

**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 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 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	Good Governance Week (20-26 December, 2021) was

	Week (20-26 December, 2021)	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 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 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 Day.
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 commemorate the 94 th 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	An exhibition was organized by Embassy of India, Baghdad on 17 th June 2022 at Wolf 650 Club

	Mahatma Gandhi	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.
52.	Consular Camp for Indians in Najaf	Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Mission organized a Consular Camp at Najaf Ashraf on 19.07.2022. All kinds of consular, passport, attestation and miscellaneous services and responses to queries were provided to all visiting Indian Nationals.
53.	Yoga Workshop for Iraqi kids	Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Kids – Yoga workshop was organized by Embassy of India on 29 July 2022. More than 20 kids joined the kids yoga workshop. Kids enjoyed animal stories with yoga postures. Kids also enjoyed and learned yogic breathing practices, meditation, Laughing Yoga and paper art creativity. A glimpse of Incredible India was given in the beginning of workshop, kids enthusiastically learned about India. A memento depicting India-Iraq friendship was given by Embassy to all the participants of kids yoga workshop.
54.	Consular Camp for Indians working in Karbala	Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Mission organized a Consular/Labour Camp on 30 th July 2022 at Karbala Refinery Project, Karbala Governorate, for rendering Consular assistance to Indian workers of Iraq's esteemed, HDGSK JV, oil & gas refinery project.
55.	Yoga Classes for Iraqi nationals	Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Mission started pre-announced Free Yoga Classes from 4 th of August 2022. A big enthusiasm has been seen in the participants. All the participants enthusiastically practiced and enjoyed the entire yoga session.

56.	Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign	Under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, On 14 th August, 2022, the members of Embassy of India, Baghdad celebrated Har Ghar Tiranga to Commemorate the 75 th Anniversary of India's Independence. A "Padyatra" was organized on the 14 th August morning.
57.	Special yoga session "Yoga with Tiranga" to commemorate India @75	A special yoga session with the theme of "Yoga with Tiranga" was conducted on 76 th Independence Day. Yoga enthusiasts practiced yoga posture with "Tiranga".
58.	Independence Day Celebrations	Mission under the aegis of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav organized 76 th Independence Day celebrations on 15 th August 2022 in Baghdad with traditional pomp and gaiety. The event commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag of India by Shri Prashant Pise, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Baghdad followed by playing of the Indian National Anthem. Thereafter, the Address of the President of India to the nation on the eve of the Independence Day was read out by the Ambassador. The event was attended by around 200 guests which included Indian diaspora, ITEC/ICCR alumni and friends of India. All guests enthusiastically participated in the event and appreciated the event.
59.	Incredible India Tourism Campaign	As part of 3Ts (Tourism, Trade and Technology) and Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, on 15 th August, 2022, a double decker city-bus plying on heavily frequenting routes in Baghdad promoted Incredible India campaign by showcasing advertising banners related to iconic places and landmarks in India. It is a two-month India tourism promotion campaign in the city of Baghdad.
60.	Unveiling a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Embassy of India, Baghdad	As part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations in Iraq, Mahatma Gandhi's bust donated by ICCR has been installed at Embassy of India, Baghdad on 15 th August, 2022.
61.	हिंदी दिवस २०२२	भारतीय दूतावास, बगदाद द्वारा भारत की आजादी के 75 वर्ष पूर्ण होने के शुभ अवसर पर आयोज्यमान आजादी के अमृत महोत्सव के अन्तर्गत बगदाद में हिंदी दिवस समारोह २२ सितमबर २०२२ को हर्षोल्लास पूर्वक मनाया गया। हिंदी दिवस समारोह में भारतीय प्रवासी नागरिकों, अप्रवासी भारतीयों तथा भारतीय मूल के नागरिकों के साथ-साथ इराकी नागरिकों ने भी उत्साह पूर्वक भाग लिया।
62.	Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2022 Celebrations	The Embassy of India Baghdad celebrated Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Day 2022 in Baghdad as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on 22 September 2022. The event was attended by ITEC alumni, prominent Iraqi men, several government officials, MoFA officials, ICCR alumni, diplomatic corps, Indian diaspora and journalists etc. The ITEC alumni shared their experiences gained during the training programmes in India.

63	Yoga Convocation Ceremony	A yoga convocation ceremony was organized at the Indian Embassy premises on 22 nd September 2022 for the successful participation and completion of the yoga training course. A demonstration of yoga asanas was performed by the yoga students. The Embassy introduced the first-ever yoga classes for Iraqi nationals in August 2022. 140 yoga enthusiasts participated in introductory yoga classes at the beginner level.
64	Mahatma Gandhi's Birth Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav Gandhi Jayanti was marked in Baghdad on 2nd October 2022 with Peace March, 3 yoga sessions, a photo exhibition on the life journey of Mahatma Gandhi and floral tributes at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi. ii. On this occasion, Embassy of India, Baghdad in collaboration with Indian Council For Cultural Relations presents a virtual narration of 'Quit India Movement – A Landmark in Indian Freedom Struggle' by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna. iii. A special full page supplement in Arabic was also published in one of the largest circulated dailies in Iraq : Az-Zaman newspaper as part of outreach to civil society in Iraq to spread the message of Mahatma Gandhi and his philosophy of peace, love and co-existence. iv. Many Iraqi yoga enthusiasts came together to pay homage to the India's father of nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 153rd birth anniversary. All Iraqi enthusiasts remembered the teachings and the relevance of Mahatma's noble principles. Three special Gandhi yoga sessions and peace meditation sessions were organised. Photo exhibition on the life journey of Mahatma Gandhi and floral tributes at the bust of Mahatma Gandhi were also performed by yoga enthusiasts.
65	Celebration of Indian festivals in Baghdad	<p>Under the aegis of #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav Embassy of India, Baghdad celebrated Indian Festivals Dusshera, Diwali and Mulad al-Nabawi on 29 October 2022 with gaiety and fervour. More than 225 participants attended the gala celebrations. On this occasion, distinguished guests from a cross section of Iraqi Government, business fraternity, diplomatic corps, Indian diaspora, Friends of India, ITEC and ICCR alumni, Yoga enthusiasts enrolled with Embassy's special Yoga programme were invited.</p> <p>Ambassador in his welcome address, greeted the guests on the occasion of the Festival of Lights and thanked them for gracing the occasion on behalf of the Embassy especially when India is celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav this year.</p> <p>During the event, a yoga demonstration by Iraqi yoga students followed by Khukri folk dance by Indian</p>

		<p>Gorkhas was performed. Two Iraqi yoga enthusiasts presented a delightful rendition of popular Bollywood songs, which was well appreciated by the audience. In keeping with the festive spirit, a game of Tambola was also organized and attractive gift hampers were given away to the winners.</p> <p>The festivals of Dussehra, Diwali and Al Mulad Al-Nabawi present people to people ties of the opportunity to renew and strengthen cultural ties and shared values between India and Iraq, and concomitantly serving as a socio-cultural connect with Indian diaspora.</p>
66	147 th Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (National Unity Day)	<p>Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Baghdad commemorated 147th Birth Anniversary of India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 30th October 2022</p> <p>The Embassy organized a Unity March (<i>Ekta march</i>) in Baghdad to highlight the contribution of Sardar Patel in unifying India.</p> <p>On this occasion, floral tributes were paid to Sardar Patel. A virtual narration on Sardar Patel's life and philosophy by internationally acclaimed speaker, Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishnan was also hosted on this occasion.</p> <p>A tree plantation drive was also carried out. A Unity Pledge was read out on this occasion.</p>
67	Participation in 46 th Baghdad International Fair	<p>A trade and business delegation comprising of fifty Indian companies, sponsored by FEIO (Federation of Indian Export Organization) arrived in Iraq to participate in the 46th edition of Baghdad International Fair (BIF) from November 1-10, 2022.</p> <p>2. During the visit of Indian business delegation, the Embassy of India organized a BSM / B2B meeting on November 3, 2022, for visiting Indian trade delegation and various Iraqi businesses, viz., Baghdad Chamber of Commerce, Iraqi Industry Association and India-Iraq Economic Cooperation Foundation and other stakeholders with a view to promote exports from India to Iraq. More than 125 Iraqi businessmen attended the BSM/B2B Meetings.</p>