

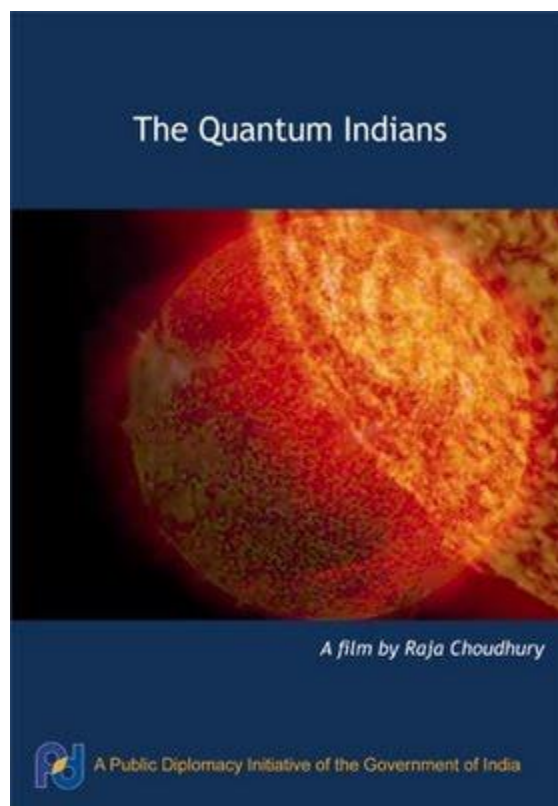
**Indian Cultural Centre
Colombo**

Activities - April, 2014

10 April Documentary Film the Quantum Indians

Indian Cultural Centre screened the documentary film titled the Quantum Indians directed by Raja Choudhury on Thursday 10 April at its auditorium.

The film is about the significant three Indian scientists at the turn of the 20th Century. The world was witnessing a renaissance in the area of quantum physics though the work of great scientists such as Max Planck, Albert Einstein, Ernest Rutherford or Neils Bohr. Unknown to the world, three Indian scientists were also making significant contributions to the quantum world with revolutionary deductions, interpretations and theories. Dr. Satyendra Nath Bose formulated the BOS-Einstein Statistics and Bose - Einstein Condensate. Sir C. V. Raman gave the world the Raman Effect, Dr. Meghnad Saha produced an equation that explained stellar radiation. The film is a tribute to the three exemplary minds, the significance of whose contributions remains of vital importance even today. Around 35 guests attended the screening.



16 April Guru Upahara – A concert to commemorate Visharadha Sunil Santha by Visharadha Dr. Mahinda Tennekoon

To commemorate Visharadha Sunil Santha Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a concert by Visharadha Dr. Mahinda Tennekoon on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at its auditorium.

Guru Upahara - 2014 consisted of Sunil Santha's melodies, which have been very popular over the years. Olu Pipila Vila Lela Denawa and Suwanda Rosa Mal Nela were some of the well-known songs of Sunil Santha that was sung by Dr. Tennekoon.

Visharadha Dr. Mahinda Tennekoon has completed his Visharadha from the Bhatkande Sangeet Vidyapeet, Lucknow in 2005. The programme is of one-hour duration under the music direction of Ranjit Yapa and the orchestra consisted of Madhushanka on Violin, Somasiri on Tabla, Rohan on Box Guitar and Ranjit on Keyboard and Harmonium. Around 120 guests attended the event.









21 April Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebrations at ICC, Colombo by ICC students

The students of the Indian Cultural centre celebrated Sinhala & Tamil New Year at the Centre on 21st April with much fun and festivities. The One day long celebration included various games, activities and contests relevant to the New Year.









22 April Thri Nayaka a Bharatha Natyam Recital by dancing trio Amila Rumesh, Pranesh Subramaniam & Dakshith Samaraweera

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a Bharata Natyam Recital titled "Thri Nayaka" presented by the dancers of Aru Sri Art Theatre on Tuesday 22 April 2014

The dancing trio namely Amila Rumesh, Pranesh Subramaniam and Dhakshoth Samaraweera who presented the recital learnt Bharata Natyam under the veteran Gurus of Kalakshethra, Chennai and performed their Arangetram. Later they joined Aru Sri Art Theatre, to gain experience in performance, choreography, and theatre productions under the guidance of Kalasuri Dr Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan.

The trio commenced their performance with Shankarabharanam, Ardhanarishvara, Bho Shambo, Nandi Choll, Krithi, Priye Charusheela, Jagan Mohana ney Krishna and concluded with Thillana. Around 140 guests attended the event.

The dancing trio has performed in most of the theatre productions of Aru Sri Art Theatre, both on national and international platforms in Singapore, India and Indonesia.









Scholarships for studying Hindi in India – KHS, Agra

In the month of March the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo called for applications for the Scholarships for studying Hindi in India for Sri Lankan students by issuing Press Releases in various newspapers in the 3 main languages. 34 applications were received and interviews were held on 25 April 2014, after the interviews 15 were short listed and forwarded to Kendriya Hindi Sansthan.

25 April An evening with K. Satchidanandan – Poet and Scholar from India

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized an evening with K. Satchidanandan, Poet and Scholar from India at the centre on 25 April.

The evening commenced with a lecture by Prof. K. Satchidanandan in which he spoke about the various poets and their works. This was followed by a poetry reading session of the poems written by Professor.

The session was followed by a book launch in which Prof. Satchidanandan launched the book edited by Mr. So. Pathmanathan titled "Tamil Short Stories from Sri Lanka" and Mr. M. Ramachandran, Director ICC received the first copy. Mr. So Pathmanathan also spoke briefly about his book and Prof. Satchidanandan reviewed the book. Around 100 guests attended the event.





