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**Embassy of India
Luanda**

Press Release

**Namaste India Festival' India Week celebrations in Angola
(4-12 Nov 2022)**

Date	Event	Venue	Attendee
Friday, 04 November	Inaugural Ceremony of Namaste India Festival	Venâncio de Moura Diplomatic Academy, Kilamba	By invitation only
Saturday 05 November	Bhajans, Singing and Dance by A2Z Troupe,	Shivalaya Temple, Rua Kunine	Open
Sunday 06 November	Namaste India Event Cultural and Food Festival - magical evening of music, dance, cuisine, art, handicrafts, jewelry, travel and tourism	Marginal Baia, Luanda	Open
Tuesday 08 November	Bhangra, Dance Session, Ardhas	Mabor Temple, N' Gola Kiluanje	Open
Thursday 10 November	Yoga Session	Embassy of India, Talatona, Luanda	Open
Saturday 12 November	Inauguration of James English School and Socio-cultural camp	Rua 6, Calemba 2, Angoalissar, Luanda	By invitation only

India Week 'Namaste India Festival' was organized by Embassy in cooperation with Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) from 04 Nov to 12th Nov 2022 at several location in Angola under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

As a run-up to the India Week, A Talk show related to Indian Culture, Dance, Mehndi, Cuisine and Tourism was broadcasted live in one of the popular talk show programmes of Channel TPA2 in Angola 'Universo Feminino'. The talk show

program hosted by famous presenter of TPA2 Ms. Isilda Gonçalves. The Program included an interview of Ambassador of India to Angola, Mrs. Pratibha Parkar about India- Angola Relations and organization of India Week Festival –‘Namaste India’ on 6 Nov @ Marginal Bay of Luanda amid Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Ms. Nandana Shivakumar for #Dance, Ms. Laila Makhani for Indian Cuisine promoting Millets on International Year of Millets 2023, Ms. Sonal Minsariya for demonstrating traditional Indian #Clothing, Ms. Chetna Sharma for Mehndi participated in the program. Indian Embassy thank these people for their active participation in this program.

India Week Grand Inaugural Ceremony 'Namaste India Festival' was organized at Academia Diplomática Venâncio de Moura, MIREX on 4th Nov 2022. Sh. V. Muraleedharan, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs of India inaugurated the event through screening of video message followed by Welcome Speech by Ambassador Mrs. Pratibha Parkar. Thereafter, cultural performances by Indian and Angolan artists mesmerized the audience depicting the strong bonds shared between the two countries. The event witnessed great enthusiasm from Diplomatic community, ITEC Alumini, Indian Diaspora and representatives of the Angolan Government. More than 200 esteemed guests attended the inaugural Event. Glimpses of the event- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpZYYSz9w>

On 5th Nov 2022, an event comprises of singing, dancing and bhajans were performed by A2Z Dance Troupe from India at Shivalaya Temple, Rua Kunine, Angola.

Continued celebration of India week, on 6th Nov 2022, Embassy organized key event of Namaste India festival at Marginal Baia de Luanda, one of the prime location of #Angola, with the huge and enthusiastic participation from Indians diaspora, Angolan people and friends of India including Administration and Diplomatic community. The event began with lighting of the lamp by Ambassador Mrs Pratibha Parkar and Chief Guest, Mr Manuel Antonio Gonçalves, Vice Governor Of Luanda for political and social sector, followed by cultural performances by Several troupes including A2Z cultural troupe from India. More than 500 people attended the event and witnessed this event magical evening of Indian Culture, Dance, Cuisine and Art. The stalls included Indian food, art, mehndi etc. Full video of the event-

part 1:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wykx_LV38y0

Part 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgrBMM--evU>

As we are celebrating International Year of Millets in 2023, separate counter was set up to demonstrate different types of Millets and its benefits to the attendees.

On 8th Nov 2022, a Dance session was conducted at Mabor temple, R Gola Kiluanje by Ms. Nandana Shivakumar, Dance Instructor as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and the India week Namaste India Festival in Angola. On 10th Nov, yoga session was conducted at Embassy.

The week long celebrations of Namaste India Festival concluded with renovation of James English School from the low income neighborhood of Luanda done by Embassy 12th Nov 2022.

18th November 2022
