



**Consulate General of India  
Vancouver**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**PUDUCHERRY BLUE- A painting exhibition of South Asian Artists at display in Vancouver**

As part of the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which celebrates 75 years of India's independence, the Consulate General of India in Vancouver organized an exhibition of twenty paintings by artists of Indian sub-continent titled 'PUDUCHERRY BLUE' from 18-21 October 2022 at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

This collection of paintings by emerging artists, including from India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives and Sri Lanka, was created at a retreat organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) of the Ministry of External Affairs at the picturesque coastal town Puducherry on Bay of Bengal. The gathering was aimed at promoting cultural connectivity and sharing an atmosphere of bonhomie and friendship among the countries of the Indian sub-continent through the medium of art.

A closing reception was hosted by Acting High Commissioner Shri Manish on 21 October 2022, which was attended by members of the diplomatic corps, officials from the provincial government, artists, Indian community leaders and media persons. The discerning art loving audience appreciated the fabulous works on display and were impressed with the diverse range of themes and yet the unique bonding of the artists.

The Consulate General of India plans to take this exhibition in others parts of Greater Vancouver Area.

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