



Ambassador's remarks on the occasion of handing over SME facilities in SVG

[Langley Park, 10 July 2026]

Namaskar and Good afternoon

Your Excellency Honourable Israel Bruce, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Transformation

H.E. Honourable Shevern John, Member of Parliament for North Windward and Minister of Social Welfare and Community Empowerment, Disaster Management, and National Heritage, Members of the business community, Senior Officers from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Members of the Press,

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is a pleasure for me today, to join all of you for the inauguration of this Micro & Small Enterprises development project concerning leafy vegetable and root crop processing and packaging facility. Inspired by the vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the holistic development and development for All, Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India, Excellency Dr. S. Jaishankar had the honour to announce this project during India-COFCOR Ministerial meeting in April 2023. The one million US Dollar project was not exclusive to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines but every Caribbean country was offered the opportunity to benefit.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines expressed desire for development of food processing and packaging facility and accordingly the Government of India going by the priority of the partner country, undertook the delivery of processing machinery and installation at three sites namely Langley, Laundlers and La Croix region. The idea of the project is to empower local Micro and Small enterprise in learning management and gaining experience while also earning profits for the country. It is also to indirectly create opportunities for local farmers and empowering rural women who play important role in the economic development.

Our cooperation is human-centric, it reflects the priorities of the people and the Government of the partner countries. Over the years our two countries have collaborated in several areas of interest, which directly impact the lives of the people. This morning, I have handed over a community related Quick Impact Project and similarly other three projects are ongoing.

Ladies and Gentleman,

India with cooperation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Government, is working to implement the commitments made during 2024 India-CARICOM Summit. Those includes India sponsored projects covering Health, Energy, Sports, Capacity Building, Agriculture, and Technology. Our cooperation is already yielding results in education and capacity building.

Once again, I am very honored today, to join this ceremony in the presence of so many distinguished members. I am confident that we will work together to take our partnership to greater heights.
