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FAREWELL CALL BY H.E. DR. SHANKAR BALACHANDRAN; HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA TO ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, MAY 6, 2024 – The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of St. Vincent and the Grenadines announces the conclusion of the tenure of Dr. Shankar Balachandran, as the High Commissioner of the Republic of India to St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Dr. Balachandran's tenure has been marked by significant contributions for the enhancement of bilateral relations between the two nations. H.E. Dr. Shankar Balachandran, during his tenure, which commenced in 2019, has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to strengthening the bilateral relations between India and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

As a gesture of appreciation for Dr. Balachandran's dedicated service, several farewell calls were held high-level Government Officials, namely: the Hon. Dr. Ralph E. Gonsalves; Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Hon. Dr. Godwin Friday; Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Keisal Peters; Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade and Hon. St. Clair Prince; Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment. The farewell calls conveyed expressions of gratitude for cooperation in several fields such as education, culture, sports, technology and infrastructure development.

The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines extends its heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Shankar Balachandran for his invaluable contributions and unwavering commitment to enhancing the friendship and cooperation between India and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

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