



**Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture
(MACIC)
23, Talaat Harb Street, Down Town Cairo**

The Centre, established in 1992, has been regularly organizing the following activities:

LANGUAGE TEACHING: The Centre conducts part-time courses in two major Indian languages - Hindi and Urdu regularly. It conducts Certificate of Proficiency courses in Hindi and Urdu for six months duration and Diploma of Proficiency course in Hindi for one year duration. The course fees are nominal. The Centre also provides all learning materials to the students free of cost. Those who successfully finish these courses are provided all necessary support if they wish to pursue further studies in India.

YOGA: MACIC regularly conducts courses in Yoga – the ancient science that seeks to maintain harmony of body, mind and soul of the practitioners. Yoga classes are conducted on the techniques of postures, breathing, relaxation, concentration and meditation. Special classes are conducted on stress management for the corporate sector, personality development for students and yoga therapy for management of common illnesses.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS: The Centre organizes lectures/seminars regularly at its premises. Egyptian and Indian academicians, social scientists and media persons come and deliver lectures on various topics of mutual interest. Each lecture has at the end a question-answer session in which the speakers interact with the audience. Seminars are organized on special occasions.

LIBRARY: The Centre has a small library with a stock of around 9000 books. The books cover a wide range of topics on both general and India-related subjects in Hindi, English and Arabic. There are many acclaimed books authored by famous Indian writers in English. The titles

available in the library include all kinds of literature, history, culture, art, cooking, yoga, religion, philosophy, biographies of Indian national leaders etc. The library also stocks Indian newspapers, magazines and periodicals. The library provides access to Internet for its members. The library is open from 10 am to 6 pm on all working days. Two books are issued to members for a maximum period of two weeks.

FILM SHOWS: The Centre infuses the spirit of Indian Cinema in Cairo by screening movies regularly at the auditorium of the Centre. The MACIC auditorium has a modest seating capacity of around 50 with surround-sound reproduction of music. Films with are screened twice a week as per an announced monthly schedule for members.

EXHIBITIONS: The Centre regularly organizes exhibition of paintings, handicrafts, sculptures, photographs etc by leading and emerging Indian and Egyptians artists at its premises.

PAINTING COMPETITION: The Centre organizes a painting competition for Egyptian school children every year in order to promote artistic talent among them and encourage understanding of Indian culture. The competition named "Glimpses of India" is conducted for children studying in private and public schools of Cairo and Giza governorates as well as the schools of the National Institutes located in Cairo, Giza and Alexandria. The competition is held at three levels: the Primary, the Preparatory and the Secondary levels. Around 100 winners are selected and prizes distributed in a big ceremony in which celebrities are invited to participate and distribute prizes to the winners. The competition is also organized in other governorates of Egypt separately at different times of the year.

CUISINE: The Centre organizes culinary courses periodically to Egyptians and foreigners in order to introduce and teach the variety and richness of Indian cuisine. The courses are conducted by Indian experts who teach with practical demonstrations of various recipes reflecting and representing various regions of India.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (CEP): The Centre facilitates implementation of the Cultural

Exchange Programme signed between India and Egypt. Visits of experts and groups from India to Egypt and vice-versa for a period ranging from one week to one year are arranged.

DANCE AND MUSIC TROUPES: The Centre brings to Egypt music and dance troupes from different regions of India as per the terms of the CEP and arranges their performances in Cairo and other cities with cooperation from the Ministry of Culture of Egypt. Highly talented classical musicians and folk dancers sponsored and sent by The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) come here and present their art and culture to entertain the Egyptian audience from time to time.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Under the CEP, India offers ten scholarships to Egyptian students; three for Undergraduate courses, two for Postgraduate courses and five for Doctoral studies. The Centre coordinates with the Ministry of Higher Education in Egypt to process the applications of the candidates for these scholarships. Through an English proficiency test, the Centre selects ten eligible students and sends them thereafter to India for pursuing their studies.

TEACHING INDIAN DANCE: From time to time, the Centre organizes Indian dance courses for Egyptian youngsters. Classes are conducted thrice a week for one hour each for nominal fee. After the course is over, demonstrations are arranged for the students in front of selected invitees from the Egyptian and Indian communities.

For more information please contact us at:

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