के लफे ठोस सुझाव प्रसतुत कए। वशि्व/कषेत्रीय हर्दि सम्मेलन सूरीनाम में आयोजति करने से संबंधति प्रसताव पर भी वचिार कयिे गए। भारत के राजदूत ने परषिद के प्रयासों की सराहना करते हुए हर्दि के संवर्धन और प्रसार में हर संभव सहयोग देने का आशवासन दयिा। उनहोंने कहा कि हर्दि संवाद कार्यक्रम जैसी पहलें भारत और सूरीनाम के बीच सांसकृतकि संबंधों को और गहराई प्रदान करती हैं।



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