

**Indian Cultural Centre
High Commission of India
Colombo
Events of November 2017**

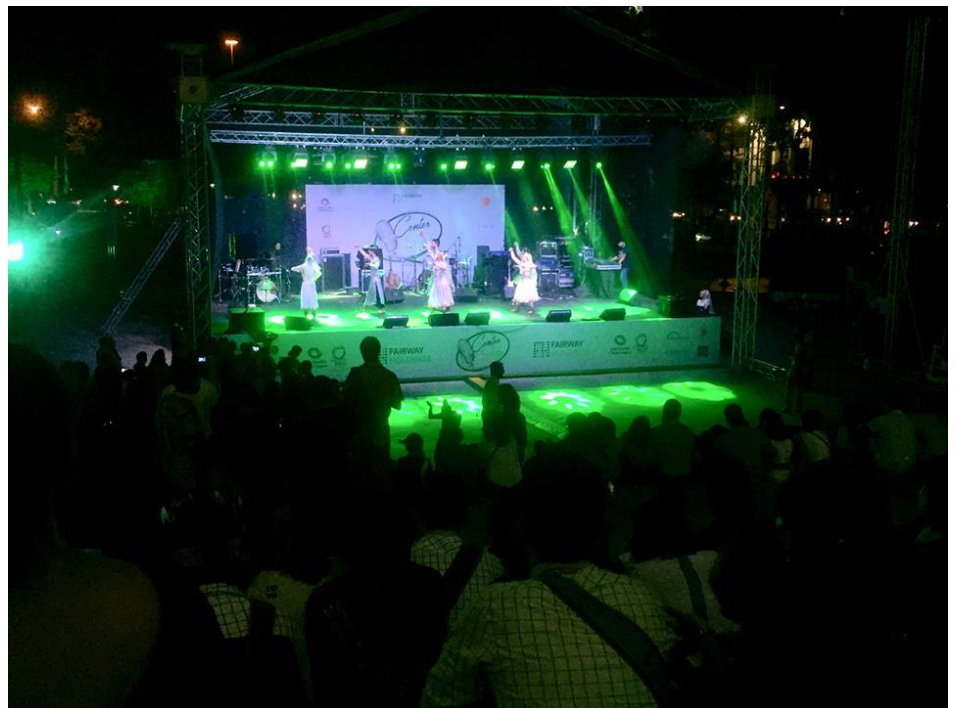
**1 November- Presentation of Hindi books to Sri
RahulaBalikaVidyalaya**

Indian Cultural Center donated Hindi books to Sri Rahula Balika Vidhyalaya, Malabe for the students learning Hindi in O and A level students where Hindi is being taught since last 7 years. Dr Shirin Qureshi, Long Term Hindi Chair distributed the books.



2 November-Kathak performance by ICC students at Asia Pacific Choir Games

Kathak students of ICC performed at the Centre Stage at Neelam Pokuna as a part of Asia Pacific Choir Games directed by ICC kathak teacher Ms Mokshya Samarasooriya. Around 1500 guests participated in this event.



10th November- Crafts revival in sri Lanka

Cane and metal workshop by Indian expert Mr. SonamTashi from Sikim with Sri Lankan artisans held at the Centre. The event was organized in collaboration with Hands of Sri Lanka – National Crafts Foundation. The workshop held from 10th to 23rd of November at the Centre.



11November- Celebrating Childrens' day – Shankar's International Children's Competition 2018

The Indian Cultural Centre celebrated children's day, which falls on November 14, coinciding with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, by hosting a painting, drawing and essay writing competition for children on 11th November. Around 350 children from all over the Island participated in the competitions held at the Centre. Boys and girls between the age groups of three and fifteen drew and painted colourful pictures on a wide variety of themes using their imagination. It was interesting to see such enthusiasm among the children. His Excellency Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner graced the occasion and interacted with the talented budding artists.

At the end of the day each participant was awarded a certificate for participation. All entries completed at the Centre were sent to India to be adjudged in the Shankar's International Competition 2018.







14 November- Artist Talk with Prof. JogenChowdhury

The Indian Cultural Center, Colombo in collaboration with Santiniketan Friends organized an interaction session and a Lecture on "Contemporary Indian Art" by world renowned Indian Painter Jogen Chowdhury from Santiniketan on 14th November at its auditorium . He shared his thoughts and experiences. He also presented a power point presentation of some of his works. The talk concluded with an interactive session. Around 75 guests participated.

JogenChowdhury is an eminent Indian painter of 21st century India. He is known for his ability to successfully marry traditional imagery with the zeitgeist of contemporary painting, in a skillful blend of an urbane self-awareness and a highly localized Bengali influence.



Punjabi Folk dance and music performance by troupe from Ministry of Culture, Government of India

17th November

Artistes from North Zone Cultural Centre, Punjab, India presented a vibrant and colorful Punjabi folk dance performance on 17th November at the Viharamaha Devi Open Air theatre.

Hon.S.B.Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, welfare and Kandyan Heritage, MrsDissanayake, H.E. Taranjit Sigh Sandhu, High Commissioner inaugurated the event. Punjabi folk Dance and Music group sponsored by Dept. of Culture, Govt of India gave a thrilling colorful performance at the inaugural event which was much enjoyed by the Sri Lankan public. Around 600 guests attended the event.

19th November at Hall de Galle

The troupe also performed on 19th November 2017 at Hall De Galle. Mr. Tharaka Nanayakkara, Private Secretary to the Honorable Governor of Southern Province, Ms. Radha Venkatraman, Assistant High Commissioner of India, Kandy, Mr Wernon Perera, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural & Youth Affairs - Southern Province, Mr. A.U. Welarathne, Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries & Industrial Development- Southern Province, Mr. Gamini Weerawickrama, Acting Chief Secretary- Southern Province, other local dignitaries including Principals/Vice Principals/teachers of leading schools in Galle and around 300 local residents participated in the event. The audience at Galle thoroughly enjoyed the rustic Punjabi Folk Dance & Music on display which included Bhangra and other dance forms integral to Punjab's culture and was accompanied by live singing in real folk tradition. The audience joined in with the artistes for a dance together at the end of the programme.

21st November at Pollonnaruwa

The Punjabi Folk Dance and Music group gave an enthralling performance at Polonnaruwa with gracious presence of Hon.Wasantha Senanayake, State Minister for Foreign Affairs. School children and public enjoyed jamming with Bhangra.





17th,18th& 19th November- UTSAV- a cultural extravaganza

Celebrating India@70, Indian cultural Centre organized a 3 day cultural festival from 17-19 Nov at ViharaMahadevi Open Air theatre. The festival was inaugurated with a colorful Punjabi folk dance and musical evening with the gracious presence of Hon.S.B.Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, welfare and Kandyan Heritage, MrsDissanayake, H.E. Taranjit Sigh Sandhu, High Commissioner, H.E. Atul Keshap, US Ambassador and many other dignitaries. On 18-19 it showcased popular Indian culture through Yoga practise sessions, Panel Discussions on AYUSH, Indian cuisine and Cookery show, Antakshari and fashion shows by Hindi students, Bollywood Dance and Music show, Hindi movie shows,handicraft, jewelery and Mehndi stalls.The festival was attended by more than thousand of SL people and Indian Community strengthening people to people contact.

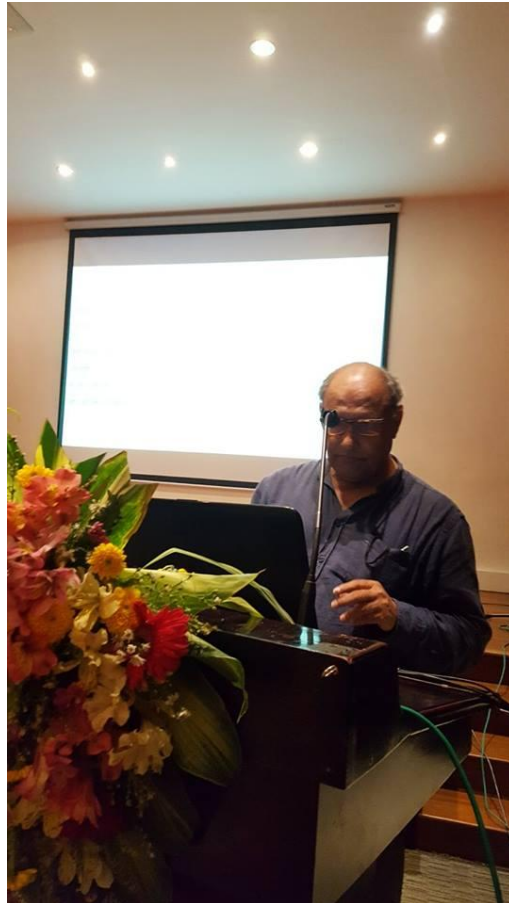






20th November – Workshop on spoken Hindi through e-learning

Dr. Vijay Malhotra, expert from India conducted a workshop on Spoken Hindi through E- Learning at the Centre on 20th November. Around 60 Hindi students and teachers from different institutions participated in the workshop.



22nd November – Lecture on Yoga

Dr. Manjunath Nandi Krishnamurthy, Director Research and International Affairs, S-VYASA University, Bangalore, India delivered a talk on Preserving Vitality through Yoga on 22 November. The lecture was organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandir & A.A.Y.U.S.H. Around 120 guests attended the lecture.



24th November- BharathaNatyam Recital

BharathaNatyam recital presented by "Nrithya Kala Rathna" Chinnamanur J. Krishna Kumara Bharatanatyam dancer from India captivated the audience gathered at the Centre. The programme which lasted an hour included the traditional repertoire of BharathaNatyam. Around 100 guests attended the recital.



25th November – Screening of documentary film “Heal”

Director Kelly Noonan Gores' documentary “HEAL” featuring Dr. Deepak Chopra, Dr Joe Dispenza, Anita Moorjani, Bruce Lipton, Marianne Williamson, Dr. Michael Beckwith, Gregg Braden, Anthony William the Medical Medium, Dr. Kelly Turner and many more, was screened at Indian Cultural Centre auditorium. The film takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey where we discover that our thoughts, beliefs, and emotions have a huge impact on our health and ability to heal. This film shows how a new understanding of the miraculous nature of the human body is an extraordinary healer within us all. Around 120 guests attend the screening. Event was organized in collaboration with Deva residency and A.A.Y.U.S.H



25th November – Lecture on Siddha medicine

Lecture on Siddha Medicine by Dr R.S. Ramaswamy, DG, Central Council Research in Siddha Medicine, Ministry of Ayush, Govt of India held on 26th November was organized at the ICC Auditorium in association with AYM and AAYUSH Sri Lanka. Around 120 guests attend the lecture.

