

# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2021



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.

### CULTURAL EVENTS

#### Diwali Celebrations at Shinhwa Middle School

November 3, 2021



Showcasing India's vibrant culture and diversity, Diwali celebration was organised at Shinwha Middle School in Seoul on November 3, 2021 where students participated in a painting competition and hands-on experience in making Rangoli designs. Kathak recital was also performed on this occasion by Mr. Avijeet Chakravarty.

#### Feel East Asian Spirit Festival 2021 (FEAST)

November 6, 2021



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Seoul participated in the Feel East Asian Spirit Festival 2021 (FEAST) organised by East Asia Global Education Institute at Incheon on November 6, 2021. Vibrant Indian Culture and Cuisine were showcased on this occasion for the residents of Incheon.

#### SHOW Street Festival at Busan

November 11, 2021



As a part of outreach initiatives under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the team of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Seoul participated in the SHOW Street Festival organized by Busan University of Foreign Studies at Namsan-ro Geumjeong-gu, Busan. Indian Classical Dance Kathak and instrumental music performances on Sitar and Tabla kept the audience enthralled.

### OPEN HOUSE SESSION

#### Daejeon High School

November 5 & 26, 2021





Open House Session was organised at Daejeon High School on November 5 & 26, 2021. Yoga and Kathak sessions along with Indian art and craft Workshop on Mandala painting were conducted on this occasion. Students actively participated in the Sessions and learnt about the concept of Mandala art and designed their own Mandalas on ceramic plates.

#### Online Kwangshin Middle School

November 15, 2021



Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commemorating the journey of 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements, Open House session on India was organized for Kwangshin Middle School, Seoul. Children enthusiastically participated in the Session along with the India Quiz which was organised to acquaint the Korean students about basic facts on India.

# OTHER ACTIVITIES

#### Dekho Apna Desh Quiz Competition

November 18, 2021



Dekho Apna Desh Quiz Competition organised on November 18, 2021 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav for the children of Indian Diaspora in Republic of Korea.

# Online Prize Distribution Ceremony for Hindi Calligraphy Competition

November 20, 2021



Online Prize Distribution ceremony was held for Hindi Calligraphy Competition for Korean students organised in collaboration with the Centre for Critical Foreign Language at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies. Participants depicted the popular Hindi poems and patriotic songs through illustrations using their creativity and artistic skills.

## CONSTITUTION DAY

#### Quiz on Constitution Day

November 3, 2021







Quiz on the Constitution of India was held on November 26, 2021 via Video Conference.

#### Special Lecture on the working of Indian Constitution

November 27, 2021



Prof. Bidyut Chakravarty, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan and Prof. Chahn-wahn Kim, Director, Institute of Indian Studies at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies gave Special Lecture on the Working of Indian Constitution on November 27, 2021.

#### Online Certificate Course on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy: Global Pursuit for Truth and Non-Violence (Course 1 & 2)

November 20 & 27, 2021





Under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Online Certificate Course on Mahatma Gandhi's Philosophy: Global Pursuit for Truth and Non-Violence was organised for the Korean participants. The Course-1 titled 'Gandhian Philosophy of Truth, Non-violence, Sarvodaya, Satyagraha and Swaraj' and the Course-2 titled 'Transformational Leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and Gandhian Economics of Trusteeship' were conducted by famous Gandhian scholar Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna.