

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report – January 2015

12 January World Hindi day celebrations by Hindi Students of Sri Lanka

To celebrate the World Hindi Day the Indian Cultural Centre Colombo organized various competitions such as reading, impromptu speech, poetry recitation, drama, dances, essay writing, hand writing and drawing competitions for children etc. The competitions were held on 2nd, 3rd and 10th January and on 12th January 2015 the prize giving for the winners and the certificate distribution for the candidates who have successfully completed the Hindi Examinations which was held in March 2014.

His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the lighting of the oil lamp, Saraswathi Vandana followed by welcome speech by Director, ICC, speech by the Chief Guest His Excellency Y.K.Sinha, prize distribution for the winners of the competitions and successful candidates of the Hindi examinations. The main event was followed by a cultural performance presented by the students from various institutes involved in propagating Hindi. Around 250 students and parents participated in the event.





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Bharatha Natyam Recital by Sathurthiga Anthan

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Bharatha Natyam Recital by Sathurthiga, ICCR scholarship holder, at 6.00 pm on Friday, 16 January 2015 at its auditorium located at 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 07.

She commenced her performance with AanandaNarthanaGanapathi and continued with Shanmugapriyagowthuvam, Patham, Vaaranamaayiram, Astapathi and concluded with Kavadichindu. Around 80 guests attended the recital.





Hindustani Vocal Music Recital

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Hindustani Vocal Music Recital by Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi at its auditorium. He sang the evening ragas, bhajans and also improvised few ragas in way to suit the mood of the audience gather to witness his performance.

Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi is a noted Indian classical vocalist in the Dhrupad-Dhamar-genre of Hindustani classical music, and belonging to the Dharbhanga gharana. Pandit Vinod Kumar Dwivedi is a well known dhrupad Dhamar singer. He wrote around 500 songs including bandishes of Dhrupad-Dhamr, khayal, Charurangs, Bhajan and geet. Dwivedi is an artist at All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan in Lucknow. Around 100 guests attended the event.





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Saluting the 66th Republic Day of India – “ Salute: Celebrating India” performance by sitar and zitar Maestro Shri Niladri Kumar and troupe

As a part of the 66th Republic Day celebrations of India, the Indian Cultural Centre organized Salute : Celebrating India performance by sitar and zitar maestro Shri Niladri Kumar and his troupe, on 25 January 2015 at 7pm at Bishops College, Auditorium, Colombo.

Hon. Ms. Rosy Senanayake, State Minister for Child Development, Government of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. His Excellency Y.K. Sinha, High Commissioner of India presided over the event.

The programme is being organized with the support of ICCR, India-Sri Lanka Foundation, the Ministry of Culture and Art, Government of Sri Lanka, Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo and Lanka IOC Ltd.

Niladri Kumar is truly a rare instrumentalist with unique repertoire ranging from traditional, classical compositions on the sitar to his innovative, electrifying renditions on the sitar. Be it at his highly acclaimed Indian classical Music Recitals or his rave reviewed World Music concerts, this Maverick musician leaves every music lover orthodox or progressive spellbound with his flashes of unparalleled brilliance and his uncanny ability to strike an instant rapport with the audiences transcending all age barriers.

Niladri Kumar with his prodigious technique has been bestowed with several prestigious awards and valued titles such as Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Purakar for Hindustani Instrumental Music, the Sanskriti Award, the Jadubhatta Puraskar, the MTV IMMIES Best Classical/ Fusion Instrumental Album –IF, Shanmukha Shree, Surmani, GIMA for the Best Instrumental album for AURA and many more.



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ied Niladri kumar are Angelo Fernandes (Banks (Drums) Ramdas Gajan Palusle (Tabla) and Deepak Jagdish Bhatt (dhol). Around 800 guests attended the event.





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26 January Cultural performance by the students of ICC

The students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented a cultural performance on 26 January at the flag hoisting ceremony at India House. Classical Bharatha Natyam and a fusion style in Kathak & Bharatha Natyam dance items under the guidance of their guru's Kalasoori Vasugy Jeggatheeswaran and Moksha Samarasooriya were presented. Patriotic songs were also presented by the students under the guidance of Ms. Manjula Seneviratne. Around 1000 guests attended the event







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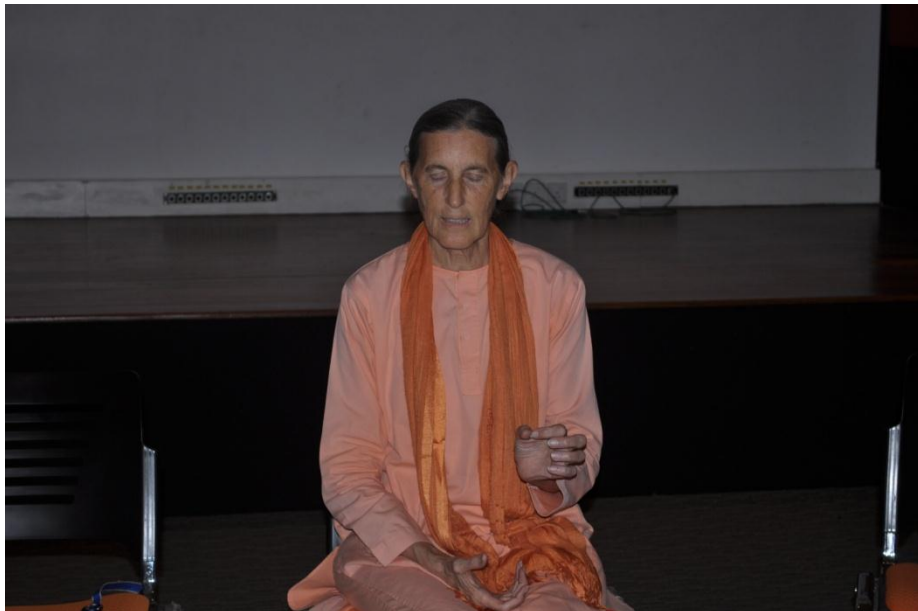
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Workshop and Lecture on Fundamentals of Hatha Yoga conducted by Swami Divyananda

Indian Culture Centre, Colombo organized a Yoga workshop Fundamentals of Hatha Yoga conducted by SWAMI DIVYANANDA(Integral Yoga – USA) and Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasunderam (Chief Yoga Instructor-Indian Cultural Center) on 29th and 30th January in association with Astanka Yoga. Around 25 members participated in the 2 day workshop.





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