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MEDIA RELEASE

Permanent Secretary (Ag) Meets with Indian Delegation

Mr Videsh Maharaj, Permanent Secretary (Ag), Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts (MTCA), met with Dr. Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit, High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago and Mr. Kumar Tuhin, Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on Thursday 12th October, 2023 at the Meena House Restaurant, Port of Spain.

During the meeting, the Permanent Secretary (Ag.) welcomed the Director General on his visit to Trinidad and Tobago and noted the longstanding bilateral relationship and cultural and historical cooperation between Trinidad and Tobago and India.

Discussions focused on areas in which the two countries could collaborate further including Trinidad and Tobago as a location for filming; renewal of the Cultural Agreement with India and the use of performance spaces.

Permanent Secretary (Ag.) Maharaj expressed optimism in the future of the relationship between Trinidad and Tobago and India, citing existing collaborations facilitated through the Mahatma Gandhi Institute for Cultural Co-operation (MGICC).

Also present at the meeting were Mr, Tej Ramlogan, Director of Culture in the MTCA, Mrs. Ramya Ajay, Director MGICC and Ms. Faith Douglas, Operations Manager, National Steel Symphony Orchestra.

Following the meeting, the Indian delegation visited the National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) where they viewed performances by the National Steel Symphony Orchestra (NSSO) and played Trinidad and Tobago's national instrument, the Steelpan.

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