

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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NDC ENGAGES STUDENTS AT WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY SEMINAR

The Ministry of National Security's National Drug Council (NDC), partnered with the National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (NADAPP), South Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Health Ministries Department, and the University of the Southern Caribbean to host the World No Tobacco Day Seminar for primary and secondary school students on Wednesday May 31, 2023 at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. Joseph.

This sensitization session, themed "#overcomingaddictions", included interactive presentations from NDC representatives on the effects of Vaping, Marijuana and Tobacco.

The seminar was held in commemoration of World No Tobacco Day, which is observed annually on May 31 by the World Health Organization (WHO) and public health advocates around the world. The theme for this year is "Grow Food, Not Tobacco".





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NDPPMC SENSITIZES FARMERS ON FOOD SECURITY AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Local farmers benefitted from a sensitization session on the effects of climate change on the agriculture sector when they participated in a Food Security and Disaster Risk Reduction training workshop, recently hosted by the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Multi-Sectoral Committee (NDPPMC), in collaboration with the UNWorld Food Programme (WFP) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA).

Discussions focused on the effects of climate change on agriculture, farmers' perspectives on disaster preparedness, understanding weather/climate hazard and responding to them, as well as tools to aid farmers' self-readiness and coping abilities.

The training session, which was held on Friday May 26, 2023 at the National Emergency Operations Centre, Mausica, formed part of this year's National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Month activities that took place in May.





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FIRE OFFICERS RECEIVE TRAINING

Twenty-six (26) Firefighters recently participated in an Operational Response Course conducted by the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service School. The Officers were presented with certificates for their participation and also had the opportunity to exhibit their three-dimensional Hazmat and Firefighting model projects, which highlighted the knowledge gained in the course.

The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service School continues to host training programmes, to ensure the development of its officers by enhancing their knowledge and competence.









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CELEBRATING INDIAN ARRIVAL DAY



On Monday May 29, 2023, the Ministry of National Security General Administration Division commemorated Indian Arrival Day by hosting a Cultural Programme, themed "Showcasing the Rhythms of Our People".

Delivering welcome remarks, Deputy Permanent Secretary Ms. Aarti Bedassie-Maharaj stated, "It is indeed a privilege to belong to a country blessed with so much diversity and richness of cultures and traditions. We here at the Ministry of National Security, because of our many divisions, units and agencies, can truly understand how unifying it is to observe the various national cultural festivals that make our country the multi-ethnic melting pot that it is."

DPS Bedassie-Maharaj noted that the purpose of staff cultural events is to learn from and about each other's culture. The programme featured a video presentation on the History of Indian Arrival Day in Trinidad and Tobago, an East Indian fashion show, an educational food display and cultural contributions from members of staff including a poem recital, dance and musical pieces. The Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service Band and Tassa Group, as well as the Sathyam Dance Academy gave riveting performances. Staff members expressed their resounding appreciation for a captivating and enjoyable Cultural Show. Tokens were sponsored by The Little Store, S.M. Jaleel and Company and Pennywise Cosmetics.

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