

**Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
April 2017**

27th March to 2nd April Hindi seminar & Examinations 2017-

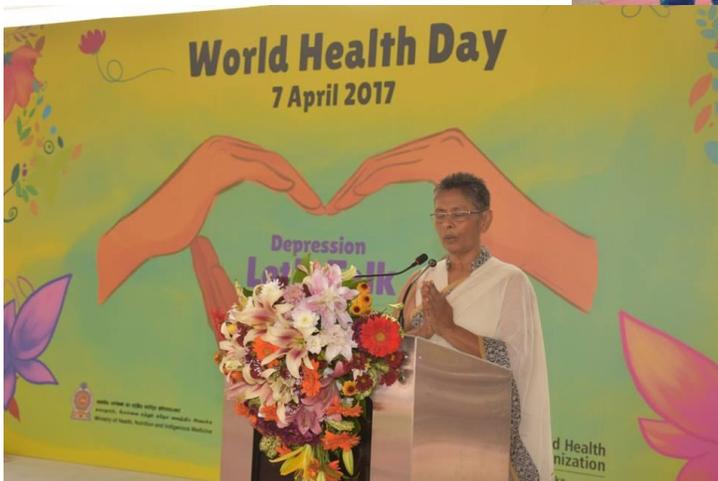
The Hindi examinations were conducted by the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra through the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo on 1st & 2nd April at the Law Faculty Hall of the University of Colombo. Three examiners were sent from KHS, Agra who conducted a week long seminars at the Centre from 18th April to 22nd April to prepare the students for the examinations. 400 students sat for the examinations.



7th April Curtain Raiser - International Day of Yoga-2017

Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo organized curtain raiser event to International Day of Yoga- 2017 with Yoga demonstration at the World Health Day celebration by WHO, Sri Lanka at Independence square Arcade on 7th April 2017 in the presence of Hon'ble Dr Rajitha Senarathne, Minister of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine, H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India, Dr. Jacob Kumaresan, WHO representative to Sri Lanka, Ms. Una McCauly, UN Resident Coordinator, Ms Anoja Weeresinghe, film actress and other distinguished guests. The yoga session was conducted by yoga instructor of Indian Cultural Centre Sri Vyasa Kalyanasunderam with demonstrations of Hatha yoga and Pranayama with special reference to mental health, and depression pertaining to the theme of World Health Day Celebration. Around 100 members participated in the session.





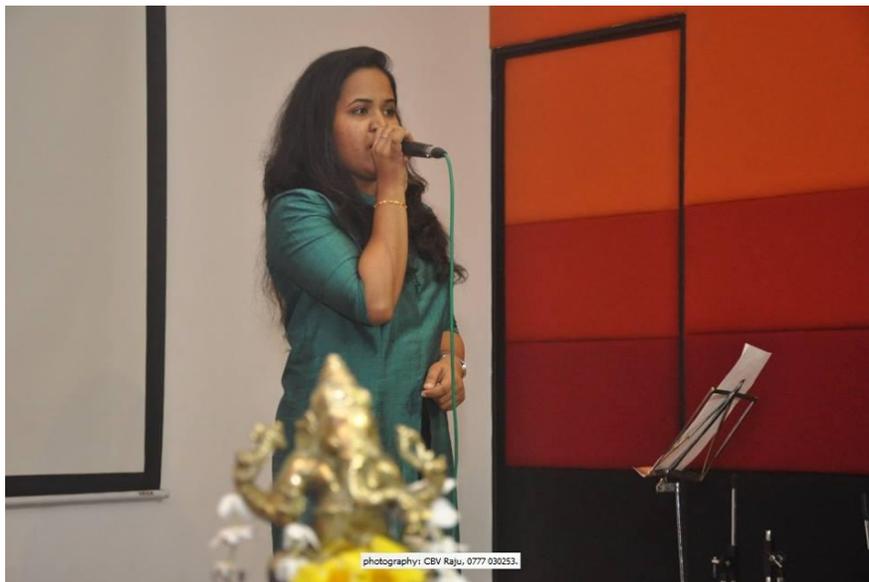
5th April to 9th April -Colombo International Theatre Festival - Workshops

Colombo International Theatre Festival conducted 4 days Workshops at Indian Cultural Centre. Dramatists from various countries such as India, Sweden, Armenia, Belarus and Sri Lanka conducted these workshops. Various theatre groups as well as upcoming dramatists took part in the workshops. Around 20 students participated in each session of the workshop. The festival was organized by the Inter act art Black Box Theatre House.



21st April Gurukul Sandhya by the Hindi students of Gurukul Language Centre

The Hindi students of Gurukul Sandhya presented a cultural evening at the Indian Cultural Centre . The evening included a variety of items such as songs,dance, drama, instrumental recitals. The even concluded with a felicitation ceremony to the Long Term Hindi Chair Ms. Shirin Qureshi. Around 120 guests attended the event.





25th April Curtain Raiser - International Day of Yoga-2017

Yoga Therapy workshop for children with special needs was conducted by Ms. Jyoti Jo Manuel from UK. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir and Institute for Human Excellence on 25th April 2017.



26th April A musical evening - Hindustani & Instrumental by Kalinga Ekanayake

Sangeet & Vadya Nipun Kalinga Ekanayake presented an evening of Hindustani Vocal & Instrumental recital at the Centre. His performance was very well appreciated by the audience gathered at the Centre. Around 75 guests attended the event.

Kalinga Ekanayake is an eminent Sri Lankan Classical musician who has achieved two Nipun degrees for vocal and Instrumental from "Bhathkhande Sangeet Vidyapeeth Lucknow, India in 2007 & 2010. He is a stunning Vocalist, and also plays instruments like Violin, Harmonium, Tabla ,Sitar , Esraj , Flute, Guitar , Organ. He is currently teaching at his own institute Sathsaranee Sangeetha Kalayathanaya at Maharagama. He has been awarded a special appreciation for his talent in the Year of 2012 by the Maharagama Pradeshiya Saba.





27th April -Avurudu--Sinhala Tamil New Year Celebrations

On 27th April the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized Avurudu to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. The event was organized by Moksha Samarasooriya and the Kathak class students of the Centre. The one day event included various activities such as traditional rituals, making traditional sweet items, playing rabaan, dances, songs and many games and competitions. Around 100 students and teachers took part in the event.





