

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report

- **Gandhi Jayanti**

The Indian Cultural Centre organized an evening of music and dance to commemorate the 145th birth anniversary of Gandhi ji. The programme commenced with garlanding the bust of Gandhi by His Excellency Y. K. Sinha and this was followed by a welcome address by Ms. Esha Srivastava, First Secretary (Press & Information). The evening included screening of a short documentary on Gandhi titled "A simple man, world calls Mahatma" a sitar duet of Gandhi bhajans, students also sang bhajans beloved to Gandhi and concluded with a Kathak dance recital. Around 100 guests attended the event.





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The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the India Sri Lanka Society organized Gandhi Oration at the Indian Cultural Centre on 7 October 2014. His Excellency Y.K.Sinha graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Dr. (Mrs.) Samya Charika Marasinghe, D.Phil (Oxon) was the guest speaker. Her lecture was titled "Re-knitting the torn social fabric of the communities affected by the war-whose responsibility?" A Gandhian Perspective. Around 75 guests attended the event.





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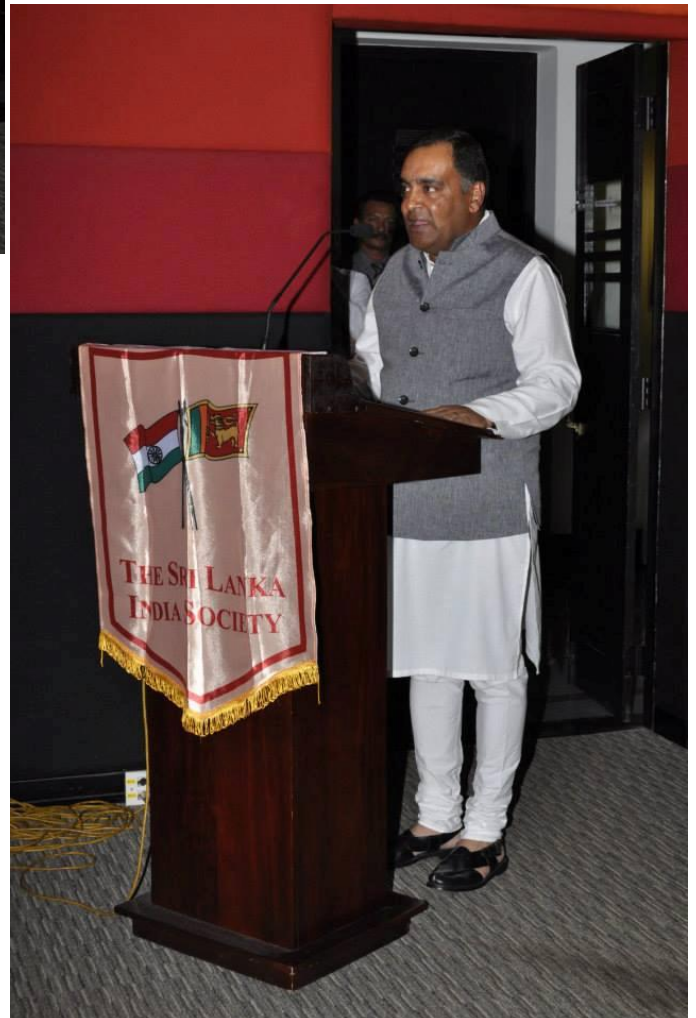




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"Pranayama Techniques in Ancient Scriptures" by Dr.

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized a lecture on yoga titled "Pranayama Techniques in Ancient Scriptures" by Dr. T. Sumanethiran. The session was chaired by Dr. Vicknevery Selvanathan. Dr. Sumanethiran spoke about how Pranayama is an important aspect of yoga practice and its technical aspects. The summary of the session was done by Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasunderam yoga instructor of the Indian Cultural Centre. Around 75 guests attended the lecture.





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“Kabuliwala” at Indian Cultural Centre

Indian Cultural Centre screened the Hindi Film “Kabuliwala” directed by Hemen Gupta and music by Salil Choudhury at 3.00 pm on Friday 17 October 2014 at its auditorium. It featured Balraj Sahni and Usha Kiran. Around 40 guests attended the screening.

- **Deepadhvani Sandhvani – a programme to mark Diwali Festival**

The Indian Cultural Centre organized a special programme to celebrate the Deepavali festival on 21 October 2014 at the Centre. The programme included pooja, bhajan and dance. The performance was presented by Kathak and Bharatha Natyam students of various dance institutions from Sri Lanka. The programme commenced with a bhajan performance led by Visharad. M.A.P. Samarasooriya followed by Kathak and Bharatha Natyam items. The Kathak items were presented by the Kathak dance students of the Indian Cultural Centre, Leluma Kalayathanaya and dancers of Moksha Art of Dance. The Bharatha Natyam item was presented by the disciple of Jayasanka Ranga Padanama. Around 200 guests attended the event.





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Priyakala Sriskandharajah a diploma holder from Kalakshetra presented a Bharatha Natyam recital at the Centre on 31 October. The recital which lasted for an hour included Alarippu, Gouthuvam, Padam and Javali. Around 75 guests attended the event.





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