

**Indian Cultural Centre
High Commission of India
Colombo
Events of February 2018**

7 February –Music Beyond Borders

Music Beyond Borders -celebrating India & Sri Lanka@70. Indian Cultural Centre partnered with Sri Lanka Symphony Orchestra to present a melodious musical evening. Members of Bombay Chamber Orchestra sponsored by ICCR, New Delhi collaborated with musicians from Sri Lanka to present a grand musical evening conducted by Viswa Subramanya from USA and eminent pianist Marialena Fernandes from India, attended by 750 music lovers .Prof Maithri Wickramasinghe, spouse of PM of Sri lanka, His Excellency ShriTaranjit Singh Sandhu , High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion.



7 February – Peace is my dream – A concert by Amb. Nirupama Rao

As a part of celebrating India and Sri Lanka@ 70 Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo presented Peace is my Dream- a unique concert by Amb. Nirupama Menon Rao as lead Singer along with Ms. Soundarie David Rodrigo in Piano and Mr. Nieranjan De Silva on Keyboard, bringing together musicians from India and Sri Lanka projecting unity through Music.

Prof. Maithri Wickramasinghe, wife of PM of Sri Lanka, H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India and many other dignitaries and music lovers graced the occasion and enjoyed the musical evening. Around 120 guests attended the event.



16 February – Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana – Festival of Carnatic Music

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in association with the Hindu Educational Society and the Express Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd organized 14th Sri Thyagaraja Aradhana, an annual Carnatic music festival paying homage to the great Carnatic music composer Thyagaraja, on 16th February 2018 at the Saraswathie Hall Colombo 04. Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The festival commenced with welcome address by Smt. Rajashree Behera, Director Indian Cultural Centre followed by a speech by Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India mentioning the importance of such events to strengthen cultural links.

Musicians, vocalists as well as instrumentalists from all over Sri Lanka rendered Pancharatna Keerthanas (five songs) of Thyagaraja on this occasion. The choral rendition of the five songs is an integral feature of the Aradhana. In this year's festival new feature "Thiyagaraja Narthanam" was added. Musicians from various institutes of Sri Lanka and India presented keerthanas as groups and for those keerthanas dance pieces were presented. This event was coordinated by Kalasuri Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan, Carnatic vocal teacher at ICC.

Around 350 guests participated in this festival.





23 February – Friday matinee – Hindi Film – Jolly LLB

Indian Cultural Centre screened a National Award winning Hindi Film “**Jolly LLB**” on 23 February 2018 at auditorium. Jolly LLB is a 2013 Indian Hindi film (comedy) written and directed by Subhash Kapoor starring Arshad Warsi, Boman Irani, Saurabh Shukla and Amrita Rao in the lead roles. The storyline is inspired by real 1999 hit-and-run case. The film won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi and Saurabh Shukla won the National Film Award for Best Supporting Actor.

27 February - Lecture on Vaastu-Home Deco'r for prosperity

Mr. S.B.S. Surendran, Vaastu and Feng Sui expert from India delivered a lecture at the Centre titled "Home decor for Prosperity" followed by Q and A session. The event was graced by Mrs Ira Siripala de Silva, spouse of Hon. Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva, Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Arindam Bagchi and many other Vaastu enthusiasts.



