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Diwali celebrated at ICC São Paulo – Nov. 2016



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ACTIVITIES REPORT - NOVEMBER 2016

03.11
19h

Lecture/Satsang | **AISVARA YOGA II**
by Tathata Vrindham Brasil


Second part of the workshop and satsang that presents the techniques and philosophies of the Aisvara Yoga, a movement organized by Tathata Vrindham organization, headed by Swami Śrī Tathāta from Kerala, a natural born meditator whose spiritual inclinations started early in his childhood and has started a world movement on Yoga and great scale Vedic fire rituals (Mahāyāga) around the globe. The lecturer Ms. Andrea Elias is an official representative of Aisvara Yoga for Brazil.


AISVARA YOGA

Aisvara Yoga significa trazer a Luz suprema para nossas vidas.
A Associação Tathata Vrindham Brasil propõe a descoberta desta prática elaborada por Śrī Tathāta, mestre espiritual indiano.
Ela é acessível à todos os que buscam Paz e transformação.
É uma prática completa, com respiração, recitação de mantras e meditação, que purificam e harmonizam os corpos físico, energético e mental.

Facilitadora Andréa Elias - Representante do Ashram no Brasil

Dia 03 de novembro
Quinta-feira às 19h
Entrada Franca

 Centro Cultural da Índia
Al. Sarutaiá, 380 - Jd. Paulista - SP

 Tathata Vrindham
Brasil

www.tathatavrindham-brasil.net

04.11
18h30

Celebration | **DIWALI**
by ICC São Paulo



Our 2016 celebration of Diwali – the most famous Indian holiday around the world and specially within Brazil – was very special: One more time the combination of cooking workshop and celebration proved to be successful. The cooking workshop was conducted by Mr. Prashant S. Poswal and Mrs. Gyaanvi Kasana who taught the Brazilian participants how to prepare Jalebis. Since Diwali is renowned as the time of the year to gift friends, remember old acquaintances and inspire friendship, one of the customs is the exchange of sweets. Participants of the workshop helped the instructors to prepare a large number of Jalebis to be offered later at the puja. To start the ceremony, Senior Assistant Rafael Espadine and Kathak teacher Gyaneshree Karahe delivered a short speech on the meaning and traditions of the season and ICC's Kathak students presented three pieces of the classical repertoire to the delight of all present. The puja ceremony was started by Mrs. Gyaneshree and the instructors and they were joined by the workshop students, guests and members of Indian community alike. The festivity concluded with the sharing of the Jalebis as prasad.





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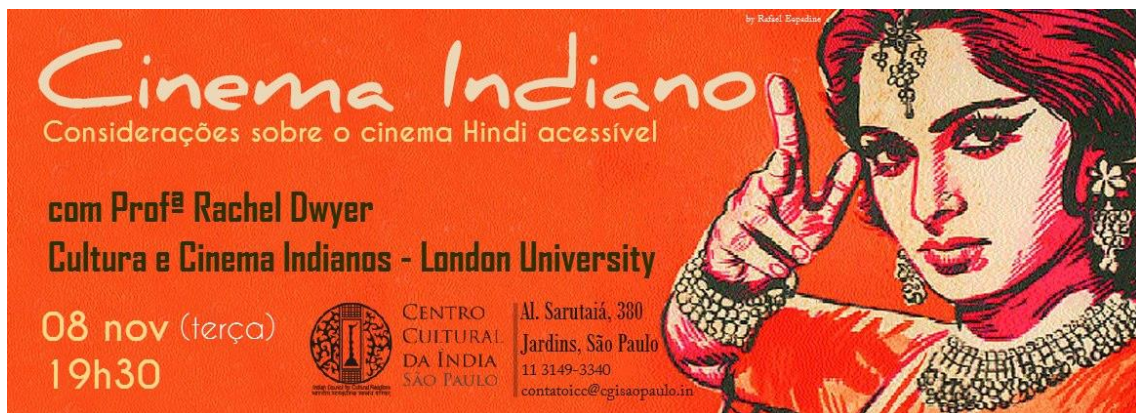
07.11
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Lecture | **MEDITATION & ETHICS**
by **Stephen Little (Manjupriya)**

Mr. Stephen Little, also known as Manjupriya, who is an Irish Buddhist priest ordained into the 'Triratna Order' in 1999 in Europe, has given a lecture on Ethics according to the Indian roots of Buddhist philosophy. Manjupriya is a Physicist and works with meditation and Mindfulness techniques in the Hospitals in São Paulo and conducts regular classes and courses on the subject.

08.11
19h30

Lecture | **INDIAN CINEMA**
by **Prof. Rachel Dwyer**



The popularity of the Indian cinematographic industry increases every day and in Brazil it is no different. Here it attracts not only the attention of avid spectators and fans of Bollywood stars but also from the scholars and educators. Prof. Rachael Dwyer - Indian Cultures and Cinema, SOAS, University of London - came to Brazil for the International Seminar of Cinema, Soft Power and the BRICS, at Cine Caixa Belas Artes, that happened on 27th and 28th October.

Her lecture at the ICC focused on the power of Indian cinema as a cultural phenomenon and its accessibility to the Indian population. The lecture was translated by Ms. Juily Manghirmalani, a research student of Indian cinema. The lecture was attended by scholars, researchers and fans of Indian cinema and culture and the event ended with a gathering of all guests and attendees who could interact with the guest speaker while sharing Indian snacks and light refreshments.

Prof. Rachel did her BA in Sanskrit at SOAS, followed by an MPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology at the University of Oxford. Her PhD research at SOAS was on the Gujarati lyrics of Dayaram (1777-1852). She teaches undergraduate and postgraduate courses in cinema and supervises PhD research on Indian cinema.



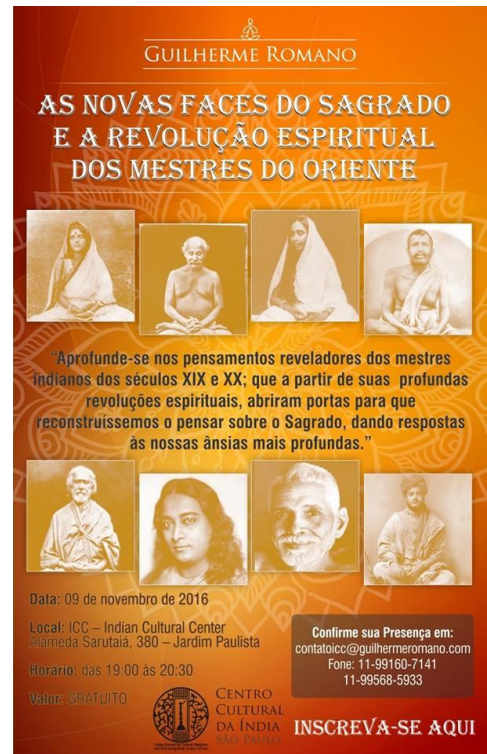
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**09.11
19h**

**Lecture | NEW FACES OF THE SACRED – MASTERS FROM THE EAST
by Guilherme Romano**

Philosopher from USP, Mr. Guilherme Romano is well experienced in the fields of Eastern Philosophies and his research area is Indian Philosophy with emphasis in Advaita Vedanta. His lecture packed the auditorium of ICC São Paulo and focused on the historical - and at times challenging - transformation that followed the spreading of yogic techniques and practices as disclosed by masters who became the milestone for many organizations and institutions around the world such as Swami Yogananda, Swami Ramakrishna, Swami Sivananda and many others. In his lecture, Mr. Romano has demonstrated the historical context and the importance of the Indian Philosophy tracing the journey since it started to be studied in the Universities and by reputed western scholars, some of those who came to be known as the first Indologists. He also spoke and advised against the risks of studying such matters through the scholarly view only, showing that the pure rationalization of these processes may turn them incomprehensible.



**11.11
19h30**

**Celebration | INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DAY
by ICC São Paulo**



Once again, ICC's stage was under command of our talented students: The International Student's Day 2016 was the debut of many of those who after two years of intense dedication had finally received their certificates of completion of elementary level in the arts

of Kathak, Odissi, Bharatanatyam and the disciplines of Hatha Yoga. The celebration was opened by the lamp lighting ceremony conducted by Consul General, Shrimati Abhilasha Joshi and the teachers Iara Ananda, Silvana Duarte and Gyaneshree Karahe.

Following we had the encouraging opening remarks of CG Abhilasha Joshi on which she highlighted the importance of art and culture. In her own words “political relations are made between governments and business relations between businessmen but cultural relations are people to people, heart to heart”. Senior Assistant of ICC Rafael Espadine explained the origins of the commemorative date as the birth date of Maulana Azad, Founder President of ICCR and independent India’s first Education Minister. Students were then called to the stage one by one and awarded the certificates by their respective teacher and right after that performances of the students were opened with explanations of the technical characteristics of each item. The celebration was closed with interactions of students and guests over Indian snacks and light refreshments.







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18.11
19h30

Celebration | INTEGRATION DAY
by ICC São Paulo



The Integration Day was created to feature novel initiatives that unite India and Brazil. Three projects focusing issues like the situation of women in Brazil and India, Peace Education and cultural initiatives were

presented to the public by its idealizers: “Project 3”, “Palavras de Paz” (words of peace) and “Transformando Lixo em Luxo” (making gold out of the trash).

Project 3 was created by Carla Maria, Brazilian fashion designer, who decided to help Indian ladies in needy communities, many of them who had also been victims of some form of abuse in the past. Ms. Carla teaches them the art of producing fashion accessories, mostly necklaces, from recycling materials and these accessories are sold in many countries, offering these ladies their monthly earnings and subsistence. The project has changed the life of many women and their families and Carla now lives in India where she lives with her business partners.

In another sphere, Mrs. Ivete Belfort, an awarded Brazilian peace educator, has started the Words of Peace program of The Prem Rawat Foundation from India in Brazil. The model of courses created by the Indian Peace Ambassador, Prem Rawat is followed here and Mrs. Ivete offers regularly the courses and trainings on needy areas of Brazil, schools, companies, monasteries and correctional facilities besides lecturing in public forums and international events.

Another inspiring initiative started by Shirlene Lopes –Physiotherapist, Gandhian researcher and educator– started as a space for women of underprivileged areas of the city to express their creativity as means of relief of a stressful life. The project has since developed to a full operation workshop where the participants can produce items from recycled materials. Her inspiration were Gandhian ideas of sustainability and during the event Shirlene also demonstrated how to spin threads on a wheel, following the steps of Gandhi as a symbol of peace making and self-empowerment.

Palavras de Paz:

<http://www.palavrasdepaz.org/>

Video of the Project 3 (English):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sokaxuTrJg8>

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23.11
19h15

Lecture | DEALING WITH THE STORMS OF LIFE
with Yogesh Sharma - Brahma Kumaris Turkey

Yogesh Sharda, is a Raja Yogi of Indian origin born in Eastern Africa. He is the coordinator of Brahma Kumaris in Turkey and consultant in personal development and meditation. Yogesh Sharma used his skills as a charismatic orator to convey the benefits of meditation as per his own personal experience and how the practice can help individuals to solve personal issues while building a better world community. The lecture was translated by Sister Juliana, coordinator of Brahma Kumaris in São Paulo and at the end, a meditation session was conducted and prasad was distributed by the lecturer to all the attendees.

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24.11
19h30

Celebration | **CONSTITUTION DAY 2016**
by CGI/ICC São Paulo

o Consulado Geral da Índia convida:

FAZENDO UMA NAÇÃO
CONSIDERAÇÕES SOBRE A CONSTITUIÇÃO INDIANA
ONTEM E HOJE

24 nov (quinta) | 19h30

Palestra especial em comemoração ao dia da Constituição Indiana
Bhavani Castro (FGV) & Shobhan Saxena (USP)

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Indian Constitution Day was celebrated with two remarkable lectures on the processes of building the Indian Constitution, the largest Constitution text in the world. Consul General opened the event

with her remarks on the importance of the Indian constitution in nation building and read out the Preamble which is often referred to as the “Soul of the Constitution”. The first lecture was conducted by the Indian journalist and scholar Mr. Shobhan Saxena whose informative lecture showed the historical context and background for the creation of the constitution. The second lecture was by Mrs. Bhavani de Castro, India Fellow at FGV University in São Paulo who spoke about the influences of the Indian Constitution and how it is a living organism that evolves as per the circumstances and necessities of one of the biggest and fastest developing democracies of the world. The speakers were felicitated with bouquets and each presented with a book on Babasaheb Ambedkar.

The celebration was closed with an interaction between the guests over Indian snacks and light refreshments.







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25.11
19h

Meditation | **Christian Meditation**
with Don Alexandre – by Ecos da Paz

‘Ecos da Paz’ (echoes of peace) is a nucleus for contemplative activities created to fill the demand for regular meditation activities in ICC São Paulo, offering experiences in meditation practices from various cultural strata. The group was initially formed by ladies who spread the Gandhian message by organizing lectures, handicrafts workshops and recitals. This month’s activity was a talk and a meditation session by Dom Alexandre, monk from the Saint Benedicts Monastery in São Paulo.

28.11
19h

Lecture | **A MEETING WITH CHARAN ANAND**
with Charan Anand – Prem Rawat Association

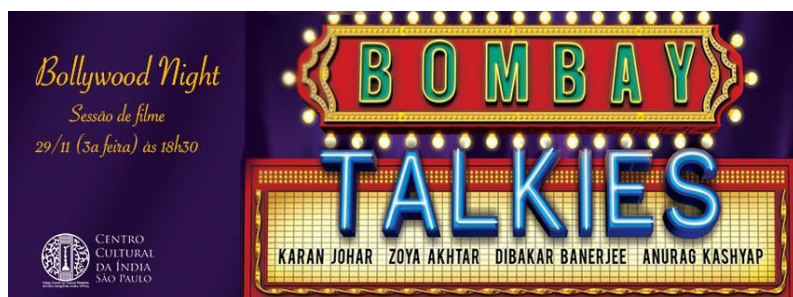
Charan Anand is a tireless lecturer who travels around the globe to spread the message of Peace. He was the tutor of Prem Rawat when he first came to the West and still works with him to this day. This year he completed 50 years of uninterrupted work as an inspirational speaker and leader.



This was the second visit of Mr. Charan Anand to the ICC São Paulo and this time his Brazilian tour has included many cities such as Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro and the capital Brasília.

29.11
18h30

Cinema Session/Workshop | **BOLLYWOOD TALKIES**
with Juliy Manghirmalani ICC São Paulo



Our monthly Bollywood movie session has developed beyond the visual into an interactive and cultural immersion session! Now ICC São

Paulo has a special movie curator: Ms. Juliy Manghirmalani - one of the first generation of the Indian diaspora in Brazil - is cinema graduate and an expert in Indian movie industry – both the popular entertainment sector and the art and independent productions as well. She acts as teacher in special classes and courses on Indian cinema conducted at the University of São Paulo and other reputed institutions. The new

format of our sessions includes explanations about the cultural, social and some linguistic characteristics of the movies being presented, besides curiosities about the cast and its stars, directors, studio, etc. which was highly appreciated by all participants.

30.11
19h

Lecture | **VIVEK YOGA**
with Jivan Vismay



Jivan Vismay is an accomplished Yoga master originally from Haridwar (India), he was born in a traditional family of Yogis and is disciple of Shri Guruji Swami Vivekananda of the Nirpeksh Sanyas Ashram, India. Jivan is Yogi in the style inherited from his guru called Shri Vivek Yoga and teaches meditation, Ayurveda, Reiki, Tantra, Vastu Vidya, and cellular memory renovation. Creator of the program Psychic Stress Management, nowadays he directs the Shri Vivek Yoga Center in Barcelona, Spain, where he conducts retreats and courses on Yoga and Ayurveda. Yogi Jivan has many students in Brazil and other parts of the globe that he visits regularly.

MISCELLANEOUS

05.11
19h

Celebration | **IASP DIWALI**
by Indian Association of São Paulo

The Indian Association of São Paulo celebrated the festival of Diwali with a gala cultural event at Clube Sirio on 5 Nov 2016. Ambassador Sunil Lal and Mrs. Gitanjali Lal graced the event which was attended by a large number of members of the Indian community and Brazilian friends alike. The Consul General and Consulate officials participated as official partners of the event.





NOVEMBER 11, 2016

An EYE on INDIA

INDIA AND JAPAN

Modi, Abe sign pacts to increase cooperation

On November 11 (Friday), India and Japan inked about 12 pacts after wide-ranging talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart Shinzo Abe aimed at giving a fillip to the bilateral strategic relations.

At the annual Summit, the two leaders also discussed ways to enhance ties in a broad range of areas, including security, trade and investment, skill development and infrastructure development.

Modi addressed Japanese business leaders during his two days of official programme on Friday and day after in Tokyo and in Kobe.

Ahead of his visit, Modi said he looks forward to reviewing the entire spectrum of bilateral cooperation when he meets Abe in Tokyo. "I will have detailed interaction with top business leaders from India and Japan, to look for ways to further strengthen our trade and investment ties," he said.

After the Summit talks, 12 pacts were signed by the two sides, sources said, adding these would cover areas like skill development, cultural exchanges and infrastructure.

Amid higher expectations about the civil



nuclear deal being signed, the two sides were in the process of concluding the negotiations, sources said.

The two countries had sealed a broad agreement during Abe's visit to India last December but the final deal was yet to be signed

as certain technical and legal issues were to be thrashed out.

Both the countries have completed the internal procedures including legal and technical aspects of the text of the pact, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup said

last week. When specifically asked whether the pact will be signed during Modi's visit, he only said, "I cannot pre-judge outcome of the talks."

Negotiations for the nuclear deal between the two sides have been going on for a number of years but the progress on these was halted because of political resistance in Japan after the 2011 disaster at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant.

In Tokyo, Modi also had an audience with Japanese Emperor Akihito. He will also meet some opposition and other political leaders.

From Tokyo, Modi, accompanied by Abe, will travel to Kobe by the famed Shinkansen bullet train, the technology that will be deployed for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Railway. He will visit the Kawasaki Heavy Industries facility in Kobe, where high speed trains are manufactured.

"Our partnership with Japan is characterized as a Special Strategic and Global Partnership. India and Japan see each other through a prism of shared Buddhist heritage, democratic values, and commitment to an open, inclusive and rules-based global order," Modi had said in his pre-departure statement.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS IN SOUTH AMERICA

The Indian community of Brazil celebrated Diwali in a grand gala on November 5 (Saturday).

The biggest gathering of Indians in Brazil, Diwali 2016 – Festival of Lights – was organized by the Indian Association of Sao Paulo (IASP).

The evening started with cocktails followed by the traditional prayer and lighting of the lamp by the Indian ambassador to Brazil, Mr Sunil Kumar Lal, the Indian consul general in Sao Paulo, Mrs Abhilasha Joshi. The cultural programme that followed comprised music, dances and a play by the children of Indian community.

The evening ended with a live DJ and dancing that was preceded by a lavish spread of dinner. The event was attended by more than 550 people comprising the members of Indian community, CEOs of top Brazilian companies, officials of the Indian consulate and many other guests.



Mr Sunil Kumar Lal, the Indian ambassador to Brazil, his wife Mrs Gitanjali Lal, the Indian consul general in Sao Paulo, Mrs Abhilasha Joshi, and IASP president Shobhan Saxena with the Indian consulate staff and their families at Diwali 2016



The evening began with a group of women from the Indian community entering the main auditorium with diya (lights) in their hands



The main attractions of the cultural programme were several performances by the children of the Indian community

 NORTH AMERICAN EDITION 

Newspaper Indian Eye report of Brazilian Diwali celebration:

<http://www.theindianeye.net/north-american-news/festival-lights-south-america/>

Photos:

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Besides, all our regular activities such as Yoga, Odissi, Bharatanatyam and Kathak classes, and Library Services are being conducted as per schedule.

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