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#### AMB. VINOD KUMAR UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ANTAR RASHTRIYA SAHAYOG PARISHAD



Amb. Virendra Gupta, President, ARSP garlanding Amb. Vinod Kumar, the newly elected President, ARSP at Pravasi Bhawan

Ambassador Vinod Kumar was unanimously elected as the President of ARSP for the term 2024-2026. The election was held during the Annual General Meeting of ARSP, which took place at Pravasi Bhawan on Tuesday, 19th November 2024.

Amb. Vinod Kumar, who was born in 1959 in Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh, has had an illustrious career in India's diplomatic service spanning over three decades. A distinguished alumnus of Allahabad University and Lucknow University, where he completed his M.Sc. in Mathematical Statistics, Amb. Kumar joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1983.

Throughout his career, Amb. Kumar held significant posts both in India and abroad. His early assignments included serving in Indian Missions in Moscow, Bangkok, and St. Petersburg (Russia) from 1983 to 2000, alongside various roles at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. A dedicated professional, he attended the prestigious National Defence College course on Defence and Strategic Studies in 2000.

#### MRS. K. NANDINI SINGLA JOINED AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS (ICCR)

Mrs. K. Nandini Singla joined as Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations on 21st November 2024 after serving as High Commissioner of India to Mauritius from December 2020 to November 2024. Prior to that, Mrs. K. Nandini Singla served as the Ambassador of India to Portugal from July 2016 to December 2020. From April 2015 to June 2016, she was Joint Secretary (Europe West) at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi, handling India's relations with the European Union. Before this, from March 2012 to April 2015, she worked as Director in the Ministry's Americas Division dealing with India's relations with the USA and Canada.

Mrs. Nandini Singla also served as First Secretary/Counsellor (Economic) at the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in



Mrs. K. Nandini Singla, Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Between 2001 and 2009, he was appointed as Deputy Chief of Mission and Deputy High Commissioner in Bhutan and Australia, respectively. His tenure further included pivotal roles as Joint Secretary (Public Diplomacy) and Joint Secretary (Multilateral Economic Relations) in New Delhi. From 2010 to 2014, he served as the High Commissioner of India to Fiji, representing not just Fiji but also holding concurrent accreditation to the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, and Tuvalu, while fostering key diplomatic relationships with the Pacific Islands Forum and other regional organizations.

Amb. Kumar's exceptional service extended to his role as Additional Secretary (International Organisations) from 2014 to 2015, before his appointment as Ambassador to Uzbekistan in May 2015.

In his new role as President of ARSP, Amb. Vinod Kumar expressed his profound gratitude for the trust placed in him and committed to continuing the work of fostering international cooperation, mutual understanding, and development initiatives that the organization has championed for decades.

Under his leadership, ARSP is poised for a future marked by renewed energy and dedication to its mission.

The ARSP community joins in congratulating Amb. Kumar and looks forward to an era of impactful service under his guidance.

#### FROM THE VERY BEGINNING ARSP WAS LED BY ILLUSTRIOUS AND EMINENT PERSONALITIES

Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad- Bharat (ARSP) was established in 1978 by public spirited eminent personalities who were pioneers in their respective fields. It is a non-profit, non-governmental and non-political organization devoted to promoting universal brotherhood and harmony, embodied in its motto, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (The Whole is One Family). In furtherance of its charter ARSP pays special attention to the Indian Diaspora.

From the very beginning ARSP was led by illustrious and eminent personalities like Dr. Dharma Vira (former Governor of West Bengal) Shri Bhagwan Singh (former High Commissioner of India to Fiji), Dr. Sarajini Mahishi (former Minister of State, Government of India), Shri Lakhan Lal Mehrotra (former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs), Shri Ved Prakash Goyal (former Cabinet Minister, Government of India), Shri Shashank (former Foreign Secretary, Government of India), Amb. Virendra Gupta (Retired Indian Foreign Service Officer, former DG ICCR former High commissar India to Trinidad and Tobago, Tanzania, South Africa) and Amb. Vinod Kumar is presently the President of ARSP.

Veteran Journalist and Social Activist Late Shri Baleshwar Agarwal was the guiding spirit behind ARSP. He was one of the founders of ARSP and served as its Secretary General from 1983 till he breathed his last in 2013. Shri Shyam Parande is presently serving as Secretary General of ARSP.

Geneva from 2009 to 2011, handling multilateral trade and economic issues such as intellectual property rights, trade and development, South-South cooperation, and global internet governance. Ambassador Singla is an ASPEN Fellow and Fellow of the India Leadership Initiative of the Ananta Aspen Centre.

Mrs. K. Nandini Singla joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1997. She has a Master's degree in Political Science and International Relations from Bombay University and an M.Phil. in Diplomatic Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. She hails from Karnataka and speaks Kannada, Hindi, English, and French.



**H.E. PROF ANIL SOOKLAL, HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, SMT DROUPADI MURMU AT A CEREMONY HELD AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024.**



The President, Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from Prof Anil Sooklal, High Commissioner of the Republic of South Africa

South Africa's new high commissioner to India, Anil Sooklal, has said his mandate in India will be to "build on that very strong foundation" and to "expand exponentially this relationship on all fronts of cooperation". Sooklal, who is South Africa's first Indian-origin High commissioner to Delhi said, "I'm very blessed because I'm African, in the sense that my Janmabhoomi is Africa, and now my Karmabhoomi is India. So I am a blend of both African and Indian in one package. I'm proud of both identities."

**Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Visited Guyana from 20-21 November 2024**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic tour of Guyana, Barbados, and Grenada included a series of engagements that strengthened bilateral relations and highlighted India's growing connections with the Caribbean region. During his visit to Guyana, PM Modi participated in high-profile meetings, made symbolic gestures, and reached agreements across various key sectors.

Prime Minister Modi received a warm welcome from President Mohamed Irfaan Ali, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley of Barbados, Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell of Grenada, and various officials, including the full Cabinet of Guyana. The visit was marked by a special honor as the Mayor of Georgetown presented PM Modi with the "Key to the City of Georgetown," a gesture symbolizing the profound friendship between India and Guyana.

During a ceremonial tribute at the State House, PM Modi was awarded the prestigious "Order of Excellence," which is the highest national honor in Guyana. This award recognized PM Modi's visionary statesmanship, his advocacy for developing nations, exceptional global service, and dedication to India-Guyana relations. He accepted the honor and dedicated it to the people of India. PM Modi's visit also reaffirmed India's commitment to fostering a deeper partnership with Guyana, making him only the fourth foreign leader to receive this prestigious award.

**Strengthening Bilateral Cooperation**

A significant highlight of PM Modi's visit was the signing of 10 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), enhancing collaboration in key sectors such as:

- **Health and Pharmaceuticals:** Establishment of a Jan Ausadhi Kendra in Guyana to expand access to affordable medicines and partnerships to supply affordable medications to CARICOM countries.
- **Hydrocarbons:** Expanded cooperation covering crude sourcing, natural gas, and infrastructure development.
- **Agriculture:** Joint initiatives, research and development, and food security efforts, including the donation of millet seeds to bolster Guyana's food security.
- **Digital Transformation:** Capacity building and the potential deployment of India's UPI-like real-time payment system in Guyana.
- **Defence and Skill Development:** Continued support for skill development, building on the gift of two Dornier aircraft to Guyana earlier this year.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at his statue in the historic Promenade Gardens in Georgetown, Guyana

PM Modi highlighted India's enduring commitment to Guyana's growth, emphasizing infrastructure, energy, and food security as areas of continued support.

The tour also identified new cooperation avenues, such as: Education and human capital development, Technology transfer, food processing Advancements, Ayurvedic medicine and vaccine manufacturing.

**Cultural Engagements and Tribute to Heritage**

Prime Minister Modi's visit was marked by rich cultural exchanges, highlighting the deep connection between India and the Indian diaspora in Guyana. He visited the Saraswati Vidya Niketan Secondary School, where students showcased bhajans and performed Kathak dances.

The Prime Minister paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the historic statue in Promenade Gardens and honored Guyana's Indian heritage with floral tributes at the Arya Samaj monument.

At the Indian Arrival Monument, PM Modi was welcomed with traditional Tassa drums. Accompanied by Prime Minister Mark Phillips, he paid tribute to the contributions of the Indian community in preserving cultural heritage. In a symbolic gesture, PM Modi planted a *Bel* tree at the site as part of the "*Ek Ped Ma Ke Naam*" initiative.

In a special address to Guyana's Parliament, Prime Minister Modi emphasized the importance of the India-Guyana relationship, describing it as a partnership built on "soil, sweat, and diligence." He echoed India's commitment to "democracy first and humanity first," highlighting the necessity of inclusive global development and cooperation. "Whether in space or at sea, these areas should be subject to universal cooperation, not conflict," he stated, advocating for a world where all nations progress together while fostering peace and prosperity.



## The Labour Party won the Mauritius election, marking a significant political shift

In a stunning political shift, Mauritius' opposition coalition has secured a decisive victory in the country's parliamentary elections, sweeping all 62 contested seats and effectively ending Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth's tenure. The opposition Alliance for Change, led by former Prime Minister Navin Ramgoolam, will now take control of the island nation's government.



An election rally was held in the Mauritian capital, Port Louis

Results released throughout showed that the governing Militant Socialist Movement (MSM) coalition failed to win a single seat, with the opposition securing wins across all 21 constituencies. Prime Minister Jugnauth, who had been in office since 2017, conceded defeat early in the day, acknowledging the overwhelming defeat of his government.

"The population has decided to choose another team," Jugnauth said in a brief statement. "I wish good luck to the country." The MSM's loss follows allegations of corruption involving leaked recordings of politicians and business figures, which had severely damaged the government's credibility.

Ramgoolam, who served as prime minister from 1995 to 2000 and again from 2005 to 2014, is poised to return to power. Official results, including seats from Rodrigues Island, are expected by Tuesday. Mauritius, a stable democracy and growing economy in the Indian Ocean, has held regular elections since its independence in 1968.

### New Cabinet Ministers

1. Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam - **Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Minister of Finance**
2. Paul Berenger - **Deputy Prime Minister & Minister without Portfolio**
3. Shakeel Mohamed - Minister of Housing and Lands
4. Rajesh Bhagwan - Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change
5. Arvin Boolell - Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries
6. Ajay Gunness - Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development
7. Anil Bachoo - Minister of Health and Wellness
8. Richard Duval - Minister of Tourism & Leisure
9. Ashok Subron - Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity
10. Jyoti Jeetun - Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning
11. Patrick Assirvaden - Minister of Energy and Public Utilities
12. Ritish Ramful - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade
13. Reza Uteem - Minister of Labour & Industrial Relations
14. Osman Mohamed - Minister of Land Transport
15. Arriane Navarre Marie Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare
16. Deven Nagalingum - Minister of Youth & Sport
17. Michael Sik Yuen Minister of Commerce & Consumer Protection
18. Dr. Kaviraj Sukon - Minister of Tertiary Education, Science & Research

19. Adil Ameer Meea - Minister of Industry, SME & Cooperatives
20. Mahen Gungaparsad - Minister of Education and Human Resource
21. Avinash Ramtohol - Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation
22. Raj Pentiah - Minister of Public Service, and administrative reforms
23. Ranjiv Wochit - Minister of Local Government
24. Mahen Goondeea - Minister of Arts and Culture
25. Gavin Glover - Attorney General  
PTR-5 Junior Minister
26. Dhanesh Damry - Junior Minister of Finance
27. Joana Berenger - Junior Minister of Environment
28. Fabrice David - Junior Minister of Agro Industry
29. Karen Fook Yune - Junior Minister of Sports
30. Sydney Pierre - Junior Minister of Tourism
31. Fawzi Allymun - Junior Minister of Local Government
32. Stephanie Anquetil - Junior Minister of Energy and Public Utilities
33. Rajen Narsinghen - Junior Minister of Foreign Affairs
34. Khushal Lobine - Junior Minister of Education
35. Kugan Parapen - Junior Minister of Social Integration:

### Chief Whip - Anishta Babooram

## SIX INDIAN-ORIGIN AMERICANS ELECTED TO U.S. CONGRESS IN HISTORIC VOTE

Former U.S. President Donald Trump made a strong comeback by winning a second term in office, defeating Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, to become the 47th President of the United States.

In a landmark development, six Indian-origin Americans have been elected to the U.S. Congress following the final phase of the 2024 presidential elections. This diverse group, informally dubbed the "Samosa Caucus," includes five re-elected Congress members: Ami Bera, Raja Krishnamoorthi, Ro Khanna, Pramila Jayapal, and Shri Thanedar. In addition, Suhas Subramanyam, a Democrat from Virginia, will make his debut in Congress.



Suhas Subramanyam, Congressman from Virginia, has a strong educational and professional background. A law graduate from Northwestern University, Subramanyam has served as a White House technology policy advisor during the Obama administration. His parents, both originally from India, emigrated in the 1970s with dreams of a better future in America. Subramanyam's election marks a significant moment for Indo-American representation in Congress. Ami Bera (California), a medical doctor, is the longest-serving Indo-American Congressman, with a tenure extending back to the 113th Congress. Known for his contributions to healthcare policy, Bera's leadership has made him a key figure in U.S. politics.

Raja Krishnamoorthi, who represents Illinois, continues his fifth consecutive term after an impressive academic career at Princeton and Harvard. He holds the distinction of being the first South Asian American to lead a Congressional committee. Ro Khanna (California), a strong advocate for workers' rights and pro-union policies, is set for a fourth term. Pramila Jayapal, the first South Asian American woman in the U.S. House, has been a vocal advocate for immigration reform. Shri Thanedar, representing Michigan, has overcome significant personal challenges, from working as a janitor to becoming a successful entrepreneur before entering public office. Together, these leaders reflect the growing influence of Indian Americans in shaping U.S. political discourse.



## PRESIDENT ANURA KUMARA DISSANAYAKE'S ALLIANCE TRIUMPHS IN HISTORIC LANDSLIDE VICTORY



Anura Kumara Dissanayake, leader of the National People's Power (NPP) party

In a monumental shift in Sri Lanka's political landscape, President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's ruling alliance, the National People's Power (NPP), secured a decisive victory in the general elections held on November 14. The results, officially announced on November 15, shattered the records of past powerful governments and marked a historic breakthrough for the NPP in regions predominantly inhabited by the island's ethnic minorities, including the north, east, and hill country.

The NPP's victory was overwhelming, with the party winning 159 of the 225 seats in the House, granting them a formidable two-thirds majority. This unprecedented win positioned President Dissanayake with the legislative power needed to pursue bold political and economic reforms. The Opposition, led by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), managed to secure just 40 seats. The once-dominant Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), led by the Rajapaksa family, suffered a historic defeat, plunging from 145 seats in the 2020 elections to only three seats this time around.

A striking feature of this election was the NPP's significant gains across the island, especially its success in the north and east, areas traditionally influenced by Tamil and Muslim communities. In Jaffna, the NPP won three out of six seats, becoming the first major southern party to challenge and defeat established northern Tamil political forces, such as the Ilankai Tamil Arasu Katchi (ITAK).

This development has upended historical perceptions of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP), the NPP's primary constituent, which was long viewed as an "anti-Tamil rights" entity due to its staunch opposition in the 1980s to Tamil self-rule and the merger of the northern and eastern provinces.

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### United Nations Celebrated Hindi Divas for the First Time

The United Nations headquarters hosted a special celebration for Hindi Divas on November 23, 2024, attended by Indian Members of Parliament and other distinguished guests from around the world. The Permanent Mission of India to the UN reported that MP Birendra Prasad Baishya underscored the global appeal of Hindi and its widespread reach. The event marked the first time that Hindi Divas was celebrated at the UN, signifying a new step in India's commitment to promoting multilingualism on an international stage.

The celebration aimed to highlight the shared values of linguistic and cultural diversity, mirroring the multilingual character of both India and the UN.

This initiative was designed to engage a broad audience, reaching out particularly to Hindi-speaking communities across the diaspora in countries such as Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji, Mauritius, Guyana, and Suriname.



The United Nations headquarters hosted a special celebration for Hindi Divas

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, emphasized the special significance of this year's event as 2024 marks the 75th anniversary of Hindi's adoption as an official language.

Diplomatic representatives from Mauritius, Nepal, Guyana, and Suriname, along with UN officials, spoke to the vital role of Hindi in fostering cross-cultural connections and strengthening bonds between nations.

The celebrations featured several engaging activities designed to encourage participation from Hindi enthusiasts, members of the diaspora, and UN officials. Competitions included an essay contest on Women Empowerment, a poetry-writing challenge focused on the importance of Hindi, a recital and singing event of Hindi poems and songs, and a quiz on India's civilization.

According to the UN, India's linguistic landscape is rich with a variety of dialects, each with its unique identity. Since independence, Hindi, supported by a substantial base of native speakers, has become an official language alongside English. To honor this, India observes Hindi Diwas on September 14 each year to celebrate the language's cultural and unifying significance in the nation.

### INDIA-JAMAICA TIES ROOTED IN 4CS OF CULTURE, CRICKET, COMMONWEALTH, AND CARICOM: PM MODI

During a historic visit from September 30 to October 3, 2024, Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

This visit was significant as it marked the first time a Jamaican Prime Minister has visited India. Both leaders emphasized the strong ties between their nations, highlighting shared history, democratic values, and cultural connections, which Modi referred to as the Four Cs: Culture, Cricket, Commonwealth, and CARICOM. They signed four key agreements to boost cooperation in areas like digital public infrastructure, digital payments, cultural exchange, and sports.



Jamaican PM Andrew Holness with Indian PM Narendra Modi in Delhi

PM Modi noted that trade and investment between India and Jamaica are growing and reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Jamaica's development. He expressed readiness to share expertise in various fields, including agriculture, health, and defense.

Modi also highlighted the importance of sports as a unifying factor, mentioning famous Jamaican cricketers like Chris Gayle. The leaders agreed to strengthen their collaboration in sports and cultural exchange, with plans to name a road in Delhi after Jamaica to symbolize their friendship.

Additionally, they discussed tackling common challenges such as organized crime and drug trafficking together.



## KENYAN DELEGATION VISITS ARSP TO EXPLORE BEST PRACTICES IN DIASPORA ENGAGEMENT



Her Excellency Ms. Roseline Kathure Njogu, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, Government of Kenya addressing the meeting at Pravasi Bhawan

High powered delegation of Kenya visited Pravasi Bhawan on Wednesday 13 November 2024.

The delegation is visiting India to study the best practices adopted by Government of India and prominent NGO's in engaging with diaspora.

The delegation was led by Her Excellency Ms. Roseline Kathure Njogu, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Diaspora Affairs, Government of Kenya. The delegation included key officials: Mr. Boniface K. Munzala, Director of Investments and Remittances; Ms. Emma Gicheha, Director of Welfare and Rights; Mr. William Maundu and Senior Economist; Mr. Meisashi Ledama.

An interactive session was organised to share the experience and exchange ideas about diaspora engagement.

H.E. Mr. Muniyiri Maina Peter, High Commissioner of Kenya to India, and other officials from the Kenyan High Commission in New Delhi participated in the interactive session.

From ARSP side Shri Sanjay Bhalla, Vice President; Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary; Amb. Anup Mudgal, Founding Chairman of DRRC; Shri Narayan Kumar, Convenor of DRRC; Shri Amit Gupta, Joint Secretary of ARSP; and Shri Anil Joshi, President of Vaishvik Hindi Parivar, other senior ARSP members, faculty members of universities, scholars and activists actively participated in the program.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of the ARSP's and DRRC's initiatives, including its efforts to create a database of the Indian diaspora, research and its collaborative work with the Government of India.

The Kenyan delegation shared their experiences and strategies for engaging with their diaspora at various levels, highlighting their efforts in investment, welfare, and culture.

The open session generated a vibrant exchange of ideas, particularly regarding the challenges and methodologies for building a diaspora database. Both sides expressed a shared interest in strengthening diaspora engagement at both the people-to-people and collective levels.

Both sides expressed interest in signing MoU to jointly work on projects of common interest in the field of Diaspora Engagement.

## 78TH KNOW INDIA PROGRAMME (KIP) DELEGATION HOSTED BY THE DIASPORA RESEARCH AND RESOURCE CENTER OF ANTAR RASHTRIYA SAHAYOG PARISHAD



78th KIP Delegates with Diplomates and ARSP office-bearers

On Monday, 18 November 2024, the Diaspora Research and Resource Center (DRRC) of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) welcomed the 78th Know India Programme (KIP) delegation at Pravasi Bhawan, New Delhi.

The event gathered 39 participants from eight countries—Fiji, Guyana, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Suriname, South Africa, and Trinidad and Tobago. The programme aimed to deepen connections with India's global diaspora, emphasizing its cultural and historical significance.

The first session began with Mr. Amit Gupta, Joint Secretary of ARSP, who introduced the objectives of KIP and the DRRC. Ambassador Virendra Gupta, President of ARSP, delivered the welcome address, celebrating the Indian diaspora's unique contributions and fostering stronger ties. Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General of ARSP, provided a historical overview of the deep-rooted bonds connecting India with its global communities. Miss Komal Chhikara, Assistant Professor at the University of Delhi, spoke on 'Viksit Bharat 2047', highlighting India's future aspirations and the diaspora's role in achieving them. Dr. Shashi Bala, Joint Secretary of ARSP and Dean at the K. M. Munshi Center for Indology, concluded the session with a presentation on India's cultural heritage, distinguishing between 'Indian Culture' and 'Sanskriti'. The second session featured interactive discussions with diplomats, starting with H.E. Shri Jagannath Sami, High Commissioner of Fiji, urged delegates to cherish their Indian heritage. Miss Sunaina Mohan, Second Secretary of Suriname's Embassy, shared how KIP had influenced her journey into diplomacy. Mr. Hanani Ben Lewi, Second Secretary of Guyana's Embassy, praised the programme for promoting international cooperation and the cultural links between India and Guyana. Delegates shared their impressions, discussing India's advancements in sectors like IT, infrastructure, science and technology. Many noted India's rapid growth and its trajectory toward becoming a global power, driven by its dynamic young population and strategic international role. Ambassador Sushil Kumar Singhal concluded the event with gratitude, emphasizing the importance of ARSP and KIP in nurturing cross-border understanding and collaboration. The programme successfully strengthened the connection between India and its diaspora, showcasing the enduring impact of cultural and diplomatic exchange.



## 18TH PRAVASI BHARATIYA DIVAS WEBSITE LAUNCHED, REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 2025 CONVENTION IN BHUBANESWAR

The official website for the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention was launched jointly by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.

The event, set to take place from January 8-10, 2025, in Bhubaneswar, will bring together the Indian diaspora from around the world.

Jaishankar expressed his pride in partnering with Odisha for the event, highlighting the theme "Viksit Bharat ki Sankalpna Mein Pravasi Bhartiyaon Ka Yogdan" (The Diaspora's Contribution to a Developed India). He emphasized the diaspora's vital role in shaping India's growth and tackling global challenges.



Mr. Jaishankar said that the Indian diaspora is a pillar of strength in tackling global issues

Jaishankar also noted that the PBD Convention serves as a platform for renewing ties with the global Indian community, fostering collaborations, and celebrating their contributions to both India and their host countries. The event will feature exhibitions on the Ramayana and technology, alongside an Odisha heritage showcase. The newly launched website ([pbdindia.gov.in](http://pbdindia.gov.in)) serves as a central hub for registration, accommodation booking, and information about the event and local attractions. Jaishankar urged the diaspora to register early and promote the event widely. Odisha CM Majhi invited the global community to explore the state's rich culture and history, making the upcoming PBD a celebration of both tradition and progress.

## EAM JAISHANKAR INVITES INDIAN DIASPORA TO TAKE THE BHARAT KO JAANIYE QUIZ AND WIN A 2-WEEK-LONG INDIA TOUR

External Affairs Minister (EAM) Dr. S. Jaishankar has launched the fifth edition of the "Bharat ko Jaaniye Quiz," inviting the Indian diaspora and foreign nationals to explore India's rich heritage and culture. In a video message released on Monday, Jaishankar emphasized the quiz's role in connecting Indians abroad with their roots and offering others a chance to discover India's history, achievements, and values.

The quiz, which is open to participants aged 14-50, is divided into two categories: Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs), as well as foreign nationals. It offers a unique opportunity for participants to deepen their understanding of India's past, present, and future aspirations.



EAM Jaishankar launches 5th 'Bharat ko Jaaniye Quiz'

As an incentive, the top 30 winners will be awarded a two-week immersive tour of India, where they can experience its vibrant culture first-hand. Jaishankar invited everyone to join the quiz, saying, "Come, participate in the quiz and join the incredible India journey."

The quiz is part of broader efforts by the Ministry of External Affairs to strengthen ties with the global Indian community. Other initiatives, such as the Know India Programme and Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana, aim to build lasting connections. The quiz is accessible online at [[bkjquiz.com](http://bkjquiz.com)](<https://bkjquiz.com>).

## PRIME MINISTER MODI HIGHLIGHTS GLOBAL CRISES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION AT G20 SUMMIT IN BRAZIL



PM Narendra Modi Interacts with World Leaders

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the opening session of the G20 Summit on Monday and flagged the "food, fuel and fertilizer crisis caused by global conflicts". He also met with US President Joe Biden and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong on the sidelines of the event in Brazil. Modi also noted that the "people centric decisions" taken during the previous Summit in Delhi had been 'taken forward' during the Brazilian presidency.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke about 'social inclusion and the fight against hunger and poverty' during the opening session on Monday.

He also met with US President Joe Biden and other key leaders at the event. "With POTUS Joe Biden at the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Always a delight to meet him," Modi wrote on X alongside a photo of the two leaders. Here are five key quotes from his address: "Countries of the Global South are most adversely impacted by the food, fuel and fertilizer crisis caused by global conflicts. So our discussions can only be successful when we keep in mind the challenges and priorities of the Global South."



"We will reform institutions of global governance...just as we amplified the voice of the Global South by granting permanent membership of G20 to the African Union during the New Delhi Summit." "The people-centric decisions taken at the G20 Summit in New Delhi have been taken forward during Brazil's Presidency. It is a matter of great satisfaction that we prioritised SDG goals." "It is clear that One Earth One Family One Future is as relevant at this summit as it was last year...We support Brazil's initiative for a Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty" "It is a matter of great satisfaction that we prioritised sustainable development goals. We focused on inclusive development, women-led development, and youth power and gave wings to hopes and aspirations of Global South." Prime Minister arrived in Brazil on Monday as part of a three-nation visit. India is part of the G20 Troika along with Brazil and South Africa and has been actively contributing to the ongoing G20 Summit discussions.

## COUNTRIES WITH THE HIGHEST INDIAN POPULATION

The Indian diaspora is a vibrant and influential community, with millions of Indians making their mark across the globe. From Mauritius to the United States, the presence of Indian expatriates can be felt in various countries, where they contribute significantly to cultural, economic, and social landscapes. With approximately 70% of Mauritius's residents being of Indian descent, the island is a prime example of this cultural influence. Similarly, the United States boasts over 4 million Indian Americans who shape diverse urban hubs like Silicon Valley and New York.

The population figures from each country include non-resident Indians (NRIs), persons of Indian origin (PIOs), and overseas Indians, according to the Get Global Immigration Services (GIS) website.

The Indian community thrives in the UAE, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Myanmar, Canada, the UK, South Africa, and Singapore, contributing to their host nations while celebrating their rich heritage.

Explore the impact of the Indian diaspora worldwide, showcasing their unique stories and contributions.

### Countries with maximum Indian population

**Mauritius - 894,500**  
**The United States - 4,460,000**  
**United Arab Emirates - 3,425,144**  
**Malaysia - 2,987,950**  
**Saudi Arabia - 2,594,947**  
**Myanmar - 2,009,207**  
**Canada - 1,689,055**  
**United Kingdom - 1,764,000**  
**South Africa - 1,560,000**  
**Singapore - 650,000**

**Source: Global Immigration Services (GIS)**

### Countries with the most Indian residents worldwide 2024

#### Mauritius

Mauritius boasts one of the highest concentrations of the Indian diaspora, with approximately 70% of its residents having Indian ancestry. Port Louis, Quatre Bornes, and Curepipe are popular cities for Indians to settle in. The island nation is a cultural haven, where Indian traditions thrive, and the diaspora

enjoys delicious cuisine, scenic nature, and stunning white-sand beaches.

#### United States

The United States is home to over 4 million Indian Americans, making it one of the largest Indian populations outside of India. Indian communities have established themselves in cities like Silicon Valley, New York, Chicago, and Houston. These cities serve as hubs for Indian professionals, students, and families, fostering vibrant cultural events and festivals that reflect Indian traditions and values.

#### United Arab Emirates (UAE)

The Indian expatriate population in the UAE has grown exponentially, with millions of Indians now calling the country home. Indians play a pivotal role in the UAE's economic development, contributing to sectors such as construction, healthcare, and business.

#### Malaysia

Malaysia is home to a diverse Indian community, primarily consisting of Tamils, Malayalees, Punjabis, and Bengalis. The Indian diaspora plays a key role in Malaysia's development, from trade and commerce to politics and education.

The community's cultural influence can be seen in various religious celebrations, festivals, and traditional arts like Bharatanatyam.

#### Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia hosts a significant Indian workforce, particularly in sectors like construction, healthcare, and information technology. The Indian community has made substantial contributions to the Kingdom's infrastructure and economic growth. Cultural events like Diwali and Holi are celebrated enthusiastically, providing a connection to home for the Indian expatriates.

#### Myanmar

Indians have had a long-standing presence in Myanmar, dating back to ancient trade routes. The Indian community has significantly contributed to the nation's economy, particularly in sectors like trade, manufacturing, and finance. Indian influence remains integral to Myanmar's socio-cultural fabric, creating a lasting legacy in the region.

#### Canada

Canada is a preferred destination for Indian immigrants seeking better opportunities and quality of life. The Indian diaspora has enriched the multicultural fabric of the country through cultural festivals, religious celebrations, and culinary diversity. Indian Canadians have integrated into society while maintaining their cultural roots, contributing to Canada's reputation as one of the world's most diverse nations.

#### United Kingdom

The UK's Indian community shares deep historical ties with India, dating back to the colonial era. Today, Indian immigrants form a vibrant part of British society, especially in cities like London. Indians in the UK have made notable contributions in politics, business, the arts, and academia.



### South Africa

The Indian community in South Africa traces its origins to labourers brought during the colonial era. Over the years, Indians have integrated into South African society and played a significant role in shaping the nation's cultural and political landscape.

Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi emerged from this community, leaving a lasting impact.

### Singapore

Singapore is home to a dynamic Indian diaspora that has become an integral part of the island nation's multicultural society. Little India, a bustling cultural district, symbolises the close connection between Singapore and India. Singapore's educational institutions have also attracted many Indian students, strengthening ties between the two nations.

**Courtesy: The Times of India, Dated: September 27, 2024**

### INDIA'S AMBITIOUS CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME WITH 78 COUNTRIES

The Ministry of Culture in India has launched a major initiative to boost cultural diplomacy and strengthen relationships with countries worldwide. India is signing Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs) with 78 nations to share its rich heritage and encourage cooperation in areas like music, dance, theatre, and historical preservation.

Cultural diplomacy is seen as a vital way to connect people beyond politics and economics. According to Union Minister for Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, these CEPs will promote collaboration in various cultural activities, such as exchanging artists and sharing knowledge on preserving cultural sites.

India's agreements include exchanging music and dance troupes, showcasing the country's diverse performances on international stages. For example, there's a focus on classical and folk music exchanges with Hungary. The programmes also feature theatrical performances, allowing Indian artists to reach global audiences and inviting international theatre to India.



*Diplomats from Gambia and Madagascar visit the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi*

Additionally, India's National Gallery of Modern Art is partnering with South Korea for exhibitions, and there are collaborations with countries like Egypt and Italy for conserving historical monuments. The Archaeological Survey of India is also involved in these efforts through agreements for joint research and training.

These initiatives enhance India's global image and promote goodwill, but challenges remain. More funding, ongoing engagement, and adapting to the digital age are essential for maximizing impact. The Ministry plans to expand these programmes, focusing on modern issues like climate change and sustainability, further strengthening India's cultural ties worldwide.

### INDIAN DIASPORA IN AUSTRALIA COLLECTING PROJECT



*National Library of Australia, Canberra*

The National Library of Australia is calling on Australians with Indian heritage to add their story and experiences to the national collection.

Australians with Indian heritage are Australia's fastest-growing migrant group, comprising over 750,000 people in 2022. Indian diaspora communities have made very significant contributions to many aspects of Australian society.

The Indian diaspora in Australia collecting project will capture diverse stories and voices through multiple formats, including recorded interviews, books, newsletters, newspapers, photographs, and personal archives.

Director of Curatorial and Collection Research at the National Library, Nicki Mackay-Sim, said 'We're calling on Australians with Indian heritage to help the library build a collection about their lives and experiences, work and organisations. We're interested in getting to know communities. To learn about what's important to them and to record their stories.'

The library is looking to connect with Australians whose heritage can be traced to the Indian subcontinent, including individuals who have Indian heritage but have migrated to Australia from countries as diverse as Singapore, Fiji, Malaysia, Africa, or a range of other places.

If you have items to donate or want to tell your story, the library would like to hear from you. The stories captured will become a part of the national collection and will enable Australians to understand their diverse social, cultural and intellectual histories.

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## मैथिली की मिठास से अभिभूत सिंगापुर



सिंगापुर में प्रवास कर रहे मैथिल परिवार की ओर से विद्यापति समारोह के दूसरे संस्करण का भव्य आयोजन

नवंबर 17 को सिंगापुर में प्रवास कर रहे मैथिल परिवार की ओर से विद्यापति समारोह के दूसरे संस्करण का भव्य आयोजन किया गया। मैथिल कोकिल जनकवि विद्यापति के इस स्मृति-पर्व में बिहार कोकिला के रूप में प्रसिद्ध पद्मभूषण से सम्मानित स्वर्गीय शारदा सिन्हा को आमंत्रित अतिथियों के द्वारा श्रद्धासुमन भी अर्पित किए गये। मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में भारतीय उच्चायोग सिंगापुर में काउंसलर के पद पर कार्यरत श्री अमेय अजीत अभ्यंकर ने समारोह की शोभा बढ़ाई। उनके साथ द्वितीय सचिव श्री अरविन्द श्रीवास्तव भी उपस्थित थे। भारत में पंजीकृत संस्था अष्टदल फाउंडेशन के सौजन्य से संगीत नाटक अकादमी सम्मान प्राप्त लोक-संगीत विशारद डॉ. रंजना झा, विद्यापति समारोह में विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में शामिल हुईं। डॉ. रंजना झा ने अपने गायन से श्रोताओं को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। सिंगापुर की प्रतिष्ठित कला संस्था 'सिंगापुर इंडियन फाउंडेशन आर्ट्स सोसायटी' के तबला गुरु श्री मिहिर कुन्ड, तबले पर उनकी संगत दे रहे थे। डॉ. रंजना झा के साथ मंच पर दो नवीदित कला-साधक भी उपस्थित थे - दिव्य चेतन और अभिनव अंजनी चौधरी।

वर्ष 2024 के विद्यापति समारोह का एक और विशिष्ट आकर्षण था - भारत की विभिन्न कला-संस्कृतियों को मैथिली भाषा के माध्यम से प्रस्तुत करना। कविवर विद्यापति के लिखे मैथिली गीत पर भरतनाट्यम, कुचीपुडी और कथक जैसे शास्त्रीय नृत्यों की प्रस्तुति दी गई। स्वर्गीय शारदा सिन्हा के गाये हुए सामा-चूकेबा के गीत पर महाराष्ट्र के लोक-नृत्य लावणी के साथ-साथ मिथिला के प्रसिद्ध लोक-नृत्य झिझिया की प्रस्तुति भी हुई। सिंगापुर इंडियन फाउंडेशन आर्ट्स सोसायटी, टैगोर सोसायटी सिंगापुर, कल्पवृक्ष फाउंडेशन आर्ट्स (लिमिटेड), महाराष्ट्र मंडल सिंगापुर, भोजपुरी एसोसिएशन ऑफ सिंगापुर और ग्लोबल हिन्दी फाउंडेशन सिंगापुर के सहयोग से आयोजित इस समारोह में आये सभी दर्शकों ने विद्यापति समारोह के इस केन्द्रीय विषय की भरि-भरि प्रशंसा की।

सिंगापुर के मैथिल परिवार की ओर से कार्यक्रम का शुभारम्भ पिछले विद्यापति समारोह में उगना नाटक की प्रसिद्ध जोड़ी राजीव मिश्रा और पंकज राय के द्वारा की गई। स्वागत उद्बोधन डॉ. सुमित कुमार सोन की ओर से किया गया और मिथिला की धिया सुश्री कामाक्षी झा ने पीहन स्वागत-गीत पर नृत्य-प्रस्तुति दी। विद्यापति आयोजन समिति की ओर से आमंत्रित अतिथियों और प्रायोजकों को मिथिला की प्रसिद्ध चित्रकला से सजे पाग और दोपटा से सम्मानित किया गया। सभी सहयोगी संस्थाओं के कलाकारों को विद्यापति स्मृति-चिह्न देकर सम्मानित किया गया। समारोह के सफल आयोजन में अपना योगदान देने वाले सभी सहयोगियों को भी मुख्य अतिथि के द्वारा सम्मानित किया गया। समारोह में साज-सज्जा और अतिथि स्वागत की सारी तैयारियाँ भावना हेतमसरिया, ममता झा, ध्यान चंद्र झा, अर्चना झा, मनीषा मिश्रा, देव नारायण, सिद्धार्थ साह और तनुजा चौधरी ने की। वीडियोग्राफी के लिए राकेश चौहान, फोटोग्राफी के लिए हिमांशी वर्मा के साथ तकनीकी पक्ष के लिए सौरभ श्रीवास्तव का योगदान महत्वपूर्ण रहा।

विद्यापति आयोजन समिति में डॉ. सुमित कुमार सोन, मृत्युंजय मिश्रा, कृणाद मिश्रा, प्रणेश कुमार, ममता मेडल और समीर कुमार शामिल थे। विद्यापति समारोह के दूसरे संस्करण की परिकल्पना, संयोजन और आयोजन में अंजनी कुमारी चौधरी के साथ आराधना झा श्रीवास्तव की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रही जिन्होंने संचालन का उत्तरदायित्व भी कुशलतापूर्वक निभाया।

## नीदरलैंड्स के रचनाकार श्री विश्वास दुबे का काव्य संग्रह 'एहसासों की सिलवटें' हुआ लोकार्पण

नीदरलैंड्स के प्रवासी रचनाकार विश्वास दुबे की पुस्तक 'एहसासों की सिलवटें' का लोकार्पण कथा सभागार, रबीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल में समारोह किया गया।

यह लोकार्पण समारोह विश्व रंग के अंतर्गत वनमाली सृजनपीठ, आईसेक्ट पब्लिकेशन, प्रवासी भारतीय साहित्य एवं संस्कृति शोध केन्द्र, मानविकी एवं उदार कला संकाय, रबीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित किया गया। उल्लेखनीय है कि 'एहसासों की सिलवटें' पुस्तक का आकर्षक कलेवर के साथ प्रकाशन आईसेक्ट पब्लिकेशन, भोपाल द्वारा किया गया है।

सर्वप्रथम अतिथियों ने दीप प्रज्ज्वलित कर एवं माँ शारदा की प्रतिमा पर पुष्प अर्पित कर लोकार्पण समारोह का विधिवत शुभारंभ किया।

अतिथियों द्वारा पुस्तक लोकार्पण के पश्चात श्री विश्वास दुबे ने अपने काव्य संग्रह और रचना प्रक्रिया पर विचार रखते हुए कहा कि जिंदगी का सफर जैसे-जैसे आगे बढ़ता जाता है, नए-नए अनुभव होते हैं।

नित नए एहसास - कुछ खटे, कुछ मीठे, कुछ दर्द भरे, कुछ बेहद सुखद...। जीवन के अनुभव हमारे मानस पर सिलवटों की तरह छीफ छोड़ते जाते हैं। यही अनुभव यही सिलवटें हमारी सोच, हमारे दर्शन को प्रभावित करती हैं और आकर देती हैं।



नीदरलैंड्स के प्रवासी रचनाकार विश्वास दुबे की पुस्तक 'एहसासों की सिलवटें' का लोकार्पण कथा सभागार, रबीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल में समारोह किया गया।

जीवन दर्शन गतिशील है और नए अनुभवों और अंतर्दृष्टि के साथ विकसित होता जाता है। अपने अनुभवों, सिलवटें और दार्शनिक रूपरेखाओं पर विचार कर हम अपने स्वयं के विश्वासों और मूल्यों को स्थापित करते हैं, और इन्हीं के बूते हम अपना जीवन जीते हैं, यही हमारे निर्णयों और दुनिया के साथ व्यवहार का मार्गदर्शन करते हैं। यही सिलवटें और इन्हीं एहसासों के सहारे हम अपने उद्देश्य को समझते हैं और दूसरों के साथ जुड़ते हैं।

मेरे इस काव्य संग्रह में अनेक एहसासों की सिलवटें हैं - प्रेम की मिठास है, विरह की वेदना है, आशा है, खुशी है, दुःख है, संताप है, संतोष है, हसरतों का अधरापन और हासिल का सुकून है। इस अवसर पर श्री विश्वास दुबे ने अपनी चुनिंदा रचनाओं का अविस्मरणीय पाठ किया।

टैगोर विश्व कला एवं संस्कृति केन्द्र के निदेशक एवं रंग संवाद पत्रिका के संपादक श्री विनय उपाध्याय ने स्वागत उद्बोधन में कहा कि विश्व रंग ने साहित्य, कला, संस्कृति की अपनी वैश्विक यात्रा में सरहदों के पार बसे प्रवासी भारतीय रचनाकारों को प्राथमिकता के साथ बड़ी आत्मीयता से हमसफर बनाया है। नीदरलैंड्स से विश्वास जी का आना और उनकी पुस्तक 'एहसासों की सिलवटें' का लोकार्पण सरम्य वातावरण में स्थित रबीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर विश्वविद्यालय के कथा सभागार में होना अपने आप में एक यादगार पल है।

पुस्तक लोकार्पण समारोह में अतिथियों का स्वागत एवं सम्मान मानविकी एवं उदार कला संकाय की अधिष्ठाता डॉ. रुचि मिश्रा तिवारी एवं आईसेक्ट पब्लिकेशन की प्रबंधक सुश्री ज्योति रघुवंशी द्वारा किया गया।

कार्यक्रम की मुख्य अतिथि वरिष्ठ रचनाकार ममता तिवारी जी ने कहा कि विश्वास जी की रचनाओं को पढ़ते हुए मुझे एहसास हुआ कि मैं उन्हें बहुत करीब से जानती हूँ। जीवन के सभी रंग उनकी रचनाओं में मौजूद हैं। बहुत संजीदगी के साथ उन्होंने अपनी रचनाओं में, प्रेम, करुणा, दया, मोनवता, दुःख, बैचेनी के भावों को पिरोया है।

टैगोर अंतरराष्ट्रीय हिंदी केन्द्र के निदेशक डॉ. जवाहर कनविट ने हिंदी के वैश्विक परिदृश्य को सबके समक्ष रखते हुए कहा कि विश्वास जी नीदरलैंड्स में अपने रचनाकर्म से हिंदी की अनवरत सेवा कर रहे हैं। वर्तमान में पूरे विश्व में हिंदी का मान बढ़ा है।



प्रवासी भारतीय रचनाकारों का इस दिशा में महती योगदान है। डॉ. संगीता जोहरी, प्रतिकुलपति, रबीन्द्रनाथ टैगोर विश्वविद्यालय ने अपने उद्बोधन में कहा कि विश्व रंग ने पूरे विश्व को एक परिवार के रूप में जोड़ने का महत्वपूर्ण कार्य किया है। विश्वास दूबे जी नीडरलैंड्स से विश्व रंग परिवार के सदस्य हैं। उनकी रचनाएँ हमें पढ़ने के लिए प्रेरित करती हैं।

पुस्तक लोकार्पण समारोह में मानविकी एवं उदार कला संकाय की अधिष्ठाता डॉ. रुचि मिश्रा तिवारी, युवा कथाकार एवं वनमाली पत्रिका के संपादक श्री कुणाल सिंह, आईस्कैप पब्लिकेशन की प्रबंधक सुश्री ज्योति रघुवंशी, युवा कवि श्री मोहन सगोरिया, लघुकथा केन्द्र की निदेशक, श्रीमती कांता राय, डॉ. मौसमी परिहार सहित सभी अधिष्ठाता, विभागाध्यक्ष, प्राध्यापकगण, विद्यार्थियों और साहित्यप्रेमियों ने रचनात्मक भागीदारी की।

कार्यक्रम का सफल संचालन युवा रचनाकार श्रेया शर्मा ने किया। कार्यक्रम का संयोजन संजय सिंह राठौर, सचिव, विश्व रंग सचिवालय द्वारा किया गया।

रिपोर्ट - संजय सिंह राठौर

## हिन्दी की त्रैमासिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय पत्रिका 'हिन्दी की गुंज', टोक्यो जापान के तत्वावधान में पुस्तक लोकार्पण एवं सम्मान समारोह

दिनांक 30.11.2024 को नई दिल्ली के आईटीओ स्थित गांधी स्मृति प्रतिष्ठान के सभागार में जापान में पंजीकृत हिन्दी की त्रैमासिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय पत्रिका 'हिन्दी की गुंज', टोक्यो जापान के तत्वावधान में वार्षिक आयोजन के शुभ अवसर पर 'हिन्दी की गुंज' पत्रिका के दो अंक (अक्टूबर-दिसंबर, 2023 एवं जनवरी-मार्च - 2024), तथा संस्थापिका श्रीमती रमा पूर्णिमा शर्मा की नवीनतम कृतियाँ 'माँ जैसा कोई नहीं', 'प्रवासी हिंदी गुंज उठी', 'मात्स्यो बाशो और मेरे हाइकु', 'मन का आईना (संपादित)', 'जज्बात का सफर' (संपादित) एवं 'हिन्दी की गुंज- सृजन एवं सफर (वार्षिकी -1)' के लोकार्पण एवं सम्मान समारोह का भव्य आयोजन किया गया।



गांधी स्मृति प्रतिष्ठान के सभागार में जापान में पंजीकृत हिन्दी की त्रैमासिक अंतरराष्ट्रीय पत्रिका 'हिन्दी की गुंज', टोक्यो जापान के तत्वावधान में वार्षिक आयोजन

यह कार्यक्रम दो सत्रों में विभाजित रहा। प्रथम सत्र की अध्यक्षता का दायित्व प्रसिद्ध उद्योगपति, वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार एवं कवि श्री बी एल गौड़ ने वहन किया। मुख्य अतिथि की भूमिका का वहन वैश्विक हिन्दी परिवार के अध्यक्ष एवं कवि श्री अनिल वर्मा 'जोशी' ने किया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों की श्रेणी में वातायन युके की संस्थापिका एवं विख्यात वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार डॉ. दिव्या मार्टीर, इंग्लैंड के नार्टिंघम शहर से 'काव्य-रंग' अंतरराष्ट्रीय संस्था की संस्थापिका, वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार एवं कवि श्रीमती जय वर्मा, ज्योतिषाचार्य एवं वरिष्ठ कवयित्री डॉ. अनीता कपूर, सुप्रसिद्ध अंतरराष्ट्रीय समाजसेवी श्री इंद्रजीत शर्मा तथा हालैंड से पंथारी वहाँ की विधायिका एवं हिन्दू धर्म की ध्वजवाहक श्रीमती नीना शर्मा मंचासीन रहे। कार्यक्रम का संचालन सुश्री कविता गुप्ता एवं श्री कुलदीप बरतारिया के सशक्त हाथों में रहा।

कार्यक्रम के द्वितीय सत्र की अध्यक्षता के कार्यभार का वहन सुविख्यात गज़लकार एवं कवि पं श्री सुरेश नीरव ने किया। मुख्य अतिथि की भूमिका का वहन प्रसिद्ध कवि श्री प्रेम भारद्वाज 'जानभिक्षु' ने किया। विशिष्ट अतिथियों की श्रेणी में मंच पर कवयित्री श्रीमती सुनीता श्रीवास्तव, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता श्रीमती बी निर्मला, श्रीमती सारिका जैथलिया, श्री संजय शुक्ला तथा डॉ. विदुषी शर्मा विराजमान रहे। द्वितीय सत्र का संचालन संयुक्त रूप से सुश्री मौनिका,

सलूजा एवं सुश्री डॉ. मेधा सक्सेना के सशक्त हाथों में रहा। बीच-बीच में अपने सशक्त उद्बोधनों के निरूपण से प्रसिद्ध हास्य-कवि श्री विनोद पांडेय ने संचालन को और अधिक उत्कृष्टता के साथ प्रदर्शन में सहभागिता निभाई।

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इस सम्मेलन में भारतीय भाषाओं के समानांतर सत्र होंगे, प्रवासी साहित्य पर चर्चा, प्रसिद्ध लेखकों से भेंट एवं संवाद, राजभाषा, भारतीय भाषाओं, भारतीय भाषाओं पर शोध, व्यावसायिक चर्चा, युवा और रोज़गार, पुस्तक लोकार्पण, चित्र प्रदर्शनी, फ़िल्म, डॉक्यूमेंट्री, व्यावसायिक शिक्षा, नाट्यमंचन एवं सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम होंगे।

यह वैचारिक प्रकाश, नई अवधारणाओं, परिवर्तनकामी विचारों के साथ वैचारिक समन्वय और सद्भाव की नई संस्कृति विकसित करेगा। साथ ही प्रसिद्ध लेखकों, बुद्धिजीवियों, वैज्ञानिकों, भाषा विद्वानों का यह समागम उच्च सत्र के विचार विनिमय के साधन बनेगा और भारतीय भाषाओं के विकास और प्रचार में प्रमुख भूमिका निभाएगा।

आयोजन अंतरराष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, इंदिरा गाँधी राष्ट्रीय कला केंद्र, विश्व हिंदी सचिवालय, भारतीय भाषा मंच, लेखक ग्राम और वातायन के सहयोग से 75 से अधिक देशों में सक्रिय वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार द्वारा किया जा रहा है। विदेशों के भारतीय भाषाओं के प्रसिद्ध लेखक और विद्वान इसमें भाग लेने की सहमति दें चुके हैं। विश्व की प्रमुख भाषाई संस्थाओं के सहयोग से आयोजित इस गंभीर, दिलचस्प, विमर्श में आप सब का स्वागत है।

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