

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report – January 2015

12 January World Hindi day celebrations by Hindi Students of Sri Lanka

To celebrate the World Hindi Day the Indian Cultural Centre Colombo organized various competitions such as reading, impromptu speech, poetry recitation, drama, dances, essay writing, hand writing and drawing competitions for children etc. The competitions were held on 2nd, 3rd and 10th January and on 12th January 2015 the prize giving for the winners and the certificate distribution for the candidates who have successfully completed the Hindi Examinations which was held in March 2014.

His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the lighting of the oil lamp, Saraswathi Vandana followed by welcome speech by Director, ICC, speech by the Chief Guest His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, prize distribution for the winners of the competitions and successful candidates of the Hindi examinations. The main event was followed by a cultural performance presented by the students from various institutes involved in propagating Hindi. Around 250 students and parents participated in the event.







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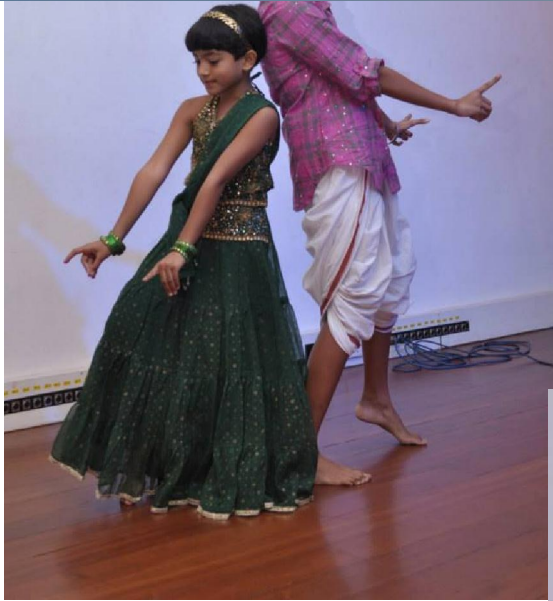


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Bharatha Natyam Recital by Sathurthiga Anthan

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Bharatha Natyam Recital by Sathurthiga, ICCR scholarship holder, at 6.00 pm on Friday, 16 January 2015 at its auditorium located at 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 07.

She commenced her performance with AanandaNarthanaGanapathi and continued with Shanmugapriyagowthuvam, Patham, Vaaranamaayiram, Astapathi and concluded with Kavadichindu. Around 80 guests attended the recital.





Hindustani Vocal Music Recital

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Hindustani Vocal Music Recital by Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi at its auditorium. He sang the evening ragas, bhajans and also improvised few ragas in way to suit the mood of the audience gather to witness his performance.

Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi is a noted Indian classical vocalist in the Dhrupad-Dhamar-genre of Hindustani classical music, and belonging to the Dharbhanga gharana. Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi is a well known dhrupad Dhamar singer. He wrote around 500 songs including bandishes of Dhrupad-Dhamr, khayal, Charurangs, Bhajan and geet. Dwivedi is an artist at All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan in Lucknow. Around 100 guests attended the event.





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Saluting the 66th Republic Day of India – “ Salute: Celebrating India” performance by sitar and zitar Maestro Shri Niladri Kumar and troupe

As a part of the 66th Republic Day celebrations of India, the Indian Cultural Centre organized Salute : Celebrating India performance by sitar and zitar maestro Shri Niladri Kumar and his troupe, on 25 January 2015 at 7pm at Bishops College, Auditorium, Colombo.

Hon. Ms. Rosy Senanayake, State Minister for Child Development, Government of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. His Excellency Y.K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India presided over the event.

The programme is being organized with the support of ICCR, India-Sri Lanka Foundation, the Ministry of Culture and Art, Government of Sri Lanka, Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo and Lanka IOC Ltd.

Niladri Kumar is truly a rare instrumentalist with unique repertoire ranging from traditional, classical compositions on the sitar to his innovative, electrifying renditions on the sitar. Be it at his highly acclaimed Indian classical Music Recitals or his rave reviewed World Music concerts, this Maverick musician leaves every music lover orthodox or progressive spellbound with his flashes of unparalleled brilliance and his uncanny ability to strike an instant rapport with the audiences transcending all age barriers.

Niladri Kumar with his prodigious technique has been bestowed with several prestigious awards and valued titles such as Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for Hindustani Instrumental Music, the Sanskriti Award, the Jadubhatta Puraskar, the MTV IMMIES Best Classical/ Fusion Instrumental Album –IF, Shanmukha Shree, Surmani, GIMA for the Best Instrumental album for AURA and many more.

ied Niladri kumar are Angelo Fernandes (Banks (Drums) Ramdas Gajan Palusle (Tabla) and Deepak Jagdish Bhatt (dhol). Around 800 guests attended the event.



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26 January Cultural performance by the students of ICC

The students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented a cultural performance on 26 January at the flag hoisting ceremony at India House. Classical Bharatha Natyam and a fusion style in Kathak & Bharatha Natyam dance items under the guidance of their guru's Kalasoori Vasugy Jeggatheeswaran and Moksha Samarasooriya were presented. Patriotic songs were also presented by the students under the guidance of Ms. Manjula Seneviratne. Around 1000 guests attended the event







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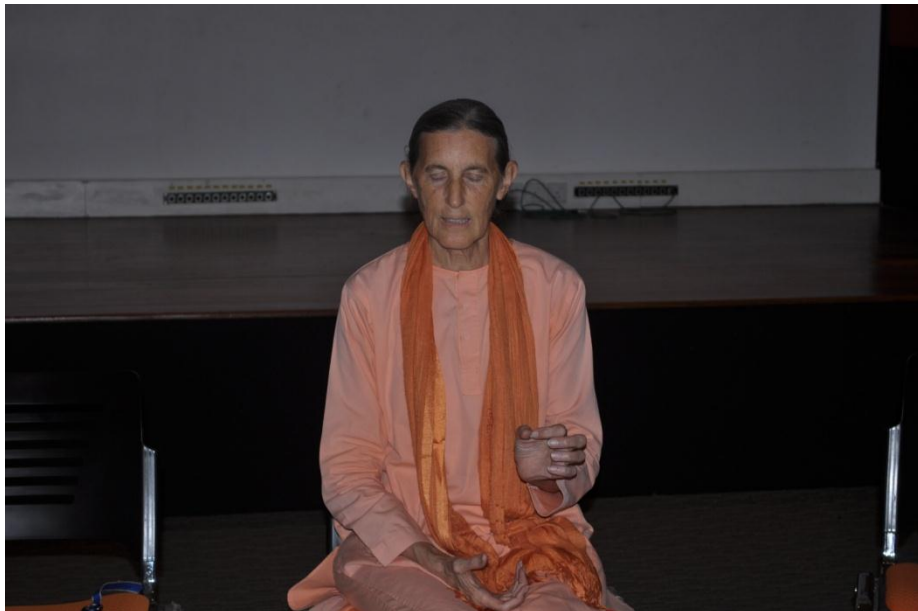
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Workshop and Lecture on Fundamentals of Hatha Yoga conducted by Swami Divyananda

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a Yoga workshop Fundamentals of Hatha Yoga conducted by SWAMI DIVYANANDA(Integral Yoga – USA) and Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasunderam (Chief Yoga Instructor-Indian Cultural Center) on 29th and 30th January in association with Astanka Yoga. Around 25 members participated in the 2 day workshop.





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11 February Lecture – Influence of Astrology & Astronomy in day to day life

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in association with Kerala Samajam organized a lecture by Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan on Influence of Astrology & Astronomy in day to day life at ICC auditorium located at 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 07. Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan is the Director, Indian Institute of Scientific Heritage (IISH-Regd. Charitable Trust), Government of India.

He spoke on the beliefs and the inaccuracy at times in calculating the Astrology. The lecture last for an hour and a half and around 150 guests attended the event.





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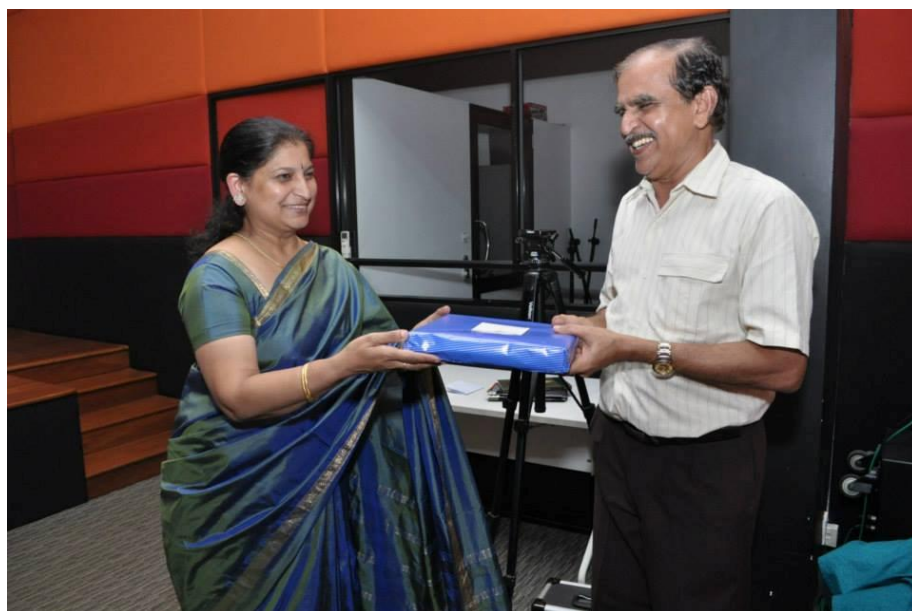




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MatrukiBijilika Mann dola film screening for Hindi students – The Indian Cultural Centre

The Indian Cultural Centre organized a special film screening MatrukiBijilika Mann dola for the Hindi students as part of the educational programme at its auditorium on 19th February. The film screening was followed by a group discussion. Around 50 students attended the screening and took part in the discussion.



Shankuleela – A Kathakali and Mohiniattam dance performance

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo presented Shankuleela, a Kathakali and Mohiniattam performance by Hirimbura Gamage Madusanka Priyadesha, Leakhani Wathsala Jayasinghe, Jaystheepa Sakthivel and Nishali Silva at its auditorium.

The programme which lasted an hour and half included items such as in Kathakali style – Purappad, Kalyanasaugandikam and in Mohiniattam style – Om Kareshwari, Padam and concluded with Shiva thaandavam a fusion item. Around 150 people attended the performance.





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The High Commission of India and Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in collaboration with Sri Lanka - India Society and TajSamudra, Colombo organised a Bollywood Extravaganza by A to Z hot dance Group from India at 7.00 pm, on Thursday 26 February 2015 at New Kathiresan Hall, Bambalapitiya. Sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi, the group performed at three cities in Sri Lanka Colombo, Kandy and Galle.

The troupe performed for one and a half hour which included different eras of Bollywood songs. Around 1000 guests attended the event.





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Thyagaraja Aaradhana - Festival of Carnatic Music

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in association with the Hindu Educational Society and the Express Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd organized Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana, an annual music festival paying homage to the great Carnatic music composer Thyagaraja, on 27th February 2015, at the Saraswathie Hall Colombo 04.

Musicians, vocalists as well as instrumentalists and percussionists from all over Sri Lanka came together and render Pancharatna Keerthanas (five songs) of Thyagaraja on this occasion under the leadership of Kalasuri Smt. Arunthathi Sri Ranganathan. The choral rendition of the five songs is an integral feature of the Aradhana.

Mrs. Vanathy Ravindran graced the occasion as Chief Guest and around 350 guests participated in this music festival.









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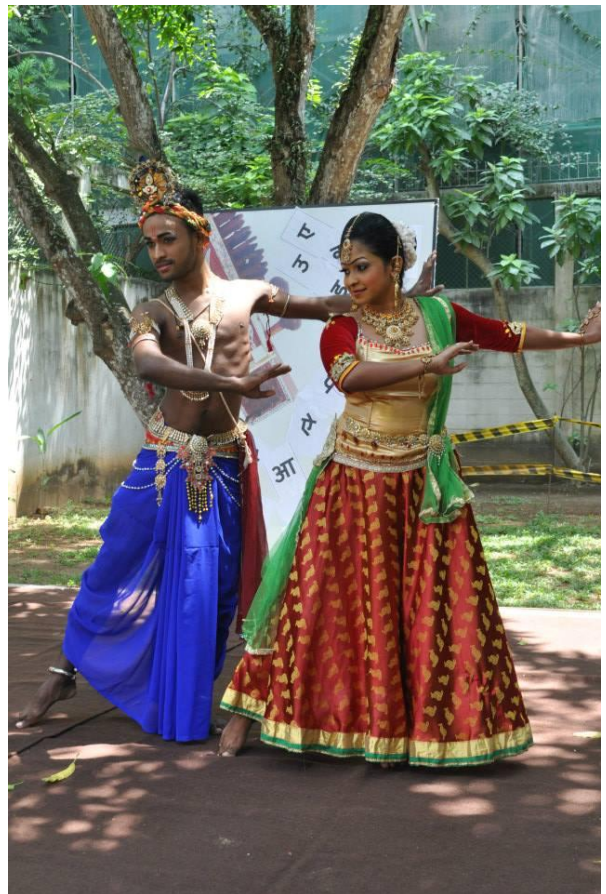


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5 March Holi – Festival of colours

On 5th of March the Hindi course students of the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo celebrated Holi in a fun filled manner. The students of Indian Cultural Centre from Hindi dept. presented a variety of cultural programme including dance, songs and music which was attended by the students, families from High Commission of India with Children and local guests. The programme concluded with playing colours. Around 150 students and guest participated in the event.





How to compose and transpose (Hindustani to Carnatic and vice versa)

On 15th of March the Institute of Human Excellence and Arusri Art Theatre in collaboration with Indian Cultural Centre organized a 2 days workshop on composing and transpose notations from Hindustani to Carnatic and vice versa at the Centre. The workshop for oriental music composers included notation systems, scale systems and basic understanding of all music styles corrections finer training and session on transposing the notations. Around 50 participants took part in the event.



2015 – Annual Cultural Day of the Arts students of the Indian Cultural Centre

On 18th of March the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo presented Nav Pratibha 2015, an Annual Cultural Day of the Performing Arts students of the Centre at the Bishops College Auditorium, Colombo 03. His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India and Mrs. Girija Sinha graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The evening commenced with felicitation of Performing Arts teachers and Yoga instructor by His Excellency and Mrs. Girija Sinha. The the first half session of the programme included Sitar recital by the students under the guidance of guru Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo and followed by Carnatic Vocal recital under the guidance of guru Dr. Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan, Violin recital under the guidance of guru Dr. Somasiri Illesinghe, Hindustani vocal recital under the guidance of guru Dr. Premadasa Mudunkotuwa.

The second half session of the programme included Bharatha Natyam recital under the guidance of guru Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan, Kathak recital under the guidance of Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya and concluded with Bharatha Natyam recital under the guidance of guru Ms. Vasugy Jegatheeswaran. Around 750 guests attended the event.





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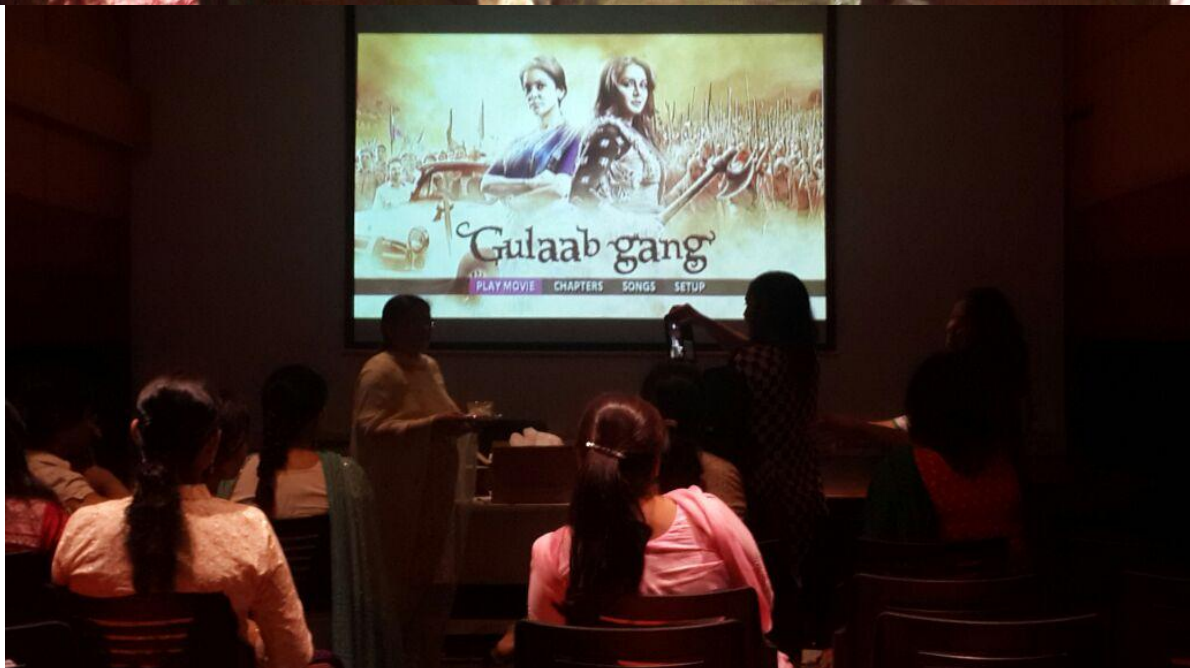
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International Women's Day by the High India Ladies Club

On 19th March the Ladies Club members of the High Commission of India celebrated International Women's day at the Centre. The event included a film screening titled Gulaab Ganag. 25 Ladies participated in the event.



NirupaVinayagam

On 20th March, Ms. Nirupa Vinayagam from India presented a Veena recital at the Centre. The programme which lasted an hour and a half included classical and semi classical raagas and songs. Around 75 guests attended the event.



"One Hundred Years of Gitanjali" SandagomiCoperahewa followed by Gitanjali-Re-lived – A musical rendition by Dr. Ananda Gupta and group

On 27th March "One Hundred Years of Gitanjali" edited by Dr. Sandagomi Coperahewa was launched at the Centre by His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India. The launch was jointly organized by the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo. The book launch was followed by a musical rendition titled Gitanjali-Re-lived by Dr. Ananda Gupta and his group of musicians and dancers. The music rendition also included readings from Gitanjali in Sinhala, English, Hindi and Bengali languages. Around 150 guests attended the event.



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3 & 4 April **A Creative Writing Workshop – AUTHORED BY**

On 03 & 04 of April a creative writing workshop "Authored by" was held at the Indian Cultural Centre and the book launch at Barefoot Gallery. **Authored By** is a cross cultural literary initiative by Aparna Raman, Founder of Timbuktoo Young Authors Publishing and ArtikaBakshi of the Good Book Corner. Children between 7-14 years got an opportunity to be mentored by Aparna Raman of Timbuktoo Publishing: a creative professional, Kathalaya certified storyteller and workshop facilitator from Bangalore. On 3rd April 2 sessions were held at the Centre and on 4th April the book launch was held at the Barefoot Gallery and the evening session was held at the Indian Cultural Centre. The book was launched by His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India. Around 20 children in each session took part in the two day workshop.









9 April Film Screening: Abhaas, Directed by Ms. Bijaya Jena

Indian Cultural Centre screened the film titled **Abhaas** directed by BijayaJenaat 11 am on 9 April 2015 at its auditorium.

Abhaas is Bijaya's second feature film (in the Hindi language), which she scripted, directed and produced and played an important role in it. The film was made in 1996. Ms Jena's film 'Abhaas' is a poetic parable and a realist drama on the pastoral paradise that is rural India ,set in a small village in the lush green fields of Orissa it is both a sweeping cross generational tale of an aristocratic family and the peasants who form the two aspects of this fragile social milieu ,but moreover it is a sensitive human drama that discusses some forbidden themes which border onto almost incest ,adultery and lost youth love and aborted lives in a very spontaneous subtle manner where the characters are given full freedom to exploit the best and the worst in the human spiritual aptitude . Around 45 guests attended the screening.



24 April Sinhala Tamil New Year Celebrations organized by the Kathak Class students of the Centre

On 24th April the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a one day event to celebrate Avurudu, the Sinhala Tamil New Year. The event was organized by guru Moksha Samarasooriya and the Kathak class students of the Centre. The one day event included various activities such as making traditional sweet items, playing rabaan, dances, songs and many games and competitions. Around 150 students and teachers took part in the event.















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7 May Tagore Jayanti Celebration Garlanding of Tagore Bust

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized garlanding the Tagore bust at the Main Library of University of Colombo to commemorate the birth anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 7th May at the University of Colombo.

Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India garlanded the Tagore bust in the presence of the academic community and Tagore aficionados. Several eminent personalities were also offered flowers.

The event was jointly organized by the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo and the Indian Cultural Centre. Around 30 guests participated in the event.







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th Anniversary Celebrations

The celebration continued at Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo with a rendition of RabindraSangeet by Mrs. Saumi Bhattacharya, a Talk by Prof. Chandragupta Thenuwara on "Tagore's contribution to visual art in connection to Sri Lanka" and a short documentary on Gurudev. Prof. Ariyaratna Kaluwarachchi, Vice Chancellor of University of Visual and Performing Arts, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Around 80 guests attended the event.





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Allegro – Classical & Flamenco Guitar AmaranathRanatunga

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo presented “Andante to Allegro”- a concert of Classical and Flamenco Guitar, the first ever Guitar Recital at Indian Cultural Centre, by Sri AmaranathRanatunga and his disciples on 15th May 2015. The programme included several solo and group performances. Some of the items presented were Morenita Do Brazil, Sevillana- Spanish Folk Song, El Robel- Spanish Folk Song and concluded with National anthems of India and Sri Lanka. Around 100 guests attended the event.

Pt. AmaranathRanatunga, is the first Sri Lankan to teach the Classical and Flamenco Guitar in the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo and the first Asian to develop the syllabus of classical and flamenco guitar for the four year BA degree.





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22 May Guru Upahara – Vocal Recital dedicated to SangeetVisharadh Sunil Shantha

Dr. MahindaTennekoon presented a vocal performance titled Guru Upahara– 2015. The programme consisted of Sunil Santha's melodies, which have been very popular over the years. Visharadha Dr. MahindaTennekoon has completed his Visharadha from the BhatkandeSangeetVidyapeeth, Lucknow in 2005. As homage to his guru, Visharadha Dr. MahindaTennekoonpresented this concert.

The programme lasted for one-hour duration under the music direction of RanjitYapa de Alwis and the orchestra consisted of LalithSanthapriya on Violin, SomasiriBadegama on Tabla, Sarath Fernando on Base guitar, Rohan Fernando on Box guitar, GayanJayasinghe on Flute and GaminiPerera on Key Board. Around 120 guests attended the event.







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29 May Bharatha Natyam Recital by Dr. AmaliNisansala

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a Bharatha Natyam Recital by AmaliNisansalaPerera at its auditorium. Her recital included Pushpanjalee, ThodayMangalam, Bhajan, DeveeMaheshwari, Mukunda, Keertanam, Padam and concluded with Thillana.

AmaliNisansala has completed her Bachelor of Performing Arts Degree from Bhatkhande Music Institute, Lucknow under ICCR scholarship scheme and has done Master of music in dance from Banaras Hindu University and has been conferred a Ph.D in dance from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. She has also worked as a Bharata Natyam visiting lecturer at the University of visual and performing Arts Colombo. Around 130 guests attended the event.







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4 June Odissi Dance Performance by Alpana Nayak & group

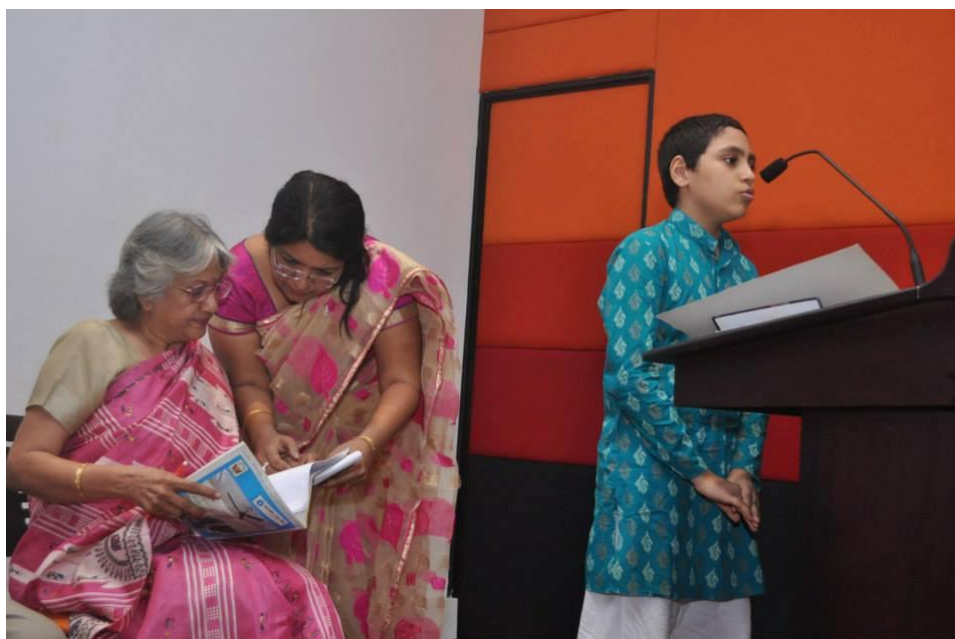
Indian Culture Centre organized an Odissi dance performance by Alpana Nayak and group, renowned Odissi exponent from India at its auditorium. A variety of items from Odissi repertoire presented by Alpana and her group kept audience spellbound. Ms. Alpana Nayak is a well known Odissi exponent based out of New Delhi and has performed Odissi in many major dance festivals in India and abroad. She is the first Odissi exponent to perform to Sinhala songs in Jaffna Peace Festival in 2013. She has taught Odissi and different Indian folk dances in several cities of India, England and Japan. She takes special care to train specially gifted children (physically and mentally challenged) in Indian classical and folk dance forms for their holistic development in the society. Around 75 guests attended the event.





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Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized "Kavi Sammelan" for the teachers and the students learning Hindi in Sri Lanka on 11 June at Indian Cultural Centre. Hindi poets Dr .Madhu Chaturvedi from Lucknow and Prof. C.B Pandey, from Benaras, Prof. Upul Ranjith, Head of Hindi Dept. University of Kelaniya, Dr. Lakshman Senevirathne, Dean Humanities, University of Kelaniya graced the occasion and participated in the programme. Students of various age groups presented their poems. Around 125 teachers and students attended the event. Dr. Shirin Qureshi, ICC long term Hindi chair conducted the event.





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Organiser of 1st International Day of Yoga Film Screening and Lecture on Isha Yoga by Dr. Gowribalan

As a curtain raiser to First International Day of Yoga, Indian Cultural Centre Colombo screened a film "History Of Yoga-the path of my ancestors" by Deepika and Ramji on 17th June at 2.30pm at ICC auditorium. This film is a 6000 years journey into the origin and evolution of Yoga which enriches our experience and knowledge.

This was followed by a talk and lecture demonstration by Isha Yoga expert Dr. Gowribalan from UK. He explained the benefit of practicing Isha Yoga and also demonstrated few easy yoga practices. He screened a documentary published by Isha Foundation used for practicing Isha Yoga and the participants of the session also took part in the practices. Around 60 guests attended the event.





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International Day of Yoga

The First International Day of Yoga was celebrated with great fanfare in Sri Lanka at the iconic ocean side promenade of Colombo: Galle Face Green, where events of only national importance are organized.

Almost over 1750 yoga enthusiasts, drawn from prominent local community organizations, and established yoga and spiritual centres participated in the event, including a huge number of school children.

The event (which lasted from 6:30 hrs-8:30 hrs) included the release of a special e-book on Yoga, screening of the message by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the significance of Yoga, and Yoga demonstrations.

Prominent guests at the event were Prof Maithree Wickremesinghe, spouse of Hon'ble Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Hon'ble D.M. Swaminadan, Minister of Resettlement of Sri Lanka, Hon'ble Dayasiri Jayasekera, Chief Minister of North Western Province of Sri Lanka, a number of Members of Parliament including TNA leader Hon'ble R. Sampanthan, and Hon'ble Douglas Devananda, Mr. Muttiah Muralitharan, well known Cricketer, Ms. Otara Gunewardene, famous Sri Lankan fashion icon and Dr. (Mrs.) Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan, legendary Carnatic Vocalist of Sri Lanka. The Indian Cultural Centre joined hands with the High Commission of India in all pre event /day of the event arrangements /coordination's. The Yoga instructor of the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasundaram coordinated the main event day demonstrations and with other institutes.



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22 June Inauguration of the Photographic Exhibition on Yoga and felicitation of Yoga Institutes participating in IDY by His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India

As a part of the celebration Indian Cultural Centre organized a photographic exhibition demonstrating yoga postures. The exhibition was inaugurated by H.E Y.K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India at the Cultural Centre. Evening Programme started with a welcome address by Mrs.Rajashree Behera, Director at the Indian Cultural Centre who expressed her gratitude to all the yoga Instructors and Institutes of Colombo who participated in the Celebration of First International day of Yoga. As a token of appreciation His Excellency felicitated the representatives of yoga Institutes. Members of the twelve institutes who are committed to the teaching and spreading Yoga in Sri Lanka such as Indian Cultural Centre, Astanka Yoga Mandir, Isha Foundation, Sadhana Yoga Shruti, Abhina Yoga Ashram, Prana Lounge Holistic Health Centre, Sri Lanka Sky trust, Art of Living ,Om KriyaBabaji Yoga Aranyam, The OM Space, Sethsada Yoga Institute, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University were present on the occasion.

The programme concluded with a performance "Yoga in Dance" by Kathak exponent Moksha Samarasooriya and group. Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India also graced the occasion. Around 100 guests attended the event.





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Yoga Postures for Good Health

Yogacharya Kriyanandamayi Krishnaveni Kulanthaivel, Director Sadhana Yoga Shrushti conducted a lecture on Yoga Postures for Good Health. The lecture was followed by question and answer session and various yoga postures were demonstrated by the members of the Sadhana Yoga Shrushti. Around 40 guests attended the event.





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Mental wellbeing, stress and anger management through yoga

Ms. Anoja Weerasinghe, Founder of Abhina Yoga ashram spoke on mental wellbeing, stress and anger management through yoga. She elaborated on how you help to lead a better life and also how it reduces the stress. Around 70 guests attended the lecture.





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Kriya Yoga asanas & its benefits

Dr. Subramaniam Thayaparan of Om Kriya Babaji Yoga Aranyam delivered a talk on Kriya Yoga Asanas & its benefits. Around 45 guests attended the event. Members of the Om Kriya Babaji Aranyam and the guests took part in demonstrations.





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Deepening into asanas

Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasunderam Chief Yoga Instructor of the Indian Cultural Centre & Astanka Yoga Mandhir delivered a talk on Deepening into asanas. Students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented some demonstrations. Around 120 guests attended the event. He elaborated his talk with a power point presentation.





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Raja Yoga

Dr. Viji Chanramohan of Brahma Kumari's Raja Yoga Centre, Sri Lanka spoke on Raja Yoga. Around 50 guests took part in the event.



Yoga for balance: on and off the mat

The week long yoga lectures as continuation of the activities of 1st International Day of Yoga concluded with the lecture of Ms. Angelica Chandrasekran titled Yoga for balance : on and off the mat. She elaborated her talk with a PowerPoint presentation. Around 40 guests attended the event.



Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report – July 2015

10 July Hindustani Vocal Music Recital by Sangeet Visharad Lahiru Gimhana Komangoda

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Hindustani Vocal recital by Lahiru Gimhana Komangoda on 10 July 2015 at its auditorium. The programme lasted an hour in which Lahiru sang various ragas and bhajans in front of an audience of music lovers and music gurus.

Lahiru Gimhana is a proficient vocalist and presently doing Bachelor of Arts in Hindustani Music at Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, India. He has participated and performed as a Singer and an Instrumentalist at Shanghai International Art Festival, China 2012 and at Mood Indigo Year End Festival, IIT Mumbai, India 2014. Around 110 guests attended the event.





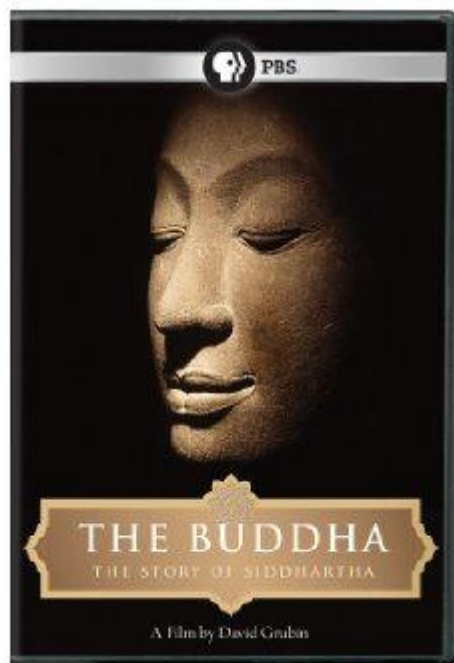
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ing: Siddhartha

Indian Cultural Centre in association with Sri Lanka India Society screened a film titled "The Buddha—The story of Siddhartha" on Friday 17 July 2015 at its auditorium . This documentary was by award-winning filmmaker David Grubin and narrated by Hollywood star actor Richard Gere. It was organised in collaboration with Sri Lanka India Society of Colombo. Around 120 viewers attended the screening.



24 July Kathak Sandhya by Anjali Mishra

Kathak Dance performance presented by Anjali Mishra kept the audience spellbound. The performance commenced with Utthan and continued with Vandana, Amod, Drutlaya, Paran, Gatnikas, Ladi and concluded with Thumri. Her disciple Mr. Isuru Kapuduwa also presented a Krishna Bhajan. The performance concluded with a Ghazal.

Anjali Mishra has always had a keen interest and passion for dance, which her parents encouraged and supported from a young age. Today Anjali Mishra is a gifted teacher and a dancer in Sri Lanka. She has been performing and instructing students for many years and currently teaching Kathak as a faculty at the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

Anjali was trained in the Kathak by the great Guru Pt. Barman Lal, who is one of the best dancers in the Raigarh Court and could further thorough her strengths in dancing under few other doyens in the field such as Prof. Mandavi Singh, Dr. Jyoti Bakshi, Dr. Chetna Jyotishi Byohar , Guru Surendra Saikia and Guru Meena Singh. She has performed widely in India and Sri Lanka and has participated in many major dance festivals and competitions. Around 100 guests attended the performance.





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Bharatha Natyam Performance by Usha Raghavan which was scheduled to be held on 30th July 2015 was cancelled due to sad demise of Former President of India Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report– August 2015

6 August Anjali – A tribute to the legendary Bharatha Natyam exponent and guru Late Padmashree Adyar K. Lakshman

"Anjali", a programme was organised by the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in collaboration with Media Mantra as a tribute to the legendary Bharathanatyam exponent and guru Late. Padmashree Adyar K. Lakshman on 6th August 2015.

To commemorate his first death anniversary, his pupils and leading Bharatha natyam exponents in Sri Lanka presented a dance recital, as a tribute to their late guru. Smt. Krishanthi Raveendra, Smt. Padmini Selvendrakumar, Smt. Vyjeyanthimala Selvaratnam, Smt. Vasugy Jegatheeswaran, Smt. Subithra Kirubaharan, Smt. Vasanthi Kunchithapatham, Smt. Jeeva Ratnaraja, Smt. Geethanjali Sudharshan and Sri. Jayantha Karunasekara presented the dance items. Around 150 guests attended the event.

Adyar K. Lakshman was an outstanding Bharathanatyam artist and guru, who was groomed at the Internationally reputed "Kalakshethra", institute of fine arts, under the direct guidance of the founder of Kalakshethra, the legendary Shrimathi Rukmini Devi Arundale. Padmashree Adyar K. Lakshman's contribution as an artist at Kalakshethra was immense. Later, he founded his own dance institution "Bharatha Choodamani" in Chennai. As a guru, dance and music composer, he had created generations of Bharathanatyam artists who are nurturing this divine art around the world.

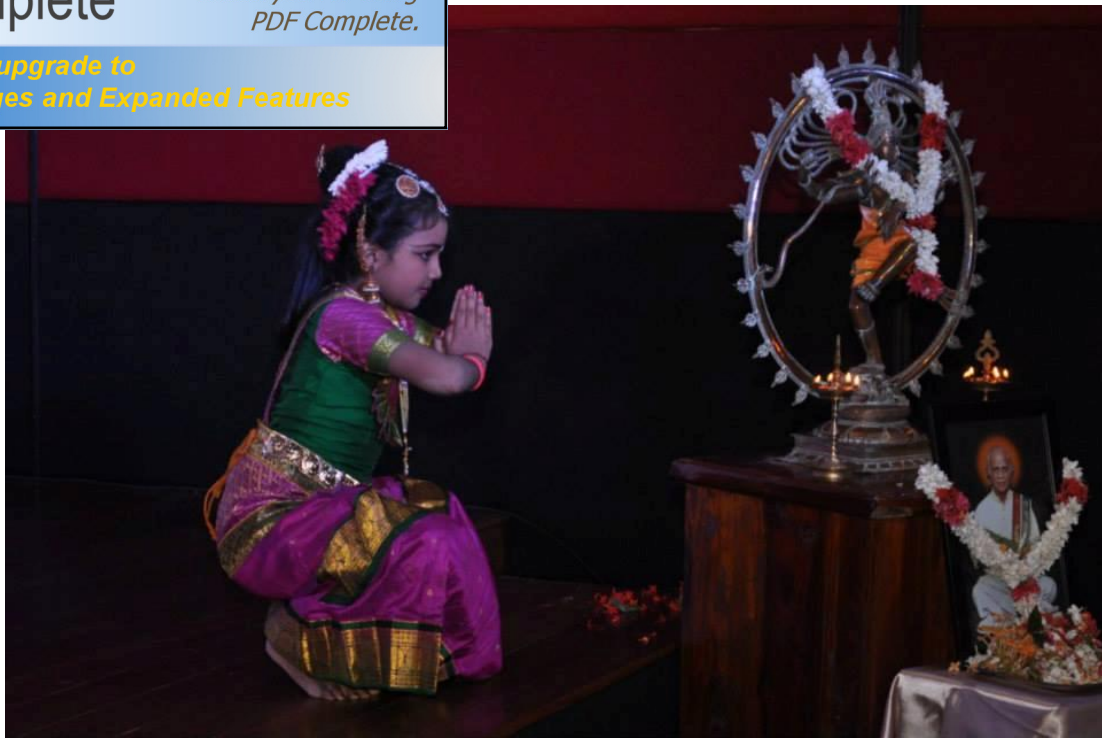




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Hindi in India

Each year 10 scholarships to Sri Lankan students are awarded for studying Hindi at the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (Central Institute of Hindi) at Agra. This year the students who have been selected visited the High Commission on 7 August 2015 and met His Excellency Y.K Sinha, the High Commissioner of India along with Mrs. Rajashree Behera, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre and Ms. Shirin Qureshi - Long Term Hindi Chair of the Centre before their travel to India to pursue one year course in Hindi.

The Indian cultural Centre, Colombo publicized, conducted and interviews and facilitated the students for the travel.



for the Sri Lankan students travelling to India

An orientation programme was conducted for the students who were awarded the scholarship to study Hindi in India. The programme was conducted by the Hindi teachers and the past Hindi scholars at the Centre on 7th August 2015.



Independence Day Celebrations

As part of the 69th Independence Day celebrations of India, the Indian Cultural Centre in Colombo presented a musical programme "BANDISH FUSION" by the Grammy nominated and internationally acclaimed percussion Maestro Pandit Subhen Chatterjee, along with his fusion band KARMA. This musical extravaganza was held at Bishops College Auditorium on 14 August 2015 at 7 p.m. The programme was organized with the support of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi; the Ministry of Culture and the Arts, Government of Sri Lanka; and Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

The group also gave a performance on 15th August 2015 at India House during the flag hoisting ceremony.

Pandit Subhen Chatterjee is an accomplished Indian percussionist and tabla player, who has developed a unique and distinctive style that draws upon his knowledge of multiple music "Gharanas". In 1985 he created the fusion band Karma, with a team of some of the top ranked musicians of India. One of the oldest bands in India, Karma plays unique fusion music that combines Indian music with elements of contemporary Jazz, Afro-Cuban and Mediterranean music. Bandish Fusion is a soul-stirring experience of sheer melodic beauty, fused with incredible rhythms.

Pandit Chatterjee was accompanied by Dipannita Acharya (vocal), Sambit Chatterjee (drum), Suvam Moitra (guitar), Arnab Chakraborty (Bass Guitar), and Subhas Mondal (keyboard).

Pt. Subhen Chatterjee and group performed to a packed audience at Colombo for both the programmes. The concert was of outstanding quality and was very well appreciated by the august gathering. Around 750 guests attended the concert on 14th August including NRIs and Heads of other Diplomatic Missions. 35 Diplomats including 7 Ambassadors and High commissioners, Secretary, Ministry of Port Govt of Sri Lanka, representatives of UN organisations, representatives of Deptt. Of Culture, Govt of Sri Lanka, GM Taj Samudra, Deputy Director, SAARC Cultural Centre and many more dignitaries along with High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner of India graced the occasion.



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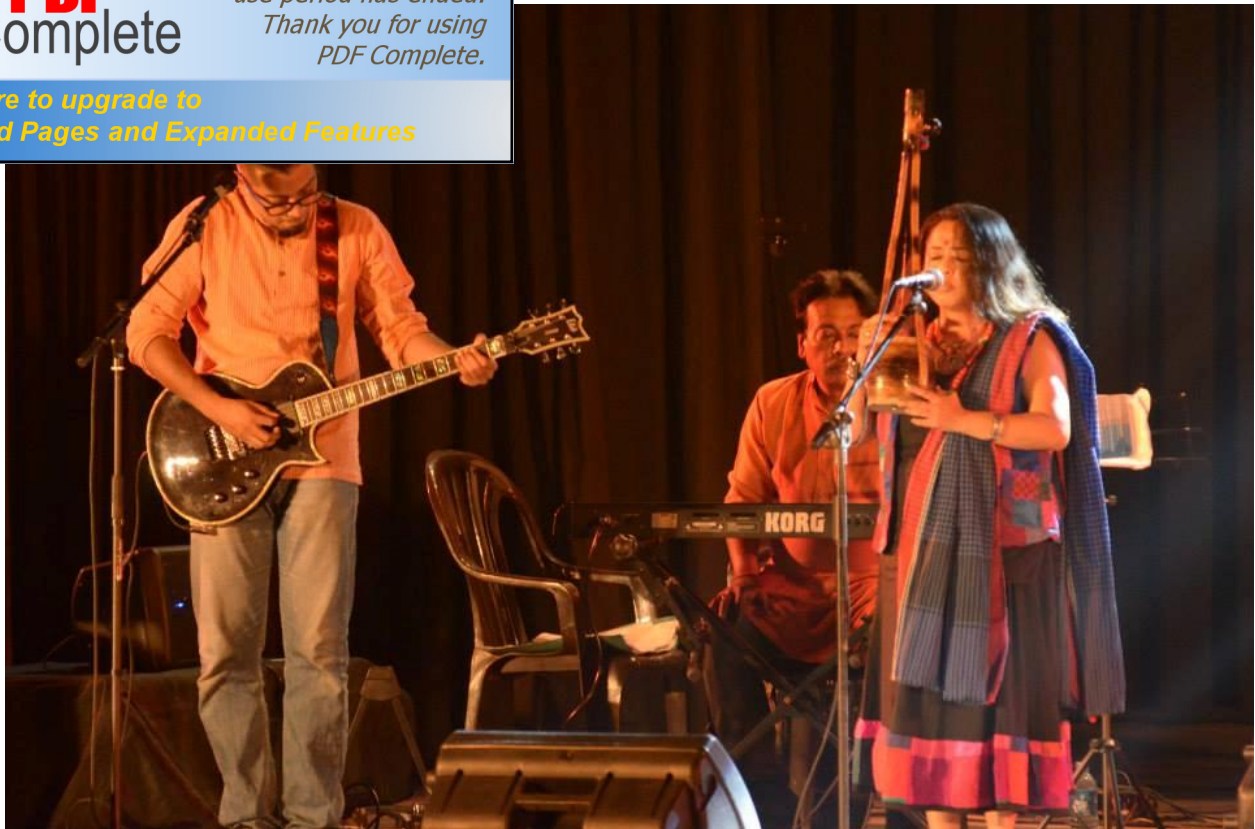


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Performance on 15th August 2015 at India House





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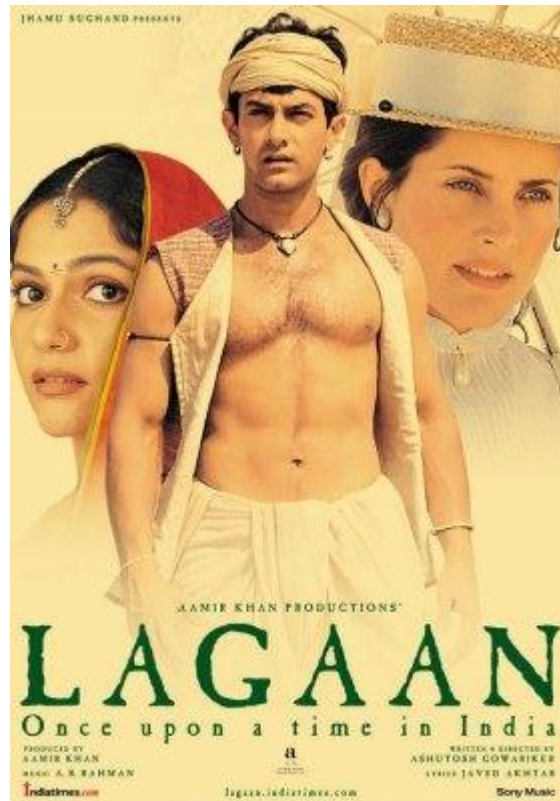
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17 July Film Screening: Lagaan

Indian Cultural Centre screened Lagaan on 21st August 2015 at its auditorium. The film was written and directed by Ashutosh Gowariker and produced by Aamir Khan. Around 35 guests attended the screening.





28August

Sri Lankan Emotional Dance by Nilan Maligaspe and ACDD Academy

Indian Cultural Centre organized a dance recital by Nilan Maligaspe and ACDD Academy on 28 August 2015 at its auditorium .

Nilan and his academy presented their new production “ **Sri Lankan emotional dance**” along with two other unique contemporary items choreographed by Nilan Maligaspe. Around 120 guests attended the event.

The Arpeggio Creative Dance Academy was initiated by Nilan **21 years ago, to train underprivileged young girls and boys free of charge**, in Ballet, Contemporary Dance, Hip-Hop, Creative Dance and Traditional Dance and Drama. Nilan began to explore the possibilities of expression through Contemporary Dance and was invited to participate in the Master Classes at the Attakkalari India Biennale held in Bangalore, where he worked with well known choreographer Janet Lily and contemporary dancer and performer Khamlane Halsackda.

Some of Nilan's well known productions are 'Kadatholu Nimeshaya' in 1998, 'Rahiru Pathama Kirula' in 2003, 'Another Tempest' which was first staged at the Colombo Dance Forum in 2010, 'Kuvani' which was sponsored by India Sri Lanka Foundation which was held in Ladakh India.

He has received many awards and accolade such as Award for Best Mime Performance in all island from the late President Ranasinghe Premadasa at the National Youth Awards Ceremony in 1989, Merit Award at the same festival in 1991 for break dance, first ever live Sri Lankan performance to the music of Bollywood singers – 'Mega 95' Sri Lanka's largest music festival, Best Performance, Best Choreographer/Director and the Best Stage Designer at State Ballet , Best Choreographer at the Derana Music Awards 2011 and many more.





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Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report- September 2015

4 September Teachers Day Celebrations

To commemorate Teachers Day, which falls on 5th September every year coinciding with the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Second President of India, the Indian Cultural centre Colombo celebrated Guru Divas. Teachers from all faculties, teaching at Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo performed to pay obeisance to their Gurus and to commemorate Guru Divas. Students of the centre welcomed the teachers with flower and sindoor.

The programme commenced with a talk on Yoga by Mr. Vyasa Kalyanasundaram and continued with a Sitar recital by Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo, Hindustani vocal recital by Dr. Premadasa Mudunkotuwa, a Bharatha Natyam recital by Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan, Kathak performance by Ms. Moksha samarasooriya and a Bharatha Natyam performance by Ms. Vasugy Jegatheeswaran. The Hindi Teachers of the Centre presented song and dance items. Songs were presented by Mr. Mr. Brazil Nagodavithana, Ms. Achala Damayanthi and Ms. Shirin Qureshi and the dance item was presented by Ms. Nadheera Shewanthi. Around 100 guests attended the event. All the teachers were felicitated at the end of the program.







distribution and cultural programmes by the students

On 14th September 2014 Hindi Diwas was celebrated by the teachers and students of Indian Culture Centre, Colombo. Celebrating the occasion ICC organized many competitions such as speech, poetry recital and singing, dance, story writing, rangoli, etc for its students.

The programme commenced with welcome speech by the Director of the Centre, Mrs. Rajashree Behera followed by a speech by the Chief Guest Shri .Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India. He also presented the certificates to the winners of the competitions. Prof.Lakshman Senevirathne, Prof. in Hindi and Dean- Faculty of Humanities University of Kelaniya also graced the occasion as guest of honor, addressed the gathering and distributed certificates and of the prizes to the winners. Ms. Nadheera Shewanthi compeered the event. Ms. Shirin Qureshi delivered the vote of thanks. The students of the Centre presented a colourful cultural performances included songs, skits, groups songs, group dance, instrumental performances and showcased a scene from Indian wedding ceremony etc., which was highly appreciated. Around 200 guests and students attended the event.





Hindi Musical Concert

By Dr. Ajith Jayarathne

On 18th September Dr. Ajith Jayarathne presented a Hindi musical concert titled "Sargam" at the Centre. He sang around 30 popular Hindi songs from the 70s and 80s Hindi films. The Music was composed by eminent musician Lassana. Around 120 guests attended the event.





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28 September Talk - "Merging with innerself"

By Shri Nataraj, Asst. Director of International Sivananda Ashram India

Shri Nataraj, Asst. Director and Senior teacher from International Sivananda Ashram, India delivered a lecture on Yoga titled "Merging with innerself". The talk was elaborated with a slide presentation in which it was explained how meditation helps to reduce stress in day to day life. The event was organized in collaboration with Abhina Yoga Ashram led by Ms. Anoja Weerasinghe. The talk was followed by an interactive session. Around 70 guests attended the lecture.





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Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report- October 2015

5 October Mahatma Gandhi Oration Lecture by Ms. Shobhana Radhakrishna from India

The India Cultural Centre, Colombo in association with Sri Lanka India Society organized Gandhi Jayanti to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 5 October. Mrs. Shobhana Radhakrishna Chief Functionary, Gandhian Forum for Ethical Corporate from India delivered a speech on "Mahatma Gandhi's ideology of universal peace, non-violence and ethical leadership". H.E. Y.K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The programme commenced with garlanding the bust of Gandhiji by the Chief Guest His Excellency Shri Y.K. Sinha and followed by both countries National anthems. The President of the Sri Lanka India Society Mr. Kumar Nadesan delivered the welcome address. Welcome address was followed by address by the Chief Guest His Excellency Shri Y. K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India and continued with the talk by the guest speaker Mrs. Shobhana Radhakrishna. Vote of thanks was given by the Secretary of the Society Mr. Sampath Seresinhe. The event concluded with a bhajan beloved to Gandhiji.

The lecture gave an insight into the Mahatma's life and thoughts, the man and his roots, Gandhi the man of action, peace and non-violence, living in harmony with nature, experiments of Satyagraha (non-violent resistance), spirituality, serving the humanity and applying the spirit of Gandhi in today's society so that people put their heart into understanding Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi's thought and life can guide the people in any part of the world as it has the strength to inspire and bring about a change. Around 120 guests attended the event.









9 October Hindustani vocal Recital by Ms. Sunita Tikare

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Hindustani vocal recital by Sunita Tikare from India on 9 October 2015 at its auditorium. Sunita Tikare is an outstandingly melodious Vocalist inclined towards Indian Classical music from early childhood. Trained in the famed "Jaipur-Atrauli Gharana Gayaki", her strict and disciplined tutelage imbibed in her the "Jaipur Gharana Gayaki" of the North Indian style. Sunita is fortunate to continue her learning now under Padma Vibhushan Gana-sarawati Smt.Kishoritai Amonker. MsTikare sang various ragas and bhajans. She was accompanied on Tabla by Shasthrapathi Ranga Perera. Around 70 guests attended the event.



10 October Food festival - Cuisine from different parts of India

For the first time the Hindi Class students of the Indian Cultural Centre organized an Indian food festival. An array of delicacies from various parts of India were prepared by the students and volunteers. It was a very successful event and to support the initiative of the Centre as well as students lots of general public participated in the event. It was a wonderful learning experience for the students of Hindi class as well. Kerala Ladies association also had put up a stall with delicacies from Kerala to support the event. Smt. Ananya Bagchi, spouse of the Deputy High Commissioner of India inaugurated the festival. More than 200 guests participated in the event.







15 October **World's Students Day**

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized World **Students Day** as a tribute to former President of India Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Thursday, 15 October at its auditorium. It was in the year 2010, when the United Nations decided to honour this 'great scientist' on his 79th birth anniversary and declared his birthday on October 15 as the 'World Students' Day'. Since then, October 15 is observed as a day for students all around the world.

The programmed commenced with welcome address by the Director of the Indian Cultural Centre, Mrs. Rajashree Behera and followed by screening of a documentary titled Biography of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam by Mallika Sarabhai.

This was followed by "**Krishna**" - a **classical dance and musical** program by ICCR Scholars Nuwan Theekshana Liyanage, Charith Rumayanga Perera, G.P.G. Anuradha Dilrukshi Bandara & Nirmani Wimarshana Oruwalage. The dance and music programme included bhajans and dances on various stages of life of Krishna. Around 150 guests attended the event.





22nd and 23rd October---Classical Guitar Workshop

The India Cultural Centre, Colombo in association with Asian Guitar Federation and Guitar Association of Sri Lanka organized workshops and Master Class by Polish born American Classical Guitar Maestro Dr. Paul Cesarczyk on 22 & 23 October at the Indian cultural Centre. Five sessions of workshops were held at the Centre. He was assisted by Mr. Benjamin Theophilus an eminent classical guitarist from India. In each session around 30-35 children and professional classical guitar players participated. Dr. Paul Cesarczyk also conducted workshops at the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo and also at University of Peradeniya, Kandy.





24 October Classical Guitar Concert

Classical Guitar Maestro Dr. Paul Cesarczyk concluded his 4 days series of workshops, master classes with a gala concert at the Russian Centre Colombo . The event was organized by the Asian Guitar Federation and Guitar Association of Sri Lanka with the support of Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo, Russian Centre, Colombo, Ministry of Art and Culture, Govt of Sri Lanka and Abans (Pvt) Ltd., The programme commenced with the welcome address by Mr. Avik Saha , President of Asian Guitar Federation followed by a performance by Mr. Benjamin Theophilus from India followed by Dr. Paul Cesarczyk. Dr Paul kept the audience spell bound with his array of presentations. The event concluded with a small speech by H.E. Florentino Batista, Ambassador of Cuba and vote of thanks by Mr. Iqbal Mohammed founder of Guitar Association of Sri Lanka. Around 160 guests participated.







29 October Dussera Celebrations by the Ladies Club of High Commission of India

To celebrate Dussera, Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organised a variety of cultural programmes in association with the Ladies Club of the High Commission of India, Colombo. Programme started with a welcome address by the First Lady Mrs. Girija Sinha. Members of HCI, Colombo Ladies club presented bhajans, dance numbers, group Bollywood songs, ghazals etc. Programme ended with a fashion show by all the members of the club. It was attended by members of the Indian Community in Colombo.





Monthly Activity Report - November 2015

5 November Deepadhvani Sandhvani - a programme to mark Diwali—Festival of lights

The Indian Cultural Centre organized a special programme to celebrate the Deepavali festival on 5 November 2015 at the Centre in collaboration with Moksha Art of Dance. The programme included pooja, bhajan and various Kathak and contemporary dance numbers. The students of Moksha art of Dance and students of ICC, Colombo participated and decorated the centre with lights and diyas. Around 150 guests attended the event.



Director - Adoor Gopalakrishnan

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in collaboration with Asian Film Centre, Colombo organized **Meet the Director Padma Vibhushan Adoor Gopalakrishnan** on 9th November 2015 at its auditorium. Following the talk by the legendary Director Adoor Gopalakrishnan, a documentary film by Girish Kasaravalli titled '**Images and Reflections: A Journey into Adoor's Imagery**' was screened.

The 90 minute documentary showcased Adoor's films, images, technicalities and political sense. The documentary had eleven selected scenes from Adoor's films along with interviews, insights from people who knew him. Even Kasaravalli has interviewed Adoor in this documentary. Around 60 guests attended the event.



Day Celebration

The Indian Cultural Centre celebrated children's day, which falls on November 14, coinciding with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, by hosting a painting, drawing and essay writing competition for children on 14th November. Around 250 children from all over the Island participated in the competitions held at the Centre. Boys and girls between the age groups of three and fifteen drew and painted colourful pictures on a wide variety of themes using their imagination. It was interesting to see such enthusiasm among the children. At the end of the day each participant was awarded a certificate for participation. All entries completed at the Centre were sent to India to be adjudged in the Shankar's International Competition 2016.





Exhibition of Photographs Celebrating Life with Colours by JayatiSaha

An Exhibition of photographs titled *Celebrating Life with colours* by award winning Indian photographer JayatiSaha was organized by the Indian Cultural centre, Colombo in collaboration with University of Visual and Performing Arts ,Photographic Society of Sri Lanka and University of Kelaniya from 15th to 24th November 2015 in three different galleries. Around 50 colorful captivating images displaying three different themes "Phoenix-Rising from the ashes","GoldenJejuri" and "Temple Holi"depicting festival of colors were exhibited.

Photo-artist Jayati Saha of India amazes with her frames of nuanced light and shadow, seamlessly fusing her art with technical finesse. Jayati's extremely sensitive eye has captured moments glistening with human emotionsand her forte is seeing the unseen and the unnoticed. Jayati's works have been critically acclaimed with **awards** including International Photography Awards, 2014|Prix De La Photographie Paris, 2015|Travel Photographer Asia, 2015|Humanity Photography Awards, 2015.

15 - 19 November J.D.A.Perera Gallery, Colombo 07

The exhibition was inaugurated by His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha and Mrs. Girija Sinha on 15th November. The exhibition at the J.D.A Perera gallery was jointly organized by the Indian Cultural Centre and the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo. Prof. Aryarathne Kaluarachhi, VC, Prof Podinilame, Dean of Visual Arts,Prof. Chandraguptha Thenuwera, Mrs.Rajashree Behera, Director ICC and artiste Ms. Jayati Saha were present at the inauguration. Many other

High Commissioner, Ambassadors and art
und 500 visitors visited the gallery.

A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by
Ms. Saha on 17th November at the University for students, faculty
members and public.





20-22nd November at Harold Peiris Gallery

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Photographic Society of Sri Lanka organized the exhibition as a concurrent event of the 60th Annual International Competition and an Exhibition of Photography. The exhibition was inaugurated on 20th November by Mrs. Ananya Bagchi. Mr. R.H. Samarakone, President of Photographic Society of Sri Lanka, Ms. Jayati Saha, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera, members of PSSL and other dignitaries were present at the occasion. A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by Ms. Saha on 21st November at the PSSL Auditorium, Lionel Wendt Memorial Art Centre for the members of the Society and general public.





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Art Gallery of University of Kelaniya

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the University of Kelaniya organized the photo exhibition at the art gallery of the University of Kelaniya from 23-25th November. The exhibition was inaugurated on 23rd by Prof. Sarath Amunugama, Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya. Dr. Laksman Seneviratne, Dean of humanities, Dr. Prashanthi Narangoda, Head of the department, Visual Arts and Design and Performing Arts, Mrs. Rajashree Behera, Director, ICC, Photographer Jayatisaha, faculty members of university, students and photo lovers were present at the inauguration. A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by Ms. Saha on 24th November at the University of Kelaniya.



Kathak workshop by Dr. Vidhi Nagar

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Kathak workshop by Dr. Vidhi Nagar from India on 18th November 2015, at its auditorium. Kathak teachers, and students of Sri Lanka participated in this workshop. The workshop concluded with a performance by Dr. Vidhi, which enthralled the audience gathered at the Centre. Around 80 participants attended the workshop and the performance. Dr. Vidhi Nagar, Associate Professor, Department of Dance, Faculty of Performing Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.



Natyam Recital by J. JeyaSanggari

J.Jeya Sanggari from Malaysia presented a classical Bharatha Natyam Recital at the Centre on 27th November. Her performance included Slokas, Puspanjali, Keerthanam, Pada Varnam, Kavadi Chindu and concluded with Thillana. Her performance was very well appreciated by the audience gathered at the centre. Around 100 guests attend the event. A recipient of ICCR scholarship, Ms J. Jeya Sanggari Completed Bachelor of Dance (Bharatha Natyam) and Master of Dance (Bharatha Natyam) at Annamalai University Chidambaram. She also completed Title of Nattuvangga Kalaimani at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India. She was also teaching at Mailai Sapthaswarangal, Mayiladuthurai, India and Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India.



Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015

The Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies , University of Colombo in collaboration with the Indian Cultural centre organized Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015 at the Centre on 30th November 2015. Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne, of Buddhist and Pali unit, University of Colombo delivered the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015.

The Deputy High Commissioner of India, Shri Arindam Bagchi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the welcome address by the Director of the Indian Cultural centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera followed by the introduction of the Guest Speaker by the Director of the CCIS Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa. The Lecture by Prof. Tilakaratne was followed by an interactive session with the audience. The Chief Guest Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India also addressed the gathering. Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne is an eminent renowned Buddhist scholar and academician.





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**Indian Cultural centre
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Monthly Activity Report - December 2015

6th & 7th December--- Sitar & Tabla Workshop by eminent artistes from India--- Pandit Anindo Chatterjee and Shri Purbayan Chatterjee

Renowned musicians Pandit Anindo Chatterjee and Shri Purbayan Chatterjee conducted Tabla and Sitar at the Indian Cultural centre for Sri Lankan students. The workshop was jointly organized by the Amaradeva foundation and the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo. Around 40 students participated in each session.



11 December Kathak Performance by Hansa Himawanthi

Hansa Himawanthi presented a brilliant Kathak dance performance at the Centre who kept the audience spellbound. Her presentations included Vandana, Tarana and many more. Her disciples also presented few items. She concluded her performance with an item choreographed with a Sri Lankan low country dancer to show the similarities between Kathak and the Sri Lankan low country dance. Around 100 members attended.





14 December Carnatic Vocal Music Recital

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a carnatic vocal music recital by Chrishanthi Rajiv Clement on 14 December at its auditorium. Chrishanthi Rajiv Clement is an ICCR scholar has completed Bachelor of Arts in Indian Music from University of Madras. She is teaching carnatic music in Isipathana College, Colombo. Around 70 members attended the recital.



18 December Friday Matinee - Paa

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo screened the film Paa on 18th December at its auditorium. Paa is a 2009 Indian comedy-drama film directed by R. Balakrishnan, starring Amitabh Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan, and Vidya Balan. The film is based on a rare genetic condition known as progeria and places emphasis on a father-son relationship. Around 40 guests attend the screening.

