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EMBASSY OF INDIA PARTICIPATES IN SARAJEVO WINTER FESTIVAL

The Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre of Embassy of India participated in the 6th Sarajevo Winter Festival held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 7-9 February, 2020. A series of Indian and European fusion items were presented by the artists from India & Hungary, first at the Army Concert Hall on Feb 7th and thereafter during an enthralling workshop at the Sarajevo Music Academy, where the students of music & ballet also engaged in live lecture/demonstration.



On 8th Feb, another enchanting evening of music comprising of compositions on Tabla, Handpan, Guitar and Cajun was presented at the Figure Art Gallery in Sarajevo by the artists of Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Center.



Mr. Ibrahim Spahic, Director General of Sarajevo Winter Festival opened the evening with his address wherein he spoke about the strong ties between India and Europe especially in culture. Dr.Chirayu Bhole gave an excellent presentation on Tabla accompanied by Handpan & other instruments. The highlight of the evening was a spellbinding 'abhinaya' style Bharatnatyam 'Padam' presented by artist Panni Somi on the composition by Kőrösi Gábor on guitar- the first ever fusion of classical Bharatnatyam on acoustic guitar.

INDIA TOURISM PAVILLION AT UTAZÁS TRAVEL-EXPO 2020

The Embassy of India, in partnership with India tourism office, Paris participated in the Utazas travel and tourism fair in Budapest during February 27-March 01, 2020. Utazas travel expo is one of the largest travel and tourism fair in the region held annually in Budapest. More than 40 countries and other stakeholders from tourism and travel industry participated in the event.



The Indian pavilion at Utazas travel fair was inaugurated by Ambassador Kumar Tuhin on February 27 along with Director of the International department of HUNGEXPO Ms. Klara Tihanyi. The tourism office, Paris accompanied by three co-exhibitors presented highlights of Indian tourism sector in a 36 sqm India pavilion. Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India showcased a fusion of Indian dance and music to the delight of the visiting public. Several B-2-B meetings were held by

exhibitors and heightened interest and awareness was generated on the Indian's tourism sector.



On the eve of the event, the Embassy of India also organized a discussion event on tourism and Indian economy which was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, travel and tourism fraternity and Indian companies in Budapest. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin gave an overview of the latest development in the field of Indian economy, including on the recently presented Union Budget 2020-21.

MAHASHIVRATRI CELEBRATED IN BUDAPEST

Mahashivratri festival was celebrated by the Indian community in Hungary with enthusiasm on February 21. Since Lord Shiva is known by several names out



of which one is 'Aadiyogi' or 'Aadishwar' which means the first Yog Guru, the festival was celebrated in the Yoga class at the Amrita Shergil Cultural Centre. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin performed the Rudrabhishek (pouring of milk & water on Shiva) together with other guests and thereafter spoke about the significance of this festival. Ms. Bhagirathi Chaitanya from Vedic Foundation talked about the symbols associated with Lord Shiva. Ankita Sood spoke on how Shiva is connected to Yoga. The celebrations ended with a musical presentation by Sonali Roy & Ankita Sood on shlokas dedicated to Ardhnarishwar and Aadiyogi. The participants were offered the Naivedyam or Prasad after the Puja. In

the evening, the Indian community celebrated the Mahashivratri festival at the temple in Pest. A large number of community members participated. Ambassador Kumar Tuhin conveyed his greetings to everyone on this occasion.



SYMPOSIUM ON MAHATMA GANDHI AT ELTE UNIVERSITY

On 28 February, 2020, an all-day Gandhi Symposium organized by the Department of India Studies with the collaboration of the Embassy of India was held at the Eötvös Loránd University, entitled "The Figure of Mahatma Gandhi in History and Cultural Remembrance".



The invited speakers came from several institutions, including Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca, and the Central European University. The event was opened by Ambassador Kumar Tuhin, Prof. Gábor Sonkoly, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, ELTE University, and Prof. Máté Ittész, Head of the Department of India Studies. In his opening remarks, Ambassador Tuhin gave a spellbinding talk on Gandhi's universal spiritual and philosophical heritage. The Head of Department, Dr Máté Ittész inter alia touched upon the diverse work done by the Department of India Studies. The lectures approached Gandhi from different

perspectives.



In addition to the historical-universal heritage (Anna Aklan), the audience also had an insight into recent research on press coverage of Gandhi in Hungarian media (Dezső Szenkovics), Gandhi images of young people living in today's Pakistan (Dóra Günsberger) and in today's India (Péter Sági).



The afternoon session focused on the cultural remembrances. First, a lecture on the characteristics of Gandhi iconography in the fine



arts, in paintings and in prints, and their development (Zsuzsanna Renner). After that, the



audience could hear a special lecture from the viewpoint of literature on the lesser-known topic of Gandhi in English-language Indian literature (Sanjay Kumar). The relevance of Gandhi's memory and heritage was brought to life by a lively roundtable discussion, raising important contemporary and global issues. The closing of the Symposium was with the screening of Richard Attenborough's Oscar-winning film Gandhi, which was also introduced by a competent lecture (Júlia Szivák).

ADVISORY ON CORONAVIRUS IN HUNGARY

In view of the evolving situation on Covid-19 virus in Hungary, Indian citizens are advised to regularly check the important announcements made by the Government of Hungary and stay in touch with the Embassy of India. WHO has also issued guidelines on precautionary measures including on personal hygiene, maintaining proper social distance and consulting doctors in case of any symptoms. The number of cases identified in Hungary (as of March 12) is 16 and therefore no reason for undue alarm. The following numbers may be noted:

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The events / activities planned by the Embassy of India in March/April 2020 are likely to get revised in view of the Covid-19 situation and please stay connected for further announcements in this regard.

Revised Travel Advisory issued by the Government of India on March 11 is as follows:

- All existing visas, except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas, stand suspended till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.

- Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till April 15th 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
- Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reason may contact the nearest Indian Mission.
- All incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15th February, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
- Incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, are advised to avoid non-essential travel and are informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days on their arrival in India.
- Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad. On their return, they can be subjected to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
- International traffic through land borders will be restricted to Designated check posts with robust screening facilities. These will be notified separately by M/o Home Affairs.
- Provision for testing primarily for students/compassionate cases in Italy to be made and collection for samples to be organized accordingly. Those tested negative will be allowed to travel and will be quarantined on arrival in India for 14 days.

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Protect yourself and others! Follow these Do's and Don'ts

Do's

- Practice frequent hand washing. Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol based hand rub. Wash hands even if they are visibly clean.
- Cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/tissue while sneezing and coughing.
- Throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use.
- See a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficult breathing and cough). While visiting doctor wear a mask/cloth to cover your mouth and nose.
- If you have these signs/symptoms please call State helpline number or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's 24X7 helpline at 011-23978046.
- Avoid participating in large gatherings.

Don'ts

- Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever.
- Touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Spit in public.

Together we can fight Coronavirus

For further information :
Call at Ministry of Health, Govt. of India's 24X7 control room number
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