

**Embassy of India  
Paramaribo**

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), Embassy of India, Paramaribo celebrated the 75th anniversary of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) on 9 April 2025 at the SVCC with the gracious presence of Dr. Dewanchandrebhose Sharman, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Suriname as the Chief Guest, and the participation of SVCC students, representatives from cultural and diaspora institutions, and the Indian diaspora.

2. ICCR is Government of India organization created on 9 April 1950, aimed at fostering cultural relations with various countries and promoting the understanding and appreciation of Indian culture globally. ICCR functions through Indian cultural centers across the globe, including SVCC Paramaribo, through Indian culture teachers, cultural exchanges, scholarships, etc.

3. H.E. Subhash Gupta in his remarks highlighted the importance of the SVCC in deepening bonds between India and Suriname and, moreover knitting together two societies by promoting people-to-people exchanges through ICCR scholarships, teaching of various art forms, language and yoga, scholar exchanges, etc. The center has made its everlasting impression in this process since its inception and produced artists who are preserving and promoting the Indian tradition in Suriname.

The Chief Guest underlined the importance of India- Suriname relations and role of Indian culture and SVCC in making the Surinamese multicultural society more diverse and unique through introduction of cultural aspects such as spirituality, performing arts, cuisine, language etc. leading to more harmonious society.

4. The celebration included activities such as music, singing and dance performances and sharing of experiences by previous and current students of SVCC. Attendees were briefed about the ICCR scholarships that are open for Surinamese scholars. [More information about the ICCR scholarships is available at [svcc.paramaribo@mea.gov.in](mailto:svcc.paramaribo@mea.gov.in)]

6. Bharatanatyam Dance was presented by the newly appointed Dance Teacher Cum Performer, Ms. Ambili Chidangil. Students of Ms. Sadhna Mohan, Ms. Shannon Chotoe and Ms. Lakshmi Gangaram Panday, performed dance on semi classical Indian music. Mr. Manoj Daryanani and Ms. Dhanwantri Jarbandhan presented enthralling musical performances followed by light refreshments.

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