

**Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) Presents
Unity in Diversity's Culture Extravaganza
By students of 5 prominent colleges of HSNC, Mumbai
Showcasing 18 Countries along with 15 Global Speakers and Partners of GDF
across the globe.**

Date: 14th February, 2021
Day: Sunday

Sr Nos: 1 to 30
Time: 12 PM to 5 PM

Session 1

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

The event was commenced by Ms. Ritika Makhija who greeted and welcomed the audience. She then introduced and invited Ms. Roshani Shenazz to take over. Ms. Roshani set the mood of the event with her broad smile and music. She began by wishing everyone “Happy Global Day of Love and Oneness.” She mentioned that love shouldn't be restricted to one person rather it should be for the whole humanity. It was followed by a short video on how GDF celebrates 14th February as the Global Day of Love and Oneness.



Session 2

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Mr. Peter (Pece) Gorgievski-the chair person and CEO of Global Dialogue Foundation addressed the audience. Sir stated the by celebrating different cultures, we can build a sustainable global platform.



Session 3

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

The event was then graced by Mrs. Maya Shahani, who gave us a glimpse of the various events that GDF had conducted all over the globe.



Session 4

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz



We were delighted to hear from Mr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, sir very rightly mentioned that in this time of pandemic, being united was very important and that unity in diversity is a responsibility of each one of us. He further said that its either we live in peace, harmony and prosperity or perish. Sir concluded by saying that Earth is the only home we have and we should take care of it.

Session 5

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

The next speaker was Ms. Hanifa Mezoui. She started by mentioning that the spirit of community and mutual support has always been a feature of GDF. She also congratulated for the successfully conducting this program in such pandemic times. After the kind words of Ms. Hanifa, A global fusion of cultures from all over the world began.



Session 6

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

After a short video on the global partners and participating college we began with the very 1st performance of the day.

Session 7

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ms. Juwariah Ansari

The cultural performance of India was divided into two parts, the first part included the National Anthem of India and the Sindhi culture presented by the students of HR college. The national anthem was followed by some fun facts about India. They also performed the traditional dance of Sindhi culture.



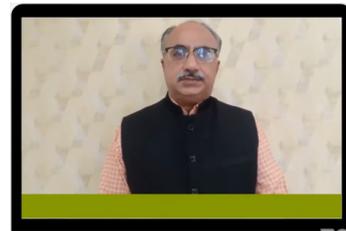


The students of KC college performed on the 4 Indian zones, the Eastern, Southern, Western and the Northern zones. They depicted the varied diversity of India through dance and musical performances. Bharatanatyam is the oldest classical dance tradition in India. They gracefully performed Bharatanatyam followed by Bhangara, the traditional dance of Punjab. They also included singing of traditional folk songs of Gujrat and Kannad. They had a beautiful Garba dance followed by the renowned song of Rabindranath Tagore 'Tame ekla cholo re.' The wonderful performance came to an end with a dance from Kolkata.

Session 8

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ritika Makhija

After the performance, Ms. Ritika Makhija introduced Dr. Bhagwan Balani, principal of Bombay Teachers' Training College, who spoke a few words of wisdom. Sir emphasized on the fact that we are a global community and it is our duty to reach out to each other.



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Session 9

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Ritika Makhija

Ms. Ritika Makhija introduced Dr. Neha Jagtiani, Principal of RD National College.

Dr. Neha Jagtiani welcomed everyone to the webinar of global day love and oneness. She talked about positive thinking and being less judgemental and more accepting. She appreciated the efforts of Global Dialogue Foundation, Chairperson Mr. Peter (Pece) Gorgievski, Vice Chairperson Ms. Maya Shahni, foreign delegates, HSNC board principals, their teams and last but not the least, students who put in tremendous efforts.



Session 10

Session speaker or student anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Ms. Roshani Shenazz introduced and welcomed Mr. David (Dave) Rogers. Moments later a video showed a conversation between Mr. David (Dave) Rogers and Author Sueanne Pacheco. His goal was to bring to the viewers the spirit of Canada. She shared her poem ‘Maple Leaf’ by reciting it after which he asked her to share her experience with Canada, to which she replied that simple freedoms of life and being together as a community made up the essence of her life in Canada.

Session 11

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Anju Konai



Up next was Ms. Anju Konai who gave a brief introduction of Egypt followed by its national anthem. The students spoke about the location and major tourist attractions of the country. Various students gave virtual demonstration of making the most famous foods of the nation such as Hummus, Koshari as well as beverages such as Lemonade. Lastly, they gave the audience a visual representation of Egypt through a video clip.

The next part of the program was taken up by Ms. Roshani Shenazz where she called upon the platform Dr. CA Kishore Peshori, Principal of MMK College to say a few words.

Dr. CA Kishore Peshori indicated his happiness on being a part of the program and he backed it up by saying that he would be looking forward to such unity and more such collaborations. He also hoped to bring forth the message of resource conservation.

Next up was Dr. Pooja Ramchandani, Principal of HR College. She happily took on the invitation of love and happiness by being a part of this program where in a very unique concept to bring in different cultures and countries across the globe on one single platform. She pointed out how we may be different but are still human and still are one.

We then proceeded to the next country given the fact that Dr. Hemlata Bagla was unavailable for her address.

Session 12

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Juwairah Ansari



Ms. Juwairah Ansari introduced Thailand, the ‘land of gold.’ National anthem of Thailand was played after which students wonderfully performed various folk and traditional dance such as Fawn, Fawn Lakhaun and Li- Khe while giving insights into the culture of the nation.

Session 13

Session speaker or student anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

After the mesmerising performances, Ms. Roshani Shenazz took to the platform to introduce Dr. Ilija Najdovski who reverted by addressing the viewers in an attempt to make one and all realise that we are all a part of a bigger community and always have each other’s back in times of need.

Session 14

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Mr. Aayush Devani



Mr. Aayush Devani took over and introduced the next country, Sri Lanka for its regional diversity, heritage and culture. Following the national anthem, we the audience was shown a conversation between two participants who acted as a tourist and a resident of Sri Lanka, respectively. They were shown to be discussing facts about the nation such as weather, cuisines, language, etc. Students then performed the Kandyan dance. Various tourist spots were discussed alongside the significance of the Ram Setu Bridge.

Session 15

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Ritika Makhija.

Next, we proceeded to Turkey as Ms. Ritika Makhija took over the platform. Turkey was introduced as having the ‘one of the kindest people in the world’ and being a ‘connecting bridge’ that connected 2 continents, mainly Europe and Asia. It was also explained that despite being a country with predominantly Islamic population, it is secular in nature. Culture was highlighted by performances of their traditional and folk dances such as Tini Mini Hanim, Kolbast and Horon. Hagia Sophia was described as an architectural marvel and is also one of the UNESCO’s World Heritage Site.



A noteworthy point was the fact that equality to women and equal rights to all is a birth right and Turkey can be considered as the first Islamic nation to empower women with civil rights.



Session 16

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Anju Konai

Up next was France, Anchored by Ms. Anju Konai. To begin with, the national anthem of France was played which followed a rich passage of information from the presenters to the audience. The speakers conversed about culture in France. The fact that Paris acts as a dedicated capital for the fashion industry, in fact, it is considered to be the world's fashion capital, was asserted. Rich and ample architecture was spoken about, from the Eiffel Tower to the Louvre. Foods such as croissants, macarons, cheese etc, was expressed as being famous almost all over the world.

Not only that, they also discussed the fact that ideas like liberty, fraternity and equality which were the main takeaways of the French revolution played an important role for the rest of the world in forming ideals and pillars of governance.



Ms. Roshani Shenazz then introduced Dr. Hemlata Bagla who was previously unavailable for her address. Dr. Hemlata Bagla stated that she was delighted to be a part of this program and she proudly is a part of the Indian culture and heritage that is firm on its idea of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. She called on everyone to communicate and connect to the global community that is rightly so now and would be in the future.

Session 17

Session speaker or student anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz



Ms. Roshani Shenazz introduced Ms. Lenora Billings-Harris who spoke of the fact that all around the world especially in the United Nations, division and hate is extremely prominent. She then proceeded to say that 'Love conquers hate' and that we must find a way to show love, respect and be culturally curious. We must together pave the way towards unity, positivity and sustainability.

Session 18

Session speaker or student anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz



Next, Ms. Roshani Shenazz puts up a slide of Ms. Iliana Schmatelka, Deputy Director General of Global Dialogue Foundation who was unavailable however Ms. Roshani Shenazz passed on her message of best wishes and a big applause for one and all. She then called the next student anchor to step in.



Session 19

Session speaker or **student anchor**: Ms. Shaima Roghay

Student anchor for Italy was Ms. Shaima Roghay. Following the national anthem, they went on to state various facts about Italian culture. Family was said to be a very important part of their value system. Their architecture ranges from Venetian to Classical Roman and they stated a few very famous structures. They spoke about Italian cuisines and most famous foods around the world such as pasta, pizza and the likes. Also mentioned were 2 important cities, Rome and Milan that are famous for the colosseum and the Last Supper painting, respectively.



Session 20

Session speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Ms. Roshani Shenazz welcomed their global partner, Ms. Helena Demuynk. She expressed her happiness on being a part of the initiative of love and oneness and of the launch of unity and diversity ambassador project. She asked the viewers to celebrate the gift of oneness and love for all and the unity of culture.

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Session 21

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ms. Anoushka Sinha

Student anchor from R.D National College Ms. Anoushka Sinha briefly introduced about the country Spain which was followed by the National Anthem first and facts about Spain



culture was shared. Few tourist destinations were discussed like Barcelona, Ibiza, Plaza Mayor followed by the historical monuments of Spain. The most famous festival of Spain is 'LA TOMATINA' and Bull Fighting. Cuisines of Spain and a few inputs on how to prepare them were also portrayed by the students. Spain Folk song was also sung by the students. Spain Traditional Dresses were also discussed like Flamenco, Pieneta, Ginet followed by the rituals of Spain where in the second and the last meals are considered important in family and social gatherings. It was



also discussed that their main meal is called as EL ALMUREZO and in some areas of Spain children are sent home from school for their lunch. Celebrations in Spain was also discussed which are referred as HOGUERAS. This tradition is considered to be the observance of the Summer Solstice which is also the longest day of the year. It

was also discussed that Spain has a greater variety of National Vegetation than any other European Country. Different variety of wildlife is also found in Spain. It was also reported that Football is the National Sport of Spain. In the end students ended with a beautiful traditional dance of Spain.

Session 22

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Ms. Roshani Shenazz introduced to the next Partner who is from Spain Mr. Satish Raisinghani who happens to be a president of India House and Chairman of SOGO

Group Spain. His main focus lies in serving the society. Mr. Satish began his speech by greeting all the participants and stated in his speech, the conservation of planet Earth. He said they have similar objectives like connecting to several cultural heritages, exchange University programs, travel and tourism which will strengthen the relations of all the countries. It was even reflected in his speech that he would like to inculcate the Indian Yoga Culture there. A similar global event was also organized in Barcelona and they hoped to be part of such events in future the too. Followed by the speech of Mr. Satish, a fusion dance (Spain and India) which was named as from SINDH TO SPAIN was played which was send by the SOGO Group.



Session 23

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ms. Anoushka Sinha

Student anchor from National College Ms. Anoushka Sinha gave a brief introduction about the country, BRAZIL which was performed by the students of Bombay



next



Teachers' Training College. The video was started by the national anthem of Brazil. Facts of the country was discussed which included the famous tourist places and facts about their traditional dance. Traditional dance of Brazil was also portrayed. Following this, cuisines and another type of traditional dance of Brazil was discussed

and portrayed. Another point to note was that recently the vaccines of Covid-19 were shipped to Brazil in response to which President of Brazil thanked India for this gesture and Brazil released a picture of Hanuman Ji carrying the vaccines from India to Brazil.

Session 24

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ms. Nikita Soni

Student anchor from BTTC Ms. Nikita Soni gave a brief introduction about the next country, United Arab Emirates which was performed by the students of BTTC. It started by the National Anthem of the country. The facts of the country were discussed, few of them being, the tallest building in the world BURJ KHALIFA is situated in Dubai. Dubai is also called as the city of gold and the holy place of Muslim is Macca and Madinah. Cuisines of UAE was shown and demonstration was done showing preparation of Kabsa Rice which is one of the most popular cuisine in the United Arab Emirates. Second and the most famous amongst the cuisines is the Jellab Juice which is affordable and mainly drunk by the people of United Arab Emirates as a refreshment. Monuments of United Arab Emirates were also portrayed in the form of 3D models of Burj Khalifa, Safari Desert, Al-Bidya-Mosque among others followed by the tourist places. In the Emirati Culture one of the important aspects happens to be the attire for women its Abaya also known as burkha and for men, its Dishdasha. Emirati culture is based in Arabic Culture. Primary religion of United Arab Emirates is Islam and Primary language is Arabic. Popular sports include Camel Racing, car racing, horse riding etc.



Session 25

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Ms. Roshani Shenazz introduced the next Global Partner Ms. Tahira Amir Sultan Khan who was the Founder of the GOLDEN DOOR and the author of the book “Through the Golden Door: The doorway to our Advancement”. She spoke of the unity that people showed throughout the world during the pandemic. She kept an open platform for the young and aspiring writers to write poems about love and oneness and win awards through the Golden Door.

Session 26

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Mr. Balaji

Student Anchor from National College Mr. Balaji gave a brief introduction about the next country Germany which was performed by the students of R.D National College,





Mumbai. The performance started with the national anthem of Germany followed by a trivia which consists of the facts about the country. Facts such as the country shares the border with the 9 countries, it is a member of the United Nations, its science, technology and history. Also discussed was the fact that in 2020, Germany was awarded as the most innovative country in the world. Later, folk songs of Germany were played on instruments and sung by the students alongside depicting the historical visuals of the country. Followed by the folk song, folk dance of Germany was also performed by the group of students.

Session 27

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz



Ms. Roshani Shenazz spoke the message of Ms. Helena in which she speaks of expanding this day of love and oneness and coming up and bringing the culture of Unity and Diversity and states that Love is Oneness. Wishes all the Principals and students all the best.

Session 28

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Ms. Roshani Shenazz

Ms. Roshani Shenazz introduced the next Global Partner Ms. Emilienne Alice Elong who is a Psychologist, Secretary ADES (Association pour le Developpement et l' Encadrement Sanitaire) and GDF Unity in Diversity Champion in Cameroon. In the video they portrayed how they had a round table celebration in French and Indian Culture and stated that in her school there is lots of love and oneness.

Session 29

Session Speaker or **Student Anchor**: Ms. Sabeel Shaikh



Student Anchor from Bombay Teachers' Training College, Ms. Sabeel Shaikh introduced the next country

of Japan which was performed by the students of Bombay Teachers' Training College. The performance started with the national anthem of Japan. Following the national anthem, the facts of Japan were stated by the students. The lyrics of 'Kimigiao' are said to be the oldest among the world's national anthems. With the length of 32 characters, it happens to be the shortest national anthem. It was also stated that Japan is the land of mountains and forests. Japan has the most active volcanoes around there. Kimono is the national attire of the Country. Both men and women have different styles of kimono for different types of occasions. The traditional food of Japan is Sushi and Japanese people consume fish more than anyone else in the world. Cherry Blossom tree is the oldest tree in Japan and blossoms every year in spring. People in Japan eat under the blossom tree and have sake. Karate was first introduced by Japan.



Session 30

Session Speaker or Student
Anchor: Mr. Peter (Pece)
Gorgievski



Formal vote of thanks was given by Mr. Peter (Pece) Gorgievski, Chairperson of the Global Dialogue Foundation and Mrs. Maya Shahani, Vice Chairperson of the Global Dialogue Foundation.

Session 31

Session Speaker or Student Anchor: Roshani Shenazz

After a few lines of unity in diversity, the event was closed following the national anthem of India.

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