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Subject: India and Saint Lucia sign MoU on Pharmacopoeia Cooperation to strengthen health cooperation

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the Republic of India, and the Government of Saint Lucia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Pharmacopoeial Cooperation today, 8 October 2026, at Castries. The MoU was signed by H.E. Hon. Moses Jn Baptiste, Minister for Health, Wellness and Nutrition, on behalf of the Government of Saint Lucia and H.E. Mr. Subhash P. Gupta, High Commissioner of India to Saint Lucia with residence in Paramaribo, Suriname, on behalf of the IPC.

2. The MoU is a step toward enhancing pharmaceutical standards and bilateral health collaboration. It underscores the commitment of both countries to advancing public health through shared expertise and regulatory alignment, as part of India's broader commitment to CARICOM in extending health cooperation, alongside several initiatives announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister H.E. Shri Narendra Modi.

3. Under the MoU, Saint Lucia will accept the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) as a book of standards for medicines manufactured and/or imported in Saint Lucia, that would streamline the procurement and research in the medicine sector. The MoU also presents an opportunity to replicate in Saint Lucia a scheme similar to India's Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP), providing affordable medicines to the people of the country through dedicated outlets.

4. This initiative aligns with the Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam "the world is one family" fostering global unity in health and well-being: One World, One Health.

A few photographs of the event are enclosed.

