

Annual Report 2021-2022

CULTURAL CENTRE
OF
CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
Saint-Denis, Reunion Island



Cultural Activities

2021- 22

To commemorate 75th Anniversary of India's Independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' a series of events were organized by the Consulate General of India . In spite of continuation of pandemic situation the post observed various programs online and offline within the limited number of people, under consideration of Government regulations about social distancing and sanitary restriction at Cultural Centre of Consulate General of India.



The Structure

The activities of the Cultural Centre are overseen by the Consul General, Consul/HoC and the teacher deployed by ICCR. The Consul General provide overall guidance and direction. In the beginning of every year, the Consul General approves the calendar of cultural activities to be conducted on that year. These three major pillars of ICC meet regularly, to monitor the programmes and functioning.



Mr. Jitendra Nath Majhi
Consul General



Mr. Sreenivasan Krinaswamy
ICCR Teacher -cum- performer



Mrs. Subhoda Viramouttou
Cultural Assistant

Mr. OTHAYOTH Ragesh, Bharatanatyam ICCR Teacher cum Performer was conducting Regular classes and different cultural activities for Reunionese public and work to propagate Indian Culture in Reunion , till June 2021.

Thereafter, Mr. SREENIVASAN KRISHNASWAMY , the Indian Cultural Centre Teacher cum Performer has been conducting regular classes from of Bharatanatyam, Vocal music (Carnatic Music, Semi-classical music and Bhajans), Sanskrit Mantras and Hindi language at Cultural Centre.

As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to make 75 years of India's Independence , the Cultural Centre of the Consulate General of India , celebrated 2021-2022 activities, online and offline :

➡ Online celebrations

➤ Indian Freedom Fighter :

- Essay Competition
- Video Blogging Contest
- Drawing Competition
- Fancy dress competition

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➤ Indian Tourism :

To promote Indian tourism, conducted a week-long social media campaign on following states :

- Uttarakhand
- Uttar Pradesh
- Odisha
- Rajasthan
- Maharashtra
- Tamil Nadu
- West Bengal



➤ **ICCR Foundation Day :**

Online premier show - *Mohiniattam*
recital "Lāsya" by Mrs. Ingrid Lakshmi Lowinsky,
an ICCR alumni.



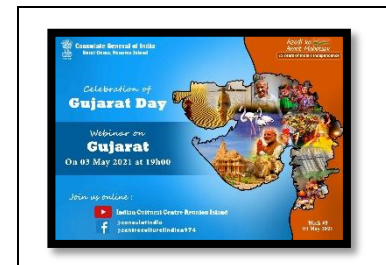
➤ **Tamil New Year :**

Bharatanatyam the classical dance form from Tamil Nadu
were presented . The program hosted as a YouTube premier
show.



➤ **Gujarat Day**

Webinar/online seminar on Gujarat is presented by
Mme. Puja Amratlal, Professor of Hindi Language.



➤ **India's Rich Cultural Heritage :**

- Poster making competition
- Historical Monuments and Sculptures of India :
Volume 1 (Ancient Pallava Dynasty) ,
Volume 2 (Hoysala Dynasty)
Volume 3 (Tandava movements and dance of shiva).



Poster making competition



Ancient Pallava Dynasty
Volume - 1



Hoysala Dynasty
Volume - 2



Natya Shastra
Volume - 3

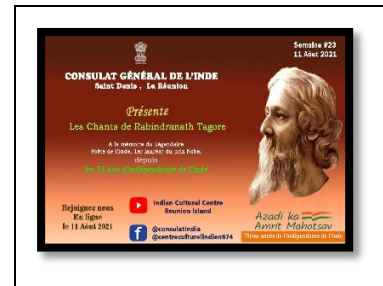
➤ **Indian Classical Dance and Instrumental Music Show :**

- Quiz on Indian Classical Dance
- Online instrumental music show -
Tabla recital by Mr. Subhash Dhunoohchand and Sitar recital by Mrs. Tanuja Gopaul.



➤ **Rabindra Sangeet :**

1. 'Purano Sei Diner Kotha' recited by Mr. Sreenivasan Krishnaswamy
2. 'Aaj Jamon Kore' by Mr. Sayak Sarkar..



➤ **Indian women scientist :**

A short video presented on Achievement of Ten Indian women scientist.



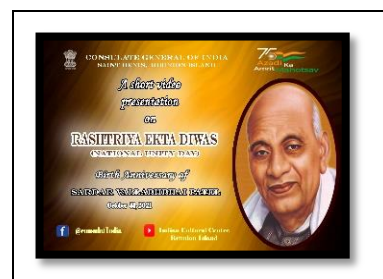
➤ **Teachers' Day :**

Theme "Do you respect your teacher?"
Online video from five Reunion students, expressed their feeling about their teachers'.



➤ **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas :**

Online short video presentation on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on the occasion of birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhabhai Patel



➡ Offline celebrations

➤ Exhibition at Cultural Centre :

- Painting exhibition of Rabindranath Tagore on his Birth Anniversary.
- Photo Exhibition on "achievements of India in different sector during the 75 years of Independence"
- Photo Exhibition on Father of Nation – Mahatma Gandhi.
- Jharokha (celebrating crafts of India)



Painting Exhibition

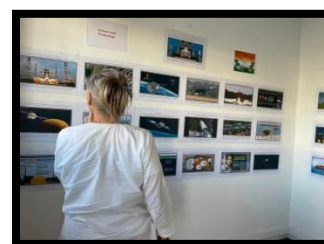


Photo Exhibition on 75 yrs of Achievement



Photo Exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi



Jharokha

➤ Observance of Environment Day

All the officials of the Consulate together planted tree in the premise of CGI Saint-Denis,



➤ Hindi Day and World Hindi Diwas

Diaspora members (adult and children) were actively participated in Recitation of Hindi poem/songs, Hindi hand writing competition.



Hindi Diwas



World Hindi Diwas



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➤ **7th International Day
of Yoga :(4 June – 21
June)**

A series of events which lead
to the 7th International Day of
Yoga :

- **Curtain Raiser Yoga session**
- **Photo contest "Yoga Anywhere"**
- **Weblecture series(07-20June):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NElsd3B0QQo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzsfqwUVEeA>
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- **Main event of the 7th
International Day of Yoga was
held on 21st June at DOJO de
champ Fleuri , ville de Saint
Denis.**



Curtain Raiser



Curtain Raiser



First Prize
Yoga Anywhere Contest



Second Prize



Third Prize



DOJO - Saint Denis
(Morning session)



DOJO - Saint Denis
(Afternoon session)



➤ Independence Day of India

As part of the celebrations, video congratulatory messages from some prominent members of diaspora and friends of India were showcased online

The Consulate also coordinated an effort to publish a 2-full page congratulatory message for India on the occasion by the members of diaspora/businessmen. The messages were published by the diaspora members in one of the leading daily newspaper Le JIR for 3 days(15-17 August).



➤ International Day of Non-Violence

International Day of Non-Violence by paying homage to Mahatma Gandhi in association with Municipality of Saint Denis, Municipality of Saint Andre in collaboration with ARRCC and Tamij Sangam at Trinité Park, Consulate and Cultural Centre.



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Cultural Centre



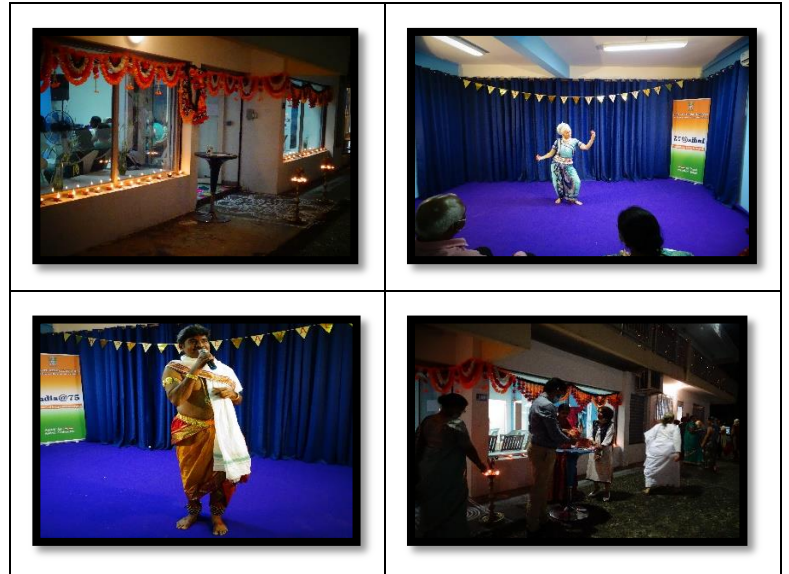
Parc Trinité



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➤ **Deepavali**

Celebrated with lighting of the lamps , Diwali song in Hindi, Bharathanatyam performance by the ICCR teacher cum performer and contemporary Oddissi dance by a French student, Carnatic Group vocal rendition by the cultural center students, a guitar instrument Performance by a French artist and a dance on Bollywood song presentation by the local association “pondy super stars”.



➤ **Dekho Apna Desh**

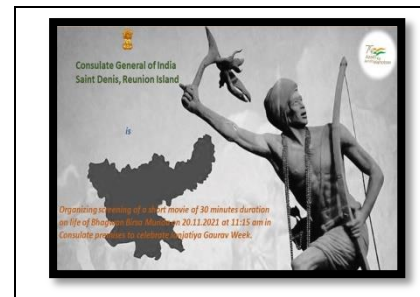
(Quiz contest)

Seven children from the Indian diaspora community participated in the event from the age group between 6 to 18 years.



➤ **Bhagwan Birsa Munda :**

Screening a documentary movie



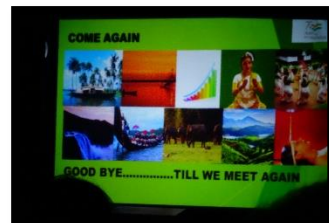
➤ **Mahaparinirvan Diwas :**

Organized along with lighting of the lamps and garlanding the portrait of Dr. Ambedkar by the Consul General and other members, a short movie was screened on his life.



➤ **Kerala Day :**

Celebrated with songs, presentation on tourism, economic, development and Mohiniattam dance, exhibition on Food, Ayurvedic (massage, medicine), wild life, festivals, tourism and performing art form.



➤ **National Youth Day:**

The staff and the guest were garlanded the portrait of Swami Vivekananda. ICCR teacher started the program with musical note. Young students were shared their views and a power point presentation on the work and contribution of Swami Vivekananda presented by a local Reunionese.



➤ **Republic Day of India:**

The consulate was decorated with the tricolor balloons, ribbons and special rangoli. A singing of a patriotic song "Har Karam Apna Kareng" in praise of the Indian nation by the Cultural Centre students. A solo presentation song "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara" "National Integration Unity in Diversity" by ICCR Teacher-cum-performer. Also some of the invitees presented a Bharathiyar song in Tamil and song in Hindi as tribute to the sacrificed soldiers of India. The other cultural events included were : a game of musical chairs, flying of kites and releasing of tricolor balloons.



➤ **Mehendi Design:**

Mehendi design in collaboration with Ti Fleur Henne conducted at Cultural Centre to show Mehendi art work and Various intricate designs.



➤ **Uttar Pradesh Day :**

The Consulate celebrated Uttar Pradesh Day on 11th March at Conservatoire a Rayonnement Regional, Saint-Denis. The objective to conduct UP day is to foster awareness among local Reunion people on its economic developments, flourishing tourism, and its dynamic cultural heritage. The auditorium was overbooked by audience. The invited guests were from tourism sector.



➤ **India Days :**

Consulate General of India, Reunion Island is organizing series of events starting from 19th March to 21st March, 2022 called "India Days" which depicts India's delicacy, culture, festivals, etc.

- Painting exhibition (PUDUCHERRY BLUE)
- Taste of India - Indian Cookery Show
- Festival of Holi
- Workshop on Bharatanatyam
- Film screening (Bareilly Ki Barfi)



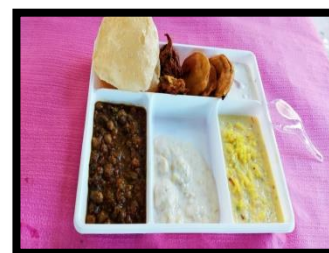
- **PUDUCHERRY BLUE :**

Exhibition of painting of eminent artists from South Asia, jointly inaugurated by Mr. Jitendra Nath Majhi - Consul General of India , Stéphanie POINY-TOPLAN and Wilfrid BERTILE of Regional Council at Villa de la Region.



- **Taste of India - Indian Cookery Show followed by festival of Holi**

The Consulate General of India organized cookery show to introduce a selected traditional Indian dishes - Puri, Chola, Kheer and Pakoda and its cooking methods.



- **Bharathanatyam Workshop**

Bharatanatyam workshop was conducted by ICCR Teacher cum performer – Mr. Sreenivasan Krishnaswamy with local reunion students and friends at Cultural Centre of Consulate General of India



- **Hindi film screening**

Consulate General of India screened Bollywood movie 'Bareilly Ki Barfi' with subtitle French at Cultural Centre.



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