

Embassy of India, Berlin

**Press Release: An Evening with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar**

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The Embassy of India, Berlin and the Tagore Centre hosted renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar for an extraordinary evening of wisdom and inspiration at the Embassy premises in Berlin on 06.01.2025.

Organized by The Tagore Centre, the Cultural wing of the Embassy of India, Berlin and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, this exclusive gathering offered attendees the opportunity to interact with Gurudev in an intimate setting.

The event brought together an exclusive gathering of VIPs from German politics, culture, business, and sports, including former Prime Minister of Slovenia, Ambassadors from other countries and other dignitaries.

The evening featured an exclusive talk by Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar, whose teachings have inspired millions around the globe to lead a life of compassion, peace and resilience. Attendees had the unique opportunity to hear directly from the world-renowned thought leader as he shared his vision for a harmonious and joyful world.

A networking reception was hosted later by Ambassador H.E. Ajit Gupte, to enable interaction among attendees from diverse backgrounds.

Reflecting on the evening, Ambassador Gupte remarked,

*“Meditation, which has been at the heart of India’s spiritual tradition for millennia, is now a universal language for promoting peace and harmony. Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar’s work demonstrates how cultural and spiritual connections can strengthen bilateral relationships, such as the one between India and Germany, and contribute to a more compassionate and peaceful world.”*

Director of The Tagore Centre, Ms Trisha Sakhlecha added,

*“At the Tagore Centre, we are honoured to host Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, whose teachings emphasize the transformative power of meditation, which serves as a vital practice for inner peace and resilience. Gurudev’s impact extends beyond individual well-being; he embodies the essence of Indian culture, promoting harmony and mindfulness that resonates globally. This event reaffirms our commitment to fostering cultural exchange and holistic wellness.”*

**About Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar:** Gurudev Sri Sri Ravishankar is a global humanitarian and spiritual leader committed to promoting individual and societal transformation through the values of non-violence and universal brotherhood. Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is the founder of the Art of Living Foundation (1981) and the International Association for Human Values (1997), both active in 180 countries. He is also the founder of the World Forum for

Ethics in Business (2009), which regularly convenes in conferences at the European Parliament and around the world. All three organizations hold a special consultative status with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). As an ambassador of peace, Gurudev plays a key role in conflict resolution and spreads his vision of non-violence at public forums and gatherings worldwide. He is a regular guest speaker at international institutions such as the United Nations, the European Parliament and the World Economic Forum in Davos. Gurudev has received special recognition for brokering a peace deal between the FARC rebels and the Colombian government, helping end a 52-year long civil war. His work is driven by the conviction that unless the individual is at peace, there cannot be peace in society. Over the past 44 years, an estimated 400 million people across 180 countries have interacted and benefited from Gurudev's initiatives.

This inspiring evening uplifted spirits, created a deeper understanding of benefits of meditation and left a lasting impact on all who attended.

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