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# INDIA IN TORONTO

Newsletter of the Consulate General of India, Toronto

## Celebrations of 74th Republic Day



Consulate General of India, Toronto celebrated 74th Republic Day on 26 January, 2023. On this occasion, Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava unfurled the national flag and read out the address of the Hon'ble President to the nation. The programme included a few cultural performances.

## Thai Pongal and Tamil Heritage Month



To mark the Thai Pongal and Tamil heritage month, Tamil Cultural Association of Waterloo Region organized a festive celebration with musical performances and classical dances on 14 January, 2023. Thai Pongal is a festival of freedom, peace, unity and compassion as crystallized in the last hymn on unity in the Indian spiritual text, the Rig Veda. The festival was celebrated to encourage social cohesiveness and unity by bringing people together in festive mood.



## Celebration of Pongal and Makar Sankranti



On 21 January, 2023 Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastva presented North American Indian Tamil Lifetime Achievement Awards during Mupperum Tiruvizha 2023 organized by Canada Tamil Sangam to mark the celebration of Pongal and Makar Sankranti.

## World Hindi Day 2023



Consulate General of India, Toronto together with Hindi Writers Guild Canada organized World Hindi Day on 10 January 2023. 72 children between the age 3 to 18 years participated in Hindi Poem Recitation Competition and showcased their talent. Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava commended the efforts of the Indian diaspora for keeping the soul of Hindi alive in the distant land.

## Promotion of International Year of Millets



As part of the ongoing celebration of International Year of Millets, Consulate General of India, Toronto served Millet refreshments to the community during the 74th Republic Day 2023 celebrations.

The inclusion of Indian millets in the refreshments was aimed at generating greater public awareness of the health benefits of millets.



## Chai with Consul General



On 24 January, 2023 Consul General Smt Apoorva Srivastava met student leaders of various academic institutions under a new initiative 'Chai with CG'. The event was organized by International Youth, an organization working for the welfare of Indian students. During the interaction, the student leaders raised various issues faced by the students in Canada. Consul General assured them all possible assistance towards ensuring their overall well being.

## Vasant Panchami & Saraswati Puja 2023



On 28 January, 2023 Consul General Mrs. Apoorva Srivastava participated in Saraswati Puja 2023 and Vasant Panchami celebrations at Purbayan organized by Bengali diaspora in Mississauga. Saraswati Puja dedicated to the Goddess of Knowledge and wisdom is at the heart of the Bengali diaspora as one of the most important festivals during winter days of Canada.

## Conference with Toronto Institute of Chartered Accountants of India



On 21 January, 2023 Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava attended the Toronto ICAI (Institute of Chartered Accountants of India) conference wherein discussions were held on vision & goals of India's G-20 presidency, India-Canada economic partnership and developments in areas of Data Sharing, Taxation, Digitization and Technology.



## Sankranti Haldikunku celebrations



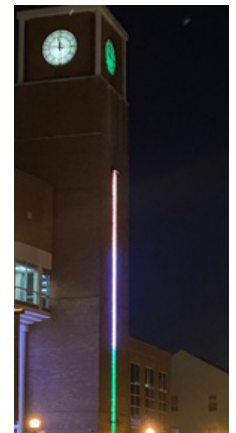
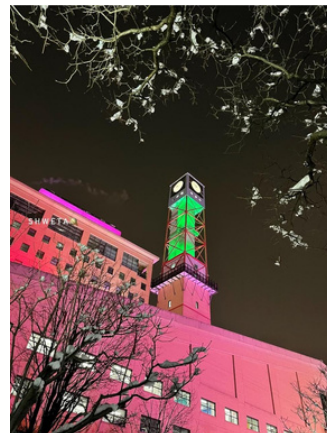
Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava was invited as a Chief Guest at the Sankranti Haldikunku celebrations organized by women from Maharashtra on 21 January, 2023. This ceremony follows Makar Sankranti as the first festival to kick-start the year.

## Republic Day celebrations by Canadian Indian Association of Halton Region



On 28 January, 2023 Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava attended the 74th Republic Day celebrations organized by Canadian Indian Association of Halton Region with Mayor of Milton Mr. Gordon Krantz and Mayor of Burlington Ms. Marianne Meed Ward along with many other dignitaries.

## Indian tricolour illumination



As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Brampton Clock Tower & Mississauga Clock Tower were illuminated with the colours of Indian tricolour on the occasion of 74th Republic Day 2023.



## Republic Day celebrations by Panorama



Panorama India celebrated 74th Republic Day where Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava unfurled the Indian Tricolor. Various activities such as Panorama Idol Competition, Folk Dance Competition, Panorama Art Competition, Food and Vendor Stalls were the highlights. The event witnessed huge footfall this year making it a big event.

## Republic Day celebrations by AIC Group



AIC Group and Indian Community in Fredericton celebrated 74th Republic Day 2023. The event included Flag unfurling ceremony followed by cultural performances



## Republic Day celebrations by Manitoba Hindu Seniors



On 26 January, 2023, Manitoba Hindu Seniors celebrated 74th Republic Day 2023 by unfurling the Indian Tricolor.

## Parakaram Diwas - 2023



On the occasion of Parakaram Diwas, Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava along with Consulate Officials and members of Indian community paid homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary on 23 January, 2023.

## Martyr's Day - 2023



On 30 January, 2023 Consul General Smt. Apoorva Srivastava paid respectful floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi 'Father of the Nation' on his 75th death anniversary at the premises of Consulate General of India, Toronto. Members of Indian community also paid their homage to Bapu on Martyr's Day.