

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
Activities of August 2016

4 August To commemorate 75th death anniversary of Gurudev Rambindranath Tagore - International seminar - "Revisiting Rabindranath Tagore's Legacy"

To commemorate the 75th Death Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS) of the University of Colombo in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Colombo organized an International Seminar titled "*Revisiting Rabindranath Tagore's Legacy*" on 4th August 2016 from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Senate Hall, College House, University of Colombo.

His Excellency Mr. Y.K. Sinha, the High Commissioner of India graced the inaugural session of the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mr. Arindam Bagchi, the Deputy High Commissioner of India, Ms. Maleka Parveen, Acting High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Senior Prof Lakshman Dissanayake, The Vice Chancellor | University of Colombo, Prof Nayani Melegoda, Dean | FGS, Mrs. Rajashree Behera, Director | Indian Cultural Centre and Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Director | CCIS were among the distinguished guests who attended the Seminar. Dr Martin Kämpchen from Santiniketan, India delivered the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session.

Prof Amrit Sen, University of Visva-Bharati | Santiniketan, Ms. Madhubhashini Disanayaka Ratnayake, Senior Lecturer | University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Mr. Susil Siriwardene (Writer, Critic and Retired SLAS), Mr. Daya Dissanayake (Writer, Critic and Columnist) presented their papers at the academic session. Emeritus Professor K.N.O. Dharmadasa moderated the academic session.







8 & 23 August

**Arts of Glory - An all Island Poetry & Art Competition
Organized by CLEON Academy of Speech Drama and
Leadership**

The Arts of Glory - An all Island Poetry & Art Competition organized by the CLEON Academy of Speech Drama and Leadership was held at the Centre on 8th & 23rd of September. The competition was held for the ages between 5-19. Around 50 students took part in the competition both days. The Centre was the venue partner of this event.



13 August 70th Independence Day Celebrations

Sahanartana - Kathak Recital by Pragati Sood Anand, renowned danseuse and her ensemble from India

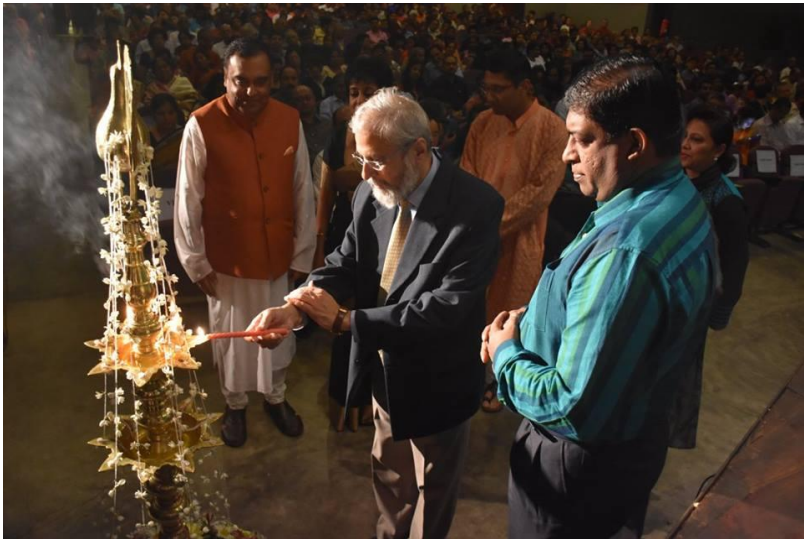
To commemorate the 70th Independence Day of India and as part of the ongoing "Sangam: Festival of India in Sri Lanka", the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Kathak recital titled "Sahanartana" by renowned danseuse from India Ms. Pragati Sood Anand and her ensemble at Bishops College Auditorium on Saturday, 13 August 2016. The programme was organized with the support of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi; the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka, and The Gateway Hotel, Colombo.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance, Sri Lanka and Mrs. Karunanayake graced the occasion as Chief Guests. His Excellency Shri Y.K. Sinha presided over the function.

The programme commenced with the lighting of the oil lamp and this was followed by national anthems of both the countries. The video clips made specially to mark the 70th Independence day by the Ministry of External Affairs were screened. Following the screening His Excellency Shri Y.K. Sinha and the Chief Guest Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Finance addressed the gathering. The speeches were followed by an enthralling performance of Pragati Sood Anand and her troupe. Around 700 audiences attend the performance.

The troupe also performed and conducted a workshop at the centre on 14th August 2016. On 15th August a workshop at Sabaragamuwa Provincial Central Library Auditorium, Ratnapura in the morning and a performance on the same day at Sabaragamuwa Provincial Central Library Auditorium, Ratnapura in the evening. On 16th August they conducted a workshop at Arakawila Drama Foundation and a performance again on the same day evening at the same venue.















15 August Performance by ICC students at the Flag hoisting Ceremony on the occasion of 70th Independence Day of India

The students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented two dance items choreographed by guru Kalasoori Vasugy Jegatheeswaran at the flag hoisting ceremony held on 15 August at the India House.



26 August Friday Matinee - The Legend of Bhagat Singh

As continuation of the 70th Independence day of India the Indian Cultural Centre screened a Hindi Film "The Legend of Bhagat Singh" Friday 26 August 2016 at its auditorium.

Legend of Bhagat Singh is a 2002 Indian historical biographical film about Bhagat Singh, a freedom fighter who fought for Indian independence. The film was directed by Rajkumar Santoshi starring Ajay Devgan, Sushant Singh, and D. Santosh. The film got two National Film Awards, including the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi, and three Filmfare Awards, including the Filmfare Critics Award for Best Movie. The Legend of Bhagat Singh shows in detail how Singh came to develop his views on the British Raj and his struggle for Indian independence. Around 30 members attended the screening.