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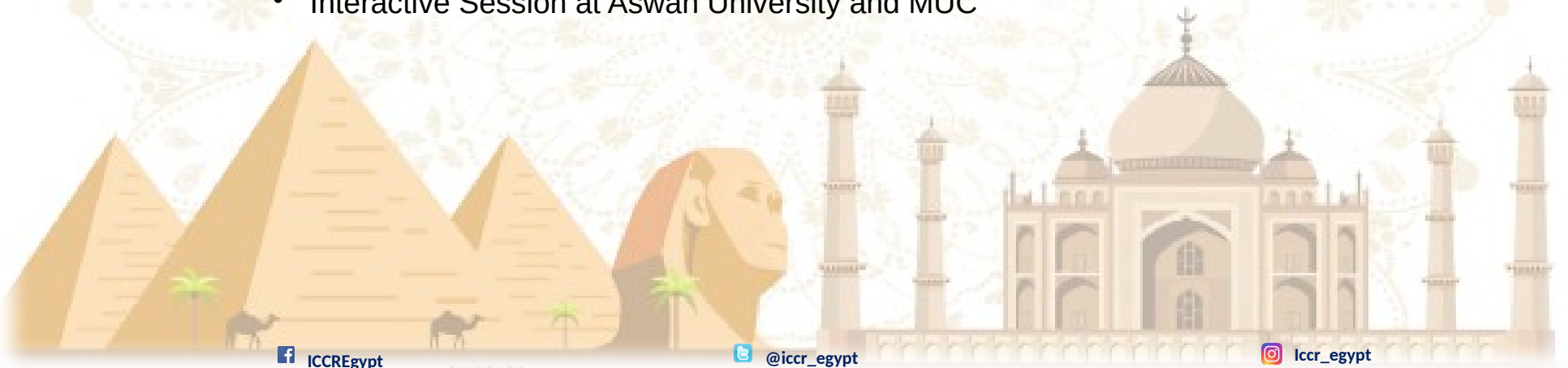
# Sangam

(Cultural Connect Between Two Great Civilizations)

December 2024

## Highlights of the December month

- Prize Distribution Ceremony of “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition
- Exhibition on the winning entries of the “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition
- Cultural Event during Prize Distribution Ceremony
- Tagore-Mahfouz Caricature Exhibition
- India Day Cultural Event
- Cultural performances on 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Prince Mohamed Ali Palace
- Workshop on Baratanatyam
- Yoga Workshop
- Interactive Session at Aswan University and MUC



## Prize Distribution Ceremony of “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition 2024

Winners of the “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition from Red Sea Governorate were felicitated in an award ceremony in Hurghada on December 05, 2024. Secretary General of the Red Sea Governorate and Cd’A Ms. C Sushma presented the prizes to the talented young artists. The enthusiastic participation of Egyptian school children in the painting competition was remarkable, boding well for closer ties.

Prize Distribution Ceremony for the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition was held on December 09, 2024, at the Gomhouria Theatre in Cairo. Dr. Akram Hassan, Assistant Minister of Education, and Cd’A Ms. C Sushma, presented the awards to the talented young artists. The painting competition saw a record participation from over 22,500 students from 17 governorates of Egypt, reflecting the vibrant cultural exchanges between India and Egypt.



## Prize Distribution Ceremony of “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition 2024

An Award Ceremony held on December 15, 2024 in Aswan for the winners of “Glimpses of India” Painting competition from the Aswan and Luxor governorates. The event also featured a cultural program and an exhibition showcasing Indian art and culture.



## Exhibition on the winning entries of the “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition

An exhibition on the winning entries of the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition at Al-Gomhouria Theatre in Cairo. Dr. Akram Hassan, Assistant Minister of Education and Cd’A Ms. C Sushma inaugurated the exhibition on December 09, 2024. This exhibition presents amazing paintings made by Egyptian school children on a theme centered around “India”, it reflects stronger cultural ties between India and Egypt.



## Cultural Event in Hurghada

A Cultural event organized during the “Glimpses of India” Painting competition’s Prize Distribution Ceremony in Hurghada on December 05, 2024. Kathak, dance on Bollywood songs and Yoga demonstration were presented in addition to exhibitions on Indian art and culture.



## Cultural Event in Gomhouria Theater

A Cultural event organized during the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the “Glimpses of India” Painting Competition on December 09, 2024, at the Gomhouria Theater in Cairo. Kathak and dance on Bollywood songs were presented to the audience.



## Cultural Event on Prize Distribution Ceremony in Aswan

A Cultural event organized during the “Glimpses of India” Painting competition’s Prize Distribution Ceremony in Aswan on December 15, 2024. Kathak, dance on Bollywood songs and Yoga flash mob were presented in addition to exhibitions on Indian art and culture.



## Tagore-Mahfouz Caricature Exhibition

Tagore-Mahfouz Caricature Exhibition” at Naguib Mahfouz Museum in Cairo was inaugurated by Mr. Hamdy Al Setouhy, Head of Cultural Development Fund and Cd'A Ms. C Sushma on December 11, 2024. Exhibition celebrates the rich legacy of two literary giants and Nobel laureates India’s Rabindranath Tagore and Egypt’s Naguib Mahfouz. The exhibition showcases 38 caricatures from artists across 12 countries and will be open to public until December 21, 2024.



## India Day Cultural Event in Hurghada

MACIC organized India Day cultural event at Marine Sport Club, Hurghada on December 06, 2024. The audience was captivated by the dynamic performances of Kathak and Bollywood dance, making it a memorable celebration of Indian culture.



## India Day Cultural Event in Aswan

MACIC organized India Day cultural event at Aswan University on December 16, 2024. The event captivated university students with mesmerizing Kathak performances, vibrant Bollywood dances, and an energetic Yoga flash mob.



## India Day Cultural Event at May University

MACIC organized India Day cultural event at May University in Cairo (MUC) on December 24, 2024. Kathak, Bollywood dance performance and Yoga flash mob were presented in addition to the Exhibition on Indian art and culture.



## 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Prince Mohamed Ali

MACIC participated on the occasion of the 121<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Prince Mohamed Ali Palace (Manial Palace) on December 24, 2024. Kathak and Bollywood dance performances left the audience mesmerized.





## Workshop on Bharatanatyam

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture organized a workshop on Bharatanatyam on December 13, 2024. The participants were thrilled to learn about Indian classical dance and eagerly expressed their curiosity to delve deeper into Bharatanatyam.



## Yoga Workshop

Yoga workshop at May University on December 24, 2024. Egyptian university students enthusiastically participated and gained valuable insights into the practice of Yoga and its benefits.



## Interactive Session: Aswan University

Interactive session organized by MACIC with students of Aswan University on December 16, 2024. The event included an exhibition on Incredible India and featured engaging discussions on ITEC & ICCR scholarships, tourism, and higher education opportunities in India.



## Interactive Session: May University in Cairo (MUC)

MACIC organized an interactive session “Know More About India” for the students of May University in Cairo (MUC) on December 24, 2024 featuring a presentation on Incredible India, along with engaging discussions on scholarship programs and education opportunities in India.





## Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture (MACIC)

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 over 22,500 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 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Day of Yoga organized by MACIC on 21 June 2024 at Al-Horreyia 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.

**For any inquiries and information about various classes & admission, please contact us:**

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

### **Yoga classes**

For Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced level  
Course Duration: 20 Hrs for each level in 10 weeks  
Current Batches: 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Next Batches will start in the month of April after Ramadan  
Interested persons may join our Online Yoga classes

### **Kathak classes**

For Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced level  
Course Duration: 2 Hrs per week with total 24 Hrs in 12 week for each level  
Current Batches: 22<sup>nd</sup> December to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Next Batches will start in the month of April after Ramadan  
Interested persons may join Indian Dance classes every Friday at 5:00 pm

### **Hindi & Urdu language classes**

Under four Categories - Level I, II, III & Diploma  
Course Duration: 2 Hrs class per week with 46 Hrs in 6 months for each level  
Current Batches are going on from 19<sup>th</sup> January to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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