

**Indian Cultural Centre  
Colombo**

**Activities - September 2012**

**Hindi Day Celebration 2012**

On 14th September 2012 Hindi Day was celebrated by the teachers and students of Indian Culture Centre, Colombo. To celebrate the occasion ICC organized many competitions such as hand-writing, essay, slogan, reading, one- act play, poetry recital, Hindi elocution, poetry writing and story writing for its students. Hindi song competition was held as the main competition on 14th of September 2012. The Chief Guest was Mr. Upali Rajapaksha, the Director, Old Hindi Film & Song Lovers Society and Mr. Hemalal Geetha Dev, Mr. Sunil Dharmavardhana and Ms. Sashikala Samarasingha, members of Sri Lanka Hindi Rasika Sangh, Hindi Geeth Sangh, Old Hindi Film & Song Lovers Society participated in the song competition as judges to adjudge the singing.

The programme commenced with welcome address by Mr. Ibrahim Khan, Long Term Hindi Chair. In his speech he spoke on the keen interest shown by Sri Lankans to the Hindi language, songs and films. Mr. Brezil Nagoda Vithana, Hindi Teacher, ICC, explained the aims and objectives of celebrating Hindi Day. Ms. Nadeera Shewanathi, Hindi teacher ICC, coordinated the song competition. More than 75 students participated in the celebrations. Ms. Deshani Vithanage, Ms. Chathurika and Ms. Punya Katriarachchi were awarded first, second and third place respectively. Ms. Kithani, Ms. Nitya, Ms. Hansika, Ms. Suwini and Ms. Umali were given consolation prices.

Mrs. Athila Kotalawala, Hindi Teacher, ICC delivered the vote of thanks.











## Visit of a delegation from Santiniketan, Visva-Bharati to Sri Lanka

A 42 member delegation from Santiniketan led by Mr. Sushantha Dattagupta Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan and comprising of faculty members and students visited Sri Lanka.



The Indian Cultural Centre organized a visit of the Shantiniketan Faculty and the Students to Sri Palee College, on 3 October. Sri Palee College is the institution of which the foundation was laid by Gurudev Tagore himself during his visit to Sri Lanka in 1934 and is modeled on the lines of Santiniketan. The visiting delegation had interaction with the Sri Palee college authorities and teachers as well as with the members of its Past Pupils' Association. The visiting delegation presented dance and songs in the Sri Palee College Auditorium. The students of Sri Palee also enthralled the visitors with Kandyan dance.





On 3 October 2012, faculty members and students from Santniketan presented “Shaap Mochan” of Rabindranath Tagore, a dance-drama at John De Silva Theatre, Colombo.

On 4 October 2012, the troupe performed dance-drama “Chandalika” of Rabindranath Tagore at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall. The performance was graced by H.E. Ashok K. Kantha, High Commissioner of India. The Colombo leg of the visit was organized by the Global Organisation of the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO), Sri Lanka.

The Indian Cultural Centre assisted in publicizing the event and coordinating the performances.

