

**Indian Cultural Centre
Colombo
Activities - February, 2014**

12 February Screening of Documentary: Sama – Muslim Mystic of India

Indian Cultural Centre screened the documentary film titled Sama directed by Sharia Khan at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 12 February 2014 at its auditorium.

The film explores the Islamic music traditions in India and portrays how they have borrowed and taken inspiration from the culture of the India, in both form and content to become a truly magnificent sound. The film discovers that connection which allows the artiste to become one with creator and experience peace, calm, serenity and Joy.

Shazia was born in Kashmir and completed her Masters in Mass Communication from AJK MCRC, Jamia Millia Islamia in 1999. She has directed more than ten documentaries and done a huge body of work for international channels like Dutch National Broad Cast Television, NMO, DHM, France 24 and France 2 and Caravan. Her documentaries won awards and were screened at various International Film Festivals. Around 25 guests attended the screening.



18 February

Bharatha Natyam Recital by S.L. Mohamed Rashan

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a Bharata Natyam Recital by S.L. Mohomad Rashan on Tuesday 18 February 2014 at 6.00 pm at its auditorium.

Rashan commenced his performance with Alarippu and continued with a Patham "Varegalama Aiya" in raagam Manj and thalam Misra Chappu, a Keerthanam "Ananda Nadamadum Paadam" in ragam Kedara Gowlai an talam Aadi and concluded with Thillana. His performance was very well received and appreciated. Around 90 guests attended the event.

Mohomad Rashan has completed his 4-year Diploma course in Bharatha Natyam with First Class from the Kalakshetra College of Fine Arts, India. He is presently pursuing following BFA (Bachelor of Fine arts) at Kalaikaveri University, India. He has received his initial training in Bharata Natyam under Kalasuri Vasugi Jegatheeswaran at the Natya Kala Mandir Centre for Visual and Performing Arts, Sri Lanka. He has also learnt Kandyan and Low country dances.







21 February

**Nrithya Samarpanam – A Bharatha Natyam recital to mark the
Maha Sivarathri Festival**

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a classical dance programme titled "Nrithya Samarpanam" to mark the Maha Shivarathri Festival on Friday 21 February 2014 at 6.00 pm at its auditorium.

The dance programme was presented by the by artists of Nruthana Dance School, Natya Kala Mandhir, Nirmalanjali School of Dance and Swasthic Academy.

The dance compositions were choreographed by eminent Bharatha Natyam teachers of Sri Lanka - Shivanandhi Haridharshan, Vasugy Jegatheeswaran, Nirmala John. Suriyakala Chandrika Jeevananthan and Geethanjali Sudharshan. The programme was organized by Indian Cultural centre in association with Media Manthra. Around 140 guests participated in the event.







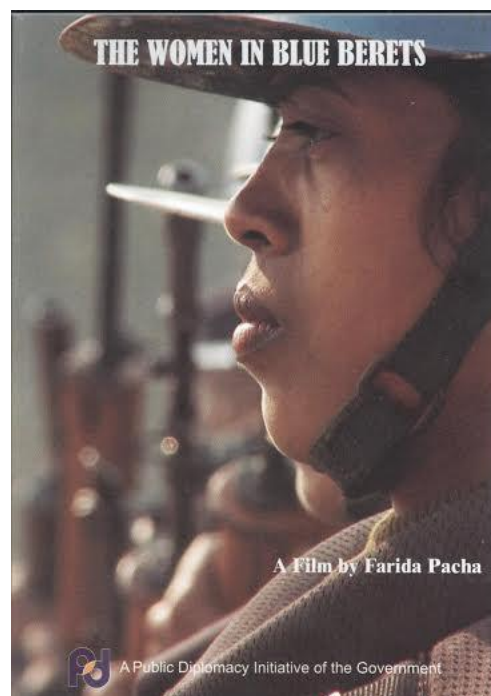






26 February

Screening of Documentary: The Women in Blue Berets



Indian Cultural Centre screened the documentary film titled the Women in Blue Berets directed by Farida Pacha at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at its auditorium.

The film explores about Liberia, a nation scarred by 14 years of brutal civil war, stands at critical moment in its history as it heads for its second democratic election in October 2011. This selection will decide the country's future course towards peace and stability or violence and chaos. Assisting the UN peace keeping operations is special unit from India an all women police contingent. Deployed yearly since 2007, it is the first such unit of its kind. Will the India police women succeed in their mission to keep the peace in Liberia?

Farida, the director of the film has an MFA in Filmmaking from Southern Illinois University, USA. She has made several experimental, educational and Documentary films. Her documentary for PSBT, The Seed Keepers, won the 2006 National Film Award for the Best Agricultural Film. All are welcome. Around 30 guests attended the screening.