



PRESIDENT, ICCR DR. VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE VISITS THREE COUNTRIES: MYANMAR, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM

Earlier in August 2023, President, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe visited three countries- Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, from August 1st to 5th August 2023. During this visit, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe paid homage to Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, unveiled a portrait, engaged in cultural exchanges, presented awards and strengthened bilateral ties with these nations.



While in Myanmar, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe, along with Consul General of India, Shri Neeraj Kumar, paid floral tributes at Lokmanya Tilak's bust in Mandalay, Myanmar. To further commemorate the 103rd death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, President ICCR, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe unveiled a portrait of this iconic leader at the India Centre in Yangon. He also addressed 'Knowledge India Dialogue' organized at the India Centre. Dr. Sahasrabuddhe also presented the ICCR's Distinguished Alumni Award 2022 to Dr. Wah Wah Maung, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Investment, Foreign & Economic Relations, Myanmar.

Furthermore, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe's visit continued in Thailand, where he visited Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Bangkok and delivered a talk on "India's Soft Power Strengths," attended by scholars, alumni, and the Indian Diaspora.

In Hanoi, Vietnam, President ICCR met with H.E. Ta Quang Dong, Deputy Minister of Culture, Sports, and Tourism of Vietnam. In addition, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe delivered a lecture on "Connecting through Culture: India and Vietnam" at the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics. He also presented the 'Award for the Promotion of Buddhist Studies 2021' to Dr. Duong Thi Thanh Huong, in recognition of her significant contributions.

