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CELEBRATING BOTH "INCREDIBLE INDIA" AND "INCREDIBLE INDIANS - H.E. MR. HAYMANDOYAL DILLUM



A member of the 77th KIP delegation sharing his experience with esteemed diplomats during an interaction session

On 12 September 2024 at Malaviya Smriti Bhawan, Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (DRRC) – Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) hosted an interactive session for the 39 participants of the 77th KIP batch from 15 countries namely- Denmark, Fiji, Guyana, Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Suriname, South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, USA and Zimbabwe.

The opening remarks delivered by Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary of ARSP, provided a comprehensive overview of the organization's mission, historical significance, and ongoing activities to foster connections with the Indian diaspora. His emphasis on dialogue, understanding, and collaboration is a

foundation for the organization's future initiatives, reaffirming its commitment to promoting international cooperation.

Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP, expressed gratitude to the attendees in his welcome address, encouraging them to engage with one another and share their experiences. He reiterated the pride in the Indian diaspora's achievements and their integral role in fostering community ties within and outside India. His address resonated with themes of unity, cultural pride, and social responsibility, embodying the spirit of the Indian diaspora.

Shri Balkrishna A. Kumbhar ASO (DE), MEA - highlighting KIP's role in connecting the Indian diaspora with

their roots. He emphasized the significant contributions of over 35 million people of Indian origin globally, noting the \$107 billion in remittances received by India in 2023. The KIP aims to instill pride and belonging among youth while fostering stronger ties between India and its diaspora. He thanked participants for their engagement and encouraged them to uphold India's legacy abroad.

Shri Mukesh Aggarwal, Vice President of ARSP, addressed the delegates, reflecting on his 36 years of visiting the Mauritius island. He emphasized pride in Indian heritage, cultural identity, and Bollywood's influence. Discussing social issues like gender equality, he encouraged

community engagement and religious harmony. Aggarwal highlighted the importance of youth participation in politics and opportunities for innovation in India. He urged attendees to become ambassadors of Indian culture and wished them success in their future endeavors.

The workshop led by Miss Komal Chhikara explored Mahatma Gandhi's legacy, particularly regarding the Indian diaspora. It highlighted his early life in Gujarat, education in London, and experiences of racial discrimination in South Africa, which shaped his

philosophy of Satyagraha and non-violence. Gandhi's influence extended to countries like Mauritius, Fiji, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guyana, inspiring local leaders to advocate for rights and equality. The session concluded with discussions on various statues and memorials honoring Gandhi worldwide, emphasizing the continued relevance of his teachings on social justice and unity in today's global community.

Dr. Anver Hamdani, Minister Counsellor at the Sri Lankan High Commission in New Delhi, emphasized the deep historical and cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka. He highlighted the importance of mutual understanding and respect in fostering enduring relationships, stating that connection comes from active engagement rather than just learning. Dr. Hamdani called for collaboration to build a peaceful future and suggested establishing an information technology campus. He expressed gratitude for the contributions of attendees to Sri Lankan tourism and encouraged ongoing dialogue to strengthen the bond between the two nations.

Mrs. Sophia Hope T. Chimba, Tourism Attache, Embassy of the Republic of Zimbabwe, New Delhi, highlighted the deep historical ties between the two nations dating back to the 15th century. She emphasized cultural similarities, particularly a shared love for cricket and values in child-rearing. Mrs. Sophia acknowledged India's vital economic support for Zimbabwe, especially in health, information and communication technology (ICT), and education, with around 5,000 Zimbabwean students studying in India. She urged the audience to visit Zimbabwe to experience its culture and natural wonders, stressing the

role of tourism in promoting peace and understanding amidst global conflicts.

In her address, Ms. Sandiyakoemari Mangre, Commercial Attache, Embassy of the Republic of Suriname, New Delhi, emphasized the significance of cultural connections among the Indian diaspora. She reflected on the historical journey of Indians to various countries and the shared experiences that bond them. Celebrating her heritage, she encouraged attendees to share their stories and knowledge about India beyond media portrayals. Ms. Kumari also shared her journey of visiting India and expressed pride in representing her culture. She urged delegates to stay connected and promote cultural exchange within their communities.

H. E. Mr. Jagannath Sami, High Commissioner, High Commission of the Republic of Fiji, New Delhi, delivered a thought-provoking speech emphasizing cultural unity and global responsibility. He shared personal stories about his political journey and highlighted the historical significance of Indian migration to Fiji, which fostered the "Jahaji Bhai" identity. Mr. Sami urged the younger generation to lead efforts against climate change, stressing that Pacific islands face existential threats they did not create. He called for collective action and cultural exchange, inspiring attendees to learn from India's sustainable practices and work together to protect the environment and build a global community.

Chair of the session H.E. Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner, High Commission of

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76th Know India Programme



Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (DRRC) - Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) organized a felicitation and engagement program on 03 September 2024 at Pravasi Bhavan. The 76th Delegation comprised 36 participants from 7 countries: Fiji, Mauritius, Myanmar, Trinidad and Tobago, South Africa, Suriname, and Guyana.

In the opening remarks, Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP, discussed the history of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) and its efforts to connect with the Indian diaspora since 1968. He highlighted the organization's early challenges, core activities and the establishment of the Diaspora Research and Resource Center to strengthen research and youth engagement.

In the welcome address, Ambassador Virendra Gupta, President of ARSP, emphasized the importance of maintaining emotional and cultural ties with the Indian diaspora. Ambassador Gupta highlighted examples of strong cultural preservation within diaspora communities, particularly in Trinidad, Guyana and Mauritius. He said the relationship with the diaspora is not transactional but rooted in shared pride and belonging. He encouraged the delegates to make their visit the foundation for long-term connections

with India.

H. E. Mr. Arunkoemar Hardien, Ambassador, Republic of Suriname - commended the Government of India for its continued support and expansion of the Know India Program, particularly in its engagement with the Indian diaspora. He suggested creating a dedicated platform for KIP participants to share their experiences and ideas upon returning to their home countries, fostering future bilateral relations. Mr. Hardien encouraged participants to use their experiences to build stronger ties between their countries and India. He highlighted the importance of cultural diplomacy and international cooperation in shaping future relations.

H. E. Shri Jagannath Sami, High Commissioner, Republic of Fiji - reflected on the significance of Ramayana and Mahabharata for the Indian diaspora in Fiji, emphasizing how these texts provided strength to early migrants during their challenging journey across the seas. Shri Sami shared an inspiring story about the laborers who became "Jahaji Bhai," transcending caste and religious divides through shared experiences. He praised the Indian government for providing opportunities for the diaspora to

reconnect with their roots. He emphasized the need for solidarity among diverse religious groups in Fiji, reflecting on the collaborative efforts of Hindus, Muslims and Christians in building a multicultural society.

Mr. Keshav Tiwari, Second Secretary, High Commission of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, underscored the importance of understanding cultural heritage and economic opportunities. Mr. Tiwari encouraged KIP delegates to immersion in Indian culture, citing influential figures of Indian descent from Guyana, such as Cheddi Jagan and Sir Sridhar Ramphal, who shaped the nation's identity. He discussed India's rapid economic growth and the 47% growth rate of Guyana. He urged participants to continue their engagement with culture, taking it as a lifelong journey. Mr. Abhijit Mitra, Section Officer (Diaspora Engagement) at the Ministry of External Affairs, Gol -said the Know India Program (KIP) significantly connects Indian diaspora youth with India's cultural heritage. He emphasized the role of the diaspora in global innovation, politics, and economic development. He encouraged participants to become "brand ambassadors" for Indian culture and strengthen bilateral relations between India and their adopted countries.

An interactive workshop was held with KIP delegates. Miss Komal Chhikara conducted a session on 'Identity, Tradition, and Celebration: Insights into Indian Festivals', and Miss Priyanka Sharma presented on 'Bhartiya History and Leadership.'

Miss Chhikara gives a comprehensive overview of Indian festivals celebrated across India in a year. She emphasized the ideas and meanings behind these celebrations. Her presentation showcases India's diversity, unity, and rich traditions. She noted that the festivals are a testament to India's multifaceted culture, bringing people together from different regions, faiths, and backgrounds. The festivals reflect India's deep spiritual roots and the joy of life, making every month a new celebration.

Miss Priyanka – focuses on viewing the Indian epic 'Ramayana' as history, not mythology, taking the example of King Dashratha's integrity and Rama's vow of monogamy, showing their relevance to leadership and governance today. Priyanka also discussed Hanuman's diplomatic skills as an example of "smart power."



Concluding with reflections on personal growth, she encouraged the audience to view 'Ramayana' as a historical and cultural guide that continues to inspire globally.

Interaction with KIP Delegates: - Participants from various countries shared their experiences of the 76th Know India Program (KIP), expressing gratitude for reconnecting with their cultural roots and learning about India's rich history, heritage, and technological advancements. They highlighted memorable visits, including the Taj Mahal, ISRO, and cultural festivals. Their experiences reflected a profound sense of connection, personal growth, and

admiration for India's achievements. In concluding remarks, Shri Narayan Kumar, Honorary Director, ARSP, emphasized the deep connection between India and its global diaspora, reflecting on the cultural and historical journey of Indians across the world. He highlighted the importance of preserving language, particularly Hindi, as the key to maintaining cultural identity. Shri Kumar discussed Mahatma Gandhi's legacy and the global influence of 'Satyagraha'. He urged delegates to embrace their heritage through education and cultural preservation, positioning them as cultural ambassadors for India around the world. ■

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the Republic of Mauritius, New Delhi, delivered concluding remarks emphasizing the importance of cultural connections between India and the diaspora. He reflected on his experience in the program and encouraged the younger generation to appreciate their shared history. Mr. Dillum highlighted the strong ties between Mauritius and India, noting economic and cultural agreements. He praised the successful integration of participants and called for collaboration among the Indian diaspora. In closing, he encouraged

attendees to become ambassadors of their experiences, celebrating both "incredible India" and "incredible Indians."

During the interaction session, delegates expressed that the KIP program has provided us with transformative experiences in diverse fields. The delegates expressed gratitude, highlighting India's rich culture, technological advancements, and gender equality efforts while feeling a strong connection to the country's history.

They shared insights about the unique identity shaped by Indian heritage, emphasizing cultural differences and historical connections. They celebrated the friendships formed during the program, underscoring the impact of cross-cultural exchanges in fostering understanding and appreciation for India's rich diversity. Their reflections highlight the program's success in creating lasting bonds and enriching perspectives among participants. ■

THE LABOUR PARTY WON THE MAURITIUS ELECTION, MARKING A SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL SHIFT

In a stunning political shift, Mauritius' opposition coalition has secured a decisive victory in the country's parliamentary elections. Sweeping all 62 contested seats effectively ended Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth's tenure. The opposition Alliance for Change, led by former Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam, will now take control of the island nation's government.

Results released throughout showed that the governing Militant Socialist Movement (MSM) coalition failed to win a single seat, with the opposition securing wins across all 21 constituencies. Prime Minister Jugnauth, who had been in office since 2017, conceded defeat early in the day, acknowledging the overwhelming defeat of his government.

"The population has decided to choose another team," Jugnauth said in a brief statement. "I wish good luck to the country." The MSM's loss follows allegations of corruption involving leaked recordings of politicians and business figures, which had severely damaged the government's credibility.

Ramgoolam, who served as prime minister from 1995 to 2000 and again from 2005 to 2014, is poised to return to power. Official results, including seats from Rodrigues Island, are expected by Tuesday. Mauritius, a stable democracy and growing economy in the Indian Ocean, has held regular elections since its independence in 1968.

Newly elected Cabinet Ministers

1. Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam - **Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Minister of Finance**
2. Paul Berenger - **Deputy Prime Minister & Minister without**



An election rally was held in the Mauritian capital, Port Louis

Portfolio

3. Shakeel Mohamed - Minister of Housing and Lands
4. Rajesh Bhagwan - Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
5. Arvin Boolell - Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries
6. Ajay Gunness - Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development
7. Anil Bachoo - Minister of Health and Wellness
8. Richard Duval - Minister of Tourism & Leisure
9. Ashok Subron - Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity
10. Jyoti Jeetun - Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning
11. Patrick Assirvaden - Minister of Energy and Public Utilities
12. Ritish Ramful - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
13. Reza Uteem - Minister of Labour & Industrial Relations
14. Osman Mohamed - Minister of Land Transport
15. Arriane Navarre Marie - Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare
16. Deven Nagalingum - Minister of Youth & Sport
17. Michael Sik Yuen - Minister of Commerce & Consumer Protection
18. Dr. Kaviraj Sukon - Minister of Tertiary Education, Science & Research
19. Adil Ameer Meea - Minister of

Industry, SME & Cooperatives
20. Mahen Gungaparsad - Minister of Education and Human Resource
21. Avinash Ramtohol - Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation
22. Raj Pentiah - Minister of Public Service, and administrative reforms
23. Ranjiv Wochit - Minister of Local Government
24. Mahen Goondeea - Minister of Arts and Culture
25. Gavin Glover - Attorney General

PTR-5 Junior Minister

26. Dhanesh Damry - Junior Minister of Finance
27. Joana Berenger - Junior Minister of Environment
28. Fabrice David - Junior Minister of Agro Industry
29. Karen Fook Yune - Junior Minister of Sports
30. Sydney Pierre - Junior Minister of Tourism
31. Fawzi Allymun - Junior Minister of Local Government
32. Stephanie Anquetil - Junior Minister of Energy and Public Utilities
33. Rajen Narsinghen - Junior Minister of Foreign Affairs
34. Khushal Lobine - Junior Minister of Education
35. Kugan Parapen - Junior Minister of Social Integration:
36. Chief Whip - Anishta Babooram

STRENGTHENING US-INDIA TIES: INDIA WILL OPEN NEW CONSULATES IN BOSTON AND LOS ANGELES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that India will open new consulates in Boston and Los Angeles to meet the demands of the Indian American community. This decision was made on September 22 during an event for Indian Americans in New York.

The new consulates aim to strengthen the growing relationship between India and the United States in trade, technology, and culture. Boston is known for its top universities like Harvard and MIT, attracting many Indian students, while Los Angeles is famous for its entertainment industry and diverse Indian American population.

Gunjan Bagla, CEO of Amritt Inc., praised the decision, saying it shows the Modi government's responsiveness to the needs of Indian Americans. Currently, India has six consulates in the U.S. and an



embassy in Washington, D.C. The new consulates will provide services like passport and visa assistance, making it easier for Indian nationals in the western and northeastern U.S. to access help. With over 5.4 million people of Indian

origin in the U.S., these consulates will enhance cultural exchanges and support the growing Indian community. They are expected to open by the end of next year, marking an important step in India's diplomatic efforts in America.

INDIAN DIASPORA MARKS GANESHOTSAV CELEBRATIONS IN ENGLAND, USA, NIGERIA, AND JAPAN

The spirit of Ganeshotsav was celebrated by Indian communities around the world, including in England, the USA, Australia, and Nigeria, where traditions were honored despite being far from home.

In Birmingham, England, the Marathi Mitra Mandal organized a lively celebration at the Shirley Community Centre. A colorful procession of Lord Ganesha featured the lively beats of dhol-tasha, led by the 'Dhol Drums' group. Sujata Mathur led the Ganesh puja, while the children enjoyed a painting activity. A delicious Maharashtrian feast, including aamras puri, was served as Mahaprasad.

In Nigeria, the Maharashtra Mandal

Residents Association celebrated in Lagos with a stunning 18-foot replica of the Ram Mandir, marking the temple's inauguration. Local artist Charles sculpted the Ganesha idol, with key organizers like Girish Jaykar and others ensuring a successful event.

The Houston Maharashtra Mandal in the USA saw over 1,000 attendees enjoying traditional music, dance, and a beautiful aarti led by president Nital Adkar and vice-president Trupti Nag.

In Swindon, England, a public



In Swindon, England, the Swindon Mitra Mandal and Swindon Hindu Temple collaboratively organized a public Ganeshotsav

Ganeshotsav included a dhol-tasha procession and cultural performances, attended by local dignitaries. Meanwhile, Yokohama, Japan, hosted a three-day festival filled with cultural activities, including a grand procession and performances, creating a joyful atmosphere.

PRESIDENT ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE'S ALLIANCE TRIUMPHS IN HISTORIC LANDSLIDE VICTORY

In a monumental shift in Sri Lanka's political landscape, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's ruling alliance, the National People's Power (NPP), secured a decisive victory in the general elections held on November 14. The results, officially announced on Friday, shattered the records of past powerful governments and marked a historic breakthrough for the NPP in regions predominantly inhabited by the island's ethnic minorities, including the north, east, and hill country.

The NPP's victory was overwhelming, with the party winning 159 of the 225 seats in the House, granting them a formidable two-thirds majority. This unprecedented win positions President Dissanayake with the legislative power needed to pursue bold political and economic reforms. The Opposition, led by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), managed to secure just 40 seats. The once-dominant Sri Lanka Podujana

Peramuna (SLPP), led by the Rajapaksa family, suffered a historic defeat, plunging from 145 seats in the 2020 elections to only three seats this time around.

A striking feature of this election was the NPP's significant gains across the island, especially its success in the north and east, areas traditionally influenced by Tamil and Muslim communities. In Jaffna, the NPP won three out of six seats, becoming the first major southern party to challenge and defeat established northern Tamil political forces, such as the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK). This development has upended historical perceptions of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), the NPP's primary constituent, which was long viewed as an "anti-Tamil rights" entity due to its staunch opposition in the 1980s to Tamil self-rule and the merger of the northern and eastern provinces.



Anura Kumara Dissanayake, leader of the National People's Power (NPP) party

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NEW UK OPPOSITION LEADER PICKS PRITI PATEL AS HER SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY

Gujarati-origin Patel (52) was one of the early contenders who went head-to-head in the race to replace Rishi Sunak as Tory chief and Leader of the Opposition.

Priti Patel has been appointed as shadow foreign secretary by Kemi Badenoch, the newly elected leader of the Conservative Party. Patel, a former British Indian home secretary, was one of the early contenders in the race to replace Rishi Sunak as Tory leader and Leader of the Opposition. In her new role, Patel will face off against Labour's Foreign Secretary David Lammy in parliamentary debates.

Badenoch's shadow cabinet appointments, including Robert Jenrick as shadow justice secretary and Mel Stride as shadow chancellor, are seen as efforts to unite a divided

Conservative Party. Patel expressed her support for Badenoch on social media, congratulating her on the leadership win and pledging to help hold the Labour government accountable. She also vowed to promote a Conservative vision for the country's future.

Patel, who was made a Dame in Boris Johnson's resignation honors, has been on the Tory backbenches since Johnson departed from office in 2022. Badenoch, in assembling her team, is also preparing to challenge the government's controversial decision to increase university tuition fees, with Laura Trott appointed



Priti Patel

shadow education secretary to respond.

With only 121 MPs, Badenoch faces the challenge of allocating multiple shadow roles to her limited frontbench team.

DONALD TRUMP MAKES HISTORIC COMEBACK, WINS SECOND TERM

Former U.S. President Donald Trump made a strong comeback by winning a second term in office, defeating Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, to become the 47th President of the United States.

In a landmark development, six Indian-origin Americans have been elected to the U.S. Congress following the final phase of the 2024 presidential elections. This diverse group, informally dubbed the "Samosa Caucus," includes five re-elected Congress members: Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal, and Shri Thanedar. In addition, Suhas Subramanyam, a Democrat from Virginia, will make his debut in Congress.

Suhas Subramanyam, the incoming Congressman from Virginia, has a strong educational and professional background. A law graduate from Northwestern University, Subramanyam has served as a White House technology policy advisor during the Obama administration. His parents, both originally from India, emigrated in the 1970s with dreams of a better future in America. Subramanyam's election marks a

significant moment for Indian-American representation in Congress.

Ami Bera (California), a medical doctor, is the longest-serving Indian-American Congressman, with a tenure extending back to the 113th Congress. Known for his contributions to healthcare policy, Bera's leadership has made him a key figure in U.S. politics.

Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents Illinois, continues his fifth consecutive term after an impressive academic career at Princeton and Harvard. He holds the distinction of being the first South Asian American to lead a Congressional committee.

Ro Khanna (California), a strong advocate for workers' rights and pro-union policies, is set for a fourth term.

Pramila Jayapal, the first South Asian American woman in the U.S. House,



R O Khanna



Ami Bera



S. Raja Krishnamoorthi



Pramila Jayapal



Shri Thanedar



Suhas Subramanyam

has been a vocal advocate for immigration reform.

Shri Thanedar, representing Michigan, has overcome significant personal challenges, from working as a janitor to becoming a successful entrepreneur before entering public office.

Together, these leaders reflect the growing influence of Indian Americans in shaping U.S. political discourse.

UK'S FIRST TURBANED SIKH MP DHESI ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi, the first turbaned Sikh member of Parliament in Britain, has been chosen as the chairman of the Defence Committee. He was elected after a vote, receiving 320 out of 563 votes. His opponent, fellow Labour MP Derek Twigg, got 243 votes.

Dhesi expressed his happiness about the election, saying, "I am delighted to have been elected Chair of the Defence Committee. I would like to

thank my colleagues for placing their confidence in me." He highlighted the increasing threats the country faces and said he will work to ensure the nation is prepared for these challenges. Dhesi also mentioned he will be a voice for the Armed Forces and veterans, who play a vital role in keeping the country safe.

Former Indian MP Tarlochan Singh congratulated Dhesi, stating that his election as chair of such an important

committee shows the trust the UK Parliament and government have in his abilities. Singh, who is visiting the UK, emphasized the significance of Parliamentary Committees based on his own experience as an MP in India.



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PRIME MINISTER OF BHUTAN PARTICIPATED IN THE NDTV WORLD SUMMIT 2024 IN NEW DELHI, INDIA

H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay participated in the NDTV World Summit 2024 in New Delhi, India on 23 October 2024. The Prime Minister was accompanied by senior officials from the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Senior Managing Editor at NDTV, Prime Minister Tobgay shared insights on Gross National Happiness, the Gelephu Mindfulness City, the enduring Bhutan-India friendship and close people-to-people ties.

Minister Narendra Modi. The Prime Minister acknowledged the Government and people of India for their enduring goodwill and friendship, and reaffirmed Bhutan's commitment to further strengthening the special bond of mutual respect and cooperation between the two countries.

Prime Minister Tobgay spoke at the NDTV World Summit 2024. In conversation with Mr. Nikunj Garg,

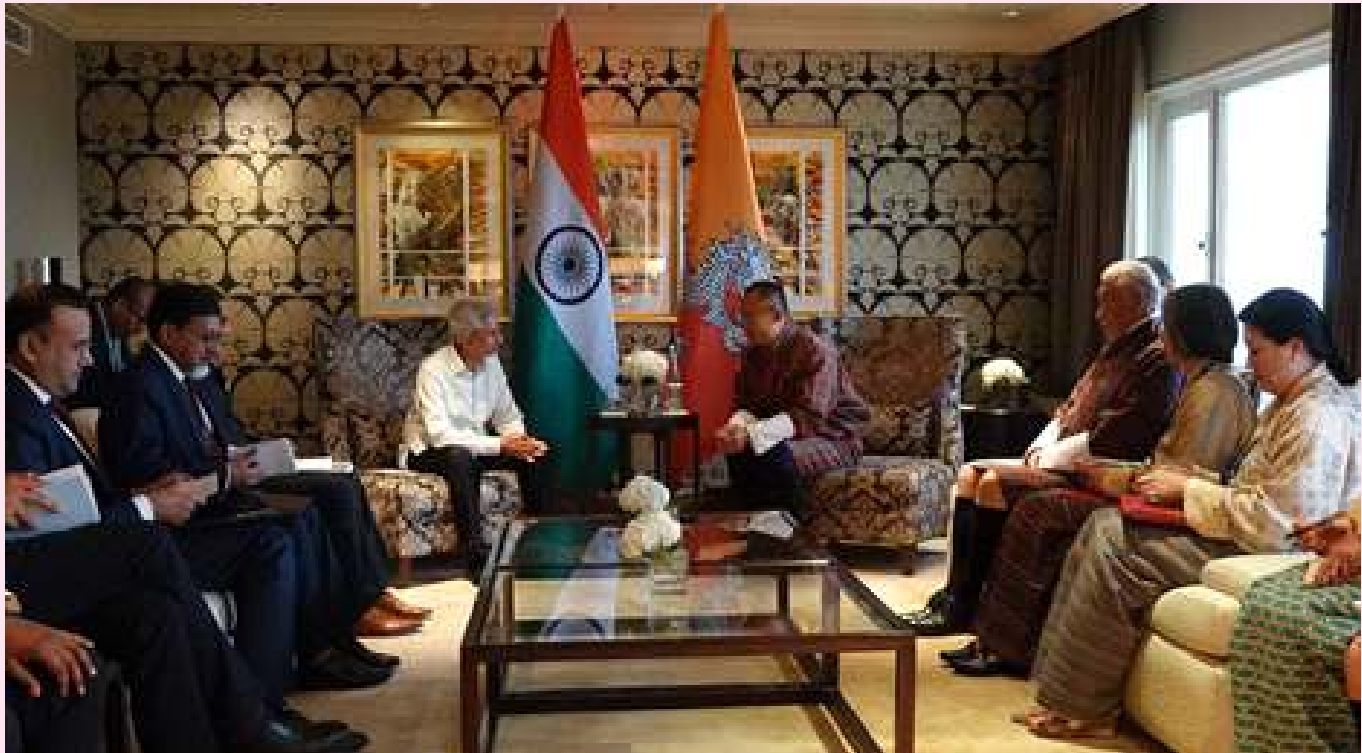
During the visit, Prime Minister Tobgay also met with his Indian counterpart, His Excellency Prime



Following the talk at the NDTV World Summit, Prime Minister Tobgay also met with H.E. Hardeep Singh Puri, India's Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas. They discussed key areas of cooperation in the energy sector to further strengthen partnership between the two countries.



Prime Minister Tobgay also met with India's Minister of External Affairs, H.E. Dr. S. Jaishankar, where they discussed areas of bilateral cooperation and explored avenues for regional collaboration, with a focus on shared priorities and future development.



Mr. Anurag Srivastava, Joint Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs of India, called on Hon'ble Prime Minister. They discussed areas of mutual interest and explored avenues to enhance cooperation between Bhutan and India.



‘पंजाबी प्रवासी कहानियाँ’ पुस्तक का लोकार्पण

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, डायस्पोरा रिसर्च एंड रिसोर्स सेंटर एवं वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में बुधवार, 04 सितम्बर 2024 को सायं 4:00 बजे उमंग सभागार, इंदिरा गाँधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र, दिल्ली में ‘पंजाबी प्रवासी कहानियाँ’ का लोकार्पण का कार्यक्रम किया गया। इस पुस्तक का संपादन अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के सचिव श्री गोपाल अरोड़ा ने किया है। पंजाबी से हिंदी में अनुवाद डॉ. जसविंदर कौर बिंद्रा ने किया है। यह पुस्तक प्रभात प्रकाशन, नई दिल्ली से प्रकाशित है।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत प्रभात कुमार के वक्तव्य से हुई। उन्होंने इस पुस्तक को प्रवासी साहित्य को समृद्ध करने वाली पुस्तक कहा। उन्होंने प्रवासी साहित्य को आगे ले जाने हेतु पुस्तकों के प्रकाशन में हर सम्भव सहयोग देने का आश्वासन दिया। डॉ. शैलजा, सहायक प्राध्यापक, गुरु नानक देव खालसा कॉलेज, दिल्ली ने इस अनुवाद की उपलब्धियों एवं इस संग्रह की कहानियों की विशिष्टताओं को रेखांकित किया। डॉ. मनीषा, सहायक प्राध्यापक, माता सुंदरी कॉलेज, दिल्ली ने इस पुस्तक को लेकर समीक्षात्मक वक्तव्य दिए। उन्होंने इसके अनुवाद की सराहना की।

मुख्य अतिथि डॉ. मनमोहन, पूर्व आई.पी.एस. व वरिष्ठ पंजाबी साहित्यकार ने युगीन संदर्भ में मितते समय और दूरी को लेकर अपनी बात की शुरुआत की। उन्होंने पंजाबी प्रवासी के इतिहास को याद करते हुए कहा कि पहले और अब के प्रवास में बहुत अंतर आ गया है। पहले का प्रवास मजबूरी का प्रवास होता था, जबकि आज का प्रवास चुनाव का प्रवास है। आने वाले समय में एक अलग प्रकार की समस्या होगी। मुख्य अतिथि डॉ. रेणुका सिंह, अध्यक्ष, पंजाबी लेखिका का वक्तव्य पुस्तक के समाजशास्त्रीय विश्लेषण पर आधारित था। प्रवासियों को आरम्भ में रहने की समस्या, वहाँ के संस्कृति में घुलने की समस्या, अपने को व्यवस्थित करने की समस्या से सामना करना पड़ता है, और अंत में उस समाज में अपने को समाहित करने को लेकर जद्दोजहद करना होता है। बाद में संस्कृतियों की मिलावट होती है। एक-दूसरे से ग्रहण करना, एक-दूसरे को प्रभावित करने की बारी आती है। इसी प्रक्रिया में ग्लोबल चाइल्ड का जन्म होता है, जो अपने को किसी परिस्थिति में ढाल सकता है।

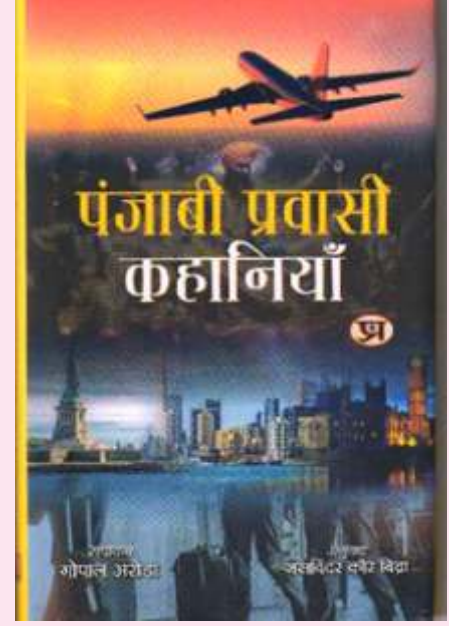
डॉ. जसविंदर कौर बिंद्रा, अनुवादक एवं पंजाबी लेखिका ने अनुवादकीय वक्तव्य में

अपने अनुवाद के सफर के बारे में कहा। उनका अनुवाद का लंबा अनुभव रहा है। उन्होंने अब तक पचहत्तर पुस्तकों का अनुवाद किया है। इसके लिए उन्होंने कोई विशेष तैयारी नहीं की यह तो उनकी आदतों का हिस्सा है, रोज कुछ लिखना-पढ़ना। अनुवाद-कार्य मात्र दो भाषाओं के जानने से संभव नहीं होता, बल्कि अनुवादक लेखक की काया के भीतर प्रवेश करता है, और इसी से अनुवाद करना संभव होता है। भाषा की भीतरी तहों में जाना पड़ता है। उन्होंने कहानियों के चयन में अलग-अलग भाव आ सके, इसका ध्यान रखा। इस पुस्तक के लिए गोपाल अरोड़ा जी का धन्यवाद किया।

संपादकीय वक्तव्य में श्री गोपाल अरोड़ा, सचिव, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद ने कहा कि अच्छा साहित्य से संस्कृति उन्नत होती है। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद प्रवासियों को भारत के साथ जोड़ने का कार्य करती है। प्रादेशिक डायस्पोरा को लेकर यह हमारी नई पहल है, इससे दो भाषाओं के बीच एक पुल निर्मित होती है, जो हमें एक-दूसरे के करीब लाती है। उन्होंने पंजाबी डायस्पोरा के समृद्ध परंपरा को रेखांकित किया, और उन सब को जोड़ने के पहल में इस पुस्तक की भूमिका को रेखांकित किया। अपनी भाषा के साथ जुड़े रहने और उसको सम्मान देने से ही संस्कृति बची रहती है।

वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के अध्यक्ष श्री अनिल जोशी ने कहा कि प्रकाशक, संपादक एवं अनुवादक, तीनों इस किताब के लिए बधाई के पात्र हैं। प्रवासी के मनोभाव को समझने के लिए यह एक महत्वपूर्ण पुस्तक है। इन सभी कहानियों में मूल्य-बोध का अंतर, उसकी टकरावट स्पष्ट दिखाई पड़ती है। सारी सुख-सुविधाओं के बावजूद व्यक्ति कहाँ पहुँचा है, जब वह जायजा लेता है तो पाता है कि वह कहीं पहुँचा ही नहीं है। उस कचोट को इस किताब में महसूस किया जा सकता है।

अध्यक्षीय भाषण देते हुए पूर्व राजदूत श्री वीरेंद्र गुप्ता, अध्यक्ष, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद ने इस पुस्तक के माध्यम से अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद में एक नया आयाम जोड़ने के लिए संपादक और अनुवादक को बधाई और धन्यवाद कहा। उन्होंने रचनात्मक लेखन की महत्ता को रेखांकित करने के संदर्भ में कहा, बंगाल की स्थिति को जानने के लिए हम अकादमिक अनुसंधानपरक सामग्री देख सकते हैं, लेकिन उससे कहीं अधिक रवींद्रनाथ टैगोर



के उपन्यास हमारी मदद करते हैं।

डायस्पोरा को जिस नजरिए से देखा जा रहा है, उन्होंने जोर देकर कहा कि उस नजरिए को बदलने की आवश्यकता है। डायस्पोरा की सीमाएं धुंधली हो रही हैं। दस साल पहले यह सोचना मुश्किल था कि ब्रिटेन में कोई भारतीय भी प्रधानमंत्री बन सकता है या कमला हैरिस अमेरिका के राष्ट्रपति की उम्मीदवार बनेंगी। आज के युवा दूसरे तरीके से सोचते हैं। हम चीन भारत के तनावपूर्ण संबंधों की बात करते हैं, जबकि चीनी युवा भारत के योग और वॉलीबुड के संगीत की ओर आकर्षित हो रहे हैं। अब डायस्पोरा में अपनी पहचान की समस्या को लेकर सोचना अतिशयोक्तिपूर्ण है। समस्या भाषाई है। इसलिए सीधे भारतीयता पर जोर देने से कहीं ज्यादा महत्वपूर्ण है की हम प्रादेशिकता पर जोर दें।

अंत में समापन वक्तव्य देते हुए श्री नारायण कुमार, मानद निदेशक, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद ने कहा कि यह संगोष्ठी वैचारिक वार्तालाप से संपन्न थी। एक किताब पर चर्चा के बहाने कई मुद्दों पर महत्वपूर्ण विचार रखे गए। उन्होंने इस अनुवाद के संदर्भ में कहा कि अनुवाद का कार्य निपुणता के साथ किया गया है। साहित्य हमें मानसिक सुख देता है। वह हमारे भावों और विचारों को संस्कारित करता है। इसलिए उसमें यह शक्ति होनी चाहिए की वह हमें बेहतर मनुष्य बनाए। हमें अपनी भाषा, समाज और संस्कृति के प्रति लगाव रखना चाहिए। उनके धन्यवाद ज्ञापन से यह कार्यक्रम औपचारिक रूप से संपन्न हुआ।

विदेशी विद्यार्थियों के लिए हिंदी कक्षा का शुभारंभ



अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद्, विश्व हिंदी सचिवालय एवं वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के तत्वावधान में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय भाषा केंद्र के द्वारा दिनांक 17 अक्टूबर 2024 को विदेशी विद्यार्थियों के लिए हिंदी कक्षा के उद्घाटन के अवसर पर कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता कर रही विश्व हिंदी सचिवालय की महासचिव डॉ माधुरी रामधारी ने इस कदम को ऐतिहासिक बताया। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि हिंदी का प्रभावी शिक्षण ही हिंदी के प्रसार में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा सकता है। हिंदी प्रसार के संपादन में सामूहिकता का विशेष महत्व होता है। हिंदी के लिए कार्य करने वाली संस्थाएँ जब मिलकर कार्य करती हैं, तब उद्देश्य की पूर्ति में अवश्य ही सफलता मिलती है। उन्होंने इस कदम की सराहना की।

मुख्य अतिथि अभय कुमार, उप महानिदेशक, भारतीय सांस्कृतिक संबंध परिषद् ने इसे ऐतिहासिक दिन बताया। उन्होंने यह कहा कि आज का समय मानकीकरण का समय है। जितने भी संस्थाएँ इस दिशा में कार्य रही हैं, उन्हें हिंदी के मानकीकरण पर विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए और पाठ्यक्रम में एकरूपता आए इसके लिए सभी, चाहे सरकारी संस्थाएँ हों या गैर-सरकारी संस्थाएँ, मिलकर कार्य करना चाहिए। उन्होंने इसके लिए आवश्यक सहयोग

का भी आश्वासन देते हुए कहा कि विदेशी लोग हिंदी सीखने में रुचि ले रहे हैं, यह हमारे लिए हर्ष का विषय है। उन्होंने विद्यार्थियों को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि भाषा के स्थायित्व के लिए हिंदी के इकोसिस्टम से जुड़ना आवश्यक है। इसलिए उस लिंक से जुड़ना आवश्यक है, जहाँ भाषा का प्रयोग किया जा सके।

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद् के महासचिव श्री श्याम परांडे ने अपना हार्दिक हर्ष प्रकट करते हुए यह जोड़ा कि इससे भारतीय संस्कृति के प्रसार में मदद मिलेगी। स्वयंसेवा हमारी ताकत है, यह पहल इसी का फल है।

श्री नारायण कुमार, मानद निदेशक, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद् ने कहा कि उनका अनुभव यह बताता है कि विदेशी लोग हिंदी सीखने की इच्छा रखते हैं, इसलिए हिंदी शिक्षण का यह कार्य अति महत्वपूर्ण कार्य है।

श्री अनिल जोशी, अध्यक्ष, वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार ने कहा कि इस प्रकार के कार्य करने की प्रेरणा श्री श्याम परांडे जी से मिलती है। हिंदी शिक्षण का कार्य आज के समय में तकनीकी की मदद से तेज गति से और बड़े पैमाने पर की जा सकती है और वैश्विक हिंदी

परिवार इसी दिशा में कार्य कर रहा है।

नीदरलैंड्स से ऑनलाइन के माध्यम से जुड़ी डॉ ऋतु नंदन पाण्डेय ने इस कदम की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि वह इसी दिशा में कार्य कर रही हैं। उन्होंने सुझाव देते हुए कहा कि प्रभावी शिक्षण के लिए उन व्यक्तियों को इसके साथ जोड़ा जाए जो हिंदी के साथ उस भाषा की भी जानकारी रखते हों, जिन भाषा के छात्र हिंदी सीखना चाहते हैं। रमा शर्मा, जापान ने भी अपने अनुभव को साझा किया। वह पिछले तीस वर्षों से जापान में हैं और हिंदी के लिए कार्य कर रही हैं।

कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत करते हुए साहित्यकार व शिक्षिका अनीता वर्मा ने सबका स्वागत करते हुए कहा कि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय भाषा केन्द्र श्री अनिल जोशी के नेतृत्व में मूर्त रूप ले रहा है और जो आकार उन्होंने दिया था वो साकार हो रहा है। सुव्यवस्थित मंच संचालन डॉ ओम प्रकाश, सहायक प्राध्यापक, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय ने किया, विद्यार्थियों की प्रथम कक्षा भी ओम जी ने ही ली, जिसमें विद्यार्थियों की सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया भी प्राप्त हुई। कार्यक्रम का सफल संयोजन श्री विनयशील चतुर्वेदी, मनीष कुमार व नवीन नीरज ने किया।

डा अजीत सैगल को लाइफ टाइम अचीवमेंट अवॉर्ड

वरिष्ठ अस्थि रोग सर्जन एवं अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के वरिष्ठ सदस्य डॉ अजीत सैगल को सेंट्रल जोन ऑफ इंडियन आर्थोपेडिक एसोसिएशन के आगरा में 17 से 19 अक्टूबर तक आयोजित 23 वे वार्षिक सम्मेलन में लाइफ टाइम अचीवमेंट अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया।



डा सैगल पिछले 44 वर्षों से रोगियों को सेवा प्रदान कर रहे हैं। समारोह के मुख्य अतिथि इंडियन आर्थोपेडिक एसोसिएशन के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष डा राम चड्ढा मुंबई एवं सेंट्रल जोन के अध्यक्ष जयपुर के डा आर सी बंसीवाल ने डा सैगल को अवॉर्ड प्रदान किया।

इंडियन आर्थोपेडिक एसोसिएशन के राष्ट्रीय अध्यक्ष डा राम चड्ढा मुंबई एवं सेंट्रल जोन के अध्यक्ष जयपुर के डा आर सी बंसीवाल ने डा सैगल को अवॉर्ड प्रदान करते हुए।

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त्रिनिदाद और टोबैगो में हिंदी भाषा और भारतीय संस्कृति को संरक्षित रखने के प्रयासों को लेकर महात्मा गांधी सांस्कृतिक सहयोग संस्था, माउंट होप में 6 से 8 सितंबर, 2024 तक आयोजित "त्रि-दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्षेत्रीय हिंदी सम्मेलन" का उद्घाटन भारतीय उच्चायोग, पोर्ट ऑफ स्पेन द्वारा किया गया। इस सम्मेलन में प्रमुख वक्ताओं ने भारतीयता और हिंदी को सशक्त बनाने के लिए जरूरी कदमों पर विचार व्यक्त किए।

कार्यक्रम का उद्घाटन करते हुए अटॉर्नी जनरल कार्यालय और कानूनी मामलों के मंत्रालय की मंत्री, रेणुका संग्रामसिंह सुखलाल ने कहा, "त्रिनिदाद की जनता के लिए हिंदी हृदय की भाषा है, और इसे तथा हमारी संस्कृति को बचाए रखना हम सभी की जिम्मेदारी है।" उन्होंने यह भी चिंता जताई कि कैरेबियाई देशों में भारतीय मूल के लोग अपनी पीढ़ियों को अपनी भाषा और संस्कृति की पूरी तरह से शिक्षा देने में संघर्ष कर रहे हैं।

भारतीय उच्चायुक्त डॉ. प्रदीप राजपुरोहित ने कहा, "हिंदी भाषा में निहित सांस्कृतिक और लोक धरोहर को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए हमें इसे व्यवहारिक जीवन में अपनाना होगा।" उन्होंने त्रिनिदाद के निवासियों से अपील की कि वे हिंदी के प्रचार-प्रसार में अपनी भूमिका निभाएं और यह सुनिश्चित करें कि भाषा की सजीवता बनी रहे।

राष्ट्रीय भारतीय संस्कृति परिषद (एनसीआईसी) के अध्यक्ष देवरूप तीमल ने भी अपनी बात रखते हुए कहा कि भाषा केवल संवाद का माध्यम नहीं, बल्कि जीवन के अभिन्न अंग के रूप में जुड़ी होती है। "वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी को बढ़ावा देने के लिए नेटवर्किंग और एकजुटता आवश्यक है," उन्होंने कहा।

भारतीय विदेश मंत्रालय के संयुक्त सचिव रवींद्र प्रसाद जायसवाल ने हिंदी को भारतीयता की कुंजी बताया और इस बात पर बल दिया कि यदि हम अपनी सांस्कृतिक अस्मिता को बचाए रखना चाहते हैं तो हमें हिंदी के प्रति अपने दृष्टिकोण को गंभीरता से बदलने की आवश्यकता है।

सम्मेलन में त्रिनिदाद और अन्य देशों के विद्वानों ने हिंदी के विभिन्न रूपों और इसके संरक्षण के तरीकों पर चर्चा की। पहले विचार सत्र में, साहित्यकारों और समाजशास्त्रियों ने कैरेबियाई क्षेत्रों में बोली जाने वाली हिंदी के विविध रूपों और उसके संरक्षण के प्रयासों पर प्रकाश डाला। सूरीनाम में 'सूरीनामी हिंदी' को उदाहरण के रूप में प्रस्तुत किया गया, जो भोजपुरी और हिंदी का मिश्रित रूप है।

वहीं, दूसरे सत्र में हिंदी भाषा सीखने के



"हिंदी हृदय की भाषा है, संस्कृति की धरोहर को बचाना है": त्रि-दिवसीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय हिंदी सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन

विभिन्न उपायों पर चर्चा की गई, जिसमें गीत, संगीत, और सोशल मीडिया जैसे प्लेटफार्मों का उल्लेख किया गया। विद्वानों ने इस पर भी विचार किया कि कैसे इन माध्यमों से हिंदी को सिखाया और सिखाया जा सकता है।

कार्यक्रम के समापन के दौरान यह घोषणा की गई कि हिंदी के विकास के लिए अनिवार्य कदम उठाए जाएंगे, जिसमें हिंदी को प्राथमिक स्तर पर पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव और छात्रों को छात्रवृत्ति के रूप में प्रोत्साहन देने का निर्णय शामिल है।

इस त्रि-दिवसीय सम्मेलन में कैरेबियाई क्षेत्र के लोकप्रिय लोकनृत्य, शास्त्रीय नृत्य, बैठक गाना, और चटनी संगीत प्रस्तुत किया गया, जो सम्मेलन के वातावरण को जीवंत बना दिया।