

Indian Cultural Centre Colombo

Report- September 2015

4 September Teachers Day Celebrations

To commemorate Teachers Day, which falls on 5th September every year coinciding with the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Second President of India, the Indian Cultural centre Colombo celebrated Guru Divas. Teachers from all faculties, teaching at Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo performed to pay obeisance to their Gurus and to commemorate Guru Divas. Students of the centre welcomed the teachers with flower and sindoor.

The programme commenced with a talk on Yoga by Mr. Vyasa Kalyanasundaram and continued with a Sitar recital by Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo, Hindustani vocal recital by Dr. Premadasa Mudunkotuwa, a Bharatha Natyam recital by Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan, Kathak performance by Ms. Moksha samarasooriya and a Bharatha Natyam performance by Ms. Vasugy Jegatheeswaran. The Hindi Teachers of the Centre presented song and dance items. Songs were presented by Mr. Mr. Brazil Nagodavithana, Ms. Achala Damayanthi and Ms. Shirin Qureshi and the dance item was presented by Ms. Nadheera Shewanthi. Around 100 guests attended the event. All the teachers were felicitated at the end of the program.





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distribution and cultural programmes by the students

On 14th September 2014 Hindi Diwas was celebrated by the teachers and students of Indian Culture Centre, Colombo. Celebrating the occasion ICC organized many competitions such as speech, poetry recital and singing, dance, story writing, rangoli, etc for its students.

The programme commenced with welcome speech by the Director of the Centre, Mrs. Rajashree Behera followed by a speech by the Chief Guest Shri .Arindam Bagchi, Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India. He also presented the certificates to the winners of the competitions. Prof.Lakshman Senevirathne, Prof. in Hindi and Dean- Faculty of Humanities University of Kelaniya also graced the occasion as guest of honor, addressed the gathering and distributed certificates and of the prizes to the winners. Ms. Nadheera Shewanthi compeered the event. Ms. Shirin Qureshi delivered the vote of thanks. The students of the Centre presented a colourful cultural performances included songs, skits, groups songs, group dance, instrumental performances and showcased a scene from Indian wedding ceremony etc., which was highly appreciated. Around 200 guests and students attended the event.





Hindi Musical Concert

By Dr. Ajith Jayarathne

On 18th September Dr. Ajith Jayarathne presented a Hindi musical concert titled "Sargam" at the Centre. He sang around 30 popular Hindi songs from the 70s and 80s Hindi films. The Music was composed by eminent musician Lassana. Around 120 guests attended the event.





28 September Talk - "Merging with innerself"

By Shri Nataraj, Asst. Director of International Sivananda Ashram India

Shri Nataraj, Asst. Director and Senior teacher from International Sivananda Ashram, India delivered a lecture on Yoga titled "Merging with innerself". The talk was elaborated with a slide presentation in which it was explained how meditation helps to reduce stress in day to day life. The event was organized in collaboration with Abhina Yoga Ashram led by Ms. Anoja Weerasinghe. The talk was followed by an interactive session. Around 70 guests attended the lecture.





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