

## President Droupadi MURMU visits Suriname on the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> Indian arrival day . June 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

### Magical Moments in the Confluence Age

On the occasion of the commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Indian arrival day the Indian president Smt. Droupadi Murmu visited Suriname on a first state visit. Suriname has a close historical bond with India, and is the country in the Caribbean where the heritage of culture, religion and language has been kept and blended the Indian diaspora in the community.



BK's meeting the two heads of state at the presidential palace, Suriname.

Although there were many rules and restrictions because of security and protocol, there were magical moments when the presidents of India and Suriname on entering and exiting the venue, closely met with Brahma Kumaris.

The president of Suriname Mr. Chandrikapersad Santhoki was very proud to introduce the Brahma Kumaris representatives to the president of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu. She was very happy to have a short meeting with the eyes and greetings of namaste and om shanti with brother Bhola and sisters Loes, Renuska and Jogieta from the main center.





After the lunch she again had a short encounter through the eyes and accepted a gift - which was a blessing to her - on behalf of the Brahma Kumaris. There were a few magical moments in the whole program where Baba's presence was subtly felt, and magic was shared.

On the same occasion there were also many short encounters with others. Blessings and small gifts were shared with the ambassador of USA Mr. Faucher, many acting ministers, members of parliament, and other dignitaries.







On this is very unique visit the Indian president was also conferred the highest civilian award – The Grand Order of the Chain of the Yellow Star - by the president of Suriname, HE Chan San-thoki

At the community reception on June 6<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Ambassador of India in Suriname, Dr. Shankar Balachandran, the Brahma Kumaris were also invited. This reception was meant for Indian nationals and organizations with a close connection with India.

A group of 15 BK's attended this occasion and it was again a magical sight when BK's met the president by sharing drishti, smiles and the sweetness of the words “Om shanti”.

