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Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) High Commission of India Kuala Lumpur



Message from High Commissioner
His Excellency Shri B. N. Reddy

Dear Friends,

I extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the launch of the inaugural issue of Quarterly Newsletter -'Sanskriti Darshan', of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Kuala Lumpur.

This newsletter is an important initiative of the Centre to connect with its valuable patrons and friends of Indian culture here in Malaysia. It will chronicle the events and activities of the Centre as well as its outreach with cultural academies and personalities based in Malaysia.

I am happy to note that 'Sanskriti Darshan' would also serve as a repository of information pertaining to important Indian cultural events held in India and stories that celebrate the diversity of Indian art, music, literature, and heritage.

The Centre set up in 2010, functions under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi. It serves as a vital platform for cultural exchanges, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and mutual understanding. It offers opportunities for artistic expression in Indian performing arts, literature, visual arts for both Malaysian and Indian artistes, and also fosters cultural and intellectual engagement and community building.

I encourage each of you to actively participate in the various events and initiatives of the Centre. I congratulate the NSCBICC team for their dedication and effort in the launch of this newsletter - 'Sanskriti Darshan', and wish it every success.

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GLIMPSES OF ICCR





Former DG of ICCR, Shri Kumar Tuhin paid a courtesy call on Hon'ble President of India on October 11, 2024 before proceeding to the Kingdom of the Netherlands to take up his next assignment as Ambassador of India.





ICCR, New Delhi extended a warm welcome to our new Director General, Amb. K. Nandini Singla who assumed charged on November 22, 2024. With her vast experience and visionary leadership, ICCR is continuing the journey of promoting Indian culture and strengthening cultural diplomacy worldwide. Here's to a journey enriched with cultural exchange, global collaboration and the strengthening of India's soft power through diplomacy.





8th India International Folk Festival

Hosted by ICCR at Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi, on November 26-27, 2024. Cultural troupes from Colombia, Sri Lanka, Slovakia and Iraq, commemorated the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for External Affairs & Textiles, inaugurated the celebration as Chief Guest.





International Dance & Music Festival 2024

Hosted by Chandigarh University in partnership with ICCR, the festival brought to life Colombia's passionate beats, Slovakia's refined grace, Sri Lanka's heartfelt movements and Iraq's vibrant traditions, a true celebration of cultural diversity and heritage! Chandigarh was a celebration of global artistry, leaving the audience spellbound, officiated by Shri Anil Rajbhar, the Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Employment.

GLOBAL OUTREACH





Padma Nrithyalaya Arts performed in Ayodhya Deepotsav 2024 organised by Uttar Pradesh Cultural Department, ICCR. The Ramayana performance at Badi Dev Kali Temple on October 29, 2024.





Secretary (AYUSH) Vaidya Shri Rajesh Kotecha called on Minister of Health of Malaysia YB Datuk Seri Dr. Haji Dzulkefly bin Ahmad on 27 November for effective implementation of the MoU on cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other traditional systems of medicine, which was signed in August 2024 during the visit of Hon'ble PM of Malaysia. He also visited Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) on November 28, 2024.



Padma Shri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim's Sutra Foundation performed - 'Invitation to Odissi' at The Kamani auditorium, New Delhi, for the International Festival of Indian Dance on October 20, 2024. The performance gave insights into the Guru Debaprasad Odissi tradition.

United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopts resolution to declare December 21 as World Meditation Day

On December 6, 2024, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously adopted a resolution to declare December 21 as World Meditation Day. India played a leading role in the adoption, co-sponsoring the resolution along with other countries. The core group of countries that guided the adoption included: India, Liechtenstein, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Mexico, and Andorra.

India's instrumental role in the adoption of the resolution on World Meditation Day was a "testimony to its firm commitment to overall human wellness and global leadership on this front in tune with our civilisational dictum of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" in the words of Mr. P. Harish, India's PR to UN at New York.

December 21 marks the Winter Solstice, which in Indian tradition is the beginning of "Uttarayana – an auspicious time of the year, especially for inner reflection" and meditation. It also falls exactly six months after the International Day of Yoga commemorated on June 21, which is the Summer Solstice.

India had in 2014 taken the lead in declaring June 21 as International Day of Yoga, that has in a decade, become a global movement which has led to common people across the globe practising yoga and making it part of their daily lives.

The General Assembly acknowledged the link between yoga and meditation as complementary approaches to health and well-being. World Meditation Day reminds us of the importance of nurturing human consciousness and to create harmony within ourselves and our communities.



Credit: Deccan Herald (decccanheraldd.com)

EVENTS | October – December 2024





An Introduction to Sanskrit Buddhism

On October 29, 2024, an enlightening Lecture by Prof. Mattia Salvini Dharmavardhana, Rector of the International Buddhist College on 'An Introduction to Sanskrit Buddhism'.






Gandhi Jayanthi 2024

On October 18, 2024, the Management Committee of Dewan Gandhi (Gandhi Hall), Sungai Petani, Kedah celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi 2024 for the first time at the renovated Dewan Gandhi, in partnership with the Mission and NSCBICC.





Confluence: Samagam
Language Series on Malayalam Language and Odia Language

The 'Confluence: Samagam – Language Series' on Malayalam Language on October 06, 2024 and Odia language on November 17, 2024.





Celebrations on the Conferment of Classical Status of Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Prakrit and Pali Languages

on November 09, 2024, this event was hosted to highlight the conferment of classical status to the above 5 languages by GOI.



Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign Painting Competition Prize Distribution Ceremony 2024

On November 23, 2024, NSCBICC organised a Painting Competition in conjunction with *Swachhata Hi Seva* (Cleanliness is Service) Campaign 2024. The competition was hosted from October 02 – 18, 2024.





Harmony with Strings - The Saraswathi Veena by Kalaimamani Srimathi Jayalakshmi Sekhar

On November 30, 2024, NSCBICC organised instrumental musical show by renowned Kalaimamani Srimathi Jayalakshmi Sekhar on Veena, Mr. JJ Prathap Sharma on Mridangam and Ms. Geetha Teruchelwam on Tanpura and Veena.

PICTURE GALLERY







Rangabhyasa Edition 3: Saisree Varma PK on October 05, 2024.







Vihangam Yoga by Mr. Vijay Vemula on October 05, 2024.







Navaratri Utsavam Kutcheri at Shri Jagathiswara Ashramam
Sreekumar (TIC Carnatic Vocal) and NSCBICC Carnatic Vocal students' performance on October 10, 2024.

LIBRARY @ NSCBICC



Library and Resource Centre

- Welcome to our **NSCBICC Library and Resource Centre!** 📚
- Step into a world of wonder, discovery and endless possibilities! Our library is more than just a collection of books—it's a gateway to adventure, knowledge, and inspiration.
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