

# Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

## Activities - November, 2013

### 8 November Deepadhvani Sanndhvani

The Indian Cultural Centre organized a special programme to celebrate the Deepavali festival on 8 November 2013 at the Centre. The programme included pooja, bhajan and dance. The performance was presented by Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya, Kathak teacher of the Centre and her disciples. Around 200 guests participated in the event. The bhajan was led by Visharad. M.A.P. Samarasooriya. The pooja was conducted by the gurukkal of Vishnu temple and the dance performance was presented by Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya in Kathak style and MrJayatha Karunasekera in Bharata Natyam style.

The performance was followed by a reception.





## 20 November Bharatha Natyam Recital – Natya Kavyam by Mohanapriya Thavarajan

Mohanapriyan Thavarajah presented Natya Kavyam on 20 November at the Indian Cultural Centre. The performance was based on Rasas of Bakhti, Vatsalayam and Shringaram deriving from the various ancient Indian text of dance, music and theatre. Some of the items he presented were Nataraja Dhiyanam – an abstract choreography inspired by the various iconic imageries of Nataraja, Annaiyai Potri – based on the Vatsalya Rasa, a composition by Maha Kavi Subramanya Bharathi, Nandanar and Shringaram. The performance lasted for an hour was very well appreciated by the audience. Around 120 guests attended the performance.









**23 November**

**Shankar's International Children's Competition 2014  
Painting, Drawing and Essay Competition for Children coinciding  
with the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**

The Indian Cultural Centre celebrated children's day, which falls on November 14, coinciding with the birthday of Shri Jawaharlal Nehru, by hosting a painting, drawing and essay writing competition for children on 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Around 275 children from all over the Island participated in this competition. 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. 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 2014.













## 25 November      India International Art Exhibition

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaborations with Art Katta, Pune & Inter Act Art, Colombo organized an Art Exhibition at the Centre.. The exhibition was inaugurated on 25 November by Mr. M.Ramachandran, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre in the presence of Mr. Chandraguptha Thenuwara, well known artist of Sri Lanka and a scholar. India International Art Exhibition 2013 was a confluence of 27 artists all over India. The exhibition was held from 26 to 29 November at the Centre. Several art critics, art lovers and general public visited the Centre for viewing.











**26 November**

**Nrityollasam – the joy of dance**

Dr. Sanjay Shantaram and his disciples from the Shivapriya School of Dance, Bangalore presented an evening of dance titled Nrityollasam. The performance lasted an hour and a half and it was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the audience gathered at the Centre. They presented, Pushpanjali, Ganesha sthuthi, Natha tharuma nisham, a song on Lord Hanuman, Koalatam and concluded with Thillana. Around 60 guests attended the event.







**27 November**

**Qaumi Ekta Week**

The Indian cultural Centre and the High Commission of India, Colombo organized an evening of Dance to observe the Qaumi Ekta Week on 27 November. The students of Natya Kala Mandir trained by Kalasuri Vasugy Jagatheeswaran performed dances based on for patriotic songs on the unity of India. The staff members of the Indian High Commission attended the event.



### **South Asian Band Festival**

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo assisted the Band Troupe from Sri Lanka, Stigmata in their participation at the South Asian Band Festival organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi and SEHER from 29 November to 1 December 2013. Bands from various countries participated in this festival. The five member band named “Stigmata”, representing Sri Lanka performed in New Delhi on 30 November 2013.