

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report – February 2015

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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1 film screening for Hindi students – MatrukiBijilika Mann dola

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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Food Extravaganza

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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