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**Important meetings : August 1,2023**

- (i) Director ICC called on the State Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage, Republic of Maldives to discuss collaborative projects in the pipeline for further strengthening of cultural ties between India and Maldives.on August 1,2023



- (ii) Director ICC also met with the authorities from the National Center for Arts (NCA) Male at the iconic Olympus theater to discuss a Collaborative mega cultural event to celebrate 76 years of India's Independence.



### Duet Musical Concert: August 1, 2023

ICC Male organised a duet musical concert titled, '**Sangeet Ki Mehfil**' at the Centre on semi classical and light songs by India-based artiste Smt. Sunita Tikare and ICC music teacher Shri Santosh Kumar Sinha in a rare jugalbandi, on August 1, 2023 at the Centre. Smt. Tikare is a disciple of Gurus Late Vidushi Padmavati Shaligram Gokhale and Late Smt. KishoriAmonkar. A recipient of several awards, she travels and performs extensively.





**Invites of the August 18,2023 event were widely circulated**

ICC Male, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives brings you a cultural extravaganza to celebrate 76 years of India's Independence through the Indo-Maldivian rhythms of Unity 🤝 and harmony across waters, on 18th August from 4-6pm at Olyumpus theatre, Male. Come join us to make the celebrations extra special.



**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

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**You are Invited**

'Kaleidoscope', a cultural evening of dance and music to celebrate 76 years of India's Independence with the special Indo-Maldivian touch of harmony and brotherhood

( Date : 18th August 2023 )  
( Time : 4pm to 6pm ) @ Olympus Stage, Male |  
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The poster features a central graphic with the Indian national flag on the left and the Maldivian national flag on the right. Above the flags, the text 'You are Invited' is written in a large, bold, red font. Below the flags, the event details are provided in a smaller font. The top of the poster has the title 'INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS' and lists the sponsoring partners: Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, and ICCM. The bottom of the poster shows a colorful illustration of people in traditional Indian and Maldivian attire dancing and celebrating, with a map of India and Maldives in the background.

**Musical Concert at oympus theater backyard: August 2, 2023**

ICC Male in joint collaboration with **National Centre for Arts, Maldives** and support from **FAIM** organised a musical concert on classical, semi classical and light music by vocal teacher cum Performer, Shri Santosh Kumar Sinha, accompanied by Mr. Waheed and Mr. Ibrahim on the instruments, on August 2, 2023.

Director ICC, Smt. Manjistha Mukherjee informed the audience that the event that was to host the performance of yet another India based artiste as announced earlier had to be improvised last minute due to the inability of the artiste to join as she had been indisposed.

The solo vocal concert was attended by a large gathering and received with great fervor and appreciation.







**Independence day Celebration at HCI August 15, 2023:**

The 77th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives on the morning of August 15, 2023 with the unfurling of the National flag by High Commissioner, **HE Shri MunuMahawar** and soul-stirring live vocal renditions of patriotic songs by an enthusiastic group of individuals from the Indian diaspora led by ICC vocal teacher cum performer, Shri Santosh Kumar Sinha that paid tribute to our nation's rich history and freedom.

**High Commissioner, HE Shri Mahawar read out excerpts from Hon'ble President of India's address to the nation and conveyed his warm greetings and felicitations to every member of the Indian community on the joyous occasion. He also conveyed his best wishes for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of Maldives.**







### **Blood donation Camp, August 18, 2023**

A blood donation camp was organized on the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> of August, 2023 by Royal Tigers sports and service team, a group of expatriate Indians, in collaboration with ICC Male. The camp was inaugurated by High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Shri Munu Mahawar.





## **Cultural extravaganza 'Kaleidoscope' to Mark the Celebrations of 77<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence August 18,2023:**

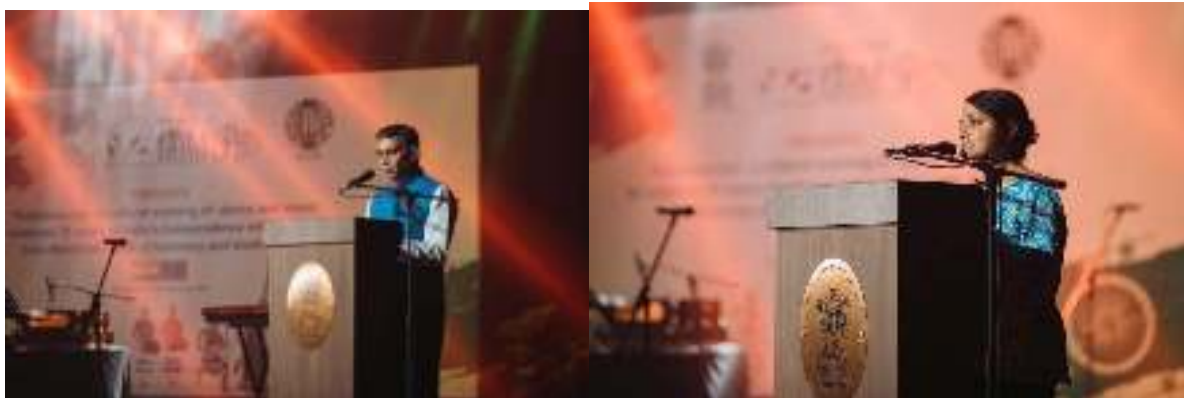
ICC Male, HCI Maldives commemorated 76 years of India's Independence with 'Kaleidoscope', an array of Indo-Maldivian cultural dances and music to celebrate the spirit of harmony and brotherhood in collaboration with **National Center for Arts, Maldives as venue partner, Bidhabin group and FAIM as supporting partners.**

The presence of Minister for Arts, Culture & Heritage, Maldives, HE **Ms. Yumna Maumoon** along with several dignitaries including over a dozen Heads of Missions made the evening extra special and significant. **Ms. Maumoon** said she was grateful for India's magnanimous contribution towards the building of Olyumpus theatre where the event took place, that was a testament to the shared bonds between both the countries and how Indian culture was popularised through Indian cinema.

**High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Shri Manu Mahawar** in his keynote address underlined that Maldives occupies a special place in the hearts of Indians and in India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and our geographical proximity, shared values and cultural ties mark our partnership.

The evening throbbled with captivating Indo-Maldivian cultural dance performances and live vocal renditions to a housefull of mesmerized audience by the very talented **Bidhabin group led by Mohd. Asim**, accomplished ICC music teacher, **Shri Santosh Kumar Sinha, talented performer from FAIM, Mr. Malik and others.**

**Director ICC, Smt. Manjistha Mukherjee Bhatt** expressed gratitude in her vote of thanks and said it was a privilege to celebrate the rich & diverse heritage of both India & Maldives through enthralling performances, mesmerising artistry & warm exchange of traditions.













**Sending-Off Ceremony for ICCR Scholars, August 24, 2023:**

Proud moment for ICC Male, High Commission of India, Republic of Maldives as six Maldivian scholars were sent off to India to avail ICCR scholarships on August 24, 2023. **The Sending-Off Ceremony was hosted by the Ministry of Higher Education, Maldives and felicitated by the Minister of Higher Education, HE Dr. Ibrahim Hassan and High Commissioner of India to Maldives, HE Mr. MunuMahawar.**

The Minister congratulated India on the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 and said that India is not only an educational hub but a reservoir of cultural wealth that the scholars can benefit from. High Commissioner of India to Maldives, in his remarks said that it is a very good time for the Maldivian scholars to be in India when India is in the peak of scientific innovations, discoveries and more, propelled by the youth in the country. Director ICC congratulated the scholars while introducing each one of them and said that they have been awarded the scholarships not only for their academic excellence but also for their potential to become ambassadors of goodwill between our nations.







**Talk on Independence August 24, 2023:**

Continuing the spirit of celebrations of the 76 years of Indian Independence, ICC Male concluded the month of August by organising a very engaging talk on the topic '**Independence: what it means and if it is synonymous with freedom**' at the Centre on August 24, 2023 by the veteran speaker Mr. Ibrahim Waheed, intellectual, educator and former statesman.

The talk that brought out the best of the speaker's erudition and eloquence, threw light on various definitions of freedom and independence through very interesting anecdotes without drawing interrelated inferences but also empathized on how they can be related concepts but not necessarily synonymous. It was followed by a Q&A session from the audience that the speaker was happy to address with his characteristic wit and intelligence.



