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Amb. Subhash Gupta and Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Suriname, H.E. Pramanand Sewdien planted a Neem tree at the Melkcantrale premises under “plant a tree for Mother”, a campaign initiated by Prime Minister of India on the occasion of World Environment Day 2024.

ISRO successfully launched PSLV-C60



ISRO - Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched PSLV-C60 with SpaDeX and innovative payloads from Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota. India now becomes the fourth country to join the select league of nations to seek Space docking, through its own indigenously developed “Bharatiya Docking System” that will pave the way for journey beyond the skies for “Gaganyaan” and “Bharatiya Antriksha Station”.



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Ambassador meets Foreign Minister



Ambassador Subhash Gupta met with H.E. Amb. Albert R. Ramdin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Suriname, along with his team on 10 December 2024. The Minister conveyed deep appreciation for the India-Caricom Summit and the fruitful meeting held between President Santokhi and PM Modi. The discussions encompassed a broad range of topics aimed at enhancing ongoing collaborations, streamlining partnerships, and providing updates on grant assistance projects.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta along with Amb Joan Illahi of BIBIS co-chaired the Project Steering Committee meetings of the Quick Impact Projects in Suriname at the Embassy on 10 December 2024. The Committee reviewed the progress of implementation of the four ongoing projects: Sustainable Support for a Chemical Teaching Laboratory at ADEKUS, Rehabilitation of DC Roblesplein in Nickerie, Upgrading IT Equipment for ICT Education at NATIN and Development of a Synthetic Jogging Track at Lelydorp, District of Wanica. Representatives of the PSC from the various stakeholder institutions participated in the meeting.



High Commissioner of India to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines resident in Paramaribo, Amb. Subhash Gupta and Hon. Frederick Stephenson, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, signed an agreement regarding Indian Grant Assistance for the implementation of Quick Impact Projects aimed at enhancing community infrastructure across the country funded by the Government of India.



The agreement marks another significant step towards the deepening of bilateral relations between India and SVG. Foreign Minister Stephenson underscored that "This partnership exemplifies our shared vision of empowering communities and creating opportunities for the development and well-being of the residents. We are deeply grateful to the Government of India for their unwavering support and cooperation"



High Commissioner, Subhash Gupta, accompanied by Ms. Simran, US(DPA-III) from the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi and NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy - implementation partner), COO Dr. Haragopal Yandra, visited Barbados to lead discussions relating to a Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) project.

During the tour, the delegation visited Export Barbados and held consultations with CEO of Export Barbados, Mr. Mark Hill and the team. The Barbadian side also organized a site visit for the delegation to assess the project's viability and gather necessary inputs for its development. As part of the assessment tour, the delegation visited the International Food Science Center facility.

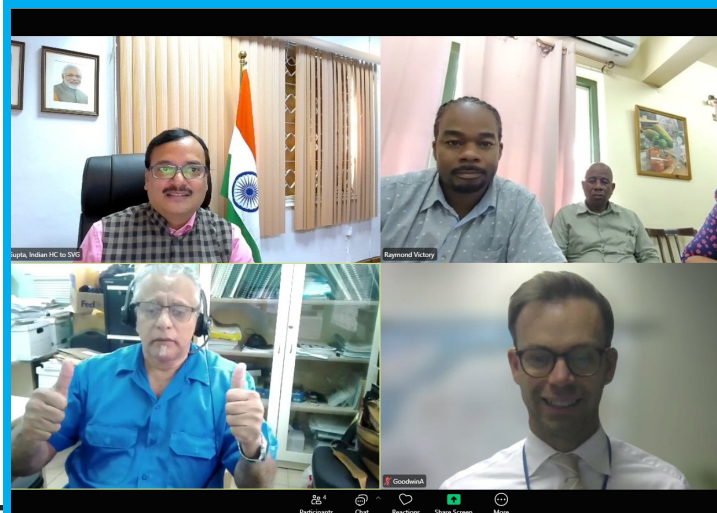
The proposed USD 1 million project funded by India, will be utilized to provide machinery to boost agricultural development through value addition in partner countries like Barbados.



Automatic Weather Station in Kwamalasamutu was set up recently under India UN Development Partnership Fund to support Surinamese indigenous people towards building resilience against flooding and improving weather forecast through the installation of enhanced early warning systems.



Under district outreach initiative, Embassy organised a cultural programme at District Nickerie with Bharatnatyam performance by the students of Dance School Satrangi followed by the setting up a consular help desk for grievances redressal including dissemination of information about OCI card. Amb. Subhash Gupta talked about promoting cultural activities in Nickerie and invited people to participate in Mahakumbh to be held in Prayagraj in January 2025. Later, he visited Roblesplein QIP site is being carried out under India's grant assistance.



High Commissioner of India to SVG resident in Paramaribo, Subhash Gupta participated virtually in the 10th project steering committee meeting of the India-UN development partnership fund project on modernization of arrowroot project organized 17 December. He stressed that as per the initial project TORs, the facility has been completed and SVG side may now work forward to optimize the utilization of the facility for the benefit of the community.



Ambassador paid a site visit on 18 December 2024, to two QIP sites of the chemistry lab at the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences of AdeKUS and the ICT classrooms of NATIN. He interacted with the Dean of the Department and other faculty members at AdeKUS and the Director and staff at NATIN.



Visit Mahakumbh 2025

With over 40 crore visitors expected, Mahakumbh Mela 2025 is all set to embrace a digital revolution! From seamless navigation to enhanced safety measures, this iconic event will blend tradition, spirituality, and cutting-edge technology, ensuring an unforgettable experience for devotees.



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EXPERIENCES TO EXPLORE AT THE MAHAKUMBH



1. Tent City



2. Mahakumbh Akhara Tour



3. Helicopter Rides/Water Activity



4. Water Laser Show



5. Cultural Performances



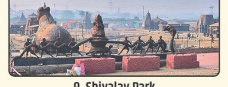
6. Sanskriti Gram



7. Kala Gram



8. Exhibitions of ODOP, NMCG & Handicraft



9. Shivalay Park



10. Heritage Walk



Amb. Subhash Gupta along with the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, H.E. Pramanand Sewdien visited the upcoming fruits processing project site at the Melkcentrale. This SME Development project is being implemented by NABCONS with India's grant assistance of USD 1 million. Other stakeholders and representatives were also present.



Two Know India Programme (KIP) participants from Suriname attended a pre-departure orientation session before their departure for a three-week tour of India from 01-21 January 2025 at the Embassy on 27 December 2024. Ambassador wished them a pleasant stay in India!

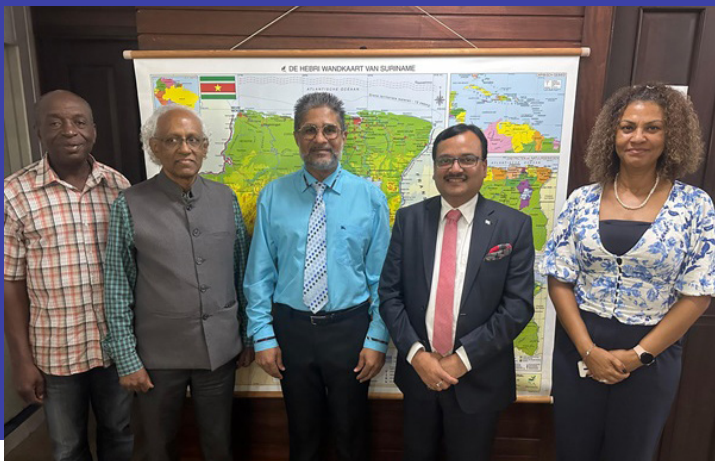


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Amb. Subhash Gupta joined hands with the Minister of Public Works, Dr. R. Nurmohamed in "Planting One Million Trees in 5 Years" launch ceremony held in Paramaribo. Suriname's initiative contributes to nature conservation and climate improvement. Let's build a sustainable future together!






OKB receives Indian Ambassador for introductory visit

The Independent Electoral Bureau (OKB) received the Indian ambassador to Suriname, Subhash Prasad Gupta, for an introductory visit on December 10, 2024. Present on the side of the OKB were the chairman, Mr. Samseerali Sheikh Alibaks, and the members Anne Marel-Linger and Cecil Valies. The Indian ambassador indicated that he was particularly interested in how elections were previously held in Suriname and how the elections will be held based on a modified electoral system. He also indicated that he was interested in how much time the results of the elections should be determined and announced. The ambassador was informed by the OKB delegation about the questions raised.


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Five Surinamese participants youth of 78th #KnowIndiaProgramme share their impressions about the land of their ancestors that perceived and explored during the India visit.

Know India Programme

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Exploring India Through Surinamese Eyes

A Surinamese Perspective

Our journey to India as participants of the 78th Know India Programme (KIP) was nothing short of extraordinary. For us, this was not merely a travel experience—it was a heartfelt reconnection with our heritage and an opportunity to explore the land that ties us to our ancestors. Each moment spent in India deepened our understanding of its vibrant culture, historical significance, and modern achievements.



From the timeless grandeur of the Taj Mahal, a symbol of love and architectural brilliance, to the lively streets of Delhi brimming with energy, India showcased a seamless harmony of tradition, modernity, and innovation. This contrast was vividly evident in the coexistence of ancient bazaars and state-of-the-art tech hubs and metro systems, reflecting a nation deeply rooted in its history while boldly shaping its future.



From Suriname with Pride

Representing Suriname, us—**Atisha Binda, Rashnie Soekhoe, Karan Jagroep, Dewika Ramdin, and Toenisha Khadarua**—embarked on this journey with open hearts and curious minds. Along the way, we encountered a seamless blend of ancient traditions and modern advancements, where timeless temples coexist with bustling metro systems, and practices like yoga flourish alongside groundbreaking technology.

A Cultural Odyssey:

From Spirituality to Science

Visiting the Kapaleeshwarar Temple, Akshardham Mandir, and Gurudwara Bangla Sahib was a deeply emotional experience, reconnecting us with our Indian roots. As **Atisha Binda** shared, "Walking through Akshardham was like stepping into history and spirituality at the same time."

India's blend of tradition and technology taught us resilience and adaptability. From IIT Madras to Delhi's metro systems, the progress was inspiring. **Karan Jagroep** reflected, "It was fascinating to see ancient traditions like yoga and Ayurveda thriving alongside cutting-edge scientific research and modern healthcare solutions."

For those inspired to join, the next Know India Programme awaits! Explore history, build connections, and create lifelong memories. As we, Atisha, Toenisha, Karan, Dewika, and Rashnie, can affirm, this journey stays with you forever.

Namaste!

The Know India Programme

Team Suriname


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Embassy of India celebrated the first World Meditation Day by organizing a special meditation session at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Paramaribo with participation of yoga and meditation lovers.






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On the occasion of World Hindi Day, a self-written Hindi poetry and essay competition is being organized by SVCC and the Embassy of India, Paramaribo.



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