

Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC)
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Ambassador of India to Hungary Inaugurates exhibition titled “Soul and Body” to commemorate the 111th Birth Anniversary of Amrita Sher-Gil

(19 February 2024) The Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre (ASCC), Embassy of India, in collaboration with Fenyvesi Painting School, organised an exhibition on “Amrita Sher-Gil” commemorating the 111th birth anniversary of the iconic artist Amrita Sher-Gil. The exhibition ceremony held at ASCC to celebrate Amrita Sher-Gil's remarkable contribution to the world of art and her enduring legacy was attended by a large number of Hungarian and Indian people.

Ambassador of India, His Excellency Mr Partha Satpathy inaugurated the exhibition on 19 February 2024 amidst distinguished guests, including diplomats and art enthusiasts. The event was a significant moment of cultural exchange and appreciation when the legacy of Amrita Sher-Gil's unparalleled artistic vision became alive.

Amrita Sher-Gil, a pioneer of modern Indian art, continues to inspire generations with her evocative works that blend Western techniques with Indian themes. Through her art, she captured the essence of Indian society, particularly the lives of Indian women and the rural landscape, with unparalleled depth and emotion.

The exhibition featured mostly the works by the students of Fenyvesi Painting School, paying tribute to Amrita Sher-Gil's enduring influence on contemporary artists.

In his address, His Excellency, the Ambassador of India, Mr Partha Satpathy remarked that “Amrita Sher-Gil's legacy transcends time and space, resonating with audiences around the globe. She serves as a symbol of cultural exchange and understanding between India and Hungary. Her life and work reflect the interconnectedness of these two cultures, showcasing

how individuals can bridge the gap between different traditions, histories, and artistic expressions”.

Ambassador appreciated the efforts of ICCR’s Amrita Sher-Gil Cultural Centre and Fenyvesi Painting School, for their collaboration, and organizing and working to bring this exhibition to fruition.

Distinguished speakers, Mr Tibor Kovacs, former Director of Hungarian Information and Cultural Centre, New Delhi and Dr. Anna Aklan, Indologist and curator of Ferenc Hopp Museum of Asiatic Arts, Budapest delivered their lectures on the legacy of Amrita Sher-Gil.

Indian cultural program showcasing the rich diversity and vibrant traditions of Indian culture was one of the highlights of the event. ASCC’s Director, Dr. Mukesh Kumar Srivastava greeted everyone and thanked them for joining the event.

Since the opening of the exhibition, many prominent visitors, including Mr. Peter Vitenyi Deputy Director General at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest have visited the centre to explore the art exhibit. The exhibition is still open to the public and art enthusiasts.
