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'Swagatham' Dance Performance at 'Selamat Datang Modi Ji'





To welcome the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi at the 'Selamat Datang Modi Ji' (Welcome Modiji) event on February 7, 2026 at MINES, 'Swagatham', a specially curated dance performance by about 800 dancers representing 46 cultural institutions and community organizations. The performance also entered The Malaysia Book of Records as the **'Most Performers in Traditional Indian Dance'**.





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GLIMPSES OF ICCR

ICCR signs MoU with Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration

Smt. Manisha Swami, Deputy Director-General (Culture), ICCR and Shri Awanish Kumar, Secretary of Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration (UTLA) signed a MoU in presence of Smt. K. Nandini Singla, Director-General ICCR at ICCR, HQ, New Delhi. This is a first ever MoU signed with any Union Territory by ICCR. The objective of this MoU is to promote UTLA's culture abroad and to facilitate cultural exchanges with foreign countries.





ICCR organises Vande Mataram Exhibition

ICCR organised an exhibition on the history of 'Vande Mataram' to commemorate 150 years of the iconic song on 16 January 2026. The exhibition was inaugurated by Smt. K. Nandini Singla, Director-General ICCR. The event was graced by a soulful performance themed on Vande Mataram, featuring the powerful voice of Gouri Banerjee, accompanied by artists on sarangi, sitar and tabla. The inaugural ceremony was also attended by a cultural delegation from Burkina Faso, underscoring the international resonance of the occasion. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mrs Manisha Swami, Deputy Director-General ICCR.





GLOBAL OUTREACH

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Visits Malaysia on Official Trip

At the invitation of Prime Minister of Malaysia, YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi undertook an official visit to Malaysia from 7 to 8 February 2026. The visit reflected the deep-rooted friendship and enduring people-to-people ties, based on civilizational connections between the two countries. It reaffirmed the shared commitment of the two Leaders to further consolidate and expand the India–Malaysia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The two Leaders also appreciated the operationalization of the Thiruvalluvar Chair of Indian Studies at the prestigious Universiti Malaya (UM), Kuala Lumpur and welcomed the establishment of Thiruvalluvar Center at Universiti Malaya. Prime Minister YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim also welcomed the announcement of Thiruvalluvar Scholarships for Malaysian nationals.









BILATERAL CULTURAL INTERACTION





Sutra Foundation represents Malaysia at 11th India International Dance & Music Festival

Sutra Foundation represented Malaysia at ICCR's 11th India International Dance & Music Festival held at New Delhi, Chandigarh and Vadodara. Sutra Foundation featured their widely acclaimed recent Odissi production, 'Radhe! Radhe! The Sweet Surrender!' - Radha's eternal longing meets Krishna's divine leela. Further, the Maharaja Saiyajirao University of Baroda signed a MoU with Sutra Foundation on 21 January 2026 to strengthen collaboration in the field of Performing Arts. The MoU, facilitated by ICCR and MSU's Office of International Affairs, was signed in the august presence of Hon'ble Chancellor Rajmata Shubhangini Devi Raje.





Yakshagana Dance Performance by ICCR Empanelled Troupe

Karnataka Kala Darshini, the ICCR empanelled troupe visited Malaysia on deputation for week-long Yakshagana dance performances and lecture-demonstrations at various locations. The opening programme was held at Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC on February 22, 2026. It featured a special Vande Mataram performance by all the artists as part of the nationwide commemoration of 150 Years of Vande Mataram.

The troupe then conducted a lect-dem for artists of JKKN Perak at Auditorium Kebudayaan & Kesenian Negara, Perak on February 23, 2026 followed by a cultural performance at the same auditorium in partnership with Greentown Indian Cultural Society, Ipoh. The next day, the troupe visited the southern part of Malaysia, Johor to perform as well as give a lecture demonstrstion at The Temple of Fine Arts Johor Bahru. The troupe then performed at cultural event organised by Malaysia Kannada Sangha on January 25, 2026. They, taught students of Global Indian International School Kuala Lumpur.

Yakshagana Performance at Kuala Lumpur
(22 January 2026 | Thursday | Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC)





Yakshagana Lecture Demonstration at Ipoh
(23 January 2026 | Friday | Auditorium Kebudayaan & Kesenian Negara, Perak)





Yakshagana Performance at Ipoh
(23 January 2026 | Friday | Auditorium Kebudayaan & Kesenian Negara, Perak)





Yakshagana Performance at Johor
(24 January 2026 | Saturday | The Temple of Fine Arts Johor Bahru)





Yakshagana Performance at Malaysia Kannada Sangha
(25 January 2026 | Sunday | Xsolla Curine Academy)






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EVENTS | January – March 2026







World Hindi Day

On January 10, 2026, High Commission and NSBCICC, NSCBICC celebrated World Hindi Day. Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Hitesh Rajpal inaugurated the event and shared his views on the role of Hindi in strengthening cultural understanding and connecting people from different cultures and nations. He also read out a special message from Hon'ble Prime Minister of India H.E. Shri Narendra Modi on the day.







Veena Vandhanam

On January 17, 2026, NSCBICC hosted 'Veena Vandanam', a special Saraswati Veena concert by ICCR empanelled Artist Kalaimamani Smt. Jayalakshmi Sekhar commemorating 'Vande Mataram' on 150th anniversary of India's national song. The mesmerising performance by Kalaimamani Smt. Jayalakshmi Sekhar, accompanied by Shri Dharmenthiran Krishnan on Mridangam; Shri JB Arvind Sharma on Kanjira and her talented students left the audience spellbound.





Welcome Ceremony for His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

On February 7, 2026, upon the arrival of Hon'ble Prime Minister at The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi was welcomed with cultural performances like Natheswaram & Thavil recital, Thirumurai recital, 'Wayang Kulit' (traditional local shadow puppet theatre), Ramayana based Bharatnatyam performance and demonstration of Silambam martial art by prominent local cultural organisations. Hon'ble Prime Minister warmly interacted with the artists and commended them on their performances.





Felicitation Ceremony for the Artists of National Day Reception and 'Selamat Datang Modi Ji', Indian Community Event

On February 27, 2026, NSCBICC and High Commisison organised a Feliciation Ceremony to honour the distinguished Heads of cultural institutions, Academies as well as community organisations who played a pivotal role in making 'Swagatham' Dance Performance a grand success. This specially choreographed performance of about 800 dancers was held to welcome Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi at the 'Selamat Datang Modi Ji', an Indian Community Event, organised by coalition of NGOs in Malaysia on February 7, 2026 at MINES International Exhibition & Convention Centre.





Saree Walkathon in connection with International Women's Day 2026

On March 8, 2026, NSCBICC collaborated with Nutri Heart Malaysia in the organisation of Saree Walkathon 2026 at Perdana Botanical Garden, Kuala Lumpur, on the occasion of International Women's Day. The walkathon witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 1,000 women from India, Malaysia and other nationalities across Malaysia. Along with the Chief Guest, YB Senator Saraswathy Kandasami, Guest of Honour, Mrs. Lalita Devi Reddy, wife of the High Commissioner of India, Director NSCBICC, Ms. Vijayalakshmy Sunderrajan also participated in this event.





Discourse on 'Advaita in Daily Life' by Revered Swami Shuddhidananda

On March 31, 2026, NSCBICC and High Commission in collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission Malaysia, hosted an inspiring discourse titled 'Advaita in Daily Life' by Revered Swami Shuddhidananda, Head of Advaita Ashrama – Mayavati & Kolkata, India. In his speech, Swami Shuddidananda ji touched upon the existential problems of life that arise from dualism and mutual separation, offering profound insights into how Advaita philosophy can help overcome these challenges.

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PICTURE GALLERY







129th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (Parakram Diwas)
23 January 2026 | Friday | Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC
Organiser: Netaji Welfare Foundation







'Ek Shaam Bollywood Geeton Ke Naam' Bollywood Evening
13 February 2026 | Friday | Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC
Organiser: Bhai Mardana Sangeet Academy

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UPCOMING EVENTS









Namaste Malaysia Fiesta 22 – 23 May 2026 | Friday – Saturday | The Grand Hall @ Taylors University, Subang Jayas
Bharat Sansktiti Yatra 2026 11 June 2026 | Thursday | 9:00 am onwards | Shantanand Auditorium
Talk: The Art and Legacy of Dance Legend Guru Gopinath, his wife Guru Thankamani and 4 of their Proteges in the Field of Dance in Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka 12 June 2026 | Friday | 6:00 pm | Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC
Perak Day 16 May 2026 | Saturday | 8:00 pm onwards | Dewan Banquet, SUK Perak

WHAT'S NEW

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Scholarship Schemes offered by ICCR for the academic year 2026-27

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has announced the following scholarship schemes for the academic intake 2026-27. Malaysian students may apply at online portal starting from 27th February 2026

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme
- Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme
- Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme
- QUAD STEM Scholarship Scheme

http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/

Last date to apply: 22 April 2026



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Multipurpose Hall, NSCBICC

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