

**Raksha Bandhan Celebrations at the Embassy**

*31 August 2023*

The Embassy of India and Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre organized celebrations on occasion of festival of Raksha Bandhan on 30th August 2023. Member of Indian diaspora and friends from Mexico took part in the celebrations.

2. Dr. Yogendra Sharma, former Hindi teacher at the GTICC and currently professor at Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) explained in detail the tradition and importance of Raksha Bandhan as well as significance of tying the rakhi. He mentioned the changing nature of this festival with tying of rakhi being a gender neutral practice now.

3. A brief video greeting on Raksha Bandhan from Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President of the ICCR, was played during the event. This was followed by a mesmerising Kathak performance by Ms. Anastasiia Honeycutt, a student of Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre (GTICC).

4. Eco friendly and bamboo Rakhis, sent by ICCR, were tied to diaspora of India Community and to the friends of India. These exquisite rakhis were made by village artisans from tribal communities and have great symbolic value. The event saw participation of more than 50 people from both India and Mexico.

5. Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the cornerstone of India's worldview, holds that everyone is a part of one family and the same can be associated with the tradition of Rakhi. A few glimpses of the event may be seen below:



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