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External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, addressed India's High Commissioners, Ambassadors and senior MEA officials at the 11th Heads of Missions Conference in New Delhi.

Our interaction recognised the significant expansion of India's engagement with the world in the last decade. In a volatile and turbulent world, Indian diplomacy stands ready to advance national interest and secure national goals.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Business Cooperation, H.E. Melvin Bouva. The meeting covered a wide range of issues aimed at further deepening bilateral ties, alongside discussions on the upcoming celebratory activities marking the Golden Jubilee of diplomatic relations between India and Suriname.



Amb. Subhash Gupta held talks with the Board of Anton de Kom University on bolstering cooperation in the field of education and research, utilization of ITEC training and availing the scholarships available in India for Surinamese friends. A highlight of the meeting was the proposed establishment of an ICCR Chair at AdeKUS to expand academic opportunities for students and faculty.



Secretary (South) Dr. Neena Malhotra visited the Embassy of the Republic of Suriname and, on behalf of the people and Government of India, signed the condolence book on the sad demise of former President Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi.



Ambassador attended the inspection cum handover ceremony of the Chetak helicopter to the Suriname Air Force on 23 April. The ceremony was organized by the Suriname Defence Force following the overhaul and servicing of the aircraft by the HAL technical team.

## AMBASSADOR MEETS PRESIDENTIAL WORKING GROUP ON HERITAGE MONTH



**A**mbassador Subhash Gupta received the Presidential Working Group on Heritage Month, led by Ms. Rachel Pinas at the Embassy premises. The meeting underscored the shared commitment of India and Suriname to celebrate Heritage Month in a spirit of partnership and cultural exchange.

The Embassy expressed its willingness to contribute and collaborate to organize many celebratory activities, including,

- Workshops and interactive sessions on Hindustani heritage
- Cultural performances comprising dance, music, and theatre – Ramleela
- Art exhibitions and textile showcases, cuisine, friendship run, sports and yoga events
- Ayurveda demonstrations etc.

These initiatives will not only enrich the observance of Heritage Month but will also mark the Golden Jubilee of diplomatic relations between India and Suriname, highlighting five decades of friendship and cooperation.

## 77TH FOUNDATION DAY OF ICCR CELEBRATED IN PARAMARIBO



**O**n the occasion of the 77th Foundation Day of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on 09 April, 2026, the Embassy of India, Paramaribo celebrated an evening of Indian Dance & Music at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre.

The evening was highlighted by video messages from former teachers and performances by ICCR Alumni.



The Ambassador engaged with technical experts from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, currently tasked with the maintenance of the Suriname Defence Forces' Chetak helicopters brought to Suriname under a LoC project. To further his understanding of bilateral defense cooperation, he later held discussions with the Commander of the Suriname Air Force regarding the ongoing overhauling of the fleet.



SVCC Paramaribo, Suriname successfully organized the 75-day countdown event for the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026 on 8 April 2026. A yoga session was conducted at Brahmarshi Ashram, Kwattaweg 889, Paramaribo, marking the beginning of the 75-day countdown to IDY 2026. The session witnessed enthusiastic participation and highlighted the importance of yoga in promoting physical and mental well-being.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. David Abiamofu, Minister of Natural Resources of Suriname. The meeting focused on avenues for strengthening bilateral cooperation, including ongoing projects under the ISA and the solarization of a government building.

On Ambedkar Jayanti, we honor Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy of equality, justice, and compassion. May his teachings continue to guide us toward a more inclusive and conscious society.

