

Embassy of India

Paramaribo

Press Release

6th Ayurveda Day

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo celebrated the 6th Ayurveda Day on 2 November 2021 on the occasion of the Dhanvantri Jayanti (the birthday of the God of Ayurveda) under the theme “Ayurveda for Poshan” (Ayurveda for Nutrition).

2. The day began with the plantation of ten different Ayurvedic herbs at the Ministry of Agriculture to serve as a model nursery. The Ambassador, Hon’ble Minister of Public Works and interim Minister for Agriculture Mr. Riad Nurmohamed, Mr. Anand Chotkan, Deputy Director of Agriculture and Dr. Amrika Anroedh addressed the gathering and planted the herbs. About 40 guests including officials of the Ministries of Agriculture & Public Works and the Mission participated in the event.

3. In the evening programme at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center (SVCC), the celebration began with a lighting of the lamp and Ganesh Vandana & Dhanvantri Stuti performed by Kathak dancer Ms. Anjana Kumari. The Ambassador welcomed the gathering highlighting the importance of Ayurveda in day-to-day life and the actions taken to promote Ayurveda in Suriname. Traditional Medicine (TM) practitioners representing Amer-Indian, Javanese, Maroon & Hindustani communities then spoke on the strengths & treatments available in their respective fields with some of them making powerpoint presentations. The speakers include (i) Mr. Moenna Bhagwat; (ii) Mr. Steve Silos, Steering Committee for Traditional Medical System and Industry; (iii) Mr. Odemaru Piaiman; (iv) Mr. Awenkina; (v) Mr. Stanley Santaris; (vi) Ms. Nisha Jagdeo; & (vii) Dr. Amrika Anroedh. The Chief Guest H.E. Dr. Dew Sharman, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname in his address said all forms of Medicinal Practice needed to co-exist integrating their merits. The ultimate purpose was healing. A display of products used in the Traditional Medicine Practice of some of these speakers was also arranged for a public viewing.

4. Over 60 Ayurveda/Traditional Medicine enthusiasts from all walks of life attended the event, including officials and families of the Mission.

5. The Ambassador participated in a Webinar “Role of Ayurveda in Traditional Medicine” organized in the same evening by Kenniskring Bizniz Group covered live on ABC TV and shared on social media platforms.

A few photographs of the events are available on below link.

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