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SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES AND INDIA SIGN AGREEMENT FOR QUICK IMPACT PROJECTS COOPERATION

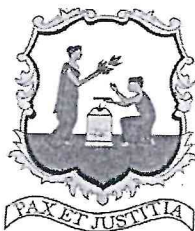
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, February 17, 2025 —The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs is pleased to announce the successful signing for five Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) between the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and the Government of the Republic of India. The signing ceremony, held earlier today, marks another significant milestone in the strong and growing cooperation between the two states.

Under this cooperation agreement, five community-based projects, each valued at US\$50,000, will be implemented across Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. These projects are aimed at enhancing public infrastructure, fostering community development, and improving the overall quality of life for Vincentians. The selected projects include:

- The Gym at the Central Leeward Secondary School – Enhancing sports and fitness facilities for students and the wider community.
- The Rehabilitation of the Penniston Community Centre – Restoring a key space for community engagement and activities.
- The Rehabilitation of the Dauphine Community Centre – Improving access to a vital hub for social and educational initiatives.
- The Completion of the Calder Community Centre – Ensuring a fully operational facility for community programmes and events.

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- The Rehabilitation of the Netball Hardcourt at Edinboro – Promoting sports development and recreational opportunities.

Speaking at the ceremony, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs; Honourable Frederick Stephenson, expressed deep appreciation to the Government of India for its continued support and commitment to the development of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. In his speech, Minister stated “I know that I speak for Vincentians when I say that there are several critical aspects of the Quick Impact Projects that I appreciate. Firstly, the implementation is Quick. These MOUs prioritise swift and effective implementation of initiatives that bring direct benefits to local communities within a short timeframe. Secondly, the impactfulness is also important.”

Similar to the first set of Quick Impact Projects which were completed in 2023, the Quick Impact Projects will bring tangible benefits to Vincentian communities, strengthening social infrastructure and enhancing the well-being of Vincentian people.

The High Commissioner of India to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; His Excellency Mr. Subhash Prasad Gupta reaffirmed India’s commitment to supporting small island developing states in their pursuit of sustainable development. The Quick Impact Projects initiative aligns with India’s broader development cooperation framework, aimed at fostering self-sufficiency and resilience in partner countries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, and Consumer Affairs extends its gratitude to all stakeholders involved in the successful initiation of these projects. Implementation is expected to commence in the coming months, with regular monitoring to ensure timely and efficient completion.

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