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Highlights of the November month

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- 28th edition of "Glimpses of India" Painting Competition
- School Connect Programme
- Special briefing session on Bharat Ko Janiye 2024 Quiz
- Cross Cultural Folk Show
- World Children Festival
- Workshop on Mehendi
- Kathak Sandhya

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Around 1530 Egyptian school children from Kafr El-Sheikh and Beheira governorates enthusiastically participated in the "Glimpses of India" painting competition organized by Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture on November 03, 2024.They made wonderful paintings on the theme 'India'.

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The "Glimpses of India" Painting Competition, organized by MACIC at Aswan on November 06, 2024. Around 1220 Egyptian school children participated and created stunning paintings that beautifully capture a wide array of themes inspired by Indian art & culture.





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Around 1100 Egyptian school children from Luxor showcased their artistic talents by creating amazing paintings themed around 'India' during the "Glimpses of India" painting competition, organized by MACIC in the Misr Public Library, Luxor on November 07, 2024. MACIC organized the "Glimpses of India" painting competition 2024 for Egyptian school children of Minya Governorate on November 10, 2024. Around 1142 students created amazing paintings on a diverse array of themes centered around Indian art and culture.



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1574 Egyptian school children from Port Said and Ismailia Governorates eagerly participated in the "Glimpses of India" painting competition, organized by MACIC on November 10, 2024 and made brilliant paintings on the theme centered around 'India'.





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The "Glimpses of India" painting competition 2024 organized at the Misr Public Library, Cairo on November 11, 2024. Egyptian school children eagerly participated and beautifully depicted India in their paintings. Around 4600 Egyptian school children from Giza, Cairo and Qalyubia Governorates participated in the competition.



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Around 3200 Egyptian school children participated eagerly and made wonderful paintings on the theme 'India' during the "Glimpses of India" painting competition organized by MACIC at the Child Museum in Heliopolis on November 11, 2024. The 28th edition of the "Glimpses of India" painting competition concluded on November 13, 2024, in Hurghada. Around 1328 Egyptian school students participated, beautifully capturing the essence of India in their artwork.





School Connect Programme

As part of school-visit program a group of 48 students from Future School, El Shrouq City Cairo, visited MACIC on November 07, 2024. To know more about India and its rich culture, a power point presentation on Indian Culture, special Yoga, Meditation and Kathak Dance workshops were organized for them apart from screening of documentaries/short videos on India.

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Outreach event on Bharat Ko Janiye 2024

A special outreach session on Bharat Ko Janiye 2024 Quiz was held for Egyptian school students during the 'Glimpses of India' Painting Competition in Cairo on November 11, 2024. Top 30 scorers will win a 2-week journey to explore Incredible India!. The Bharat Ko Laniye Quiz is being organized by the Government of India from 10 November to 11 December 2024.



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Cross Cultural Folk Show

MACIC showcased India's rich cultural heritage at the Cross Culture Event organized by the Egyptian Tourism Promotion Board in Alexandria on November 22, 2024. The event featured mesmerizing Kathak performance, Bollywood dance on Bollywood songs and Yoga flash mob.

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World Children Festival

MACIC participated in the World Children Festival organized by the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports on November 27, 2024 at El Samar Theater, Agouza. The children from MACIC presented Indian dance during the event.



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Workshop on Mehendi

MACIC organized a workshop on Mehendi on November 28, 2024. The participants were thrilled to know this unique Indian art form and to experience the beauty of Mehendi makeup.

Kathak Sandhya

MACIC organized a Kathak Sandhya- Stage presentation of the Kathak students at its premises on November 30, 2024. The Kathak performance of the students left the audience mesmerized.





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MACIC was inaugurated on 14th January 1992 and it was named after Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a distinguished scholar, educationist and statesman, who was the first Education Minister of India and the founding President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations. MACIC is one of the International Cultural Centres under Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) with the primary objective of establishing, reviving and strengthening cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and Egypt.

MACIC conducts regular classes for Hindi & Urdu languages, Kathak dance, and Yoga in addition to academic seminars, India Day cultural events, film shows, exhibitions on Indian art & culture, special Yoga workshops, caricature activities, sports tournaments and cultural festivals/fairs from time to time.

The Glimpses of India painting competition is the annual painting competition organized in association with the Ministry of Education of the Arab Republic of Egypt. The 28th edition of the "Glimpses of India" painting competition organized from 20 October to 13 November 2024 in the 17 Governorates of Egypt with enthusiastic participation of 22,572 Egyptian school children who made amazing paintings on a wide range of themes related to Indian art and culture.

Yoga has gained popularity in Egypt with over 100 Yoga centres operating in Egypt. The 10th edition of the International Day of Yoga organized by MACIC on 21 June 2024 at Al-Horreya Park, Zamalek, Cairo. This year's celebration was marked by a series of curtain raiser Yoga events across Egypt, including in Luxor, Hurghada, Alexandria, Minya, and Ismailia. In cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Culture, MACIC screens Indian films in Hanager Theater, Cairo Opera House and Cinema palace, Garden city every month. MACIC boasts an extensive library with over 7000 books on wide range of subjects, which serves as a vital resource for many Egyptian students, offering them a gateway to understanding Indian art and culture authentically. MACIC celebrates the Foundation Day of ICCR every year by highlighting the important role being played by ICCR in strengthening cultural connectivity between India and Egypt.

The Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture organized 'Tagore-Mahfouz Caricature' Exhibition on 8 May 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore, in collaboration with the 'Fayoum Caricature Museum' and 'Egypt Cartoon Blog'. MACIC organized India-Egypt Friendship Kabaddi tournament to promote Indian sports in Egypt in cooperation with the Egyptian Kabaddi Federation at Helwan University Club on 30 July 2024. A total of 12 teams (both men and women) participated in this tournament.

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Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture offers the following regular classes at its premises:

Yoga classes

Beginners level Intermediate level Advanced level Online Yoga Classes (Course duration is 20 hours at each level in 10 weeks)

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Kathak classes

Beginners level Intermediate level Advanced level Per week 2 hrs class (Course duration is 24 hours at each level in 12 weeks)

Hindi and Urdu language classes

Under four categories-Level I, II, III & Diploma (Course duration is six months at each level)

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