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The President arrives in New Delhi for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Modi and Council of Ministers



President H.E. Dr Mohamed Muizzu has arrived in New Delhi, the capital city of India, to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister H.E. Narendra Modi and the Council of Ministers of the Government of India. The President is attending the ceremony at the invitation of Prime Minister Modi.

Upon arrival at Indira Gandhi International Airport, the President was received by one of the senior most officials currently at the Ministry of External Affairs, H.E. Pavan Kapoor, Secretary (West), and H.E. Mr Ibrahim Shaheeb, High Commissioner of Maldives to India, as well as H.E. Munu Mahawar, High Commissioner of the Republic of India to the Maldives.

The swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister H.E. Modi and the Council of Ministers is scheduled to take place on Sunday, June 9, with leaders from neighbouring and other countries in attendance.

Prime Minister H.E. Modi is being sworn in for a third consecutive term in office. President Dr Muizzu has conveyed his congratulations to Prime Minister Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for their victory in the Indian General Elections of 2024.

SOURCE : The President's Office



Serving the public requires patience, wisdom and respect - Vice President

Vice President Hussain Mohamed Latheef stated that serving the public is a challenging responsibility that requires patience, wisdom and respect. He made these remarks while speaking at the opening of the Maldives Civil Service Conference 2024.

Highlighting the significance of civil service in the administration of the Government, the Vice President stated that the Government, as an institution, depends on the role of civil servants. He appealed to all civil servants to show compassion and serve with a smile.



Additionally, the Vice President urged the modernisation of service delivery by adopting technological tools. He continued by discussing the solutions that modern technology can provide, such as offering online services.

The fourth Maldivian Civil Service Conference, with this year's theme "Smart Governance for Civil Service Excellence," commenced today and will feature 15 papers across three sectors. More than 250 attendees from all over the country are participating in the conference.

SOURCE : The President's Office





Preparations underway to inaugurate Fisheries College in August

Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources has affirmed that active efforts are in progress to establish the Fisheries and Ocean Resources College and initiate its courses. The initiative aims to fulfil the unwavering commitments made by President Dr. Mohamed Muizzu, outlined in the government's manifesto.

The establishment of a college or a learning centre on fisheries by the ministry have been mandated by law, despite not being implemented previously. However, within the first 100 days of since the current administration, efforts to develop the Fisheries College started. Decisions have been made such that the college will inaugurate on August, with the assistant of Maldives National University (MNU).

Speaking at a programme aired on PSM News, Minister of State for Fisheries and Ocean Resources Dr. Amzath Ahmed assured that the preparations to commence the courses of the college are ongoing expeditiously. Noting that the official works of the college will start at MNU during July, the minister revealed that the primary objective of this initiative aims to ensure the employment of educated and skilled individuals within the fishing industry.

Providing information on the college, MNU highlighted the ongoing endeavours and preparations of the university to start the work of the college. It revealed that while all the courses have been formulated, they are currently pending the approval of the Maldives Qualifications Authority (MQA).

The government observed that although Maldives is a low-lying nation surrounded by ocean, the amount of work to explore the fisheries industries previously were insignificant. Underscoring the crucial importance of exploring the field to optimise the resources effectively, the government believes that the Fisheries College will play a pivotal role in strengthening the fishing industry. Furthermore, the college will facilitate the supply of a skilled workforce to the industry and serve as a foundation for scientific exploration of oceanic phenomena.

SOURCE : PSM



Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee holds first meeting



The newly formed National Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee (NATC) has held its inaugural meeting, marking a significant step in the fight against human trafficking in Maldives. Chaired by the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology, the committee emphasised the critical tasks ahead to prevent human trafficking.

The National Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee comprises 10 members

- Chairman: Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology
- Legal Expert: A lawyer from the Attorney General's Office
- Immigration Officer: Representative from Maldives Immigration
- Customs Officer: Representative from Maldives Customs Service
- Police Representative: Officer from the Maldives Police Service
- Labor Relations Authority: Employee of the Labor Relations Authority
- Economic Development: Employee from the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
- Internal Security: Employee from the Ministry of Internal Security and Technology
- Social and Family Development: Employee from the Ministry of Social and Family Development
- NGO Representative: Representative from an organisation involved in anti-human trafficking work

During its first meeting, the committee resolved to focus on several key elements of the National Strategic Action Plan (NSAP) aimed at reducing human trafficking. As such, implementing programmes to educate and train frontline employees from relevant agencies on preventing human trafficking and enhancing efforts to bolster the prosecution process against human traffickers were included.

Additionally, the Ministry of Internal Security and Technology committed to reviewing and amending regulations, examining and updating existing rules and regulations related to human trafficking crimes and collaborating with relevant agencies and associations to ensure comprehensive protection for victims.

SOURCE : PSM