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A reception was hosted by Ambassador Subhash Gupta and Dr. Ruchi Gupta to mark the 76th Republic Day of India on 26 January in Paramaribo. H.E. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, the President of the Republic of Suriname graced the occasion as the Chief Guest along with the First lady, the Deputy Chairman of the National Assembly and six Council of Ministers including H.E. Amb. Albert Ramdin, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation Suriname.

Other attendees include senior Government officials, civil society, academia and media personnel, business sectors of Suriname, as well as distinguished members of the Diplomatic Corps and the Indian diaspora and the friends of India.



High Commissioner presents Letter of Credence in Saint Lucia



High Commissioner Subhash P. Gupta presented his letter of credence to H.E. Mr. Errol Charles, the Acting Governor General to Saint Lucia at the Government House in Castries on 29 January 2025.

Ambassador calls on PM Pierre



High Commissioner of India to Saint Lucia, Subhash Gupta called on Prime Minister Hon'ble Philip J. Pierre on 31 January 2025, and expressed his commitment to work towards further deepening and expanding of India - St. Lucia bilateral relations. Previously, he also held fruitful discussions with the Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Tourism Investment and Culture,.

18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrated in Paramaribo



Embassy celebrated the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas at Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre with the participation of H.E. Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, President of the Republic of Suriname as the Chief Guest. Around 200 members of Indian Diaspora, including Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of the National Assembly, Minister of Defence, Economic Affairs, Entrepreneurship and Technological Innovation, Members of Parliament, Senior officers of the Government of Suriname and members of Indian & Surinamese community attended the event. Cultural performances by students of Satrangi Dance school and by Namita Nritya Vidya Bhawan as well as musical presentation by Kries Ramkhelawan livened up the evening.

Flag Hoisting ceremony held on the 76th Republic Day of India



The Indian community and friends of India in Suriname celebrates the 76th Republic Day 2025 with great fervour at the Indian Embassy in Paramaribo.

Indian Ambassador to the Suriname and High Commissioner of India to Barbados, Saint Lucia (Desig.) and Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Subhash P Gupta, unfurled the tricolour and read out the message of President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu's address to the nation at the embassy followed by a few cultural performances.



Glimpses of the 76th Republic Day reception



Media interview on Mahakumbh

Ambassador Subhash Gupta gave an interview to Ms. Gail Eijk, SUN web TV on the ongoing Mahakumbh 2025 in Prayagraj. He highlighted the civilizational and cultural context, scale of the event and the massive preparations mounted by India in terms of security, infrastructure and public amenities. He conveyed that India is ready to receive over 400 million prospective participants and pilgrims during these 45 days.

विश्व हिन्दी दिवस की कार्यक्रम सूरीनाम में



विश्व हिन्दी दिवस के अवसर पर स्वामी विवेकानन्द सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र में कविता पाठ कार्यक्रम का आयोजन गया, जिसमें अनेक प्रतिभागियों ने भाग लिया। काव्य संध्या में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सूरीनाम की संसद के उप सभापति डॉ देवान चन्द्र बोस शरमन उपस्थित रहे। उन्होंने कहा कि हिन्दी भाषा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सामूहिक प्रयास करने पर बल दिया और नई पीढ़ियों को हिंदी से अवगत कराने के लिए अभिभावकों को सचेत किया।

इस अवसर पर भारत के राजदूत सुभाष गुप्ता ने प्रधानमंत्री जी के विश्व हिंदी दिवस के अवसर पर दिए गए संदेश को हिंदी प्रेमियों से साझा किया और कुछ कविताओं का पाठ भी किया। साथ ही साथ लोगों को प्रयागराज में आयोजित होने वाले महाकुंभ के लिए आमंत्रित भी किया।

इस काव्य संध्या में २० से अधिक प्रतिभागियों ने कविता का पाठ कर दर्शकों को मुग्ध किया। प्रतिभागियों को धनराशि पुरस्कार स्वरूप प्रदान कर उन्हें प्रोत्साहित किया गया।



Amb. Subhash Gupta participated in the 2nd 'Doing Business Suriname-India Meet' at the AFSA organized by the Department of International Business and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation Suriname and the Presidential Steering Group on India. Ambassador made a presentation focused on the potentials, bottlenecks and way forward in order to promoting business and investment between India and Suriname.

A delegation from the Foundation for Forest Management and Forest Supervision of Suriname paid a visit to the Embassy on 15 January and met with the Ambassador. Apart from matters of wood exports from Suriname, capacity building and sharing of best practices in the field of forest resources management were discussed.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta attended the 16th Self Reliance Trefossa lecture in Paramaribo by The H.E Miss. Mia Amor Motley, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Barbados. Seized the opportunity to have a brief exchange on the ongoing bilateral matters of mutual interest.

The Chairman and Secretary of the Landbouw Coöperatie Kwatta called on Ambassador to discuss how to improve business in agricultural inputs and machinery between India and Suriname. Ambassador briefed them on the prospects and various technologies available in India and agreed for all possible facilitation and encouraged them to visit India to meet with relevant Indian companies and stakeholders.





An evening of India classical Kathak dances was performed by cultural troupe from India led by Dr. Samiksha Sharma at three different locations in Suriname. The locations were Shri Krishna Mandir in Paramaribo on 21 January 2025, the Express Hall (Oost West Verbinding Meerzorg) in Commewijne on 22 January and Swami Vivekanand Culture Centre in Paramaribo on 23 January 2025. The cultural troupe was sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. The Kathak Dance as well as musical performance enthralled the audiences with their mesmerizing performances.



A view in India's Foreign Service

The participants of the 81st edition of the Know India Programme (KIP) were welcomed by the Ministry of External Affairs of India with an Immersion programme at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS). Dean of the SSIFS, Raj Srivastava, briefed the participants on “Bharat & its Foreign Policy Initiatives in the Spirit of Vishwa-Bandhu”. A deep dive into India's global outreach & diplomatic vision. two participants of Suriname were part of the 81 KIP.



A Kathak Workshop was held on 22 January 2025 in the afternoon at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Paramaribo under guidance of Kathak guru Dr. Samiksha Sharma.



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