

**Embassy of India
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Press Release: Indian Film Festival at FES Aragon - UNAM, celebrating Indian Cinema, Culture and Heritage

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The Embassy of India in Mexico, in collaboration with the Facultad de Estudios Superiores Aragon (Faculty of Higher Education, FES Aragon), National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), organised an India Film Festival at the university on 03 September 2026. The festival brought together cinema, music, dance and traditional textiles, giving the university community a glimpse of India's rich cultural heritage.

2. The programme began with a Yoga session, offering participants an opportunity to practise Yoga and experience its holistic approach to physical and mental well-being. The session also reflected the enduring place of Yoga in India's cultural heritage and its relevance in contemporary life. This was followed by the formal inauguration of the festival and a cultural programme presenting different aspects of Indian culture.

3. The festival was addressed by Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Deepti Ganji and Secretary General of FES Aragon Prof. Manuel Silva Sanchez. In her remarks, DCM highlighted the role of cinema and culture in bringing India and Mexico closer and noted the shared appreciation for storytelling in both countries. Prof. Silva Sanchez welcomed the continued cultural engagement and highlighted the importance of such initiatives for the university community. He also joined the students in the traditional FES Aragon chant, adding to the spirit of the occasion.

4. The cultural programme featured a sitar and tabla performance, showcasing two of India's most distinctive classical instruments and offering the audience an experience of India's rich musical traditions. This was followed by a Kalbelia dance performed by a Mexican group of dancers who had received training in India in the traditional dance form. Their energetic performance, graceful movements and colourful costumes showcased the vibrant folk traditions of Rajasthan and reflected their keen interest in learning and experiencing Indian culture. A saree presentation by students of FES Aragon followed, highlighting the saree as an important part of India's cultural and textile heritage. The presentation brought out the diversity of Indian textiles, designs, colours and craftsmanship, reflecting the country's rich textile traditions.

5. The programme concluded with a screening of the acclaimed Indian Hindi language film Gangubai Kathiawadi. The screening gave students and members of the FES Aragon community an opportunity to experience contemporary Indian cinema and storytelling.

6. The festival also provided an opportunity to deepen academic ties between the Embassy and FES Aragon. On the occasion, DCM held a meeting with the Secretary General of FES Aragon, along with senior representatives of the university. The meeting focused on strengthening academic and cultural cooperation between India and Mexico. Discussions covered greater engagement between universities and higher educational institutions of the two countries, including academic exchanges, ITEC, sharing of expertise, cultural cooperation, and possibilities for institutional partnerships and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between Indian and Mexican universities.

7. The enthusiastic participation of the university community, particularly students, reflected the interest in Indian cinema and culture among young audiences in Mexico. The festival demonstrated the potential of cultural initiatives to foster deeper academic and institutional links.

8. Some photographs from the event are attached below.





