

**Embassy of India
Mexico City

Celebrating the lives of Rabindranath Tagore & Kazi Nazrul Islam

15 July 2023

On 15th July 2023, the Embassy of India and GTICC, in collaboration with the Embassy of Bangladesh in Mexico City, organized a Cultural event to celebrate the lives of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

2. Amb. Pankaj Sharma paid his tributes to both the legends, who are shining examples of the shared common heritage between India and Bangladesh. In his remarks, the ambassador highlighted how the culturally fertile and intellectually stimulating region of Bengal has produced great men of letters and accomplishments, where Tagore's oft-quoted poem "*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high*" mirrors the true philosophy of life as preached and practised by him, while 'BidrohiKobi' Kazi Nazrul Islam was a remarkable literary genius and a true rebel (Bidrohi), who, on his quest for self-expression and freedom of thought, preached unforgettable lessons on pluralism, secularism and the importance of an egalitarian society

3. Ambassador of Bangladesh to Mexico H.E. Abida Islam also paid tribute to two of the world's greatest legends. In her remarks, she highlighted how Kazi Nazrul was influenced by Tagore and how he emerged as a poet, journalist, politician, novelist and displayed unparalleled versatility. On Tagore, she mentioned how his immortal speeches and poems emphasized on education, learning and social empowerment.

4. Counsellor Shahanaj Akhter Ranu from Embassy of Bangladesh and Dr. Abhinaw Raj, Director GTICC recited poems of Kazi Nazrul Islam and Rabindranath Tagore respectively. Tagore's famous romantic composition "Amaro Porano Jaha Chay" was sung by Ms. Raisa Ahmed. Audience were also enthralled by the jugalbandi on tabla and mridangam by Mr. Arjun and Mr. Kanai Lira. Tagore's song "Amar Mukti Aloy" on the theme of freedom was sung by Ms. Tanha Tabassum. It was followed by two dances based on the compositions of Tagore and Nazrul by Ernesto de la Teja and Varela Nichte. The programme concluded with the rendering of two beautiful songs composed by Tagore and Nazrul, by Ambassador Abida Islam.

5. The event saw participation of around 100 people. The guests also enjoyed cultural performances and tasted the delicious Indian cuisine.

6. The lives of Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam inspire both our nations and many countries across the globe to work towards achieving the goals of pluralism, education, learning and social empowerment. A few glimpses of the event may be seen below:

