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Highlights of the August month

- Director General, ICCR's visit to Egypt
- Yoga workshop at Misr Public Library
- School Connect Programme
- Bharat Week Celebration
- Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign
- India Cultural Day Event at 6 October Public Library
- Exhibition on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day
- Independence Day Celebration
- Exchange of Cultural delegation:- 6-member music troupe to the International Citadel Festival, Cairo



Director General, ICCR, Mr. Kumar Tuhin's visit to Egypt

Director General, ICCR, Mr. Kumar Tuhin met Mr Hisham Azmi, Secretary General of Supreme Council of Culture on 5 August 2024. They had a detailed discussion on enhancing cultural and people-to-people ties. They agreed to enhance cultural and academic exchanges, as well as undertake translation of literary books. He also paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Supreme Council of Culture.

Director General, ICCR visited Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture on 5 August 2024. He was welcomed by the students of MACIC. He unveiled books on Indian history, translated into Arabic by Prof Ahmad Qadi.



Director General, ICCR, Mr. Kumar Tuhin's visit to Egypt

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture hosted an interactive session with Director General, ICCR, and the students of MACIC on 5 August 2024. The session was highly productive, with shared ideas aimed at enhancing the center's operations.

Few glimpses of the Cultural performances by students of the Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture in honor of Director General, ICCR on 5 August 2024. The talent and enthusiasm of young Egyptians was truly well appreciated.



Director General, ICCR's visit to Egypt

Dr. Nader Mustafa, Member of Egyptian Parliament interviewed Director General, ICCR. In response to role of the ICCR, he said that the council acts as the window, through which the Government of India communicates, at the cultural level, with friendly countries. He further added that objectives of ICCR are to actively participate in the formulation and implementation of policies and programs pertaining to India's external cultural relations; to foster and strengthen cultural relations and mutual understanding between India and other countries. He also highlighted the ICCR's scholarship programme provided to Egyptian students, exchange of cultural troupe on reciprocal basis, visitors programme to strengthen cultural relations between India and Egypt.



Yoga workshop

Over 200 Egyptian students participated enthusiastically in a Yoga workshop organized by the Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture on 29 August 2024. The participants received valuable insights into the practice and benefits of Yoga.



School Connect Programme

Students from West Cairo Educational Administration visited Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture on 6 August 2024. The visit featured a Yoga and Kathak workshop, a documentary screening on Incredible India, a library tour, and a presentation on Indian art and culture.



Students of Saint Mark Scout Church visited Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture on 13 August 2024. The visit featured a Yoga and Kathak workshop, a documentary screening on Incredible India, a library tour, and a presentation on Indian art and culture.



Bharat Week Celebration



Patriotic Song Competition

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture organized a Patriotic Song Competition for the Indian Community and Egyptian as part of Bharat Week Celebration at its premises on 7 August 2024. The winners awarded with certificates and cash prizes on the Independence Day celebration at India House.



Indian Dance Competition

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture organized a Dance Competition for Egyptian as part of Bharat Week Celebration at its premises on 9 August 2024. The winners awarded with certificates and cash prizes on the Independence Day Celebration at India House. Their performances were truly outstanding, highlighting their remarkable passion and enthusiasm for Indian dance.



Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign

Ambassador Ajit Gupte launched Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign and urged Indian diaspora in Egypt to hoist the Tiranga Flag proudly at their homes from 9 to 15 August. The event was well attended by Indian diaspora and friends of India at MACIC premises on 7 August 2024.



India Cultural Day Event



Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture had an India stall, through an exhibition of touristic destination posters, publicity materials, literature, books, Indian art and craft. An interactive Yoga session led by TIC-Yoga and Kathak dance workshop led by TIC-Kathak also organized at 6 October Public Library on 8 August 2024.



Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture organized an exhibition on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to honor the immense suffering and sacrifices of those affected by Partition of India in 1947, at its premises on 14 August 2024. This day stands as a poignant reminder of unprecedented human displacement and tragic loss of millions of lives.

Independence Day Celebration

The event featured patriotic songs by young Egyptians, Bollywood dances and Kathak. Additionally, winners of various competitions organized by Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture were honored at India House on 15 August 2024.



Exchange of Cultural Delegation

A 6-member music troupe, led by Mr. Sandip Banerjee participated in the 32nd International Citadel Festival in Cairo on 19 August 2024. Their performances captivated the Egyptian audience with great entertainment at the opening ceremony held at Saladin Citadel, Cairo.



A musical performances by the 6-member music troupe held at Misr public Library on 21 August 2024, as part of the 32nd International Citadel Festival. Their performance was appreciated by Egyptian audience.





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 competition has been organizing by MACIC over the past 28 years in cooperation with the Egyptian Ministry of Education. The 27th edition of the “Glimpses of India” painting competition organized from 26 November to 17 December 2023 in the 7 different Governorates of Egypt with enthusiastic participation of 11,668 Egyptian students 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 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)

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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