

# Rathi Jafer, director of InKo centre honoured

By Our Staff Reporter

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea recently honoured Rathi Jafer, director of InKo centre with a Certificate of Merit for her contribution to InKo (India-Korea Cultural Centre).

Founded in 2006, the centre in Adyar Club Gate Road, R. A. Puram has been promoting Indo-Korean relations through performing and visual arts, language, wellness and information provision besides classes and workshops.

The not-for-profit organisation is supported by TVS Motors and Hyundai Motor India Limited. The award was presented to Rathi by consul general of the Republic of Korea, Young-seup Kwon.

Says Rathi Jafer, "I thank the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea and I'm deeply honoured and humbled by this award. I would like to dedicate this award to Venu



Srinivasan, Chairman, TVS motors, Chairman, InKo Centre and Goodwill envoy of Culture and Diplomacy of the Republic of Korea, S.S. Kim, Managing Director of Hyundai Motors India, our partners and the team at InKo."

Through the years, the Thiruvanniyur resident says the InKo Centre has been focusing on connecting artists and audiences in both countries to discover, engage and connect with the singular aspects of the two cultures and celebrate their striking similarities.

"While we host full-fledged, curated cultural programmes from Korea, we always look for opportunities to collaborate with artistes from both nations," she says. At present, InKo has ongoing collaboration projects in music, theatre and literature.

Rathi says they would like to focus on providing platforms for emerging artistes. And look for opportunities to bring both cultures together.

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## Events planned to create awareness about Korea in city

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In recognition of the India-Korea Cultural Centre (InKo Centre) Chennai's contributions since 2006, Young-seup Kwon, Consul General of the Republic of Korea in Chennai, awarded a certificate of merit to Rathi Jafer, director of InKo Centre, on Thursday.

This is the first time such an award is being presented to someone from south India by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. InKo Centre was setup in 2006 to work across performing and visual arts. "We are looking



Rathi Jafer received a certificate of merit.

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for more and more opportunities to bring together both cultures. Our organisation celebrates the singular aspects of the two cultures and their similarities," said Ms. Jafer.

Mr. Kwon said that there were a lot of similarities between Korean and

Indian cultures. To create more awareness about Korea in Chennai, a series of programmes are being planned. In the first half of this year, South Korea will present a nonverbal performance from Korea. A K-Pop top diva will also perform. In the second half of this year, Korean music, films and food festival will be conducted.

Venu Srinivasan, chairman, TVS Motors, and Goodwill envoy for culture and diplomacy of the Republic of Korea, said that he wanted to do something that would actively contribute to a better understanding between Korea and India.