

## Cultural Calendar - September 2016

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Friday

4.30pm - 6.30pm

### Kathak workshop

by Janaki Patrik, disciple of Pt Birju Maharaj

Venue: ICC auditorium

Meet the Director - Padmashri Dr Girish Kasaravalli and eminent Cinematographer Mr Sunny Joseph

Screening of "Life in Metaphors" by O. P. Srivastava

Venue: ICC Auditorium

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Tuesday  
6.00pm

### Celebrating 70<sup>th</sup> Independence day of India, in Colombo



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6.00pm

### Bharatha Natyam Recital

by Josita Peter

Venue: ICC auditorium

### Celebrating Hindi Divas 2016

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Saturday

12.00 noon

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3.00pm

### Hindi Workshop

by Dr. Vijay K. Malhotra from India

Venue: ICC Auditorium

### Kavi Samelan

by Hindi Prachar Mitra Mandal

Venue: ICC Auditorium

### Certificate distribution and cultural programme

by the Hindi students of the Indian Cultural Centre

Venue: ICC auditorium

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Wednesday

4.00pm

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Friday  
6.00pm

### Powerpoint presentation

Baking therapy - Tamu's Journey to Rajasthan, India

by Yana Spencer

Venue: ICC Auditorium

### Lecture - Vastu Sastra for Peace and Prosperity

by Mr. Hiralal B. Jethwani and Master Yuvaraj Souma

Venue: ICC auditorium

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Wednesday

6.00pm

Programmes subject to change

Admission to all programmes are on first come first serve basis.

**All are cordially invited**

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## Cultural Tapestry

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### FROM MADHUBANI TO KALAMKARI

### INDIAN FOLK ART FORMS THAT HAVE SURVIVED GENERATIONS

#### KALAMKARI



Source: YouTube, Flickr

Literally meaning 'drawings with a pen', Kalamkari is of two types in India: Machilipatnam, which originates from Machilipatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Srikalahasti, which originates from Chittoor in the same state. While the former refers to block-printed form of art, the latter is a free flowing art with a pen on fabric. Today, Kalamkari art is used on sarees and ethnic clothing, and depicts anything from flora and fauna to epics such as Mahabharata or Ramayana.

#### KALIGHAT PAINTINGS



Source: Wikimedia Commons

A recently discovered painting style, it originated in the 19th century Bengal, from Kalighat. It was the time when upheaval against the British was a possible, exciting idea. These paintings, on cloth and pattas, at first depicted Gods and Goddesses, but then took a turn towards social reform. With cheap paper and paint colours, squirrel hair brushes and colour pigments, the art was characterised by flawless strokes, brushwork, and simple but bold drawings. It sought to raise awareness about social conditions in its viewers – rich zamindars were depicted drinking wine with women, while priests were shown with 'unchaste' women and police babus being sloppy.

#### TANJORE



Source: Wikimedia Commons

From down South, Tanjore or Thanjavur paintings originated in 1600 AD, encouraged by the Nayakas of Thanjavur. You can recognise a Thanjavur painting by its use of gold foil, which glitters and lends the painting a surreal look. These panel paintings on wooden planks depict devotion to gods, goddesses and saints. It borrows its styles from Maratha and Deccani art, as well as European styles.

#### CHERIYAL SCROLLS

Source: Wikimedia Commons

Originating in present-day Telangana, this dying art form is practised by the Nakashi family only, where it has been passed down for many generations. The tradition of long scrolls and Kalamkari art influenced the Cheriya scrolls, a much more stylised version of Nakashi art. Depicting puranas and epics, these 40-45 feet scrolls were an essential visual accompaniment as saints wandered around singing or narrating the epics. They resemble modern-day comic panels, with about 50 on each

scroll. They use primary colours and a vivid imagination, a stark contrast from the traditional rigour of Tanjore or Mysore paintings.



#### PATACHITRA

Source: Wikimedia Commons

A cloth-based scroll painting from Odisha and West Bengal, these paintings with sharp, angular bold lines depict epics, Gods and Goddesses. Originating from the fifth century in religious hubs like Puri and Konark, around the same time that sculpturing began, considering there was no known distinction between an artist and sculptor back then. What's unique about this art form is that the dress style depicted in the paintings has heavy influence of the Mughal era.



Source: <http://www.thebetterindia.com/53993/10-indian-folk-art-forms-survived-paintings/>