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## **OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – ANNOUNCEMENT OF INDIAN SCHOLARSHIPS**

SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES, April 23, 2024 – "The Tal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme", "The Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme", and "The Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme", are administered through the collaboration of India's local government and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

The scholarship programmes underscore the shared commitment of India and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to nurturing talent, promoting educational excellence, and deepening cultural ties. By investing in the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and artists, our collaboration aims to build a brighter future grounded in mutual respect and cooperation.

The Tal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme seeks to support outstanding Vincentian nationals in pursuing higher education in various fields at esteemed Indian universities, and therefore invites application to Undergraduate, Graduate and PhD courses (except medical courses) in Indian Universities.

The Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme aims to promote cultural exchange and mutual understanding between the two nations. It enables talented Vincentian nationals to participate in cultural exchange programmes, including workshops, seminars, and cultural festivals in India, fostering cross-cultural dialogue. The programme is administered for Post Graduate and PhD courses (except medical courses) in Indian Universities.

The Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme celebrates India's rich heritage of music, culture and dance. It offers Vincentian nationals, the opportunity to study the Indian culture such as, dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian language and Indian cuisine at renowned institutions in India.

Eligible Vincentians who are interested in participating in this programme are asked to contact the Service Commissions Department at (784) 456-1690 or visit the official website at "www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in" for additional information. Individuals can apply online using the aforementioned link. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2024.

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