

**Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo
Activities of March 2017**

2 March- Sitar recital by Swedish sitar player K.G Westman

Mr. K.G.West , Sitarist from Sweden presented a Sitar Recital at the Centre on 2nd March. He was accompanied on Tabla by well known Tablist from India Mr. Rahul Pophali and on Tanpura by Ms. Amanda from USA. Around 75 guests attended the event.

K.G. Westman is a Swedish sitar player, specializing in north Indian classical and semi-classical music. Originally a Guitar player , he is one of few with understanding of both Indian and Western music due to training in both systems. He is trained under the guidance of Pandit Rabindra Narayan Goswami from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.





8th March-Lecture by Ms. Suganthini Mahendran on the occasion of International Women's Day

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Astanka Yoga Mandhir organized a lecture by Ms. Suganthini Mahendran on Sacred Architecture of South India Temples to celebrate the International Women's Day on 8th March. Around 35 guests attended the event.

Ms. Suganthini Mahendran is an extensive traveler and has been exploring the inner aspects of the temples and understanding through various books. She shared her experience and knowledge about the Temples of Tamil Nadu.





10th March Bharat Natyam Recital by Neha Khaitan

Indian Cultural Centre organised a Bharathanatyam recital by Ms Neha Khaitan, danseuse from India, disciple of Guru Smt. Hemamalini Vijayraghavan Arni on Friday, 10th March 2017. Here recital lasted for an hour kept the audience spellbound. Around 75 guests attended the event.

Ms Neha Khaitan has been trained under the able guidance of Guru Smt. Hemamalini VijayRaghavan Arni, the prime disciple of Padmabhushan T. Balasaraswati and Padmasri Vazhuvoor Ramaiah Pillais in the Vazhuvoor style, since last ten years. Neha surpasses most artists of today because of her ability to become the character she aims to portray in her dance. She is deeply inspired by her Guru and yet, she believes in having a style of her own be it in her Nritta or Abhinaya.





11th March Holi Celebrations at Indian Cultural Centre

The Indian Cultural Centre Colombo celebrated Holi with dance, music and fun filled activities on Saturday 11th March. The event was organized by the Hindi Class students of the centre. Around 100 guests and students took part in the celebrations.





14th March- Interaction with Indian Foreign Service 2016 batch

A briefing session about India Sri Lanka cultural relations, role of Indian Cultural Centre was held for Indian Foreign Service 2016 batch officers on 14th March 2017 at ICC auditorium. Eminent dancer and percussionist of Sri Lanka Mr. Ravibandhu Vidyapathi did a presentation showing influence of Indian dance and music traditions on Sri Lankan culture. A short programme including Kandyan dance and Sri Lankan drums was presented by the students of Mr. Ravibandhu Vidyapathi.





17th March-Friday Matinee- KAHANI(Hindi Film)

Indian Cultural Centre screened one of the most popular mystery thriller bollywood film "Kahaani", featuring Vidya Balan. Nawazuddin Siddiqui and Parambrata Chatterjee in lead roles, screenplay and direction by Sujoy Ghosh and music by Vishal- Shekhar on Friday 17 March 2017 at its auditorium. Around 75 guests attended the screening.

The film is noted for its deft portrayal of the city of joy. The story of Kahaani revolves around a poison gas attack in a Kolkata Metro Rail compartment.



24th March-26th March- Palette of Colours – A joint exhibition of paintings

Palette of Colours-a joint exhibition of paintings by eminent artist of Sri Lanka Mr R. Kouwshigan and his students Mrs Ananya Bagchi, Mrs Jaya Thakur, Mrs Reuben and Ms Kowsiga was inaugurated on 24th March 2017 at Lionel Wendt Memorial Art Centre supported by Indian Cultural Center, Colombo.

Hon'ble D.M.Swaminathan, Minister of Prisons Reforms, Rehabilitation and Hindu Religious Affairs and H.E. Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guests and inaugurated the exhibition in the presence of other distinguished guests. The exhibition continued till 26th March 2017.









31st March International Day of Yoga-2017-Curtain Raiser

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo organized the first curtain raiser event of International Day of Yoga- 2017 at BMICH on Friday 31st March from 6pm to 7pm as a part of National Festival Thirasara Lanka-2017(Sustain Lanka-2017) an educational, cultural and trade exhibition hosted by Presidential Secretariat and Strategic Enterprise Management Agency. The yoga session was conducted by yoga instructor of Indian Cultural Centre Sri Vyasa Kalyanasunderam, instructors from Astanka Yoga Mandir and youth council of Sri Lanka.



