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THE GANDHI CENTRE THE HAGUE

Parkstraat 99 (First floor), 2514 JH, DEN HAAG

The Gandhi Centre was set up on 02nd October 2011 with the primary objective of establishing, reviving and strengthening the cultural relations between India and The Netherlands. ICCR has set up such 35 Indian Cultural Centres in different parts of world.

The objective of The Gandhi Centre is to promote awareness of India's composite cultural heritage in The Netherlands. Activities of the cultural centre include showcasing various art forms of India such as dance, drama, music, films, free classes for the public, organising lectures, talks, panel discussions and seminars on subjects related to India. The Gandhi centre functions under the Embassy of India and is established by ICCR.

Programme Schedule

You are cordially invited
for the following:



The Gandhi Centre Embassy of India



invites you to a

Workshop for Hindi Teachers

Dates - Saturday 5 January 2019
Saturday 12 January 2019



Walk in 900 hrs
Program 930 hrs-1230 hrs
Venue – The Gandhi Centre, First Floor
Parkstraat 99 2514JH The Hague



Workshop for Hindi Teachers

As a part of the World Hindi Day celebrations, The Gandhi Centre invites Educationists from various schools across The Netherlands to the Workshop for Hindi Teachers.

Date : Saturday, 5th & 12th January 2019

Time : 0930 – 12 30 hrs

Venue: Auditorium

Please Register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-for-hindi-teachers-tickets-53511292717>



Urdu-Hindi Poetry Appreciation Club Meeting

Poet – Shri Wasim Barelvi

उड़ान वालो उड़ानों पे वक्त भारी है
परों की अब के नहीं हौसलों की बारी है

मैं कतरा हो के तूफानों से जंग लड़ता हूँ
मुझे बचाना समंदर की जिम्मेदारी है

कोई बताये ये उसके गुरुर-ए-बेजा को
वो जंग हमने लड़ी ही नहीं जो हारी है

दुआ करो कि सलामत रहे मेरी हिम्मत
ये एक चराग कई आँधियों पे भारी है

Urdu – Hindi Poetry Appreciation Club

As a part of the World Hindi Day celebrations, The Gandhi Centre invites all the poetry connoisseurs to Urdu – Hindi Poetry Appreciation Club to enjoy the recitation of Poetry of Shri Wasim Barelvi.

Date : Saturday, 05th January 2019

Time : 14 00 – 17 00 hrs

Venue: Auditorium



KaviSammelan (An evening of Poetry Part-2)

A poetry sequence “Sarahadon Ke Paar Part- 2” by contemporary poets of The Netherlands.

Shri Rabin Baldewsingh, former Deputy Mayor of The Hague and others will recite their poetry compositions.

Date : Saturday, 12th January 2019

Time : 1330 – 16 00 hrs

Venue: Auditorium

Please Register

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sarahadon-ke-paar-2-tickets-53782690475>



Discourse on Palmistry
(What do the shape, fingers and lines in the hands reveal?)
By
Ms Francine Rasenberg

Since 1980, Ms Francine Rasenberg has been studying astrology, tarot and palmistry and has graduated as a master hand analyst and transpersonal therapist at the Academia Antropodynamica in The Netherlands. She is based in The Hague.

Date : Saturday, 12th January 2019

Time : 17 00 – 18 00 hrs

Venue: Auditorium



Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) is observed on 09th January and is celebrated once every two years to strengthen the engagement of overseas Indian community with Government of India and reconnect them with their roots. The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to Mumbai (erstwhile Bombay) on 09th January 1915.

Date : Sunday, 13th January 2019

Time : 1500 onwards

Venue: Diamant Theater, The Hague



World Hindi Day

The Gandhi Centre cordially invites you all to attend the World Hindi Day celebrations. **Vishwa Hindi Divas** (World Hindi Day) is celebrated on 10th January to commemorate the adoption of Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India by the Constituent Assembly of India in 1949.

Date : Saturday, 19th January 2019

Time : 17 00 – 1900 hrs

Venue: Auditorium



कविता-लेखन प्रतियोगिता

विश्व हिन्दी दिवस, जनवरी 2019 के
उपलक्ष्य में गाँधी सेंटर भारतीय राजदूतावास के द्वारा
हिन्दी तथा सरनामी
भाषाओं में नैदरलैंड्स में रहनेवाले हिन्दी तथा सरनामी प्रेमियों के लिए
कविता लेखन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया जा रहा है ।
कविताएँ प्राप्त होने की अंतिम तिथि – 14 जनवरी, 2019
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पर भेजें ।

प्रतियोगिता के नियम संलग्नित हैं ।
अधिक जानकारी के लिए कृपया संपर्क करें –
डॉ एन कान्ता रानी 0684011857

Poetry Writing Competition

As a part of the World Hindi Day celebrations, The Gandhi Centre is conducting a Poetry Writing Competition in Hindi and Sarnami languages. The last date of sending compositions is 14th January 2019.



सत्यमेव जयते

*Embassy of India invites you to celebrate the
70th Republic Day of India*



JANUARY 26, 2019 • 10 00 - 11 00 hrs

INDIA HOUSE, BACKERSHAGENLAAN 21,
WASSENAAR, 2243AB

The celebrations at the Ambassador's residence will include a Flag hoisting ceremony,
music and refreshments

Celebration of 70th Republic Day of India

All Indians, members of the overseas Indian community and friends of India in the Netherlands along with their families are welcome to join celebrations of the 70th Republic Day of India being organized by the Embassy of India on 26th January 2019 (Saturday) at the India House (residence of Ambassador of India) at Backershagenlaan 19, 2243AB Wassenaar.

The Flag Hoisting ceremony will be held at 1000 hours followed by Ambassador's reading out the President of India's Address to the Nation on the eve of Republic Day celebrations.

Date : Saturday, 26th January 2019

Time : 10 00 – 1100 hrs

Venue: India House, Backershagenlaan 21, 2243 AB,
Wassenaar

Film Club

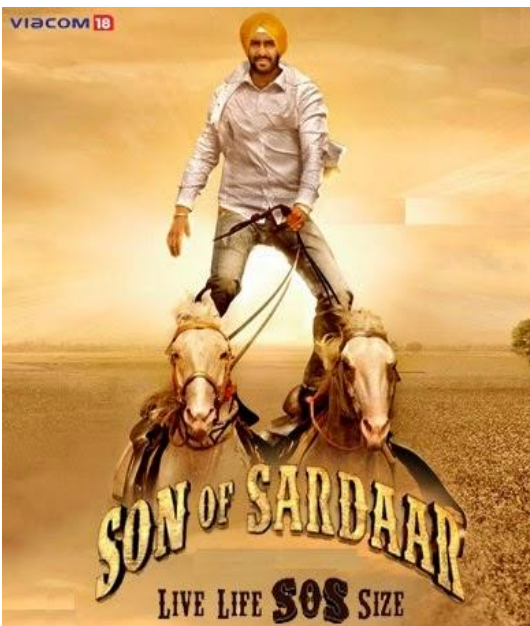
Film: Prem Ratan Dhan Payo



An attempted assassination by his step brother just before his coronation ceremony sends Yuvraj Vijay Singh, the prince of Pritampur into a coma. He is hidden by his loyalists who subsequently come across his lookalike Prem Dilwale, whom they ask to take the prince's place until he recovers. The story with its fair dose of romance leads to a happy ending in staple Bollywood romantic drama. Salman Khan delivers a commendable double role performance and teams up after 17 years with the house of Rajshri productions, better known for their family dramas.

Date : Friday, 11th January 2019
Time : 1430 hrs
Duration : 171 Minutes

Film: Son of Sardaar



Families of Jaswinder and Balwinder are sworn enemies. However, when Jaswinder returns to Punjab, Balwinder welcomes him to his home not knowing that he has invited an old enemy into his house. With generous doses of mayhem, slapstick and romance, this is a no holds barred entertainer for amusement seeking movie buff. Funny one liners, stunt gimmicks, action and over the top fight sequences make this a quintessential masala Bollywood film.

Date : Friday, 18th January 2019
Time : 1430 hrs
Duration : 140 Minutes

An overview of events held in
December 2018

A Talk on “The Role of Ayurveda in day to day life”

01st December 2018



Shri. Rajiv Kaushik, an Ayurvedic consultant delivered a Talk on “The Role of Ayurveda in day to day life” at The Gandhi Centre.

Shri. Kaushik explained the physical anatomy with charts and its functions. He explained what a healthy diet is and how effective is Ayurveda in our life. He was simple and practical in his talk.

Prof. Nirmala Sharma, Director (TGC) felicitated him.



A workshop on “Learn to Run, Run & Stay Healthy”

08th December 2018



An Inspiring workshop on “Learn to Run, Run & Stay Healthy” was conducted at The Gandhi Centre by the ‘Runkeeters’, a group of running enthusiasts.

Mr Craig Horton was invited as guest speaker and spoke about his journey of completing 230 kms of running after recovering from a heart attack.

Mr Amal Gupta led the programme and motivated the participants. He also explained the kind of shoes one must wear, how to run and how running contributes to health, happiness and physique.

The audience participated in Q&A session and found the session very inspiring and motivating.

Prof. Nirmala Sharma, Director (TGC) felicitated the participants.



The Netherlands Carnatic Music Festival

15th December 2018



Madras Chorus in association with The Gandhi Centre, Embassy of India organized a four day 'Margazhi Utsavam', the first ever "The Netherlands Carnatic Music Festival 2018". The daily program was divided into three segments starting with Bharatanatyam and Kutchery (vocal) Segments by renowned local artists interspersed with Mandali Segment for promising artists.

The program was inaugurated by Mr Manohar Gangesh, C'dA, Embassy of India.

The program began with reciting of Hanuman Chalisa by 5 years old Baby Thaara Swaminathan and performances in Bharatnatyam by Ms. Chrada Sheoratan and group. The Mandali Segment included vocal performance by Ms. Sanjana Ganesh, with Ms. Avantika Pramod on Keyboard. The Kutchery (vocal) segment saw performance of Ms. Sapna Ganesh with Mr. Vaibhav Raghavan accompanying on Mridangam. The flow of the Program was coordinated and hosted by Ms Supriya Sreeram.

The performances were appreciated by a full house audience and the Artists were felicitated by the Guest of Honour Mr. Manohar Gangesh, C'dA.

The Netherlands Carnatic Music Festival

16th December 2018



The 2nd day of the “Margazhi Utsavam” began with a beautiful Bharatanatyam performance by Ms. Archanha Jayaraman. The Mandali segment included vocal performance by Mr Ram Kumar and flute rendition by Mrs Usha Ramesh. The final kutchery (vocal) segment was presented by Mr Vasudevan Lakshminarayanan with Mr Vaibhav Raghavan accompanying on Mridangam and Mr Ajay Singh on Tabla. The flow of the Program was coordinated and hosted by Ms Supriya Sreeram.

The performances drew a full house and were widely appreciated. Amongst other prominent members of Indian diaspora, the program was attended by Ms Ritika Mehra of Bridging the Gap Foundation. All artists were felicitated by Mr Pranay Sinha, Head of Chancery & Acting Director of The Gandhi Centre.

Christmas Celebration

22nd December 2018



The Gandhi Centre organized Christmas celebrations, which saw a full house of participants and performers.

The festivities included singing of Christmas carols and cake cutting by adorable Santa. Both children and adults enjoyed and participated in the celebrations.

Mr Manohar Gangesh, Cd’A, Embassy of India felicitated the carol artists.

The Netherlands Carnatic Music Festival

22nd December 2018



The 3rd day of the “Margazhi Utsavam” began with Bharatnatyam performance by Ms Shyama Warriar and group. The Mandali segment saw vocal performance by Ms Usha Ramesh, Ms Aarthi, Ms Tanishka Majukar and Ms Shruti Sriram.

The Kutchery (vocal) segment was presented by the eminent singer Smt Sreelakshmi Parankusam with Mr Adhityan Balakrishnan accompanying on Mridangam and Mr Ghanshyam on Tabla. The flow of the Program was coordinated and hosted by Ms Sangeetha Balasubramaniun.

Mr Vinod Sehdev, President of Netherlands India Association, attended the Program, along with other prominent members of Indian Diaspora.

The performances drew a full house and were widely appreciated. All artists were felicitated by Mr Pranay Sinha, Head of Chancery & Acting Director of The Gandhi Centre.

The Netherlands Carnatic Music Festival

23rd December 2018



The 4th and final day of “Margazhi Utsavam” saw a huge turnout of audience. Highlight of the evening was Bharatnatyam performance by Ms Vaijeyanthi Panchapagesan and her students. The Mandali segment witnessed vocal performances by Ms Swarna Narayanan and Ms Jaya Lakshmi accompanied by Mr Adhityan Balakrishnan on mridangam. The Kutchery (vocal) was presented by Mr Harikrishnan Kesavan, who enthralled the audience by giving that perfect mesmerizing end to the four day festival. Accompanying Mr Harikrishnan was Mr Prasanth Pranavanathan on mridangam and Mr S Nirujan on violin.

The festival ended with vote of thanks by Ms Priya Ravish and team of Madras Chorus. Mr Pranay Sinha, Head of Chancery & Acting Director (TGC) felicitated the participants and Madras Chorus Team.

Regular Classes

The Gandhi Centre organizes regular classes in:

-) Yoga
-) Hindi Language
-) Tabla (Indian percussion instrument)

These classes are open to each and every one at no cost. The classes are designed to cater to all age groups as well as from beginners to advanced.

Yoga Classes

Yoga is a science and art of healthy living with origins in ancient India. It is a stress management therapy and its practice increases immunity and contributes to overall physical and mental being.

The Yoga Teacher, Mr. Amit Khanna is a Yoga Therapist with over 9 years of experience in Yoga. He is also a trained Physiotherapist. He deals with various medical conditions and life style disorders and suggests exercises to manage them.



Yoga Class at The Gandhi Centre

Hindi Language Classes

Hindi is the official language of India with origins in the ancient Indian language Sanskrit. It is widely used in both India and Suriname.

Dr Kanta Rani is an enthusiastic teacher in Hindi language. She has a Masters in Hindi, PhD in education and over 25 years of experience in teaching. She has spent several years in teaching Hindi to non-Hindi speakers. She has also taught in ICC Suriname and her publications include three textbooks and one Hindi conversation book.



Hindi Students writing Level 3 exam at The Gandhi Centre

Tabla Classes

Internationally acclaimed tabla teacher Mr Heiko Dijker, a Dutch national, who has trained under Ustad Faiyaz Khan, the famous Tabla player of India. Along with his public performances, he also teaches in Universities. He teaches Tabla at the Gandhi Centre. The students love him because of his personal attention to every student.



Tabla Class at the Gandhi Centre

**For more details of the classes, kindly visit:
<http://indianembassy.nl/eoi.php?id=Gandhi>**

Library



The Gandhi Centre library has a rich collection of books on Foreign affairs, Politics, Philosophy, History, Religion, Art, Culture, Dance, Monuments, Autobiographies, Personalities, Yoga, Hindi, Fiction and others. There is a reading room and book issue facilities.

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