



# There should be more Bhandaris in the world: Trinidad & Tobago PM Kamla Prasad Bissesar

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A video that is going viral features Hon'ble Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago, Smt. Kamla Prasad Bissesar, praising Prem Bhandari, Chairman of Jaipur Foot USA, during an interview with ANI.

When asked about Jaipur Foot USA's role in organizing a 50-day Jaipur Foot camp at Port of Spain, benefiting over 800 differently-abled individuals, the Prime Minister expressed deep appreciation for the humanitarian work. The camp is being organized by Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BM-VSS), fully sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India. The initiative follows Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement during his address to the Joint Parliamentary Session in Trinidad & Tobago (T&T).

In her remarks to ANI, PM Kamla Prasad Bissesar said:

"I want to thank you very much for the initiative today. I look forward to inviting Prem Bhandari to T&T again... His cause is a just one philanthropy and an important humanitarian gesture. We should have more Bhandaris in the world. Thank you, and blessings to you all."



T&T PM Kamla Bissesar praises Chairman, Jaipur Foot USA, Prem Bhandari in a widely shared ANI video interview.

## PM BISSESAR INAUGURATES JAIPUR FOOT CAMP IN TRINIDAD

The Jaipur Foot camp was inaugurated by PM Kamla Prasad Bissesar on October 3 rd in Port of Spain Trinidad, attended by:

- Padma Bhushan D.R. Mehta, Founder of BM-VSS (Jaipur Foot, Jaipur)
- Prem Bhandari, Chairman, Jaipur Foot USA

- Ajay Patel, BRUHUD NY Seniors
- Manish Daddha, VC, Jaipur Foot USA (all 3 from New York)
- Lalit Jain, Ahmedabad Jaipur Foot Center
- Aryan Waghela and Rashik Puli, Youth Coordinators from Washington

The PM's comments were made on September 27, during a joint event organized by Jaipur Foot USA, BRUHUD NY Seniors, and the Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) to celebrate PM Narendra Modi's birthday and to host a welcoming ceremony in honor of PM Kamla Prasad Bissesar. The Republic Day of Trinidad & Tobago was also celebrated at the event, which saw participation from both Indian and Trinidadian diaspora communities.

It is notable that Prem Bhandari has visited T&T twice, holding preparatory meetings with the Finance Minister, Health Minister, and senior officials meetings that were facilitated by Dr. Pradeep Singh Rajpurohit, High Commissioner of India to T&T, who played a pivotal role in making the camp a reality.