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79th Independence Day of India celebrated at Kuala Lumpur



India's 79th Independence Day celebrations began at India House as High Commissioner H. E. Mr. B. N. Reddy hoisted the tricolour and read out the excerpts from the address of Hon'ble President of India. Over 800 Indian nationals, including school children and members of the vibrant Indian community, joined the celebrations hosted by the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, with great zeal & enthusiasm.



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GLIMPSES OF ICCR

ICCR organises the 7th International Conference on Yoga

The 7th International Conference on Yoga, Central Asia's first, was successfully held in Tashkent, by ICCR. The event brought together over 300 yoga scholars, practitioners and government representatives from 10 Eurasian Countries, including key figures like Amb. Smita Pant, DDG Abhay Kumar and Sri M. A key highlight was an interactive plenary session led by Dr. Ram Narayan Mishra (Ministry of Ayush), focusing on integrating yoga with traditional and modern medical practices. The conference emphasised holistic healthcare, blending ancient wisdom with modern science. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Shri Abhay Kumar, celebrating the unity, cultural exchange, and shared vision of "Yoga for One Earth, One Health".



BIMSTEC First Traditional Music Festival – 'Sapt-Sur'

BIMSTEC marked a new milestone in cultural cooperation with the First Traditional Music Festival – 'Sapt-Sur' in New Delhi, India on 4 August 2025. Hosted by Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR) the Festival brought together mesmerising performances from all seven member States, showcasing their rich musical traditions that reflected the cultural unity in diversity in Bay of Bengal region.

Inaugurating the event, India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar called it a "living bridge" of cultural harmony, emphasising that music transcends borders and fosters mutual respect among nations. This cultural fest organised by ICCR celebrated the rich cultural traditions of BIMSTEC member states and helped strengthen people to people ties.







GLOBAL OUTREACH





Hon'ble PM Modi met PM YAB Dato' Seri Anwar

Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim of Malaysia on the sidelines of the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Both leaders reviewed progress in various areas of 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership', including defence, counter terrorism, education, trade and investment and pharma. The two leaders also discussed India-ASEAN partnership. The meeting between the two leaders provided a valuable platform for a productive & wide-ranging exchange of views, encompassing key areas of bilateral coop. such as trade & investment, education, tourism, renewable energy, digitalisation and ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations. Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia for his strong condemnation of the terrorist attack in Pahalgam.









ASEAN – India Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Hon'ble Shri Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles led the delegation at the ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AIFMM), 15th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting and 32nd ASEAN Regional Forum on 10-11 July 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In his remarks at the AIFMM on 10 July, 2025, MoS extended India's continued support to Malaysia's chairmanship of ASEAN and reiterated India's support for ASEAN unity and centrality. Further, MoS appreciated progress in the implementation of the 10 Point proposal of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, announced at the 21st ASEAN-India Summit in Lao PDR in 2024 to further strengthen the ASEAN-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and shared the initiatives taken this year under the India -ASEAN Year of Tourism. At the 15th EAS FMM on 11 July 2025, MoS underlined India's contribution towards strengthening the Leaders-led EAS platform as the EAS mechanism completes 20 years and exchanged views on the current regional and international developments. At the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) held on 11 July 2025, MoS (PM) participated in a constructive exchange of views on pressing international and regional developments, and deliberated on the future trajectory of the ARF process. He underscored India's deep concerns over the persistent threat posed by Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism, particularly in the wake of the horrific terror attack in Pahalgam in the Indian UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

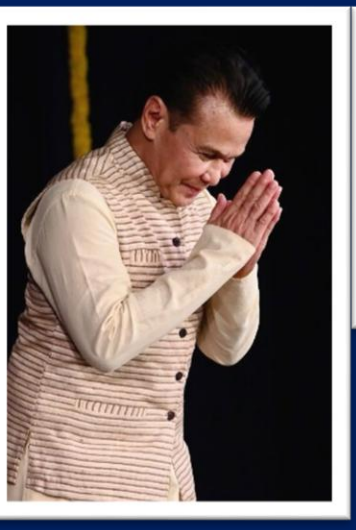




BILATERAL CULTURAL INTERACTIONS

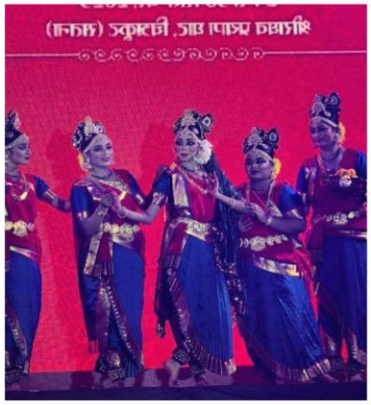
Pravasi Natya Kalanidhi Award for Padma Shri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim

Pravasi Natya Kalanidhi award was presented to Padma Shri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim, Chairman, Sutra Foundation, during the 36th Annual Day Celebrations of the Association of Bharatanatyam Artistes of India (ABHAI) at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai.


Vehaara Arts represents Malaysia in Madhya Pradesh Government's International Ramayana Mela Festival 2025

Vehaara Arts was nominated from Malaysia by NSCBICC for selection by the Madya Pradesh State Government to participate in the prestigious International Ramayana Mela Festival 2025. This performance is under the creative artistic direction of Master Kunaratnam Velautham.





EVENTS | July 2025 – September 2025





Third PIO Day

Shri Pabitra Margherita, Hon'ble MoS for External Affairs & Textiles, India, and YB Senator Saraswathy Kandasami, Hon'ble Deputy Minister of Unity, Malaysia, jointly inaugurated the 3rd PIO Day in Kuala Lumpur on 11 July 2025, at Dewan Kampo, International Youth Centre. Attended by over 300 participants. The event, organised by GOPIO Malaysia and GOPIO International with support from the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, featured cultural performances, exhibition on PIO heritage, and the launch of the Global Indian Youth Connect (GIYC) platform to unite youth of Indian origin worldwide.





Kathak Workshop

Ms. Priyadarshini Sanyal, the new Teacher of Indian Culture (Kathak) deputed from ICCR, New Delhi conducted a Kathak Workshop on 25 July 2025 at the Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC. The workshop had over 50 enthusiastic participants. They all enjoyed the session and registered for the Kathak classes.







Celebrating India-ASEAN Cultural Harmony

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with NSCBICC and Bharat Club Kuala Lumpur, organised 'Celebrating India-ASEAN Cultural Harmony' on 22 August 2025 at Shantanand Auditorium, The Temple of Fine Arts to mark India's 79th Independence Day and Malaysia's ASEAN Chairmanship. Held under the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)'s Promotion of Cultural Ties with Diaspora (PCTD) scheme, the event featured traditional Indian and ASEAN performances, a Ramayana dance drama, and a cultural costume show. Over 600 guests, including diplomats, Malaysian officials, and Indian diaspora members, celebrated the shared heritage and strong India-ASEAN ties.







Swarajya - a Music and Dance Concert

NSCBICC, in collaboration with PR Events and Aakaar Foundation, organised 'Swarajya' on 23 August 2025 at Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC to commemorate India's 79th Independence Day with music and dance performances. The event featured patriotic renditions by artists like Ms. Preetha Prasad, Ms. Vani Nethier, Ms. Reshmee Roy, Mr. Ramakrishnan, Mr. Sreekumar Ramakrishnan (Teacher of Indian Culture - Carnatic Vocal, NSCBICC) and Ms. Priyadarshini Sanyal (Teacher of Indian Culture - Kathak, NSCBICC). Alongside them, several upcoming talents such as Mr. Selvendrrah Krishnan, Ms. Veena Akilandeswari and others showcased their art forms. Over 150 guests attended, celebrating India's cultural heritage and the role of arts in the freedom movement.

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'Qala Utsav' Exhibition of Paintings by Malaysian and Indian Artists

On 30 August 2025, NSCBICC organised Qala Utsav, the inaugural ceremony of a fortnight long painting exhibition featuring works by 14 Indian and Malaysian artists, celebrating a blend of traditional and contemporary art styles. Inaugurated by cultural dignitaries, the event highlighted India-Malaysia artistic collaboration during the shared month of Independence.





Onam Nritya Utsav

On 13 Sept 2025, Padma Nrityalaya Arts in collaboration with NSCBICC hosted the vibrant Onam Nritya Utsav, celebrating Kerala's cultural heritage through classical and folk-dance performances. The event featured esteemed guests including Padma Shri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim and was attended by over 100 guests. Students performed traditional dances like Cholkettu, Kaikottikali and Kurumbarattam, showcasing the rich artistic legacy of Kerala.

PICTURE GALLERY





On 5 July 2025, Maharashtra Mandal Malaysia organised Aashadi Ekadashi Waari, a celebration gathering for children, featuring vibrant cultural performances and traditional dance presentations at the Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC.





On 16 July, 2025, Havyasi Malaysia Team and NSCBICC organised Kanakambara – The inaugural event based on Kannada film Music at Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC. Enthusiastic and talented artists of all ages brought alive the magic of Kannada film industry in Malaysia.






On 6 August 2025, Director NSCBICC, Ms. Vijayalakshmy Sunderrajan met JKKN Director-General Mr. Mohd Amran bin Mohd Haris to discuss future cultural collaborations. The meeting focused on enhancing troupe exchanges under the India-Malaysia Cultural Cooperation Programme, with senior JKKN officials also in attendance.





On 9 August 2025, Raksha Bandhan was celebrated at NSCBICC. Students and visitors came together for a joyful Raksha Bandhan celebration.





On 1 Sept 2025, NSCBICC & High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur in collaboration with Greentown Indian Cultural Society, Ipoh & Majlis Kebudayaan Negeri, presented 'AMMA' a Carnatic vocal recital by TIC Carnatic Vocal, Mr. Sreekumar Ramakrishnan.





On 4 September 2025, TIC Kathak, Ms. Priyadarshini Sanyal along with her students performed during the inaugural day of 9 days Cultural Festival held in conjunction with the 17th annual Shirdi Sai Baba Chariot Festival in Klang.

UPCOMING EVENTS









WHAT'S NEW

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PRESS RELEASE

GRATIS E-TOURIST VISA (30-DAY VALIDITY WITH DOUBLE ENTRY) FOR MALAYSIAN NATIONALS EXTENDED TILL 31 DECEMBER 2026

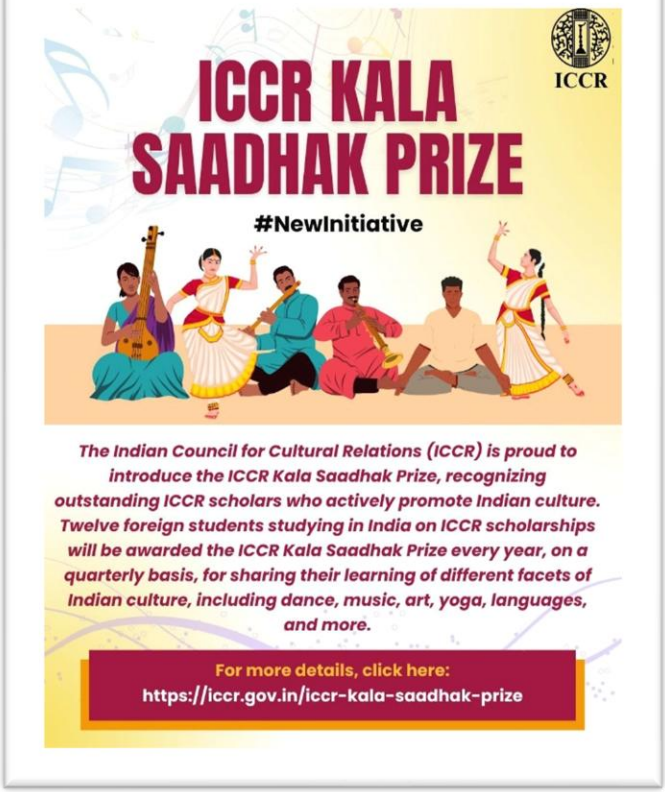
Malaysian Nationals will be granted 30-day e-Tourist visa with double entry on gratis basis (no visa fees) till 31 December 2026. The 30-day e-Tourist visa can be applied online at the official e-visa link https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html

Kindly note the following in respect of the above announcement: -

- Only e-Tourist visa (30-day with double entry) has no visa fees;
- All other e-visa category (ie. e-Business, e-Conference, e-Medical, Attendant, e-Ayush, e-Emergency X Miscellaneous) will be required to pay visa fees as prescribed;
- Existing rules regarding e-Tourist visas and other e-visas entioned at https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html will continue to apply;
- Those who wish to obtain regular paper visas from the Indian Consular Application Centres in six cities across Malaysia outsourced to M/s IVS Global Services, website: icacmalaysia.com) or at the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur will continue to pay the prescribed visa fees.

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Library and Resource Centre

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