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Swachhata Pakhwada, 2023:As part of Swachhata Hi Seva 2023 Campaign, ICC Male, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives undertook#SwachhBharat cleanliness initiatives in Indian Cultural Centre, Male on October 1, 2023 and continued the mission during the entire week, ending with weeding out of files that have outlived their lives.

Also, ICC Male joined all officials and staff members of the Mission led by High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Shri Manu Mahawar in taking the #swachhataPledge committing themselves to making cleanliness an integral part of their daily lives.



Gandhi Jayanthi, October 2, 2023: ICC Male, High Commission of India, Maldives paid respects to Mahatma Gandhi through a floral tribute on October 2, 2023 as India and the world commemorated Gandhi Jayanti as well as UN International Day of Non-Violence calling out the principles of truth and non-violence to guide and foster the spirit of unity and compassion.



World Teachers' Day, October 5, 2023: On World Teacher's Day celebrated all over the world on October 5, the music students of ICC Male, High Commission of India, Maldives warmly welcomed the new India based ICC Vocal music teacher cum Performer at the ICC with felicitations and a musical get together.





Meeting with Magician Association, October 12, 2023: Magic Association President of Maldives, Mr.Shareef and world famous Indian magician Mr. Samala Venu and team met with Director ICC Indian Cultural Centre to discuss areas of collaboration with Director ICC for an International Magic Show of Maldives, scheduled on October 12, 2023.



Maldivian Red Crescent Partnership Forum, 2023: Director ICC represented the High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives at the Maldivian Red Crescent Partnership Forum, 2023 on October 10, 2023 supported by ICRC, New Delhi. There were over 39 participants in this forum that brought together key partners, collaborators and supporters to discuss the work, potential areas for cooperation and continued partnership with MRC.



Meeting with Ayurvedic practitioners of Maldives, October 10, 2023: Director ICC met with the Ayurveda practitioners in Maldives on October 10, 2023 from the Ayurvedic Therapy Centre in Hulumale to discuss the modalities of a forthcoming event.



Special Evening, October 15, 2023: Segment One-Tribute to Kishore Kumar and Segment Two-Celebration of World Students' Day: ICC Male, High Commission of India, Maldives paid a **musical tribute to the legendary and versatile singer of Indian cinema Kishore Kumar on his 36th death anniversary (falls on October 13)** through the presentation of songs that continue to evoke nostalgia and captures the essence of life itself as his memory lives on in the hearts of millions, in the first segment of the magical evening on October 15, 2023 **graced by the August presence of the High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Mr. Munu Mahawar.** Among other important guests were **Mr. Ali Zaki, Director General of Social Centre, Ministry of Sports, Youth and Community Empowerment, Maldives.**

The second segment of the event was dedicated to **World Students' Day, celebrated on October 15th every year to honour the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam,** a renowned scientist and former President of India. This day recognises the vital role that students play in shaping the future of the world. For ICC Male, it was an occasion to celebrate the wonderful bond of friendship and brotherhood between India and Maldives through the universal language of music and the songs that the Maldivian students presented under the tutelage of the ICC music teacher were a testament of the true team spirit, dedication and artistic passion that characterise the bond between the teacher and the students.









Meeting with Minister of State for Health, Maldives, October 18, 2023: Director ICC called on the Minister of State for Health, Maldives HE Mr. Ahmed Adil and other officials of the Ministry on October 18, 2023 to discuss existing areas of cooperation and future collaborations.



Musical night 'Hum Ek Hain', October 19, 2023: ICC Male in collaboration with Smile Karaoke Entertainment celebrated the people to people connection and the spirit of unity that transcends borders through a musical night 'Hum Ek Hain' comprising of songs in both Hindi and Dhivehi, on October 19, 2023 at the Centre that witnessed a large turnout of audience reinforcing the fact that music serves as a powerful bridge to unite people from diverse backgrounds on a common platform. Director ICC mentioned this as she warmly welcomed the audience. She thanked Dr. Husnee, President of Smile Karaoke for the wonderful evening and said that ICC Male looks forward to many more of such collaborations that celebrate the shared cultural heritage.



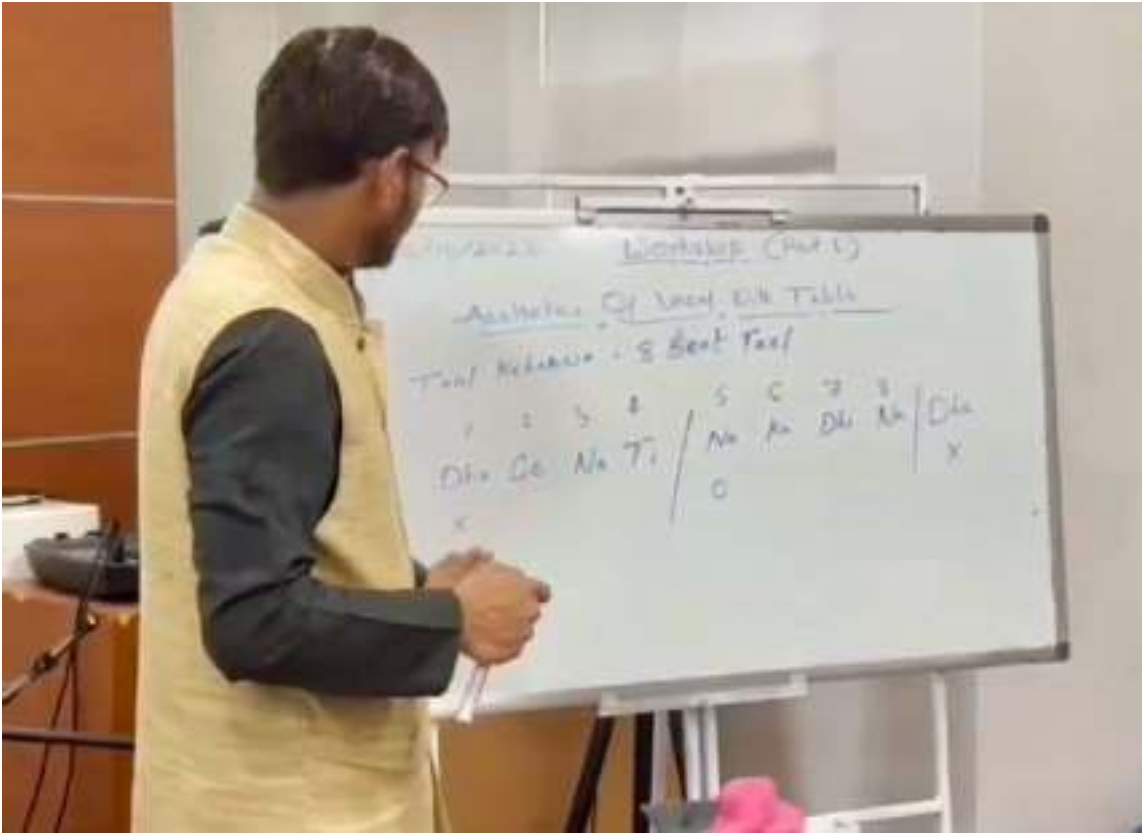


Meeting with Master Chef and only certified dancer of Maldives, October 17, 2023: Director ICC was happy to meet with Ms. Nuha Naseer, the only certified dancer in Maldives having a degree from Performing Arts, Switzerland and with Ms. Maha, the first Master Chef of the Maldives on October 17, 2023 to discuss a wide range of creative ideas and avenues of translating them into practice.



Musical Workshop 'Aesthetics of Vocals with Tabla', October 26, 2023: ICC Male was delighted to conduct a musical workshop on October 26, 2023, on the dynamics and patterns of rhythm that are aesthetically synchronised with vocals, keeping the projections and soul of the compositions intact. The India-based ICC multi-talented music teacher while talking about the nuances elucidated on the aesthetic transformations that have taken place in both the style and different rhythmic patterns in the last three decades. Titled 'Aesthetics of vocals with tabla' the workshop garnered a lot of appreciation from the participants who have expressed an interest and enthusiasm for attending more of such workshops.





Second Model SAARC Summit, 2023 at MNU, Maldives, October 30, 2023: ICC Male, on behalf of the High Commission of India in Maldives, was happy to be a part of the Second Model SAARC Summit on October 30, 2023 organized by the Maldives National University and supported by the Maldives Students' Union Association. This gathering facilitated the acquisition of essential skills, including effective teamwork, diplomatic proficiency, leadership acumen, and an opportunity for in-depth exploration of various country policies and issues. These endeavours collectively contributed to a heightened comprehension of SAARC's overarching objectives.

In addition, the summit showcased a cultural segment, serving as a poignant representation of the diverse talents and unity inherent to South Asia. This segment underscored the collective desire for mutual development and cooperation. **ICC Male presented a live musical show comprising of a medley on popular songs of the Indian cinema by the India based music teacher of the Indian Cultural Centre that showcased the rich diversity of India celebrated through music in Indian cinema that is popular the world over.**



