

**Indian Cultural Centre  
High Commission of India  
Colombo  
Report- September-2017**

**3 September-Onam Festival**

The Indian Cultural Centre in collaboration with Malayalee Women Association, Colombo celebrated Onam-the harvest festival of Kerala on 3<sup>rd</sup> September at its auditorium. A variety of colourful dances and songs of Kerala were presented by the students and members of the community. Members of Indian community along with Sri Lanka students and teachers of ICC participated in the celebration which concluded with a reception served by the Malayalee Women Association with mouth watering dishes from Kerala.



## Hindi Divas – 2017 Hindi Pakhwada from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> September

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas 2017 Hindi Pakhwada was held at Indian Cultural Centre which included all island Hindi essay competition on 6<sup>th</sup> Septmeber , Hindi speech competition on 7<sup>th</sup> September, , fancy dress and speech competition for Hindi children class on 8<sup>th</sup> September, Kabita Sandhya song and dance competitions f on 9<sup>th</sup> September, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan certificate distribution on 14<sup>th</sup> September and many other programmes.





## **13 September -Hindi Diwas-2017 was celebrated with “Indo-Lanka Hindi Sammelan” at University of Kelaniya**

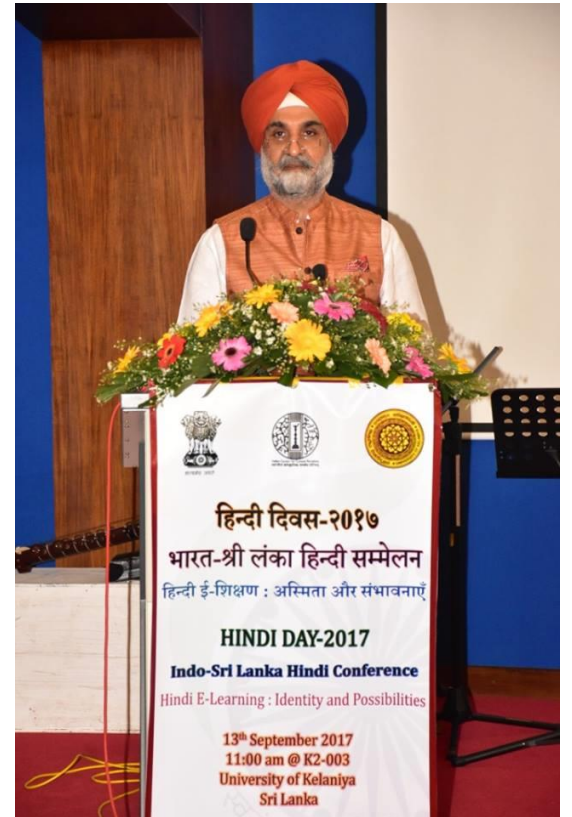
On the occasion of Hindi Divas 2017, **Indo–Sri Lanka Hindi conference on E-learning : Identity and possibilities** was organized by the Indian Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo in collaboration with the Hindi department of the University of Kelaniya on 13 September 2017.

H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka and Prof. D.M. Semasinghe, Vice Chancellor, University of Kelaniya graced the occasion.

High Commissioner appreciated the efforts of University of Kelaniya and other institutions to help learning of Hindi in Sri Lanka. He also stressed upon the relevance of E- learning in Hindi in today’s world and appreciated the first ever e-magazine in Hindi – “E-Prayas” by Indian Cultural Centre which would connect the readers all over the world. High Commissioner appreciated the increasing demand for learning Hindi in Sri Lanka and said that it would be very useful especially in the hospitality and tourism sector, as large number of tourists speak Hindi. Prof. D.M. Semasinghe, Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya expressed his gratitude to the Indian High Commission for establishing Long Term Hindi Chair at the Hindi department and gave his best wishes for the success of the conference.

Indo Sri Lanka Hindi Sammelan also featured renowned Hindi scholars from both the countries who presented the papers on the seminar topic. Hindi translation of Sinhala book of Senior Prof. Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage, Head, Dept. of Hindi Studies, University of Kelaniya was also released on this occasion. Deputy Vice Chancellor Prof. Lakshman Seneviratne, Emeritus professor Mrs Indra Dassanayake, Dr. Vijay Malhotra, Hindi academicians, students and teachers from all renowned Universities and institutions from all over the island participated in the programme.





**8 September- Bharat Sanskriti Yatra**  
**A concert of Indian Classical music & dance by Hindusthan Art & Music Society, India**

Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo presented an evening of Indian Dance and Music (classical and Folk) by renowned artistes of Hindusthan Art & Music Society, India. Hindusthan Art & Music Society was established in the year 2010 by the great maestros of Indian Music with a view to popularize and teach Indian Classical and folk music amongst the masses in India.

The evening consisted of performances by well renowned artistes from different parts of India. Programme commenced with Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi and Kathak dance numbers by Guru Dr. Rakhi Roy and group, a musical trio Performance of Bhajan by Pt Balwant Puranik, Santoor by Prof. ChandanMandal and Tabla by Pandit Prosenjit Poddar followed by Folk Dances of India by SumanMandal. Around 75 guests attended the event.



## 9 September-Award Ceremony of Institute of Human Excellence &Astanka Yoga Mandhir

Award Ceremony of Institute of Human Excellence &Astanka Yoga Mandhir held at Indian Cultural Centre Auditorium. Astanka Yoga Mandhir introduced another batch of Hatha Yoga Instructors and Yogic Life Counselors in the year 2016 /2017 and the certification ceremony was held at Indian Cultural Centre. Dr.V.Selvanathan, Consultant Physician, National Ayurvedic Hospital Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



## 16 September- Tabla & Violin Workshop

A Violin workshop by Padma Bhusan Prof. N.Rajam was conducted at the Centre on 16th September 2017 in collaboration with P.V.NandasiriKalakendraya at the Centre. Around 50 students participated in the session





## 22 September- NatyaUtsava – Bharatanatyam Recital

The students of Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan presented an evening of Bharatanatyam recital at the Centre. The programme which lasted an hour and half enjoyed by all. Subashini Pathmanathan graduated from the Government College for Women in Chandigarh, India and received her master's degree from the Punjab University. She has completed two diplomas in Bharatanatyam from Vazhuvoorar Classical BharataNaty Centre, Chennai and from Bharathidasan University Thiruchirapalli respectively. She joined the Indian Cultural Centre Colombo as the first Bharatanatyam teacher since its inauguration in 1998. Around 75 guests attended the performance



## 22<sup>nd</sup> September- Release of commemorative postage stamps on Ramayana.

In a special ceremony at the Indian Cultural Centre, Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, released commemorative postage stamps on Ramayana. A special copy was presented to Mr. Kaushik Udeshi, President of GOPIO, Sri Lanka. A cultural programme on the occasion added colour to the event.



## 25<sup>th</sup> September- 100th Birth Anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay

The High Commission of India celebrated 100th Birth Anniversary of Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay with great fervor and participation of Indian community. High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu highlighted Governments efforts to realize vision of Pt Upadhyay through economic empowerment of the underprivileged.



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**Monthly Activity Report for September - 2017**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Exhb.</b>	<b>Conf. &amp; Seminar</b>	<b>Perf. Arts</b>	<b>Nos. of Artists</b>	<b>Name of Chief Guest/Guests of Honor</b>	<b>Nos. of Guest / Audience</b>	<b>Media Coverage</b>	<b>Exp. Incurred in INR 1INR = SLR 2.3617</b>	<b>Revenue Collected</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1	3 September	Onam Celebrations	-	-	-	-	-	150		19906.00	-	Organized in collaboration with Malayalee Women Association, Colombo
2	6 September	Island wide essay competition	-	-	-	-	-	-	Publicity was given in local newspapers, electronic media, ICC monthly newsletter and ICC face book.	Special sanction	-	-

3	6 September	KHS, Agra Hindi certificate Distribution Ceremony	-	-	-	-	-	-	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	9316.00	-	-
4	7 September	Hindi speech competition for ICC students	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Special sanction	-	-
5	8 September	Bharat Sanskriti Yatra - A concert of classical music and dance	-	-	Yes	25	-	75	Publicity was given in local language papers, electronic media, ICC monthly newsletter and through ICC, Colombo face book .	6775.00	-	-

6	8 September	Competition of ICC Hindi students - Children class	-	-	-	-	-	-	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	Special sanction	-	-
7	9 September	Poem & Hindi song competition for ICC students and Geet sandhya	-	-	-	-	-	-	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	6288.00	-	-
8	9 September	Award Ceremony - Institute of Human excellence & Astanka Yoga Mandhir	-	-	-	-	-	75	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	-	-	-

9	13 September	Indo-Lanka Hindi Sammelan in collaboration with University of Kelaniya	-	Yes	-	-	His Excellency Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya Prof. D.M. Semasinge	300	Publicity was given in local language papers, electronic media, ICC mostly newsletter and through ICC, Colombo face book	Special sanction	-	Organized in collaboratio n with University of Kelaniya
10	14 September	Cultural programme & Prize distribution for the competition winners	-	-	-	-	-	200	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	Special sanction	-	-
11	16 September	Violin workshop by Prof. N.Rajam	-	Yes	-	-	-	50	Publicity was given in ICC monthly newsletter, and ICC face book.	1694.00	-	Organized in collaboratio n with P V Nandasiri Kala Kendraya







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S.No	Particulars / Description	New Registration	Number of Students fees paid	No. of Classes Weekly	Total No. of Classes during the Month	Registration Fees Collected SL.Rs	Fees Collected SL.Rs	
1	Hindi Classes	15	65	16	64	1,350.00	5,400.00	
2	Instrumental Classes (Sitar)	5	10	1	4	250.00	1,500.00	
3	Instrumental Classes (Violin)	4	12	1	4	250.00	2,100.00	
4	Instrumental Classes (Tabla)	3	13	2	8	750.00	2,000.00	
5	Vocal Music Classes (Carnatic)	5	14	2	8	-	-	
6	Vocal Music Classes (Hindustani)	0	0	0	0	250.00	1,000.00	
7	Dance Classes (Bharathanatyam)	1	20	4	16	250.00	7,000.00	
8	Dance Classes (Kathak)	2	10	2	8	250.00	1,000.00	
9	Yoga Classes	6	24	8	32	500.00	12,000.00	
	<b>Total for the month = SL.Rs 35,850.00 = (I.Rs 15,180.00)</b>	<b>( September 2017 )</b>					<b>3,850.00</b>	<b>32,000.00</b>
	<b>Total upto previous month = SL.Rs 331,050.00 = (I.Rs 140,174.00)</b>	<b>April 2017 - August 2017 )</b>						

HCI Colombo, Official Exchange Rate for September 2017

I.Rs 1.00 = SL.Rs 2.3617

US \$ 1.00 = I.Rs 64.8200

