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IDC CONGRATULATES PRISCA THEVENOT ON FRENCH LEGISLATIVE VICTORY



“The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global membership are very pleased congratulate you on your legislative victory and historic success as a Person of Indian origin (PIO) in such a high profile elected position in France, becoming the first French woman of Indian descent to do so.

“We take much pride in your achievements as a person of Indian origin, with your background, determination, skills and character, and we applaud you on your representation of your constituency to achieve more progress politically and socially for common good.

“It is the duty of **IDC** to recognize and encourage those among who strive to represent our ideals and shared interests in all arena - social, political, economic and cultural.

“**IDC** Chairperson in France, Mr. Mehen Poinosawmy, has kept us informed of your progress, your election campaign, as well as the progress of persons of Indian origin (PIOs) in elected positions in France which are significant to the advancement of PIOs globally”

IDC has retained close contact with Prisca Thevenot since 2017 when she first ran for elected office.

Prisca Thevenot, 37 years old, decided to join the En Marche! movement to support the candidacy of Emmanuel Macron for the presidency of the Republic. Prisca Thevenot became first French woman of Indian descent to be elected in the legislative election held on Sunday, June 19. Prisca’s great grandfather was from South India and migrated to Mauritius from India as Indian indentured labourers. Her mother moved to France and Prisca was born in Strasbourg, in the Alsace region. She successfully pursued her studies in Stains, and later in Grande Ecole. She was very much interested in social work and civic actions, and thus founded the Civil Impact association. She represented the LREM party in the Legislative Election 2022, in the 8th constituency of Hauts-de-Seine and successfully got elected with 65,75% of the votes.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.