

Monthly Activity Report - November 2015

5 November Deepadhvani Sandhvani - a programme to mark Diwali—Festival of lights

The Indian Cultural Centre organized a special programme to celebrate the Deepavali festival on 5 November 2015 at the Centre in collaboration with Moksha Art of Dance. The programme included pooja, bhajan and various Kathak and contemporary dance numbers. The students of Moksha art of Dance and students of ICC, Colombo participated and decorated the centre with lights and diyas. Around 150 guests attended the event.



Director - Adoor Gopalakrishnan

The Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo in collaboration with Asian Film Centre, Colombo organized **Meet the Director Padma Vibhushan Adoor Gopalakrishnan** on 9th November 2015 at its auditorium . Following the talk by the legendry Director Adoor Gopalakrishnan,a documentary film by GirishKasaravalli titled '**Images and Reflections: A Journey into Adoor's Imagery**' was screened.

The 90 minute documentary showcased Adoor's films, images, technicalities and political sense. The documentary had eleven selected scenes from Adoor's films along with interviews, insights from people who knew him. Even Kasaravalli has interviewed Adoor in this documentary. Around 60 guests attended the event.



Day Celebration

The Indian Cultural Centre celebrated children's day, which falls on November 14, coinciding with the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, by hosting a painting, drawing and essay writing competition for children on 14th November. Around 250 children from all over the Island participated in the competitions held at the Centre. 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 2016.



Exhibition of Photographs Celebrating Life with Colours by JayatiSaha

An Exhibition of photographs titled Celebrating Life with colours by award winning Indian photographer JayatiSaha was organized by the Indian Cultural centre, Colombo in collaboration with University of Visual and Performing Arts ,Photographic Society of Sri Lanka and University of Kelaniya from 15th to 24th November 2015 in three different galleries. Around 50 colorful captivating images displaying three different themes "Pheonix-Rising from the ashes","GoldenJejuri" and "Temple Holi"depicting festival of colors were exhibited.

Photo-artist Jayati Saha of India amazes with her frames of nuanced light and shadow, seamlessly fusing her art with technical finesse. Jayati's extremely sensitive eye has captured moments glistening with human emotionsand her forte is seeing the unseen and the unnoticed. Jayati's works have been critically acclaimed with **awards** including International Photography Awards, 2014|Prix De La Photographie Paris, 2015|Travel Photographer Asia, 2015|Humanity Photography Awards, 2015.

15 - 19 November J.D.A.Perera Gallery, Colombo 07

The exhibition was inaugurated by His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha and Mrs. Girija Sinha on 15th November. The exhibition at the J.D.A Perera gallery was jointly organized by the Indian Cultural Centre and the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo. Prof. Aryarathne Kaluarachhi, VC, Prof Podinilame, Dean of Visual Arts,Prof. Chandraguptha Thenuwera, Mrs.Rajashree Behera, Director ICC and artiste Ms. Jayati Saha were present at the inauguration. Many other

High Commissioner, Ambassadors and art
und 500 visitors visited the gallery.

A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by
Ms. Saha on 17th November at the University for students, faculty
members and public.





20-22nd November at Harold Peiris Gallery

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Photographic Society of Sri Lanka organized the exhibition as a concurrent event of the 60th Annual International Competition and an Exhibition of Photography. The exhibition was inaugurated on 20th November by Mrs. Ananya Bagchi. Mr. R.H. Samarakone, President of Photographic Society of Sri Lanka, Ms. Jayati Saha, Director of the Indian Cultural Centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera, members of PSSL and other dignitaries were present at the occasion. A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by Ms. Saha on 21st November at the PSSL Auditorium, Lionel Wendt Memorial Art Centre for the members of the Society and general public.





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Art Gallery of University of Kelaniya

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the University of Kelaniya organized the photo exhibition at the art gallery of the University of Kelaniya from 23-25th November. The exhibition was inaugurated on 23rd by Prof. Sarath Amunugama, Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya. Dr. Laksman Seneviratne, Dean of humanities, Dr. Prashanthi Narangoda, Head of the department, Visual Arts and Design and Performing Arts, Mrs. Rajashree Behera, Director, ICC, Photographer Jayatisaha, faculty members of university, students and photo lovers were present at the inauguration. A Presentation titled "Painting a story with images" was presented by Ms. Saha on 24th November at the University of Kelaniya.



Kathak workshop by Dr. Vidhi Nagar

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a Kathak workshop by Dr. Vidhi Nagar from India on 18th November 2015, at its auditorium. Kathak teachers, and students of Sri Lanka participated in this workshop. The workshop concluded with a performance by Dr. Vidhi, which enthralled the audience gathered at the Centre. Around 80 participants attended the workshop and the performance. Dr. Vidhi Nagar, Associate Professor, Department of Dance, Faculty of Performing Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.





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Bharatha Natyam Recital by J. JeyaSanggari

J.Jeya Sanggari from Malaysia presented a classical Bharatha Natyam Recital at the Centre on 27th November. Her performance included Slokas, Puspanjali, Keerthanam, Pada Varnam, Kavadi Chindu and concluded with Thillana. Her performance was very well appreciated by the audience gathered at the centre. Around 100 guests attend the event. A recipient of ICCR scholarship, Ms J. Jeya Sanggari Completed Bachelor of Dance (Bharatha Natyam) and Master of Dance (Bharatha Natyam) at Annamalai University Chidambaram. She also completed Title of Nattuvangga Kalaimani at Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India. She was also teaching at Mailai Sapthaswarangal, Mayiladuthurai, India and Annamalai University, Chidambaram, India.



Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015

The Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies , University of Colombo in collaboration with the Indian Cultural centre organized Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015 at the Centre on 30th November 2015. Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne, of Buddhist and Pali unit, University of Colombo delivered the Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture - 2015.

The Deputy High Commissioner of India, Shri Arindam Bagchi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The programme commenced with the welcome address by the Director of the Indian Cultural centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera followed by the introduction of the Guest Speaker by the Director of the CCIS Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa. The Lecture by Prof. Tilakaratne was followed by an interactive session with the audience. The Chief Guest Shri Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner of India also addressed the gathering. Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne is an eminent renowned Buddhist scholar and academician.





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