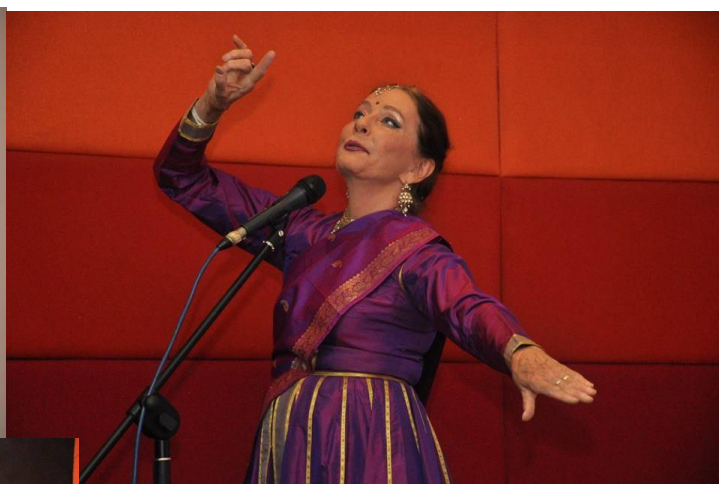


Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
Activities of September 2016

2 September Kathak workshop by Janaki Patrik

Renowned Kathak danseuse and disciple of Pt. Birju Maharaja, Janaki Patrik from USA presented a short performance and conducted a workshop at the Centre on 4th September. Students from ICC, universities and other institutions along with renowned and established dancers participated in this event. In her workshop she taught bhava, taal syllables. She also shared her experiences in other forms of dances in which she has mastered. Around 75 students and guests participated in the event.





6 September Meet the Director - Padmashri Dr. Girish Kasaravalli and eminent cinematographer Mr. Sunny Joseph

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with NETPAC (Network for the Promotion of Asia Pacific Cinema) organized a programme, Meet the Director - Padmashri Dr. Girish Kasaravalli and eminent cinematographer Mr. Sunny Joseph on 6th September followed by screening of a documentary titled "Life in Metaphors" by O.P. Srivastava on life and works of Padmashri Dr. Girish Kasaravalli.

"Life in Metaphor" is a journey into the world of the master filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli with an urge to understand the language, grammar and the core purpose of storytelling through the medium of cinema. An interactive session was followed after the screening. The event was attended by several eminent personalities in the field of film making in Sri Lanka along with other guests. Around 80 guests participated in the event.





10 September Hindi Workshop by Dr. Vijay K.Malhotra from India

As a part of the Hindi Divas celebrations, the Centre organized a workshop for the Hindi students and teachers of Sri Lanka on 10th September. Dr. Vijay kumar Malhotra , ex-Director, Railways, Govt. of India conducted the workshop on use of computer for Hindi Teachers and the Hindi Students. Around 40 members participated in the workshop.



10 September Kavi Samelan by Hindi Prachar Mitra Mandal

A "Kavi Samelan" was organized by the **Hindi Prachar Mitra Mandal** of Sri Lanka in which students, teachers and those who are interested in Hindi poetry participated in the event. The participants read out their own creativity as well as the poems by renowned authors. This event was also organized as part of the Hindi Divas celebrations. Around 60 members participated in the Sammelan.





11 September Onam Celebrations at the Centre

The Indian Cultural Colombo for the very first time celebrated Onam on 11th September at its auditorium. The festival had its own unique events. A variety and colourful dances and songs of Kerala were presented by the students and members of the community. The high light of the event was a kathakali and mohiniattam performance by ICCR scholars. Many Malyalees participated in the event. The celebrations concluded with a reception. The programme was organized in collaboration with Kerala Samaj, Colombo.







14 September Hindi Divas at the High Commission of India, Colombo

The Long term Hindi Chair of the Centre and the teachers conducted competitions among the Hindi speaking and non Hindi speaking staff members. Competitions conducted were essay, poetry reading, general knowledge questions and answer rounds in regard to Hindi terms used for official purposes. The Deputy High Commissioner Shri Arindam Bagchi judged the competitions and also gave a speech on importance of Hindi Language. Ms. Esha Srivastava (First Secretary Press, Information & Culture) also was in the panel of judges. Winners were awarded with cash prizes.



**14 September Hindi Divas at Indian Cultural Centre,
Certificate distribution and cultural programme**

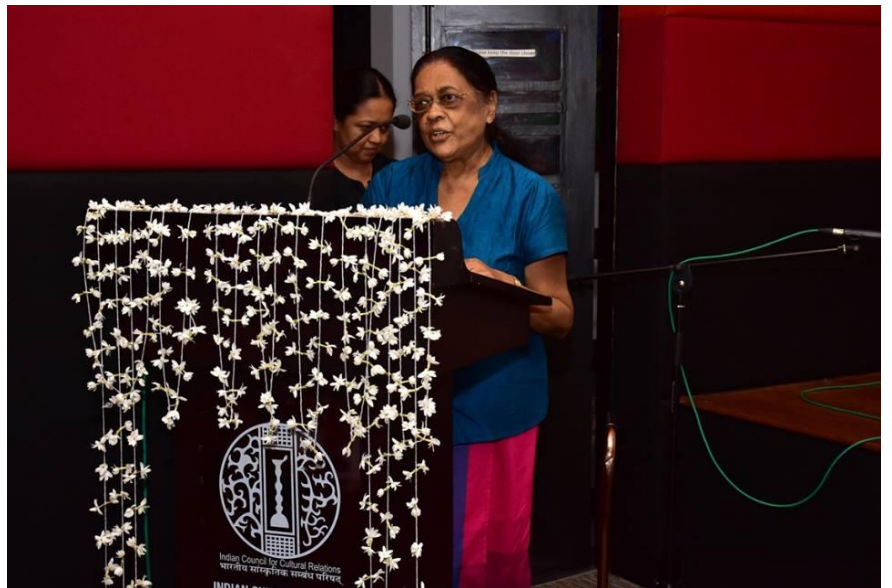
The Centre celebrated Hindi Divas on 14th September. The Centre conducted completions and activities for Hindi Divas for 2 weeks. Various competitions for different age groups were held on different days. There were 9 categories of competitions such as essay, impromptu speech, speech, singing, hand writing, rangoli, dances, fancy dress and poetry reading. His Excellency Shri Y.K.Sinha graced the occasion as Chief Guest. As Guests of Honour Dr. Vijay kumar Malhotra (Retired Railway Director, Indian government) and Prof.Indra Dassanayaka (Retired Professor of University of Kelaniya) graced the occasion. Welcome address was delivered by the Director of the Centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera and was followed by the address of the Chief Guest. His Excellency awarded the certificates and the trophies for the winners of the competitions. The students also presented several cultural performances.











15 September Performance by ICC students DSCSC, Sapukaskanda

The Kathak dance students of the Centre presented a cultural programme on the occasion of International Day Celebrations at the Defense Services Command and Staff College on 15th September 2016.



19 September Presentation of musical instruments to the university of Kelaniya by the Centre

As per the request made by Dr (Mrs) Prashanthi Narangoda, Head/Visual Arts & Design and Performing Arts Unit, Department of Fine Arts, University of Kelaniya the Director and the staff members of the Centre presented various musical instruments to the performing arts faculty in the presence of Prof. Sunanda Madumma Bandara, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Lakshman Seneviratne, Dean of Humanities, Dr. (Mrs.) Prashanthi Narangoda- Head of the Department of Visual Arts & Design and Performing Arts, Prof. Nandadeva - Department of Fine Arts, Mrs. Lanka de Silva - Senior Lecturer. The faculty members and the students presented a cultural performance. The musical instruments presented were 4 nos Mrindangam, 4 nos Shruthi box, 1 no Tanpura, 4 sets of tabla, 1set Flute & 2 nos sitars.





23 September Powerpoint presentation..Baking Therapy - Tamu's Journey to Rajasthan, India

Tamu's founder, Yana Spencer, gave a power point presentation about her innovative baking therapy sessions, with a special focus on her recent trip to Rajasthan. 'Tamu' means 'sweet and delicious' and 'soft and gentle' in Swahili - a suitable name for this a social enterprise which empowers women affected by gender-based violence around the world through the healing power of cake baking. Yana Spencer shared her journey to Rajasthan and her experiences through baking therapy in Rajasthan. She also shared her experiences about her journeys to others countries in brief. Yana Spencer brought a variety of cakes and breads which she has learnt to make through her journeys to various countries. The presentation was followed by an interactive session.

Yana Spencer is an international consultant in gender-based violence currently based in Sri Lanka. She founded Tamu Bakery as a not-profit social enterprise to empower women through the therapeutic power of baking. She draws on her career in human rights and international journalism to campaign and advocate for an end to violence against women.







28 September Lecture - Vastu Sastra for Peace and Prosperity

Master Yuvaraj Sowma delivered a lecture on Vastu and how it benefits and affects in day to day life. Master Yuvaraj Sowma is the first hereditary Vasthu expert in the world to produce a CDROM and VCD on the 5000-year-old ancient science on architecture and construction at the year of 1999. He has travelled many Countries, attended many conferences on Vasthu Sastra and delivered lectures on the subject in Countries like the United States, Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, Hong Kong, Indonesia besides India.

Mr. Hiralal Jethwani spoke on the aura-chakra. Mr. Hiralal Jethwani though being in business has delivered numerous lectures on Aura-Chakra reading, balancing of Chakras, Scanning the body with EIS software (Electro Interstitial Scan), Pranic healing, detecting Geopathic Stress, Vasthu Sastra, mole reading and numerology all over the world.





