

Media Release

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Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti Celebrations

The Consulate General of India, Sao Paulo and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre celebrated the 159th birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in collaboration with the Indian Community of Sao Paulo. The event was held through the virtual platform.

- 2. Director, SVCC, Ms. Puja Kaushik gave the opening remarks for the event and highlighted how the prolific writer, painter, philosopher and Nobel Laureate contributed in the cultural development of India.
- 3. The event started with a presentation titled 'Tagore: The genius and his contribution'. The presentation gave a glimpse into the various aspects of Tagore's life from his childhood to his death. The highlight of the celebration was the *Rabindra Sangeet* and *Rabindranrityo*. The audience enjoyed two beautiful renditions of Rabindranath Tagore '*Amar Mukti aloy aloy*' and '*Bhenge mor ghor er Chabi*' sung by the women of the Indian community.
- 4. One of the most vastly read and discussed poem of Tagore 'Where the mind is without fear' was read in Portuguese and Bengali. The audience also enjoyed the audio-drama that was presented by reading an excerpt from Tagore's novel 'The Last Verse'. The celebrations ended with the recitation of one of the most beautiful and motivating song of Tagore from Geetanjali, *Bipade More Rakkha Karo* 'It is not my prayer that you save me from all perils, I pray that I should not fear when faced with odds'.

Some photographs of the event is attached herewith.







