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## Holi celebrations at Bharat Bhawan



Ms. Hanisha Jairam, Ambassador (Designate) of Suriname to India, paid a courtesy visit, during which discussions were held on ongoing bilateral cooperation between India and Suriname. Best wishes were extended for a successful tenure ahead.



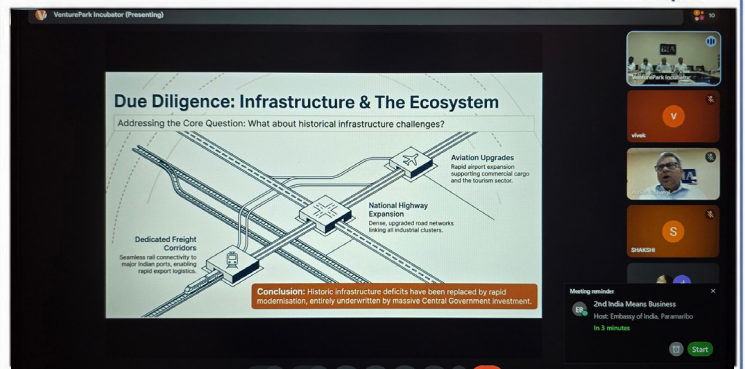
On 18 March, under the India-UN SDG Fund, Ambassador Subhash Gupta handed over computers and other equipment to St. Vincentius Hospital, 's Lands Hospital, Medical Mission, RGD, BOG/Family & Community Health, Diakonessenhuis, MMC, the HIV Programme (PMTCT Component), and the Academic Hospital at PAHO Headquarters in Paramaribo.

This donation will strengthen surveillance, data management, and reporting for the elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission (EMTCT-Plus) of HIV, Syphilis, and Hepatitis B in Suriname.

The initiative reflects India's continued commitment to advancing healthcare outcomes and sustainable development through international partnerships.



## Bihar Day Showcases Opportunities and Cultural Heritage



On the occasion of Bihar Day, the second edition of India Means Business was organized in a hybrid format, focusing on the Suriname-Bihar Business Interaction Forum. A detailed presentation on Bihar's business prospects and investment opportunities was delivered by the Bihar Industry Association.

The Managing Director of Bihar Tourism, Mr. Nand Kishor, invited the audience and tour operators to visit Bihar, highlighting the state's key tourist destinations. The event was followed by captivating cultural performances, including a soulful Chhath musical play, Jhijhiya dance, Chaita, and the Bhagwati greeting of Mithila.

The programme concluded with the serving of representative Bihari cuisines such as Litti-Chokha, Ghughni-Chiura, Khaja, Fullori, and more—offering participants a taste of Bihar's rich culinary heritage and strengthening cultural and economic ties between Suriname and India.



On 26 March, the Project Steering Committee reviewed the Quick Impact Project on traffic light signaling for pedestrian crossings in Paramaribo. The project, implemented with grant assistance from the Government of India, is expected to enhance pedestrian safety and improve traffic management.



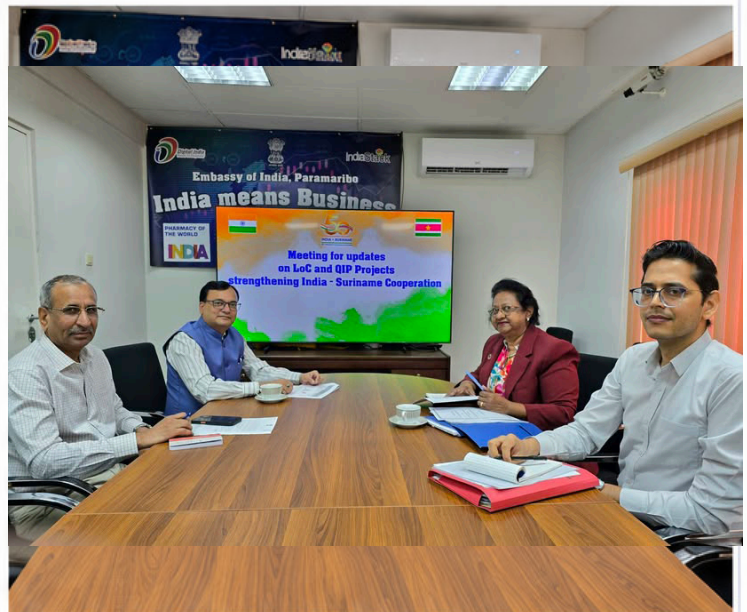
The initiative reflects India's continued commitment to supporting infrastructure development and improving public safety in Suriname.



Looking ahead to a new cycle of Quick Impact Projects, a range of prospective and promising initiatives focused on community welfare were presented by various agencies in Suriname. These projects are proposed for implementation during the 2026–27 financial year.



The presentations highlighted innovative ideas aimed at strengthening community services, improving local infrastructure, and enhancing public welfare. The discussions reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Suriname to supporting grassroots development through impactful and sustainable projects.



On 6 March, Amb. Subhash Gupta, along with Embassy officials, held a review meeting on ongoing developmental projects, including Lines of Credit, QIP, and other initiatives, with Amb. Joan Ilahi, Senior Policy & Project Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Business Cooperation of Suriname.



The meeting reviewed the progress of existing projects and explored ways to further strengthen India–Suriname development cooperation.

# World Champions once again...



India once again etched its name in cricketing history by lifting another global title and reaffirming its position among the sport's greatest powers. Displaying remarkable consistency, resilience, and teamwork throughout the tournament, the Men in Blue delivered a series of outstanding performances on the world stage.

From commanding batting displays to disciplined bowling efforts, India showcased the depth of talent that has made it a dominant force in international cricket. The victory reflects years of dedication, strategic planning, and the emergence of a new generation of match-winners who continue to carry forward the nation's rich cricketing legacy.

The triumph sparked celebrations among millions of supporters across India and around the world, highlighting cricket's unique ability to unite people through passion and pride.

The achievement further strengthens India's status as one of the leading nations in global sport and serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes everywhere.



भारत कोना (हिंदीशाला) पहल के तहत निकरी में विष्णु मंदिर से सम्बद्ध हिंदी विद्यालय को 20 मार्च 2026 को हिंदी पुस्तकों का एक सेट उपहार स्वरूप दिया गया।



इस अवसर पर, भारतवंशियों के अनुरोध को देखते हुए प्रवासी भारतीय कार्ड के लिए जल्द ही विशेष कैम्प आयोजित करने का संकल्प व्यक्त किया गया।

New  
India  
Insights

From **Spark** to  
**Supernova**

India's AI Takes A Sprint And Sets The Pace

INDIA'S AI MARKET SIZE

\$2.97  
USD Billion

2020

\$7.63  
USD Billion

2024

Projected  
to reach  
**\$131**  
USD Billion

2032



**157% increase** in 4 years

The Indian AI market is expected to grow at a **CAGR of 42.2% by 2032**

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Source: Competition Commission of India



## Holi Celebrations at Bharat Bhawan

Embassy of India, in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), joyfully celebrated the vibrant Holi Phagwa Festival at Bharat Bhawan. The event came alive with traditional music (Chowtal and Baithak Gaana), soulful songs, energetic dance performances, and the colorful tradition of gulal throwing, bringing together diverse communities in a true spirit of harmony. The event was organized as a part of the Promotion of Cultural Ties with Diaspora coinciding with a yearlong celebration marking the golden jubilee of the establishment of diplomatic relationship between India and Suriname.

The celebration was honored by the presence of H.E. Lalinie Gopal, President's representative, and ministers, members of the Suriname National Assembly, the diplomatic corps, cultural associations, diaspora organizations, artists, and the friends of India also joined the festivities.

In his address, Ambassador H.E. Subhash Gupta highlighted the cultural significance of Holi Phagwa in India's agrarian tradition and its deep-rooted place in Suriname's cultural fabric.



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