

High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur

Press Release

Confluence: Samagam – Language Lecture Series
Preservation & Propagation of Odia Language in Malaysia

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) organised “**Confluence: Samagam- Language Series**” on Odia language Sunday, 17 November 2024 at NSCBICC premises in Kuala Lumpur.

2. The event was the sixth in Indian Languages’ Series organized by the High Commission of India and NSCBICC, with Punjabi, Telugu, Tamil, Gujarati and Malayalam languages covered since April 2024 under this activity.

3. Padmashri Datuk Ramli Ibrahim, Founder-Chairman and Artistic Director, Sutra Foundation Malaysia, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the key note address.

4. Speaking on the occasion, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, H.E.Mr.B.N.Reddy conveyed his appreciation to the members of various Odia organizations in Malaysia for partnering with the High Commission of India in organizing the lecture series. He also mentioned that this event provided a forum for the Odia NRI and PIO communities for the first time to come together to share their experiences in preserving and promoting Odia language among its members in Malaysia.

5. Prominent Odia language academicians and members of Odia associations in Malaysia including Mr.Ajinta Kumar, Dr.Snigdha Misra, Dr.Satyabrata Naik, Mr.Pitamboro Kumoro Naiko and Mr.Manther Harusu Naik made presentations on diverse topics. Representatives of Odia Association gave impressive testimonies of their Odia language learning experience.

6. The topics covered included A brief history of Odias in Malaysia : Tracing back the Kalinga Connection; Odia Expats in Malaysia (MOA) : Building a Cultural Bridge Between Odisha and Malaysia; Abhipsa” : Nurturing Odia Language and Literary Roots; Learning Odia language in Malaysia: Overcoming Challenges and Exploring Solutions" and "Importance of Odia as a Mother Tongue: The Malaysian Perspective".

7. A short video showcasing the rich cultural heritage and diverse tourist destinations of Odisha was screened on the occasion. An Odia devotional song by the children of Malaysia Odia Association and a Sambalpuri dance performance by the ladies were also organized as part of the event.

8. The event was attended by over 120 members, which included members of Malaysia Odia Association, Oriya Society of Malaysia, Oriya Community Malaysia, Malaysia India Heritage Society, Members of Media and Officials from High Commission of India and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre.

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