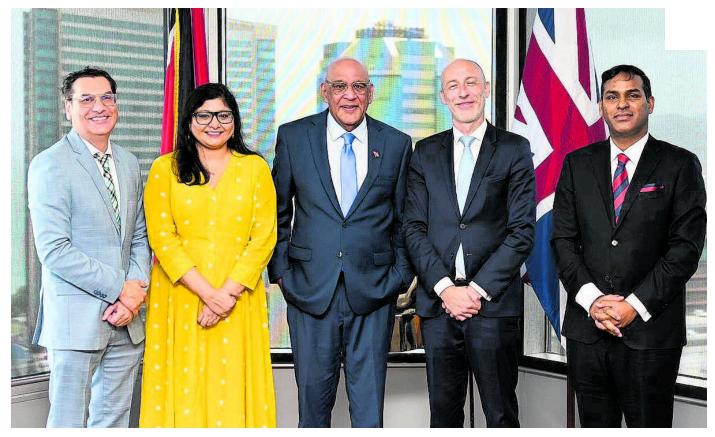
Maharaj meets UK High Commissioner on trade, investment



Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism, Senator Satyakama Maharaj, centre, meets with High Commissioner of the United Kingdom to T&T, Jon Dean, second from right. Others in the photo are parliamentary secretary in the ministry, Neil Gosine, left, head of political, economic and press affairs at the High Commission, Chinali Patel, and permanent secretary, Randall Karim, following their meeting at the Ministry's headquarters on Monday. PHOTO BY MINISTRY OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM

Minister of Trade, Investment and Tourism Satyakama Maharaj met with High Commissioner for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Jon Dean, during which discussions were held on bilateral trade and investment co-operation.

In a release yesterday, the Ministry of Trade Investment and Tourism said the meeting featured cordial discussions on a wide range of areas, including bilateral trade, investment co-operation, public/private sector partnership, and avenues for trade partnerships to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) between T&T and the United Kingdom.

High Commissioner Dean congratulated Minister Maharaj on his appointment and expressed his enthusiasm for working with the Ministry's new leadership. He also underscored the importance of deepening the long-standing and mutually beneficial trade relationship between both nations.

Maharaj echoed these sentiments, reaffirming T&T's openness to business and the Ministry's

commitment to diversifying the national economy beyond oil and gas.

He noted that yesterday's engagement served as a reaffirmation of the strong partnership between the two countries, and as an opportunity to explore avenues for co-operation in support of sustainable economic growth and diversification.

The Ministry added that it remains committed to strengthening international partnerships that drive investment, support economic diversification, and align with this country's national development agenda.