

High Commission of India
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Press Release

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

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) organised “**Confluence: Samagam- Language Series**” on Gujarati language Saturday, 28 September 2024 at NSCBICC premises in Kuala Lumpur.

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

3. Dato’ Bhupat Rai Premji, President, Gujarati Association Wilayah Persekutuan and Selangor (GAWPS) and and Janab Sheikh Juzer Bhai Kheriwala, Representative of His Holiness in Malaysia, Dawoodi Bohra Community, graced the occasion as Chief Guests and addressed the gathering.

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 Gujarati organizations in Malaysia for partnering with the High Commission of India in organizing the lecture series. He also mentioned that this Gujarati language event provided a forum for GAWPS and Dawoodi Bohras for the first time to come together to share their experiences in preserving and promoting Gujarati language among its members in Malaysia.

5. Prominent Gujarati language scholars and academicians in Malaysia including Mr Sabbir Ali Hussain, Ms Hetal Mukesh Kumar, Ms Nafissa Mustansir, Prof. Dr Ajab Bai Binti Akbaraly and Ms Jenny Doshi, made presentations on diverse topics.

6. The topics covered included History of Dawoodi Bohras in Malaysia; Gujarati Association Wilayah & Selangor : History & Heritage; Preserving Gujarati Language through Madrasa of Dawoodi Bohra Community; Role of Women in Preserving & Propagating Gujarati Language and Preservation of Gujarati Language as Mother Tongue – Challenges & Solutions. Students from the Dawoodi Bohra Community and GAWPS shared their experience of learning the Gujarati language

7. A special prayer recitation by young students by Dawoodi Bohra Association and a cultural performance by the students of the Gujarati Schools in Kuala Lumpur was also organised as part of the event.

8. The event was attended by over 140 members, which included members of Gujarati Association Wilayah Persekutuan & Selangor (GAWPS), Dawoodi Bohra Community in Malaysia, Gujarati Association Penang, Malaysia India Heritage Society and students from other Gujarati Schools. Members of Media and Officials from High Commission of India and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre.

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