

Annual Report

2024 - 2025

CULTURAL CENTRE
OF
CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA
Saint-Denis, Reunion Island



Cultural Activities 2024-2025

Mr. Sajilal Narayanan, Bharatanatyam Dance Teacher cum Performer conducted regular classes - Bharatnatyam dance, Vocal music and Tamil language at Indian Cultural Centre and different cultural activities for Reunionese public to promote Indian Culture in Reunion.

CGI, Reunion collaborated with several Diaspora associations, local bodies and local cultural organizations, performers during 2024-25 and the following activities / events were organized / co-organized in collaboration with local stakeholders:

➤ **EID celebration by Departmental Council:**

Consul General participated in the EID celebrations organized by the Departmental Council. The President of the Departmental Council, along with members of the Indian diaspora, were also present to commemorate the occasion.



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➤ **Tamil New Year:**

Tamil New year is widely celebrated among the large number of Tamil population in Reunion Island. The festivities can be witnessed in various locations across the island as many Municipalities, Departmental Council, Regional Council, and Indo-French associations come together to commemorate this auspicious occasion. During 2024, Tamil new year programs were organized at several places in Reunion.

Departmental Council :

The Departmental Council organized a Tamil New Year celebration. Consul General of India joined other dignitaries and members of the Indian diaspora in the event, highlighting cultural richness and festive spirit of Tamil community in the Reunion.



Municipality of Saint-Paul :

The Municipality of Saint-Paul organized a vibrant Tamil New Year celebration, attended by the Consul General of India, Mr. Bhupendra Singh. The event featured a dance performance by ICCR sponsored Bharatanatyam teacher at the ICC, Saint Denis, Mr. Sajilal Narayanan.



Municipality of Tampon :

The Municipality of Le Tampon hosted a joyful Tamil New Year celebration. Consul General of India, Mr. Bhupendra Singh joined the local Indian community and local dignitaries of Réunion. The event included a vibrant cultural program performed by local Réunion associations, highlighting the rich traditions and spirit of Tamil heritage.



Municipality of Saint-André :

Consul General, Mr. Bhupendra Singh, participated in the celebrations of Tamil New Year organized by the municipality of Saint-André and addressed the audience. Other dignitaries and members of the Indian diaspora also participated in the event, highlighting cultural richness, unity and festive spirit of Tamil community.



Regional Council:

Regional Council organized a vibrant Tamil New Year celebration, which was attended by the Consul General of India, Mr. Bhupendra Singh, who addressed the gathering, extended warm wishes to the Indian diaspora and Indo- French association emphasized the importance of preserving cultural heritage.



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Association Tamij Sangam:

Tamij Sangam proudly celebrated Tamil New Year 2024 under the unifying theme of “L’INTERCULTURALITÉ RÉUNIONNAISE.” The event showcased the island’s rich cultural diversity and the harmonious coexistence of its communities. The Consul General of India, Mr. Bhupendra Singh, extended warm wishes to the Indian diaspora and the Indo-French Association. The celebration featured dance performances and a vibrant fashion show, reflecting the deep-rooted Tamil and Indian traditions in the Reunion island.



Association AFIR (Association des Francais de l'Inde a la Reunion):

Consulate General of India in collaboration with Association AFIR celebrated Tamil New Year 2024 at Cultural Centre of India. The Consul General of India, Mr. Bhupendra Singh, joined the local community in this celebration and extended warm wishes to the Indian diaspora community.



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➤ **Yoga Workshop :**

A special yoga workshop was conducted by Yogacharya Nilamegame on 22nd May 2024 at the Indian Cultural Centre. The session focused on foundational asanas, breathing techniques, and the philosophy of yoga, offering participants a practical and insightful introduction to holistic well-being.

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➤ **World environment day:**

The Consulate General of India celebrated World Environment Day by organizing a tree plantation at the Consulate premises, joined by the Consulate staff.

The initiative was part of the campaign "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" — a tribute to Mother Earth and a heartfelt gesture in honour of our mothers.

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➤ **10th International Day of Yoga :**

The Consulate General of India celebrated the 10th International Day of Yoga 2024 with a week-long series of yoga sessions and events organized in collaboration with various local associations across Reunion Island during June 2024. These events aimed to promote the holistic benefits of yoga for physical and mental well-being among people from all age groups and backgrounds. The main event was held on June 21 at DOJO Champ Fleuri, where enthusiastic participation was witnessed from about a thousand school students, senior citizens, and yoga practitioners.



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Consulate General of India
Saint-Denis, Reunion Island



Yoga for Harmony and Peace



Indian Council for Cultural Relations
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10th International Day of Yoga

21st June 2024

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1	17- 21 June 2024,12h00 - 14h00	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation)- Catherine Tinjust and Gregori Fontaine	Écoles maternel du centre Bras Panon
2	17-21 June 2024, 12h30 - 13h30	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Dominique Tinjust	Borys de Saint-Vincet, Saint-Denis
3	17-21 June 2024, 12h00 - 14h00	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Zakheera Mandary	Héva- Sainte-Suzanne
4	17 June 2024, 9h00 - 11h00	ARRCC(Association Réunionnaise des Relations et Créations Culturelles) - Mme, Sabine Paulic	Dojo de Champe Fleuri, Saint Denis (Children with disabilities ULIS classes)
5	18 June 2024, 9h00 - 11h00	ARRCC(Association Réunionnaise des Relations et Créations Culturelles) - Mme, Sabine Paulic	Dojo de Champe Fleuri, Saint Denis (Children with disabilities ULIS classes)
6	19 June 2024, 12h00 - 14h00	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Catherine Tinjust	Conservatoire de Saint-Benoit
7	19 June 2024, 16h30 - 17h30	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Bala Nilamegame	Centre Culturel de l'Inde, 113 rue Léopold Rambaud
8	19 June 2024, 08h00 - 17h00	Gopaul Roopmala	Pour les seniorsde Champe Fleuri, Saint Denis
9	20 June 2024, 09h00 - 10h00	Mr. Yogiram Shardanand	Jardin de la plage, Saint-Pierre
10	20 June 2024, 09h00 - 11h00	ARRCC(Association Réunionnaise des Relations et Créations Culturelles) - Mme, Sabine Paulic	Dojo de Champe Fleuri, Saint Denis (Children with disabilities ULIS classes)
11	21 June 2024, 12h00 - 14h00	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Silvi Balakrishnane	École des Badamiers, Saint-Denis
12	21 June 2024, 09h00 - 12h00 et 13h00 - 19h30	MAIN PROGRAM (Led by ARRCC in collaboration with all Associations – ARRCC, Raja Yoga, Kabar Holistique, Ktyri, Sankirtan, Or Ebène, Gopaul Roopmala, Sahaja Yoga and Heartfulness.	Dojo de Champe Fleuri, Saint-Denis
13	22 June 2024, 10h00 - 11h30	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Bala Nilamegame	Saint-Paul Étange
14	23 June 2024, 09h30 - 10h30	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Zakheera Mandary and Catherine Tinjust	Parc du Colosse, Saint-André
15	23 June 2024, 09h00 - 10h00	STYM(Scientific Traditional Yoga Motivation) - Bala Nilamegame	Rue de la Source , Salle polyvalente Saint-Suzanne
16	28 June 2024, 09h00 - 19h30	ARRCC(Association Réunionnaise des Relations et Créations Culturelles) - Mme, Sabine Paulic	Gymnase du centre de St Paul

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➤ **Demonstration of South Indian dishes like Pongal, Medu Vada:**

The Consulate organized a live demonstration of cooking South Indian dishes (Pongal, Medhuvada, Coconut Chutney) in Collaboration with the Association AFIR .

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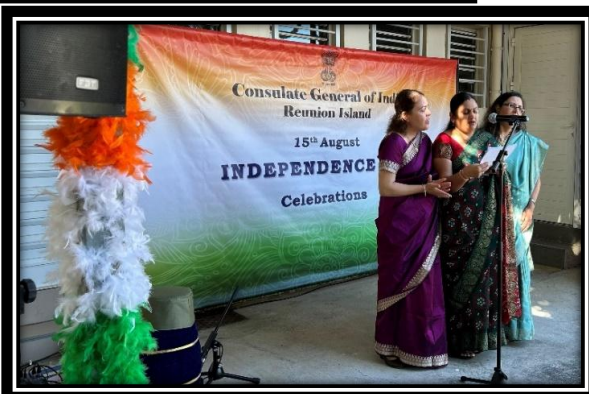


➤ **Independence Day :**

The Consulate organized flag unfurling ceremony on Independence Day in the morning of 15th August 2024 at consulate premises. The program included Indian cultural performances by Indian diaspora and ICCR deported Bharatanatyam teacher Mr. Sajilal Narayanan.

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➤ Music Concert :

The Consulate organized music concert by emerging local Indian origin Violin artist Mr. Yannick Souprayen Cavery, accompanied by Mridangam artist Mr. Apalama at Indian Cultural Centre. Both local artists, delivered a mesmerizing performance which was highly appreciated and enjoyed by a full house audience and showcased the island's vibrant musical talent.



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➤ Hindi Diwas :

The Consulate General celebrated Hindi Diwas at the Indian Cultural Centre, where members of the Indian diaspora and their children enthusiastically participated in handwriting competitions, poetry, and recitations. Winners in each competition received cash prizes and gifts.



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➤ **Free Yoga Workshop by Mr. Yogacharya Nilamegame:**

A free yoga workshop was conducted by Yogacharya Nilamegame, offering participants valuable insights into traditional yoga practices and techniques. The session focused on improving physical well-being, breathing awareness, and inner balance, and was well-received by attendees of all ages.



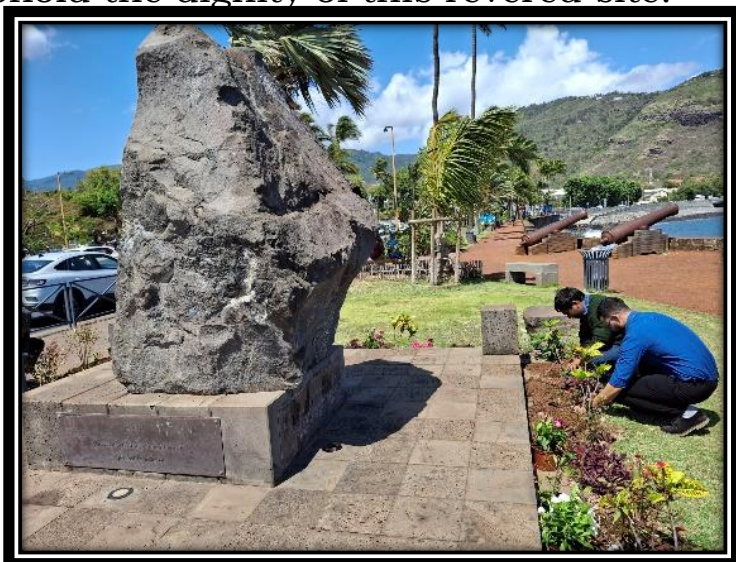
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➤ **Swachtha Hi Seva Campaign :**

As part of Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2024 initiative, following activities took place :

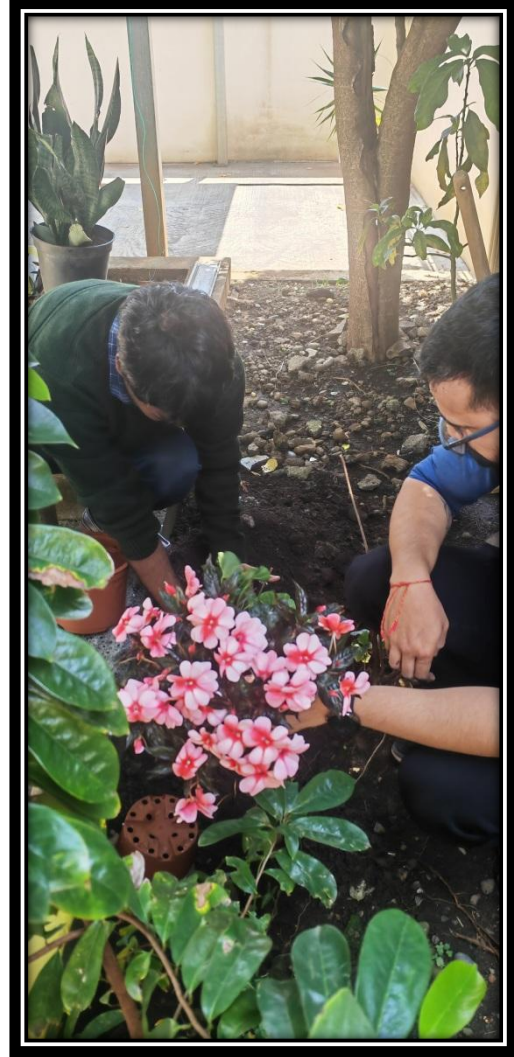
1. Consulate organized a cleanliness drive at Memorial of Indian Indentured and ancestors at Barachois, Saint-Denis. Consul General, Shri Bhupendra Singh along with members of the Consulate, planted flowers and tidied up the memorial site to add serenity, beauty and to uphold the dignity of this revered site.



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2. Staff members of the Consulate General, planted new plants and flowers in the consulate premises, spreading the Swachhata Hi Seva 2024 Message.

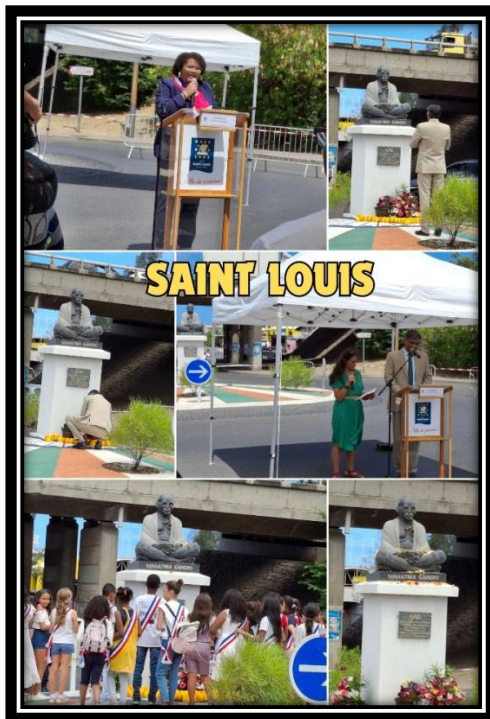


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➤ **International Day of Non-Violence :**

To mark the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Consul General Shri Bhupendra Singh, along with Saint-Denis Mayor Éricka Bareigts, Saint-Louis Mayor Juliana M'Doihoma, TAMIJ SANGAM President Mr. Chanemougame and association AFIR paid floral tributes at Mahatma Gandhi's busts and statues across various locations in Réunion Island, reaffirming shared values of peace, non-violence and unity.



Association AFIR



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➤ **Ayurveda Day:**

Ayurveda day was celebrated at Indian Cultural Centre. Mr. Yogacharya Nilamegame demonstrated live ayurvedic plants and herbs while explaining benefits and usage of each Ayurvedic plant and herb on the occasion of Ayurveda Day. The session was well-received by attendees, who appreciated the opportunity to deepen their understanding of Ayurveda and its relevance in modern life.

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➤ **World Childrens Day:**

Oser Pour l'éducation - SPL students celebrated World Children's Day at Indian Cultural Centre. They enjoyed traditional dance lessons, Mahatma Gandhi's exhibition and a special interaction with Consul General.



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➤ **Pongal celebration in collaboration with association AFIR**

Traditional festival of Pongal was celebrated in with the Indian diaspora and collaboration of Association AFIR (Amicale des Français de l'Inde à la Réunion) at Consulate premises. It was a beautiful display of Indian culture through festivals celebrated as a community togetherness. Beautiful Rangoli/Kolam designs were created by the Indian diaspora children.



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➤ **Republic Day:**

The Consulate organized a flag unfurling ceremony along with a cultural program on the morning of 26th January 2025, at the Consulate premises, to mark Republic Day. Members of the Indian diaspora actively participated in the event. In the evening, a National Day Reception was hosted at MOCA Hall. Prominent government dignitaries, Diaspora association leaders, business people and academia attended the Reception. The program included several scintillating Indian cultural performances by students of Indian Culture Centre and local cultural associations.

Morning :



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➤ **Cooking Workshop :**

The Consulate General organized a live demonstration on preparation of North Indian snacks at Cultural Centre. The event showcased the rich and diverse flavors of Indian street food, offering attendees a hands-on experience in preparing popular dishes. Attendees enthusiastically participated in learning and preparing an array of mouth-watering treats such as Dahi Papdi Chaat, Aloo Tikki, and spicy Masala Puffed Rice



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➤ **Holi celebration :**

Consulate General of India, Saint Denis in collaboration with the Gujarati Samaj Association, a vibrant Indian diaspora community in Reunion, joyfully celebrated the festival of Holi at Indian Cultural Centre. The festivities included a colorful Holi celebration, followed by energetic Garba dance.



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➤ **International Womens Day :**

International Women's Day was celebrated with a focus on women wellness and self-care through a special yoga session at Cultural Centre. The event highlighted the strength and resilience of women, emphasizing relaxation, stress management, and physical well-being. Women Participants experienced a meaningful experience of empowerment, unity, and inner peace.



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➤ Unity Day :

Consulate General of India celebrated 'Unity Through Diversity' at the Consulate General premises, bringing together the Indian diaspora and different sections of Réunionese people. The event showcased spectacular cultural performances depicting cultures from different states of India highlighting the beauty of unity in diversity which is common characteristic of both India and Réunion. Members of the Indian diaspora took an active part in the celebrations, proudly sharing their cultural heritage and helping to build stronger connections with the people of Réunion.





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➤ **World Hindi Diwas celebration in collaboration with the University of Reunion Island :**

World Hindi Diwas was organized with the collaboration of 'Maison des Langues' (Department of Languages) at University of Reunion. Hindi teacher, faculty and students of the university actively participated in the program.

In order to promote the use of Hindi, various activities such as a Hindi language class, Hindi songs, handwriting and quiz competitions were conducted. Students participated in all the competitions enthusiastically and prizes were awarded to the winners of the competitions. Director of 'Maison des Langues' and faculty members of the University of Reunion were present on the occasion.

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