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The Embassy of India participates in the Suriname Food and Tourism 2025, held from 5 to 7 November in Paramaribo by mounting an Indian stall showcasing rich tourism offerings, with special emphasis on Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which are deeply connected to the ancestral roots of the Indo-Surinamese community.

Visitors explored India's cultural heritage, culinary diversity, and the essence of Ayurveda through an engaging display of spices and traditional food ingredients.

Suriname's Vice President, the Minister of Transport, communication, and Tourism, and the Minister of Economy visited the Indian stall. This participation reflects the enduring bonds between India and Suriname and our shared commitment to promoting heritage, tourism, and people-to-people ties.





India script history by winning their first-ever Women's Cricket World Cup title at CWC 2025. An extraordinary display of talent, teamwork, and tenacity our women have redefined sporting excellence.



Ambassador attended the presentation ceremony of the Snellen Park T20 Cricket Tournament held in Paramaribo on 2 November, where three teams; two from Guyana and one from Suriname competed against each other.

He had the honour of presenting the winner's trophy, applauding the players for their dedication and passion for the game.

Later, the Ambassador had a discussion with the President of the Surinamese Cricket Board and other officials to explore avenues for cooperation in the field of cricket.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta received Mr. Amar Ramdas, a tech entrepreneur of Indo-Surinamese heritage, and Ms. Charlotte Boonstra, miss world netherlands. Both visitors briefed him on their current branding efforts for a fast-food chain and a web-based news portal, both of which combine digital innovation with cultural narrative.

They also discussed opportunities for economic cooperation and community involvement, as well as the thriving Indian diaspora in Suriname and the Netherlands. Ambassador Gupta expressed gratitude for their innovative vision and reiterated India's dedication to promoting cross-cultural collaborations and diaspora-led innovation.



**Empowering Africa's Skills Revolution**  
INDIA'S VISION AT G20

India proposes the  
**G20-Africa Skills Multiplier initiative**

Will operate through a train-the-trainers model across multiple sectors

Aims to prepare 1 million certified trainers in Africa over the next decade, boosting local capacity and long-term development



commonwealth sport

India is set to host the  
**Centenary Commonwealth Games 2030!**



The Embassy and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Paramaribo marked the 150th anniversary of India's National Song, Vande Mataram.

Ambassador Subhash Gupta highlighted its role as a unifying force in India's freedom movement.

The event included a mass singing of *Vande Mataram*, lead by Ustad Ramkhelawan and his students, a sitar recital of *Vande Mataram* by National Assembly Member H.E. Amirani Jarbandhan joined by a dholak artist, and a dance tribute by SVCC students. The celebration embodied unity, resilience, and devotion to Mother India.

Let us continue to honor *Vande Mataram* through our voices, hearts, and actions.





On 11 November 2025, the Embassy of India, in collaboration with the Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises in Suriname, the Surinamese Manufacturers Association, and Kenniskring, hosted a business event in Paramaribo titled 'Business Opportunities with India' at the juncture of the 50th anniversary of Suriname's Independence.

Ambassador Subhash Gupta highlighted India's readiness to partner with Suriname across key sectors:

- Agriculture & Food Processing
- Affordable Medicines & Pharma
- White Goods & Textiles
- IT & Digital Transformation
- Climate-Resilient Technologies

He encouraged the business community to work towards moving from modest trade to meaningful collaboration, given India stands ready as a partner in Suriname's growth and prosperity.



Ms. Nancy Mangoendimedjo, a distinguished participant of the ITEC programme on Leadership for the 21st Century Professional Women at the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi (11–24 November 2025), called on Ambassador Subhash Gupta before her departure to India.

During the courtesy call, Ambassador Gupta congratulated Ms. Mangoendimedjo on her selection and encouraged her to maximise the opportunity. The programme, under the Government of India's ITEC initiative, empowers women leaders from across the globe to shape inclusive, resilient, and forward-looking institutions.



On #ConstitutionDay, Ambassador joined Embassy and SVCC officers and officials in reading out the Preamble of the Constitution of India, reaffirming our shared commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity.

The program also featured a documentary highlighting the significance of the Preamble, followed by an exchange of views on the values enshrined in our Constitution.



Embassy celebrated Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Tribal pride day) on the eve of the birth anniversary of the legendary tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda at SVCC in Suriname

In his address, the Ambassador highlighted the invaluable contributions of India's tribal communities to the nation's development and its pluralistic culture.

The evening featured a documentary on tribal heritage, followed by vibrant tribal dance performances from Kerala, Rajasthan, West Bengal, and Andhra Pradesh, representing India's diverse tribal cultural legacy.



Amb. Subhash Gupta, along with the Embassy officials and their family members, participated in the Guru Nanak Dev Jayanti celebrations organized by members of the Indian diaspora at Mata Gauri, Paramaribo.

During the event, the Ambassador highlighted the noble teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji and encouraged all attendees to embody these values in their daily lives.

A heartfelt thanks to the President and distinguished members of Sindhi community for keeping our rich cultural and spiritual traditions alive.



Mr. Ivanildo Schattevoo, #ITEC participant for Public Expenditure Management at the Institute of Government Accounts and Finance, New Delhi (10–21 November 2025), called on Amb. Subhash Gupta before departing for India.

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## INDIA EMERGES AS THE FASTEST-GROWING G-20 ECONOMY

**Moody's projects India's GDP to surge 7%, the highest among G20 economies**

India projected to remain the fastest-growing economy among the G-20 nations over the next two years

Fueled by India's massive infrastructure leap, booming domestic demand and export diversification

Source: Moody's Global Macro Outlook Report