

**Indian Cultural Centre
High Commission of India
Colombo
MRE- October-2017**

4-8 October-Performances by ICC students at ShilpaAbhimani - 2017

The students of the Indian Cultural Centre and ICCR scholars performed at the ShilpaAbhimani – International handicraft exhibition 2017 from 4-8 October held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference organized by National Crafts Council, Govt of Sri Lanka where number of artisans from India participated. A Bharatanatyam performance was presented by the students under the guidance of their guru KalasooriVasugyJegatheeswaran, Kathakali and Mohiniyattam was presented by ICCR scholars Mr. Madhushanka & Ms. Nishali and 8th a Bolloywood - Kathak fusion performance was presented by the students under the guidance of their Guru Moksha Samarasooriya. The exhibition was inaugurated by H.E. Maithripala Sirisena and several dignitaries attended the event. The performances were very well received and appreciated.



6 October-Garba and Dandiya Night

The Hindi class students and teacher of the Centre organized Garba and Dandiya Night at the Centre. The programme started with Devi puja for the auspicious beginning. The Hindi and kathak students of ICC performed Garba and Dandiya items to begin the evening followed by participation of public and members of Indian community. Around 150 guests from local Indian community, members of High Commission and local community attended the event.



12 October Dussera Celebrations by the Ladies Club of High Commission of India along with members of Indian Community

Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with High Commission of India Ladies Club celebrated Dussera Festival at the Centre with a variety of cultural programmes presented by the members including drama, dance numbers, group Bollywood songs, etc. It was attended by members of the Indian Community in Colombo.



13 October Friday Matinee

Indian Cultural Centre screened Hindi film titled "Manjhi- The Mountain Man" directed by Ketan Mehta and produced by Nina Latha Gupta and Deepa Sahi starring Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Radhika Apte in lead roles.



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FRIDAY MATINEE

MANJHI – THE MOUNTAIN MAN (HINDI)

DIRECTED BY KETAN MEHTA
CAST: NAWAZUDDIN SIDDIQUI, RADHIKA APTE, TIGMANSHU DHULIA AND URMILA MAHANTA

ON FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2017
AT 3.00 P.M.
AT INDIAN CULTURAL CENTRE
16/2, GREGORY'S ROAD,
COLOMBO 07
(DURATION – 2 HRS)

Entry free...seating first come first serve basis. All are cordially invited.



MANJHI
THE MOUNTAIN MAN

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THE STORY OF A MAN WHO MADE A MOUNTAIN FOR LOVE

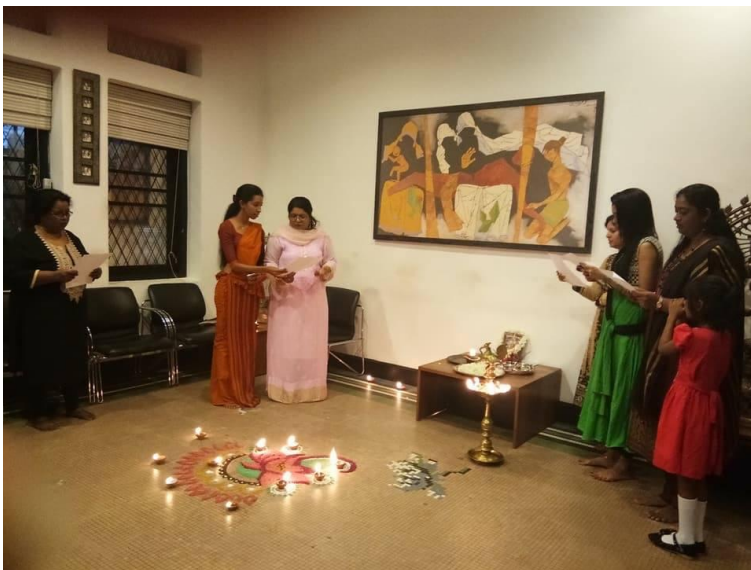
18 October Diwali Celebrations

The Mission celebrated Diwali on 18th October in a grand manner at Taj Samudra. The programme commenced with an address by the high Commissioner His Excellency Taranjit Singh Sandhu and followed by a magic show and few games for children and adults.



19 October Diwali Celebrations at ICC

Students and teachers of Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo celebrated no cracker pollution free Deepavali at the Centre. The celebrations commenced with a pooja and followed by Cultural activities.



20 October Hindustani Violin and Vocal Orchestral performance

Disciples of Dr. SomasiriIllesinghe captivated the audience with their brilliant orchestral performance. The performance included five compositions of Dr. Illesinghe on violin and two vocal performances. The evening was very well enjoyed by the audience. Around 80 guests attended the performance.

Dr.SomasiriIllesinghe obtained his Visharada degree from the Bhatkhande University, Lucknow, India and has been trained under eminent guru Prof.G.N.Goswamy. Mr. Illesinghe has served in the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation from 1966 to 1982 and at the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation from 1982 to 1999 and retired as the Director of Music. Mr. Illesinghe has been teaching Violin since 1999 at the Indian Cultural Centre.



23 October Mahatma Gandhi Oration

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with Sri Lanka India Society and Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies organized Mahatma Gandhi Oration on 23rd October at BCIS auditorium. Amb.NirupamaRao, Former Foreign Secretary of India and former High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka delivered Mahatma Gandhi Oration - "Mahatma Gandhi: The Ageless Life" .

His Excellency ShriTaranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India and several dignitaries from various stratagraced the occasion. The event commenced with offering flowers to the Gandhi bust and followed by welcome address by the President of Sri Lanka India Society Mr. T.Prakash. This was followed by an introduction to the guest speaker - Amb. NirupamaRao by Mr.Tilak de Soyza and vote of thanks was given by Secretary SLIS Mr. SaravananNeelakandan.





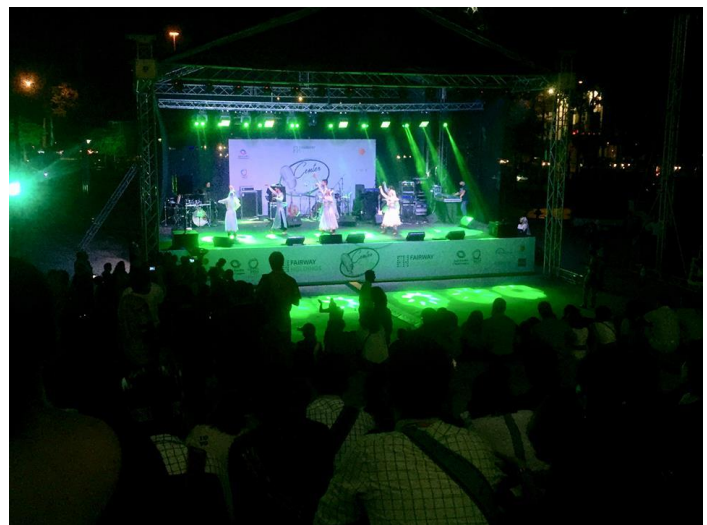
23-28 Asia Pacific Choir Games Workshops

The workshops of the Asia Pacific Choir Games were held at the Centre from 23-28 October organized by Colombo Cultural Hub Trust and Interkulturel. 64 Choir groups from all over the world including eight renowned groups from India participated in the event and workshops.



25 October Kathak Performance at Asia Pacific Choir Games by ICC students

Kathak students of ICC performed at the Centre Stage at Neelam Pokuna as a part of Asia Pacific Choir Games directed by ICC teacher Ms Mokshya Samarasooriya.



31 October Celebrating National Unity Day-2017

142nd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India was celebrated on 31st October 2017 with the gracious presence of Hon.Dr. Harsha de Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policy and Economic Affairs, Govt. of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, the High Commissioner. A photographic exhibition on life and times of Sardar Patel was held at the Centre which was inaugurated by Hon.Dr. Harsha de Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policy and Economic Affairs, Govt. of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, the High Commissioner. Documentary films on life of Sardar Patel were screened. Students of Indian Cultural Centre presented a cultural segment with attires from different states of India showcasing India's Unity in diversity. This programme was organized in collaboration with GOPIO, Sri Lanka.









<p align="center">Indian Council for Cultural Relations Indian Cultural Centre (Colombo) Monthly Activity Report for October 2017</p>							
S.No	Particulars / Description	New Registration	Number of Students fees paid	No. of Classes Weekly	Total No. of Classes during the Month	Registration Fees Collected SL.Rs	Fees Collected SL.Rs
1	Hindi Classes	18	64	16	64	2,700.00	12,800.00
2	Instrumental Classes (Sitar)	3	21	1	4	750.00	6,300.00
3	Instrumental Classes (Violin)	1	2	1	4	250.00	600.00
4	Instrumental Classes (Tabla)	1	7	2	8	250.00	2,100.00
5	Vocal Music Classes (Carnatic)	0	12	2	8	-	3,600.00
6	Vocal Music Classes (Hindustani)	0	0	0	0	-	-
7	Dance Classes (Bharathanatyam)	1	8	4	16	250.00	4,000.00
8	Dance Classes (Kathak)	2	8	2	8	500.00	4,000.00
9	Yoga Classes	31	124	8	32	7,750.00	62,000.00
	Total for the month = SL.Rs 107,850.00 = (I.Rs 45,678.00)	(October 2017)				12,450.00	95,400.00
	Total upto previous month = SL.Rs 336,900.00 = (I.Rs 155,394.00)	(April 2017 - September 2017)					
HCI Colombo, Official Exchange Rate for October 2017		I.Rs 1.00 = SL.Rs 2.3611					
		US \$ 1.00 = I.Rs 64.8000					

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Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
Monthly Activity Report for October - 2017

S. No	Date	Description	Exhb.	Conf. & Seminar	Perf. Arts	Nos. of Artists	Name of Chief Guest/Guests of Honor	Nos. of Guest / Audience	Media Coverage	Exp. Incurred in INR 1INR = SLR 2.3611	Revenue Collected	Remarks
1	4-8 October	The students of the Indian Cultural Centre and ICCR scholars performed at the ShilpaAbhimani - International handicraft exhibition2017 held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference organized by National Crafts Council, Govt of Sri Lanka	-	-	Yes	-	H.E. Maithripala Sirisena inaugurated the festival.	3000	-	31,765.00	-	Organized by the Government of Sri Lanka

2	6 October	The Hindi class students and teacher of the Centre organized Garba and Dandiya Night at the Centre	-	-	-	-	-	150	Publicity was given in local newspapers, electronic media, ICC monthly newsletter and ICC face book.	5082	-	-
3	12 October	Dussera by the Ladies Club of High Commission of India along with members of Indian Community	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,397.00	-	Collaboration with Ladies Club of high Commission
4	12 October	Screened Hindi film titled "Manjhi-The Mountain Man" directed by Ketan Mehta	-	-	-	-	-	60	Publicity was given in local newspapers, electronic media, ICC monthly newsletter and ICC face book.	-	-	-

5	18 October	The staff members and their families of the Mission and ICC celebrated Diwali	-	-	-	-	-	260	-	14,743.00	-	-
6	19 October	Students and teachers of Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo celebrated no cracker pollution free Deepavali	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	-	-	-

7	20 October	Hindustani Violin and Vocal Orchestral performance by disciples of Dr. Somasiri Illesinghe	-	-	Yes	-	-	80	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	9,952.00	-	-
8	23 October	Mahatma Gandhi Oration - Amb. Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary of India and former High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka delivered Mahatma Gandhi Oration - "Mahatma Gandhi: The Ageless Life".	-	Yes	-	-	His excellency Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India	170	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, invitations and ICC face book	47,433.00	-	In collaboration with Sri Lanka India Society and Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies

9	23-28 October	The workshops of the Asia Pacific Choir Games were held at the Centre	-	Yes	-	-	-.	Each session nearly 100 members	Publicity was given in, ICC monthly newsletter and through ICC, Colombo face book	-	-	Organized in collaboration Colombo Cultural Hub Trust and Interkulturel
10	25 October	Kathak Performance at Asia Pacific Choir Games by ICC students	-	Yes	-	-	-	1000	-	10,588.00	-	Organized in collaboration Colombo Cultural Hub Trust and Interkulturel
11	31 October	Celebrating National Unity Day-2017 - 142nd Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India was celebrated	-	-	-	-	Hon.Dr. Harsha de Silva, Deputy Minister of National Policy and Economic Affairs, Govt. of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, the High	100	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	30,922.00	-	Organized collaboration with GOPIO, Sri Lanka

