

**High Commission of India  
Victoria, Seychelles.**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Project Handover Ceremony at Grand Anse Praslin Primary School on Tuesday, 15 September 2020, 0930-1030 Hrs

The High commissioner of India, General Dalbir Singh Suhag conducted the Project handover ceremony for the 'General Renovation Works – Aluminium Window Replacement, Timber Door Replacement, Painting of External and Internal Walls, Painting of railings, Plumbing Works and floor screeding at Grand Anse Praslin Primary School' which was executed under the High Impact Community Development Projects Phase-1 (HICDP) funded under India's grant assistance.

Dignitaries and guests present on the occasion were the Principal Secretary for School Education, Dr. Odile Comarmond and the Head Teacher of the School, Mrs. Lina Lesperance.

Speaking on the occasion the High Commissioner said that he is happy to note that with this event, 12th project of the 33 High Impact Community Development Projects costing SCR 35 Million (USD 2.5 Million) currently in the final stages of completion and which are spread across various Ministries and Departments, and in fact across all the 3 Main Inner Islands of Mahe, Praslin and La Digue is being handed over. In fact, this was the last of the 5 Schools based projects and the 3rd project to be handed over overall in Praslin!

These come as a direct grant-in-aid from the people of India to their Seselwa brethren for their community developmental aspects. It is to be noted that India's developmental partnerships are marked by respect for partners, diversity, care for the future and sustainable development and does not come with any conditions, nor is it influenced by any political or commercial considerations.

This project costing SCR 1.8 Million (USD 100,000), was awarded to Seychelles based, 'Ascent projects'. High Commissioner said that he is delighted to note that the project has been completed within the scheduled period. All of these projects shall not only generate more employment and business opportunities to Seselwa, but also touch the lives of each and every one of them!

All of such noble works are being carried out in Seychelles, inspite of all hindrances posed in front of both the Governments of India & Seychelles due to COVID-19. This is the level of commitment and dedication the High Commission of India devotes for the community level project assistance for its best maritime neighbour and friend, Seychelles!

High Commissioner also gifted 600 washable and re-usable cotton face masks to the School management to be distributed to all the students and the faculty and expressed that this small gesture will go a long way in our collective fight against COVID-19 pandemic in Seychelles.

The High Commissioner concluded his speech by thanking and saying that he looked forward to more such opportunities to meet and greet them in the near future.



