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Badminton Tournament by Indian diaspora, December 8, 2023: Director ICC was honoured to accompany High Commissioner of India to Maldives to the Badminton tournament on December 8, 2023 organised by Royal Tigers Sports Club in Male, as a prelude to the harvest festival that witnessed the participation of 78 players from various nationalities, inaugurated by Chief Guest High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Mr. MunuMahawar who went the extra mile to not only grace but also participate in two double matches with Teams--Badminton Warriors and Badminton Ego, displaying true sportsmanship. The event was a perfect paragon of sportsmanly spirit fostering warmth and friendship.





Meeting with President, Dhivehi Language Academy, December 12, 2023: Director ICC had a meaningful and culturally enriching meeting with the President of Dhivehi Language Academy, Dr. Ashraf Abdul Raheem in Male to rekindle existing ties between the Academy and ICC, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives established through years of close association and friendship. A very erudite scholar, Dr. Ashraf's profound reservoir of knowledge and deep abiding love for languages like Dhivehi, Urdu and Hindi serves as a powerful bridge, fosters cultural understanding, creates avenues for meaningful communications and promotes collaboration in various spheres.





Outreach event at Thilafushi, December 15, 2023: ICC Male participated at the Pongal and TamilarThirumala 2024 Kabaddi tournament for factory workers at Thilafushiorganised by the Maldives Tamil Sangam with a musical event conducted by the ICC music teacher. Director ICC distributed the trophies to the winners and medals to all participants after the final match on behalf of the Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives. Other officials from the High Commission set up a help desk to facilitate the workers with assistance to their queries. Thilafushi is an artificial island created by the government decision in 1991 as a municipal landfill.







Friendship Association of India & Maldives (FAIM), December 15, 2023: Director ICC, as Special Guest presented the prestigious Trophy to Mr. Mohd Shareef, accomplished magician of Maldives for his hard work and contribution in creating and promoting the Art of Magic in Maldives, on behalf of the hosting organisations Event Mart and Maldives Magicians Association during the dinner hosted by them for the team members to celebrate the success of the Maldives International Magic Festival 2023.



Tabla Workshop at ICC, December 17, 2023: In the third tabla workshop organised by ICC Male, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives on December 17, 2023 on '**CORRELATION BETWEEN TAAL, THEKA AND LYRICAL EXPRESSIONS OF A COMPOSITION**', conducted by the ICC music teacher, the intricately correlation between taal, theka and lyrical expressions within a song composition was explored with precision. Through extensive demonstrations and explanations, it was elucidated that Taal, the rhythmic framework, serves as the heartbeat, dictating the tempo and structure of the musical piece. Theka, the specific drumming pattern played on the tabla, intricately weaves into the taal, providing a rhythmic canvas for the melodic elements. This symbiotic relationship between taal and theka is fundamental in establishing the rhythmic foundation of the composition. Concurrently, lyrical expressions, conveyed through vocal or instrumental elements, find resonance within this rhythmic framework.

The workshop, as always was hugely appreciated by the participants, few if whom notable senior singers of Maldives who made the session extremely interactive by engaging the teacher with their individualistic musical queries and inputs. The participants have requested for detailed discussions in future on various other aspects of music.



PARTICIPATION OF ICC IN AN OUTREACH EVENT, December 22, 2023: ICC Male was happy to participate in the International Migrants Day 2023 on behalf of the High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives with a musical concert conducted by the ICC music teacher and Director ICC also represented the Mission at the Opening Ceremony, on December 22, 2023. The festival was organised by the Public Interest Law Centre (PILC) at the Ruhgandu area of Hulumale, Maldives in association with the Maldivian Red Crescent, graced by Chief Guest, President of Public Interest Law Centre, Ms. Mariyam Shunana and Secretary General of Maldivian Red Crescent, Ms. Fathima Himya.

Director ICC is seen to be interacting with both the ladies from the organising teams as well as with Project Officer, PILC Ms. Khadeeja Abdulla and all other organisations and NGO's including the High Commission of Bangladesh, Royal Tigers Club and Maldives Tamil Sangam and Expatriate Friendship Club who provided free legal aid, health check-up, consultation, etc. by putting up stalls. ICC Male's musical contribution







TRIBUTE TO MOHD. RAFI SAHAB, December 24, 2023:The Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives orchestrated a memorable musical tribute to the iconic singer of Indian cinema, Mohammed Rafi Sahab on his 99th birthday on December 24, 2023 at the ICC. Veteran Maldivian vocalists delivered soulful renditions of Rafi Sahab's timeless melodies in solos and duets after a documentary on his biography was screened, creating ripples of appreciation among the enthralled audience.

The esteemed presence of the High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Mr. Manu Mahawar added significance to the occasion, as he shared poignant thoughts on the legendary singer, commending the ICC for organising events that foster cultural richness and strengthen the bonds of friendship.

Director ICC, Ms. Manjistha Mukherjee in her Vote of Thanks conveyed her heartfelt gratitude to Excellency Mr. Mahawar for his unwavering support and to all the Maldivian partners and patrons of ICC, including the Emcee Mr. Manoj Nair for continuing to nurture these artistic connections and building bridges that transcend borders. This unique convergence of musical prowess and camaraderie marked a noteworthy chapter in the cultural exchange between India and Maldives.







