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**PRIME MINISTER OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES LEADS VINCENTIAN DELEGATION
TO CARICOM- INDIA SUMMIT**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, November 20, 2024 — Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Dr. the Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves is attending the CARICOM-India Summit, along with Foreign Minister; Honourable Frederick Stephenson and Ambassador of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM); His Excellency Allan Alexander, in Georgetown, Guyana on Wednesday, 20th November 2024.

This landmark meeting brought together leaders from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and India to strengthen diplomatic relations, enhance economic cooperation, and discuss critical issues affecting both regions. Topics on the agenda included trade and investment, climate resilience, technology transfer, health collaboration, and shared strategies for sustainable development. Prime Minister Gonsalves, a longstanding advocate for regional integration and international partnerships, highlighted the unique challenges and opportunities faced by small island developing states (SIDS) and underscored the importance of strategic partnerships in addressing global challenges such as climate change and food security. India's engagement with CARICOM has grown significantly in recent years, characterised by initiatives aimed at fostering development and mutual prosperity.

This summit marks a significant step forward in reinforcing ties between CARICOM nations and India, reflecting their shared commitment to inclusive and sustainable growth. Prime Minister Gonsalves also held bilateral discussions with key counterparts and officials on the sidelines of the summit to explore further collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

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The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines remains committed to working alongside its CARICOM partners and international allies to ensure the continued progress and prosperity of the Vincentian people and the wider Caribbean region.

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