

**Indian Cultural centre  
Colombo**

**Monthly Activity Report - February 2016**

**3 February      Print Making as Mass Communication**

Shivaji Mukund Shet, Ph.D Research scholar of Shantiniketan delivered a talk on Print Making as Mass Communication at the centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The lecture was organized by the Friends of Shantiniketan in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Centre. He elaborated his talk with a power point presentation. Around 30 members attended the lecture.



## 12 February Vasant Panchami Celebrations

The Hindi class students and the teachers celebrated Vasant Panchami at the centre. The Celebrations commenced with a pooja and concluded with variety of cultural programmes. Around 60 students from all classes, teachers and the staff members of the Centre participated.











## 12 February    Lecture – Success and Peace through Vedanta

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a lecture on "Success and Peace through Vedanta" on 12 February 2016 at its auditorium by Ms. Umayal Venugopal. She spoke how Vedanta helps a person to be successful in life and how it gives an inner peace to a person. Her talk was delivered with a power point presentation. Around 75 guests attended the event.

Umayal is disciple of the internationally renowned Vedanta Philosopher and Management resource Swami Parthasarathy. She had completed the three-year residential Diploma in Vedanta course at the Vedanta Academy, India. She has dedicated her life for a full time study, research and dissemination of Vedantic knowledge and its practical application for a decade. She has mastered the art of presenting the sublime truths of Vedanta clearly and precisely in simple language both in English and Tamil.





## 19 February    Sri 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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 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. Around 400 guests participated in this music festival.



















## 24<sup>th</sup> February-An evening of Sufi songs from bollywood

Nimatha Heshan Gamage and his disciples presented an evening of Sufi songs at the Centre. The performance comprising of 15 songs included pure Sufi songs to the Sufi melody film songs. Some of the songs were presented with improvisations. Around 75 guests attend the event.

Nimantha Heshan Gamage learnt many basics of music at the Sangeetha Ashramaya conducted by Sangeeth Visharad Nanda Malini. He made his mark as a juvenile dubbing artiste of the SLBC and did his MA music at Indira Kala Sangeeth University in India. He also performed in many different TV channels and secured favorable responses from audiences. His expertise in singing and playing music instruments paved the way to his becoming a lecturer in Kathak dancing department of the University of Visual and Performing Arts in Colombo. His special talent in voice modulation and voice projection inspired him to found an institution called "Aavaaz - School of Music and dancing" where he aspires to create a group of students trained in his own unique style of singing.











## 27<sup>th</sup> February Workshop/Seminar on Hindi

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a symposium and workshop on "Videshi Chhatron ke liye Pustak ki Bhasa ko Saral and Sahaj Bana ne ke bisya mein Rachnatmak lekh" with professors ,lecturers and teachers of Hindi from all over Sri Lanka on 27th February 2016 at the centre. They established " Hindi Prachar Mitra Mandal" to devise ways of effective propagation of Hindi in Sri Lanka. This event was coordinated by Long Term Hindi Chair Ms. Shirin Qureshi and the local Hindi teachers of ICC.















