

**Embassy of India
Baghdad**

| Activities of the Mission under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) | | |
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| 1. | National Anthem of India | Embassy of India, Baghdad promoted recording of national anthem in the first week of August among the Indian community in Iraq (Iraq was ranked 33 with participation of 1026 persons). |
| 2. | Competitions to celebrate AKAM | Essay and Painting Competitions from 12 to 31 August, 2021 for Iraqi nationals and Indian diaspora on various Themes related to Amrit Mahotsav. |
| 3. | Hindi Day Celebrations | Hindi Day Celebrations on 14.09.2021 and 15.09.2021. |
| 4. | International Day of Democracy Celebration | International Day of Democracy celebrated on 15.09.2021. |
| 5. | Gandhi Jayanti | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gandhi Peace March on 02.10.2021.• Embassy of India, Baghdad organized the live screening of ICCR 'Yugpurush', a captivating representation of special relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and Srimad Ramchandra.• Tree Plantation on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. |
| 6. | Photo Exhibition of Gandhiji's life | Photo exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi's life journey on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (2 nd October 2021) at Chancery premises. |
| 7. | Gandhi Katha | Gandhi Katha by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, a renowned Gandhian, on 03.10.2021. |
| 8. | Gandhi Lecture | Discourse on Mahatma Gandhi by Ms. Suha Althurai, a former Iraqi Diplomat and Translator of works by Gandhi ji into Arabic, on the |

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| | | occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 03.10.2021. |
| 9. | Essay and Painting competitions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize distribution ceremony to the winners and participants for the essay and painting competitions on 03.10.2021. • Recital of winning Hindi poem entries. |
| 10. | ITEC Day Celebration | ITEC and ICCR alumni shared their experiences on ITEC Day celebration on 03.10.2021. |
| 11. | Panel Discussion and symposium of Gandhian thought and relevance of Gandhian philosophy in contemporary times | Panel discussion on Mahatma Gandhi with Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna and Iraqi thinkers including Dr. Ihsan Al-Amin, Chairman, Bayt al-Hikmah and other prominent personalities and think-tank of Iraq at Bay al-Hikmah (House of Wisdom), Baghdad on 12.10.2021. |
| 12. | Photo Exhibition on Gandhiji's life | The exhibition was held on 12 th October 2022 at Bayt al-Hikmah and inaugurated by Dr. Ihsan Al-Amin, Chairman, Bayt al-Hikmah. |
| 13. | Yoga Workshop | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoga workshop organized to celebrate 75 years of Independence on 06.10.2021. • Extensive coverage by TV and electronic media. |
| 14. | Blood Donation Camp | Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Ministry of Health of Iraq organized a Blood Donation Camp at the Embassy's premises on 12.10.2021 to celebrate 75 years of Independence. |
| 15. | Celebration of Indian festivals | Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Anjuman-e-Faiz-e-Panjetani organized a cultural evening to celebrate Indian festivals of Dussehra, Diwali and Eid Milad Al Nabawi on 16.10.2021. |
| 16. | Photo Exhibition on Gandhiji's life and lecture on Gandhian philosophy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The photo exhibition was held at the Central Library, University of Baghdad on 17.10.2021 and also a lecture on Gandhian philosophy was arranged. The Central Library showcased the Gandhi corner set up at the Library. • Extensive media coverage of the events. |
| 17. | National Unity Day | Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations on 27.10.2021- A seminar and discussion forum were organized by the Indian community in Najaf. The Indian Ambassador called on the |

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| | | Governor of Najaf Governorate, met religious authorities and visited holy shrines. |
| 18. | Constitution Day | Constitution Day of India was celebrated on 26 th November, 2021 to mark the adoption of the Constitution of India. |
| 19. | Mahaparinirvan Diwas | Mahaparinirvan Diwas on 6 th December, 2021 was celebrated to pay tribute to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar on his 66 th Death Anniversary. |
| 20. | Hindi Sangoshthi | Hindi Sangoshthi was celebrated in the Embassy premises on 9 th December 2021 and Indian Diaspora was also invited to attend the event. |
| 21. | Commemoration of 1 st War of Independence | Social Media Campaign was launched on 17.12.2021 by the Mission on the occasion of 1 st War of Independence by commemorating the major revolutionaries of the 1 st War of Independence. |
| 22. | Good Governance Week (20-26 December, 2021) | Good Governance Week (20-26 December, 2021) was organized in the Embassy premises on 26 th December, 2021 |
| 23. | Indian Food Festival | The first-ever food festival showcasing Indian cuisine was organized on 30 th December 2021. |
| 24. | Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas | Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas was celebrated on 09.01.2022 in the New Building of the Embassy. Indian diaspora was invited to attend the event. |
| 25. | Vishwa Hindi Day | Vishwa Hindi Day was organized on 10 th January, 2022 in the New Building of the Embassy. Indian Diaspora, ITEC/ICCR alumni for this event were invited and the Embassy arranged Essay, Poet and story competition and the prizes were distributed. |
| 26. | Swami Vivekananda Birth Anniversary | Swami Vivekananda Birth Anniversary was celebrated in the Consular Hall of the Embassy on 12.01.2022. |
| 27. | Surya Namaskar | Embassy of India, Baghdad organized a session of "Surya Namaskar" in the early morning of 14 th January, 2022 under the aegis of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". |
| 28. | Celebration of Makar Sankranti, Lohri and Pongal | Indian Festivals, Makar Sankranti, Lohri and Pongal were organized at the Embassy premises on 14.01.2022 and all Embassy |

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| | | employees celebrated this event. |
| 29. | Cultural Programme Bhangra Dance & Music | Embassy of India, Baghdad organized a cultural programme in collaboration with Academy of Fine Arts in University of Baghdad on 25 th January 2022 where ICCR sponsored cultural troupe 'Bhola Panchhi International Bhangra Group' performed dances and music on Bhangra and Gidda. |
| 30. | Republic Day Reception with Bhangra Dance and Music performance and Mahatma Gandhi Exhibition | Embassy of India, Baghdad celebrated Republic Day reception at Hunting Club, Baghdad on 26 th January 2022 on the occasion of our National Day, where ICCR sponsored cultural troupe performed Bhangra Dance programme. |
| 31. | Special Commemorative Postal Stamp released by Iraq post | On 15.02.2022, Iraq Post released a special commemorative postage stamp in the presence of H.E. Mr. Arkan Al-Shaibani, Minister of Communications of Iraq and Mr. Prashant Pise, Ambassador of India to the Republic of Iraq. The Special postage stamp of the value of IQD 1000 was brought out on the special occasion to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav). |
| 32. | ITEX 2022 | The Embassy of India, Baghdad took part in the Iraq International Exhibition for Communications and Information Technology and digital transformation (ITEX 2022) at the invitation of M/s Alfa by setting up a booth, where it exhibited catalogues, brochures and pamphlets of various leading IT companies from India from India. Video clips espousing the 3Ts (Trade, Technology and Tourism) were screened at the stall. The exhibition was organized by Iraq's Ministry of Communications held during 15-18 February 2022 in Baghdad Fairgrounds. |
| 33. | Virtual Buyer Seller Meet | A virtual Buyer Seller Meet was organized by the Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Baghdad Chamber of Commerce and Tea Board of India on 7th March 2022. |
| 34. | Salt Satyagraha | Embassy of India, Baghdad in association with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), presents virtual narration of 'Salt Satyagraha' by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna to commemorate the 92nd Anniversary of Salt Satyagraha. Salt Satyagraha also known as 'Dandi March' was |

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| | | initiated by Mahatma Gandhi ji on 12 March 1930 to break the salt law by producing salt from seawater. The Salt Satyagraha was a mass civil disobedience movement against the sale tax imposed by the British Government in India. |
| 35. | Holi Celebrations in Baghdad | Holi – the festival of colours was celebrated by Embassy of India on 17th March, 2022 with great fervor in Baghdad with participation of Indian Diaspora in Iraq and Friends of India. The popular spring festival is a celebration about happiness, love, colour and the triumph of good over evil. The invited guests included dignitaries from Iraqi government, diplomatic corps, business community, cultural fraternity, Indian community and ICCR/ITEC alumni attended the celebrations. |
| 36. | 13th Exhibition on Agricultural and Food Products | Embassy of India, Baghdad participated in the 13th Agricultural Week, an exhibition on agriculture equipment and food products organized by Iraq's Ministry of Agriculture during 19-25 March, 2022 in Baghdad International Fair Grounds. |
| 37. | Peace and Friendship Festival | Under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence, the Embassy of India, Baghdad organized Mahatma Gandhi's photo exhibition on the life journey of Mahatma and donated 100 books in Hindi, English and other regional Indian languages at the India Corner which has been set up at the Al-Mustansiriya University on 24 March 2022. |
| 38. | Business Roundtable with the Baghdad Chamber of Commerce | A Business Roundtable was organized by the Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with the Baghdad Chamber of Commerce on 26 March 2022. Prominent Iraqi businessmen dealing in tea & agricultural equipments and agro-processing industry attended the Roundtable. |
| 39. | Promotion of "Visiting 7 Indian Legendary Artists" | Under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, Embassy of India, Baghdad promoted on its social media handles and website a virtual exhibition curated by a renowned art historian, Ms. Uma Nair. The exhibition was arranged by ICCR on 9 th April 2022, ICCR 72nd Foundation |

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| 40. | Unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Sulaymaniyah | Under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav, a bust of Mahatma Gandhi was jointly unveiled in Hawary Shar Park in Sulaymaniyah by Ambassador of India Mr. Prashant Pise and Governor of Sulaymaniyah Dr. Haval Abubaker in presence of Consul General Mr. Subhash Kain and other distinguished guests on 10 th April 2022. Ambassador and Governor addressed the gathering and emphasized that Mahatma Gandhi always devoted his life to serve humanity. |
| 41. | Ambedkar Jayanti 2022 | Embassy of India, Baghdad under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav celebrated the 131 st birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on 14 th April 2022. |
| 42. | Iftar | Iftar party was organized by the Embassy of India, Baghdad for diplomatic personnel, local security guards in the Embassy on 15 th April 2022 under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav. |
| 43. | Surgical Camp | Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ambassador Prashant Pise met the team of Indian Doctors led by Dr Yuvraj Kumar, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedics from Accord Superspeciality Hospital, Faridabad during the surgical camp from 17-21 April, 2022 at Alalamy Hospital, Baghdad. |
| 44. | Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti 2022 | Embassy of India, Baghdad under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav celebrated the 161 st birth anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore on 9 May 2022. |
| 45. | Anti-Terrorism Day 2022 | On the occasion of National Anti-Terrorism Day (21 st May 2022), Cd'A administered the 'Anti-Terrorism pledge' to the officials of the Embassy of India, Baghdad, Iraq. |
| 46. | Virtual Narration of Bardoli Satyagraha by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna | Embassy of India, Baghdad in association with Indian Council For Cultural Relations presented a virtual narration on social media of 'Bardoli Satyagraha – A defining movement in the Indian Independence Struggle led by Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel' by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna to |

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| | | commemorate the 94th Anniversary of Bardoli Satyagraha on 12 th June 2022. |
| 47. | Curtain Raiser for International Day of Yoga 2022 | On 12 th June 2022, Embassy of India, Baghdad organized the curtain raiser event in the run up to International Day of Yoga 2022, that will be celebrated on 21 st June 2022. |
| 48. | Curtain Raiser Event in the run-up to the 8 th International Day of Yoga 2022 | A curtain raiser Yoga event in the run-up to the 8 th International Day of Yoga 2022 (IDY) was organized on 17 th June 2022 by Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Wolf 650 Gym Club, Baghdad. |
| 49. | Gandhi Exhibition on Life journey of Mahatma Gandhi | An exhibition was organized by Embassy of India, Baghdad on 17 th June 2022 at Wolf 650 Club comprising montage of framed and enlarged photographs depicting significant moments of Gandhiji's illustrious life story. |
| 50. | 8 th International Day of Yoga 2022 | A gala yoga event to celebrate the 8 th International Day of Yoga 2022 (IDY) with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity' at Activities and Programs Hall in the Ministry of Youth and Sports in Baghdad was organized on 21 st June 2022 by Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Ministry of Youth & Sports and the Art of Living Foundation. |
| 51. | Visit of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) business delegation to Iraq | A nine-member business and trade delegation sponsored by CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) visited Iraq from 25-30 June 2022. During the visit, the Indian delegation had B2B, I2I, I2G and BSM meetings with various Iraqi businesses, Baghdad Chamber of Commerce, Iraqi Industry Association and India-Iraq Economic Cooperation Foundation and concerned government authorities. The delegation travelled to Erbil, Kurdistan and interacted with the Erbil Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Kurdistan Investors Union and meet with the Kurdistan Regional Government. |