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Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Embassy of India Seoul

ABOUT SVCC

Swami Vivekananda Culture Centre or Indian Cultural Centre as it is popularly known is the cultural wing of the Embassy of India in Seoul promoting Indian culture in the Republic of Korea. Fulfilling a long-held desire to provide a platform to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and serve as the nodal point for cultural exchanges between India and Republic of Korea, this Centre was established on 1st July 2011. Since its inception, Centre has been providing regular classes on Yoga, Indian classical and contemporary dances, musical instruments like Tabla, Harmonium and languages such as Hindi and Sanskrit. It also organises Special Lectures, Symposiums and Workshops on diverse aspects of Indian culture, politics and society by involving renowned Indian and Korean scholars and academia. Over the years, the Cultural Centre has also built an extensive network of partnership with various cultural organisations, administrations and provincial governments across country intending to broaden the stakeholders and promoting Indian culture in Republic of Korea.

At this time, when the whole world is experiencing an unprecedented crisis because of the spread of COVID-19 virus, and restrictions on social gatherings, the Cultural Centre has initiated online activities in its endeavour to keep in touch with the India lovers and Indian cultural enthusiasts in Republic of Korea.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

International Symposium on TEACHING HINDI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

August 4, 2021



International Symposium on Teaching Hindi as a Foreign Language was organized in which experts from India, Hungary, Japan, Australia and Republic of Korea discussed upon the nuances of teaching Hindi as a foreign language abroad. The Symposium also focused on issues faced in the teaching of Hindi as a foreign language, the opportunities for learning Hindi in countries abroad and the challenges being faced by local teachers in teaching Hindi due to absence of a standardized syllabus and study material in local language.

International Symposium on INDIA-REPUBLIC OF KOREA: ASPECTS OF PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

August 11, 2021



International Symposium on India-Republic of Korea: Aspects of Public Diplomacy was organized in collaboration with India Foundation, College of Buddhism at Dongguk University and Department of Indian Studies at Busan University of Foreign Studies. Symposium discussed about various aspects of India-Republic of Korea public diplomacy approaches and strategies in the past and future in the field of culture, economy and politics.

International Symposium on JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH: DEVELOPMENTAL DYNAMICS AND FUTURE TRAJECTORIES

August 23-24, 2021



International Symposium on Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh: Developmental Dynamics and Future Trajectories was organized in association with Institute of East and West Studies, Yonsei University, India Foundation, Jammu-Kashmir Study Centre and ICCR, New Delhi. The Symposium focused on the development strategies of this pristine region and map its future trajectory through sharing of experiences and ideas from the various growth models of India and ROK.

CULTURAL EVENTS

INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

August 15, 2021









On the occasion of India's 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021, Embassy of India, Seoul organised an event at the Embassy premises. Given extant restrictions on social gathering due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the event was held in hybrid form, with Embassy officials attending in person and Indian community members and friends of India joining online. The entire event was live-streamed on the Embassy's social media handles.

INDIAN COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND DAY

August 20, 2021







Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) Day was organised on August 20, 2021 with Indian Community members to create awareness about the fund which is aimed at assisting the Overseas Indian nationals in times of distress and emergency in the 'most deserving cases'. Cultural performances by Indian community members were also screened on this occasion.

AMBASSADOR'S ROUND TABLE WITH 'FRIENDS OF INDIA'

August 30, 2021





Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre at Embassy of India in Seoul launched the Ambassador's Round Table consisting of eminent 'Friends of India' from the field of performing art, culture, literature, education, Yoga and Ayurveda on August 30, 2021.

VISIT OF SECRETARY (EAST), MEA & DG, ICCR

August 30-31, 2021



Ms. Riva Ganguly Das, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Mr. Dinesh K. Patnaik, Director General, ICCR visited Gimhae and Tongdo Temple, Yangsan on August 30-31, 2021.

MoU SIGNING CEREMONY AT GIMHAE

August 31, 2021



To promote cultural exchanges between India and the City of Gimhae, MoU was signed on August 31, 2021 for cultural cooperation and developing an Indian Museum at Gimhae and establish a framework for closer cooperation between the India and the City of Gimhae.

