

**Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
Activities of January 2017**

6th January

**"Dushayanta Shakuntala" – Hindi Drama based on Kalidasa's
Abhijnanasakuntalam**

As a part of World Hindi Day 2017 celebrations, the Hindi students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented a Hindi Drama titled "Dushyanta Shakuntala" based on Kalidasa's Abhijnanasakuntalam. The play was very well appreciated by the guests as it was the first attempt by the Hindi students of ICC to do a play and the actors executed their characters very well. Around 100 guests attended the play. The drama was organized and staged at the Panibharatha Auditorium in collaboration with the University of Visual and Performing Arts.



9th January

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017

The high Commission of India, Colombo celebrated Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017 on 9th January 2017 at the Indian cultural Centre auditorium. A documentary film on the theme was screened. Around 60 members of community of Indian origin attended the event. Sri Arindam Bagchi, Acting High Commissioner presided over the function.



10th January World Hindi Day celebrations - 2017

World Hindi Day 2017 was celebrated at Indian Cultural Centre on 10th January 2017. The first ever Hindi magazine of Sri Lanka "Sri Lanka Hindi Samamchar" was released, being published by ICC, Colombo. Eminent Hindi experts from Sri Lanka were felicitated by Hindi Prachar Mitra Mandal for their contribution for propagation of Hindi in the island. Acting High Commissioner H.E Shri Arindam Bagchi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. A 22 member delegation from Sanskritik Sahitik Sodh Parishad, India consisting of Vice chancellors, Hindi professors and lectures participated in the event. Hindi Students and teachers of 20 institutes and universities from all over Sri Lanka presented cultural programmes.





**18th January "Stepping into Prosperity"- a lecture on Zodiac Luck by
S.B.S.Surendran, Vaastu and Feng Sui expert**

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a lecture on zodiac luck of "Stepping into Prosperity" by S.B.S Surendran on prosperity through Vaastu and Feng Shui in the year 2017. He elaborated his talk with a slide show. The lecture was followed by question and answer session. Around 100 guests attended the lecture.

S.B.S.SURENDRAN is an Electrical Engineer by profession and pursues his keen interest in Vaastu & Fengshui. He is the first and only Indian to receive accreditation from the international Feng Shui Association (IFSA), Singapore. He has been a practicing consultant for Vaastu and Feng Shui science for over 16 years now. He also offers consultations to various Industries, Organizations, MNCs, projects, Film Making and Homes for a very long time now in India, South East Asia, Japan and Europe.



25th January 68th Republic day of India Celebrations

As a part of 68th Republic Day Celebrations of India, the Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo organized an Odissi dance recital on Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at 7 pm at Bishops College Auditorium, Colombo. The dance recital, "Taal Taranga", was performed by Rudrakshya Foundation of India, led by eminent Odissi Guru Sri Bichitrnanda Swain from Odisha, India sponsored by ICCR, New Delhi. The programme was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Sri Lanka and Taj Samudra. Hon. Mano Ganesan. Minister for National Co-existence Dialogue and Official Languages graced the occasion as Chief Guest. H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka presided over the function. Several Diplomats, High Commissioners and Secy Culture, Govt of Sri Lanka, Representatives from UN organizations, CEOs, Local Indians and dance lovers of Sri Lanka attended the performance. The performance lasted for one and half hours leaving the audience spellbound.





Rudrakshya group also performed on 26th January at India House, Colombo. Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Minister of special assignments graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Ministers of Sri Lanka, dignitaries, HCI officers, diplomats and special invitees attended the event.



The group also toured to many other places in Sri Lanka to perform for the Republic Day celebrations organized by AHCI, Kandy and CGI, Hambantota. On 27th January the group performed at Wayamba Provincial Council Auditorium Kurunagale, on 28th January at Central Provincial Council auditorium in Kandy and on 29th January at Halle de Galle.

26th January 2017- 68th Republic day of India Celebrations – Flag hoisting ceremony at India House

The dancers of the Indian cultural Centre presented a dance item Vande Mataram-an ode to Motherlandt at the India House on the occasion of 68th Republic Day of India flag hoisting ceremony.

