

High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur

Press Release

International Women's Day Celebrations

High Commission of India commemorated International Women's Day at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur on Thursday, 9 March 2024.

2. Hon'ble Justice Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, Federal Court Judge, Malaysia, graced the occasion as the chief guest and delivered the keynote address. HE.Mr.B.N.Reddy, High Commissioner of India presided over the event. Ms.Mary Shanthi Dairiam; Dr.Kirenjit Kaur Sidhu; Dato' Bindi Rajasegaran; Prof Dr Aruna Gopinath; Ms Tharanya Arumugam, Ms Tan Mei Mei, who have excelled in their fields, joined the event as special invitees including social service, medicine, fine arts, journalism etc who have excelled in various fields including social service, medicine, fine arts, journalism etc joined the event as special invitees and were felicitated on the occasion.

3. Speaking on the occasion, H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy spoke about the formation of UN women in the year 2010, to bring about system-wide coherence on women's issues. H.E also appraised the audience of Government of India's commitment to empowering women through initiatives in education, entrepreneurship. agriculture, technology and in many more fields of expertise. High Commissioner also highlighted the immensely important role of women in the making of New India and lauded their resilience, courage and accomplishments across various fields.

4. Delivering the keynote address on the occasion, Hon'ble Justice Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan, Federal Court Judge, Malaysia shared that the theme for IWD this year "Inspire Inclusion" encourages everyone to recognise the unique perspectives and contributions of women. She also shared that inclusion aims to improve the terms of participation of women from all walks of the society. Tan Sri also reiterated that every women should be accorded the opportunity of choice, sufficiently empowered and also financially independent. She also conveyed her happiness with regard to the balanced gender distribution in the Malaysian judiciary.

5. On this occasion, an art exhibition by Ms Aparna and Ms Anushree was organised which was a fusion of landscaping, mandala art, nature, and portraits within painting showcasing the immense creativity, depth, and diversity of artistic expression.

6. High Commissioner, H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy and Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Tan Sri Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan launched the book "Breathe Bend Be" written by Ms Shailaja Menon. "Breathe Bend Be" takes us on an enigmatic exploration of the rich tapestry of Ashtanga Yoga, the eight limbs of yoga, unravelling their intricate and profound effects.

7. On this occasion, Mr Sreekumar Ramakrishnan, Carnatic Vocal teacher, NSCBICC, presented a medley of songs as an ode to womanhood.

8. The event was attended by over 200 guests which included members of various women's aid organisations, members of various community organizations, business and cultural associations in Malaysia; teachers and students of Indian Schools, academicians, members of media.

09 March 2024
Kuala Lumpur
