

**High Commission of India**  
**Kuala Lumpur**

**Press Release**

**76th Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR) Foundation Day 2025**

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur celebrated the 76th Foundation Day of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, 09 April 2025.

2. H.E. Mr. B.N. Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, presided over the event. The event was attended by heads of Indian cultural societies, community associations, social & academic organizations and eminent personalities in the field of culture in Malaysia. Among the 120 plus guests were Padma Shri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim, Founder, Sutra Foundation, Mr. SP Narayanasamy, INA, Veteran, Shri Taj Guruji Sharma, President, Sruthi Laya Ghana Vidhyalaya, Ms. Vatsala Sivadas, Ms. Radha Shetty and Ms. Thava Malar, Founder Directors of the Temple of Fine Arts, Ms. Vinosree Shankar, Artistic Director of Padma Nrithyalaya Arts, Ms. Sujitra Jayaseelan, President, Sugam Karnatica, Ms. Apsara Ramgopal, President, Kshetra Academy, Mrs. Indira Manikam, President, Tanjai Kamala Indira Dance School, Mr. Subain Singam, President, Green Town Cultural Society, Ipoh, Perak, Mr. Manoj Kaimal, President, Manasa Yoga, Ms. Shangita Namasivayam, President, Kalpana Dance Theatre, Mr. Samuel J. Dass, President, SWARA Arts Community Centre, Mr. S Ratha Krishnan, President, Netaji Welfare Foundation, Dr. Manikam Kumarasamy, President, Sangeethalayam, Mr. Prabhakaran S. Nair, President, Malaysia-India Heritage Society, Ms. Gayathri, President, Malaysia Bharatanatyam Association, Mr. Murali Natarajan, President, Bharat Club, Mr. Jaginder Singh, President, Khalsa Diwan Malaysia, Mr. Jayanta Kumar. Sen Gupta, President, Malaysian Bengalee Association, Ms. Michelle Jane, Principal, Sayfol International School among other esteemed ICCR alumni and patrons on NSCBICC.

3. H.E. Mr. B.N. Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, welcomed the gathering and delivered the special address on the occasion and elaborated on ICCR's journey of creating cultural understanding between India and Malaysia, and the world over the years. He highlighted the work of NSCBICC in fostering and promoting Indian culture in Malaysia through its outreach activities.

4. The event saw the screening of a video on the cultural events conducted by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) during 2024-25 and presentation of NSCBICC's Newsletter.

5. Malaysian nationals who have studied/ received scholarships from ICCR; Dr. Sri Varsheni Shangkar, Ayurveda practitioner at UTAR University, Kampar and Ms. Mageswari Muruganathan shared poignant testimonials of their association with ICCR and the positive impact on their professional journeys. ICCR sponsored dance troupes to India; Ms. Vinosree Shangkar (Padma Nrityalaya Arts) who participated in Ayodhya Deepotsav 2024 and Ms. Gowri Pravind (Laasya Arts Academy) who Participated in 10th edition of the India-International Dance and Music Festival 2025 shared their experiences.

6. In addition, captivating performances of various Indian classical dance and music forms such as Mohiniyattam by Padma Nrityalaya Arts, Bharatnatyam by Kshetra Academy, Kathak by Temple of Fine Arts and Carnatic Vocal performance by Mr. Sreekumar, Carnatic Vocal Music Teacher, NSCBICC were performed.

7. The event also provided an opportunity to disseminate information about various scholarships schemes offered by ICCR, whose details can be seen at <https://hcikl.gov.in/home/Education/Education-in-India/Details-of-the-Scholarship-available-for-Malaysian-nationals-and-Non-Resident-Indians-NRIs>

8. The event marked the 76th year of establishment of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) founded on 9th April 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India with the objective of fostering and strengthening cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and the world.

9. In Kuala Lumpur, a full-fledged Indian Cultural Centre (ICC) was inaugurated on 10th February 2010 which was later renamed to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) during the visit of H.E. Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to Malaysia from 21st to 23rd November 2015.

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