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Strengthening friendship with Suriname!

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with the President of Suriname, H.E. Chandrikapersad Santokhi on 20 November 2024 in Georgetown.

The leaders reviewed bilateral relations in sectors such as trade, technology, energy, telemedicine and more. They also discussed ways to further improve cultural as well as people to people ties.

India will keep supporting various development related initiatives in Suriname.

Prime Minister addresses G-20 session on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the session of the G 20 Summit on Sustainable Development and Energy Transition. Prime Minister noted that during the New Delhi G 20 Summit, the group had resolved to triple renewable energy capacity and double the energy efficiency rate by 2030. He welcomed Brazil's decision to take forward these sustainable development priorities.

Prime Minister elaborated on the steps taken by India to foster sustainable development. He stated that India had provided housing to 40 million families in the last ten years; 120 million households with clean drinking water in the last five years; 100 million families with clean cooking fuel and 115 million families with toilets.



Ambassador meets Vice President Brunswijk



Ambassador Subhash Gupta paid a courtesy call on and held a discussion with the Vice President of Suriname, H.E. Ronnie Brunswijk, covering a wide range of matters of bilateral cooperation.

Vice President Brunswijk assured the Ambassador of his support in advancing the bilateral ties between India and Suriname.

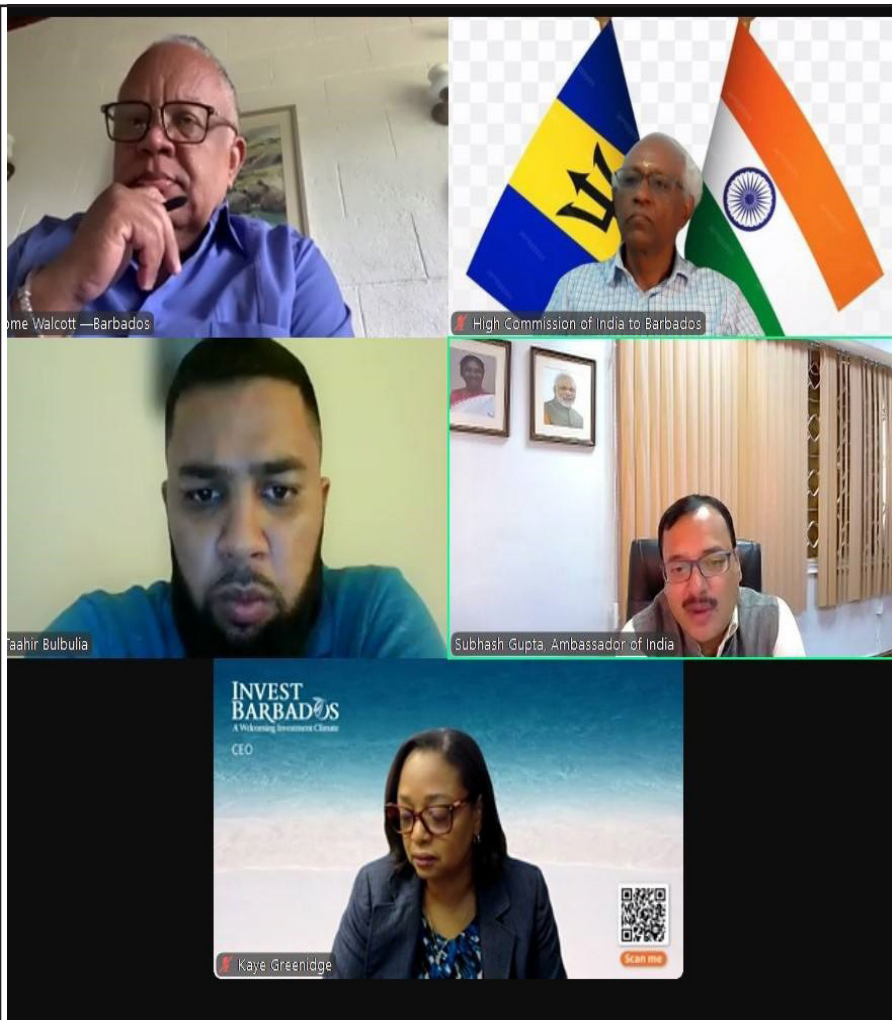
The meeting took place on 13 November 2024 at the office of the Vice President of Suriname.



Ambassador visits Alpha Max Academy

Ambassador Subhash Gupta visited the Alpha Max Academy, an international school in Paramaribo on 8 November and presented some books for setting up an "India Corner" in the school library. He also garlanded the bust of Gurudev Tagore located in the school premises.





Embassy organised a DVC with Dr. The Most Honourable Jerome Walcott, Minister of Health and Wellness of Barbados on 7 November 2024. High Commissioner designate highlighted the potential healthcare collaborations with India. The discussion covered a wide array of subjects, including collaboration and partnership in the pharmaceutical industry, acceptance of Indian Pharmacopoeia, replication of affordable medicine schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana in the partner country through agreement, and the trade of medical machinery to improve healthcare infrastructure. Key points also included addressing labor migration and healthcare worker support, the use of mobile hospitals like the BHISHM Cube for remote areas, access to diabetes and hemodialysis machines, sharing of technology in cancer treatment and radiotherapy, and the potential for sea ambulance services to improve emergency response in island nation.



UN Resident Coordinator Ms. Joanna Kazan resident in Port of Spain called on Amb. Subhash Gupta yesterday. Discussions covered various UN projects in Suriname as well as about the India-UNDP funded projects.



Members of the Indian Diaspora community along with Officials of the Embassy of India and SVCC witnessed live stream of the joint launch of the website for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas- 2025 (#PBD) by EAM Dr S. Jaishankar & Chief Minister of Odisha organized at Swami Vivekanand Cultural Centre on 12 November 2024.

Embassy conducts Open House



On 12 November an Open House on Consular and Community matters was conducted at SVCC. Ambassador Subhash Gupta along with Second Secretary (Cons) Prem Selwal and Officials of the Embassy addressed the issues raised by the members of the Indian Diaspora Community and NRI's.

Advancing India-Suriname ties!



Fulfilling India's commitment to support Government of Suriname through supply of food grains and other edible items for their Social Welfare Programme. The 1st consignment of approx 425 MT left India for Paramaribo on 16 November 2024.



PM Narendra Modi met PM Philip J Pierre of St. Lucia on the margins of the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit.

Both sides exchanged views on cooperation in the fields of capacity building, education, health, cricket, and yoga and stressed the need to further reinforce bilateral relations.

PM Pierre thanked PM Modi for the 7 point CARICOM plan.



PM Narendra Modi and PM Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados met on the margins of the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit in Georgetown.

During the meeting, Prime Minister of Barbados announced the decision of her government to confer on the Prime Minister the Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados Award, recognizing his leadership in assisting Barbados during the Covid 19 pandemic and commitment to India-Barbados ties. The award will be bestowed on 30 Nov 2024 in Barbados.

This high-level engagement provided an opportunity for both leaders to reaffirm and strengthen the India-Barbados relationship, while reviewing ongoing cooperation across several key areas, including health & pharma and collaboration at the United Nations.



High Commissioner presents his letter of credence in Barbados



High Commissioner Subhash P. Gupta presented his letter of credence to H.E. Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, FB, GCMG, DD, SC,LLD and the President of Barbados at the State House in Bridgetown followed by a Tete-a-tete with the President. HC conveyed the greetings of Indian leadership, and his commitment to further strengthen, deepen and expand the cordial relations between India-Barbados.

75th Constitution Day commemorated in Paramaribo



On the occasion of 75th Constitution Day a short documentary film was screened at SVCC followed by Ambassador's remarks on salient feature of Constitution of India.

The Embassy officials and staffs led by Ambassador Subhash Gupta read out the Preamble of the Constitution of India and took a pledge to promote the values enshrined in the Constitution.

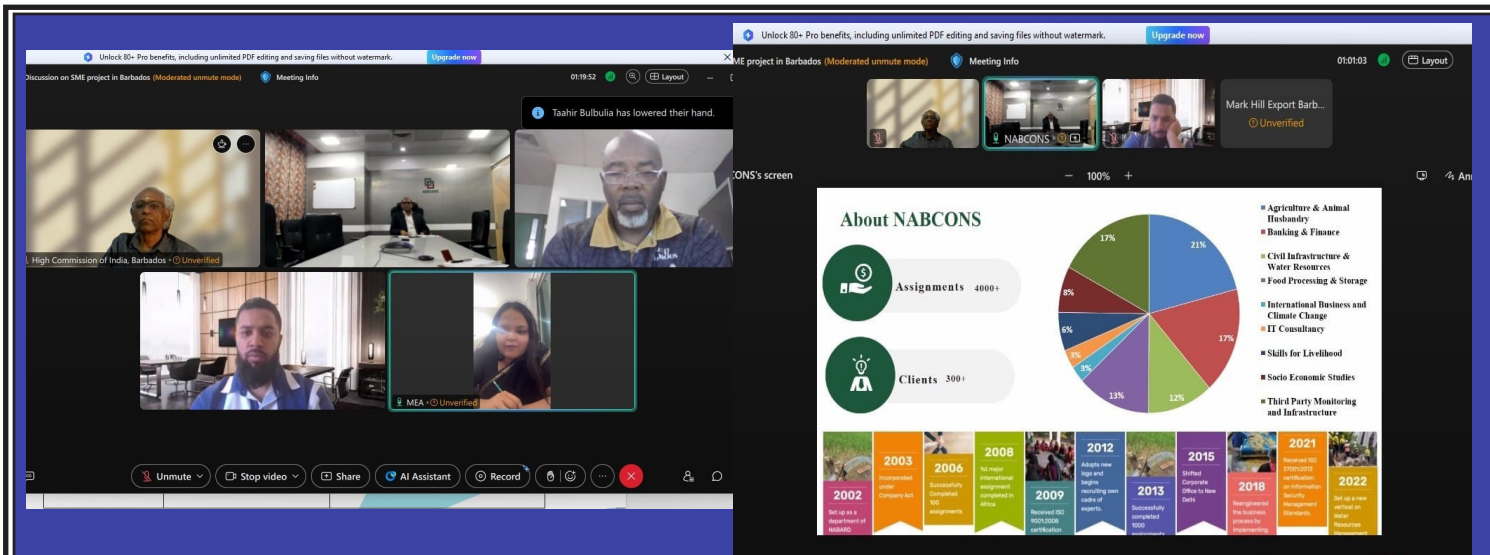
High Commissioner calls on PM Mottley



Indian High Commissioner to Barbados resident in Paramaribo, Subhash Gupta called on the Prime Minister of Barbados Hon. Miss Mia Amor Mottley and had a fruitful discussion covering wide range of matters of mutual interest on 29 November 2024. PM of Barbados expressed satisfaction on her meeting with PM Modi on the sidelines of recently held India-Caricom Summit in Georgetown and conveyed Barbados interest in further diversifying ties with India. High Commissioner conveyed that he would also ensure that bilateral relations grow from strength to strength.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta had an interaction with the members of Indian Community residing in Suriname at Bharat Bhawan in Paramaribo on 14 November 2024.

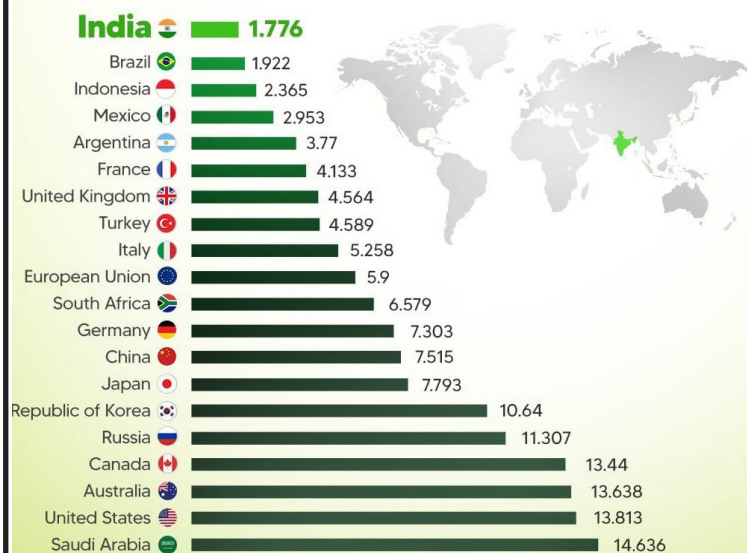


On November 27, 2024, Embassy organised a virtual meeting with Barbados relating to the SME development proposed under GoI grant funding. NABCONS (NABARD Consultancy) COO Dr. Haragopal Yandra, and CEO of Export Barbados, along with Ms. Simran, US (DPA-III) from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), and Mr. S. Ramji, Second Secretary participated in the discussions. The meeting focused on Barbados proposal for supply of machinery from India for small and medium enterprises sector in Barbados.

G20's Green Leader

India has the Lowest per capita emissions among the G20!

Per Capita CO₂ Emission (In Million Tonnes)



Hindi voor Beginners

Start op 21 November 2024

Elke donderdag van 5 tot 6 PM

Voor meer informatie belt u naar SVCC op 499538
Mevr. Schneiders-Howardstraat 21, Paramaribo



Ms. Wiraisha Doerga, a Know India Programme (KIP) participant from Suriname, attended a pre-departure orientation session before her departure for a three-week tour of India from 24th November to 13th December 2024 at the Embassy. The Embassy extended its best wishes to her a pleasant stay in India!



CARICOM India Summit

20 November 2024 | Georgetown, Guyana



PM Modi with CARICOM leaders at the 2nd India-CARICOM Summit in Guyana.

This Summit reflects our shared commitment to strengthening ties with the Caribbean nations, fostering cooperation across diverse sectors.

Ambassador Subhash Gupta visited District Commissariaat Nickerie on 23 November 2024 and discussed with DC Senrita Gobardhan about possibility of organizing a Consular Camp and a Cultural and Tourism promotion event around the middle of December 2024 in Nickerie in collaboration with the B.I.C- Nickerie for the Indian Diaspora community.



Ambassador Subhash Gupta attended the 555th Prakash Parab, the Birth Anniversary Celebration of Guru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj at Mata Gauri temple in Paramaribo on 15 November 2024. He highlighted the salient contribution and spiritual legacy of Guru Nanak ji in his remarks.



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