

India-Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

India and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines enjoy close and cordial relations at many international fora. Dr Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines met Indian Prime Minister on September 24, 2015 in New York on the sidelines of UNGA meeting. The two leaders held talks on developing bilateral relations between the two countries and expressed satisfaction at the traditional close and cordial links that exist between India and SVG.

India handed over a cash donation of US\$500,000/- towards assistance in recovery and rehabilitation following flash floods in December, 2013. Earlier, in December, 2010, India had made a cash donation of US\$500,000/- towards recovery and rehabilitation following Hurricane Tomas.

SVG and India actively cooperate on various multilateral fora. SVG has been supporting India's candidature on various multilateral platforms including elections of different bodies under UN, including the recently held ICJ elections.

Under ITEC Programme 5 scholarships have been allotted for 2017-18.

Bilateral trade between India and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Exports to and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

2011-12	US\$ 0.61 million
2012-13	US\$ 0.35 million
2013-14	US\$ 1.84 million
2014-15	US\$0.76 million
2015-16	US\$ 0.55 million
2016-17	US \$ 0.78 million

Indian exports include textiles, , Iron & Steel and papers.

Indian Community

There are about 3000 persons of Indian origin who came to SVG in the 19th century as indentured labourers. Most of them have now got assimilated in the mainstream local society and they have set up a Saint Vincent and Grenadines Indian Heritage Foundation. Due to the efforts of the Foundation, 01st June has been declared as Indian Arrival Day in Saint Vincent whereas 7th October has been declared as Indian Heritage day

Useful resources:

Embassy website:

<http://indembassysuriname.com>

Embassy Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInSuriname?fref=ts>

Embassy Twitter

@IndEmbSur

ICC website

<http://iccsur.org>

ICC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/iccsuriname>

India Digest Publication:

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