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Jamaica and India Strengthen Health Partnership

- *Talks Advance Workforce, Technology and Pharmaceutical Cooperation*

Kingston, Jamaica. Thursday, May 21, 2026: The Government of Jamaica continues to strengthen international partnerships aimed at improving healthcare delivery and expanding access to quality medical services for Jamaicans.

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Dr. Jacqueline Bisasor-McKenzie and other senior health officials recently met with the Minister of Health & Family Welfare, India, Shri J. P. Nadda to further discussions arising from the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on health cooperation between Jamaica and India.

The discussions follow the recent visit to Jamaica by India's Minister of External Affairs, His Excellency Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, during which Jamaica and India signed several bilateral agreements to deepen cooperation in key sectors, including health and medicine.

Key areas discussed at the meeting in Geneva, Switzerland included collaboration in healthcare workforce development, pharmaceuticals, advanced medical technology, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and the implementation of strategic initiatives under the health MOU.

Among the priority matters explored were opportunities for training and capacity-building for Jamaican healthcare professionals, collaboration in sourcing scarce healthcare workers, and strengthening pharmaceutical cooperation to improve access to medicines and healthcare support services.

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The meeting also examined how technology and AI can support more efficient healthcare administration, patient care, diagnostics and the overall modernisation of Jamaica's health system.

Additionally, both countries agreed that technical teams from Jamaica and India will meet virtually in the coming weeks to begin implementing the MOU with specific action plans, timelines and measurable outcomes.

Minister of Health & Wellness, Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, said the partnership represents a strategic opportunity to strengthen Jamaica's healthcare system and improve patient outcomes.

"This partnership with India is strategically important to Jamaica as we continue to modernise and strengthen our healthcare system. Through cooperation in training, pharmaceuticals, technology, artificial intelligence and the sourcing of specialised healthcare professionals, we are creating new opportunities to improve healthcare access, build resilience within the sector and ultimately deliver better health outcomes for the Jamaican people," Minister Tufton stated.

The Government of Jamaica says the strengthened collaboration with India reflects its commitment to modernising the health sector, expanding healthcare access and ensuring improved health outcomes for all Jamaicans.

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