

T&T, Guyana sign MoU...

Boost for agriculture

THE governments of Trinidad and Tobago and India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the area of agro-processing.

A release from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday said this MOU will pave the way for the creation of economic and employment opportunities in the field of agro-processing, through the provision, by India, of up to US\$1 million in financing and technical assistance to Trinidad and Tobago.

Foreign and Caricom Affairs Minister Dr Amery Browne and India's Minister of External Affairs Dr Subrahmanyam Jaidhankar signed the MOU for Integrated Automated Fruit and Vegetable Processing.

Expansion of cooperation

The MOU was signed in the margins of the Second Caricom-India Summit which took place in Georgetown, Guyana, Wednesday.

The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries through the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO).

'The signing of this MOU is a further step towards the deepening of ties and the expansion of the areas of cooperation between Trinidad and Tobago and India,' stated the release.

Browne said this MOU provides modern agro-processing equipment to T&T from India. The Minister said further that Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley was carded to chair a Caricom meeting for the revitalisation of West Indies cricket yesterday. Browne added that later this week Rowley and the delegation will participate on the second regional symposium on crime and violence as a public health issue. On Wednesday, Rowley held bilateral talks with India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

A release from India's Ministry of External Affairs said Modi met with Rowley on the sidelines of the Second India- Caricom Summit in Guyana. 'Prime Minister congratulated Prime Minister Rowley for adoption of India's flagship UPI Platform by Trinidad & Tobago and assured further collaboration in the field of digital transformation. He also commended Prime Minister Rowley for successfully co-hosting the ICC T20 Men's Cricket World Cup earlier this year,' stated the release. It added that the two leaders discussed progress in bilateral relations including collaboration in security, health, transportation, agriculture, capacity building, cultural exchanges and people-to-people ties.



STRENGTHENING TIES: Minister of Foreign and Caricom Affairs Dr Amery Browne, right, and Guyana President Dr Irfaan Ali at the Second Caricom-India Summit in Georgetown, Guyana, yesterday.