

Dear Members,

The world is our oyster in March. Yes, it is the month of the Habitat International Film Festival and we have an amazing treasure trove of films in store for you. Italy is our focus country for HIFF 2025. They bring six amazing, critically acclaimed award winning films of 2024 along with a fantastic selection of restored classics and a retrospective of legendary Italian actor Marcello Mastroianni. The much awarded Italian director Marco Tullio Giordana will be here for the screening of his 2024 film *La Vita Accanto (The Life Apart)* and a post screening interaction. Outstanding films from France, Spain, Hungary, Sweden, Poland, U.K, Austria, Venezuela, Finland and Lithuania among others, and a workshop on film restoration, add to the blaze.

While this will take place in the spectacular last ten days of the month, the rest of the month is as vibrant and engaging. The month opens with the closing performances of the **21st Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival** and the start of the **IHC Collegiate Theatre & Music Festival**, a curated selection of exceptional young talent.

The eve of International Women's Day is marked by *Kavyatri Sammelan 2025*, an evening of poetry by various poetesses and on **International Women's Day**, we feature a discussion between **Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee**, President-IHC and **Ambassador Veena Sikri** about the life and struggle of Indian women, the legal remedies and protection available on a whole host of issues faced by women at home and in the workplace, and what the UN offers by way of protection.

The signature **IHC Phoolon ki Holi** celebration features Holi and *phaugun* songs from the folk music repertoire of the Ganga-Jamuna belt performed by **Shivangini Yeashu Yuvraj**, (disciple of Shubha Mudgal and Girija Devi) and concludes with a group Kathak performance by **Vidha Lal** and troupe.

Two dance highlights of the month are the Delhi premiere of **BHAVA-GANGA** "The Perennial Flow of Creation" by the Centre for Indian Classical Dances Repertory Group of **Dr. Sonal Mansingh**, and the Prasadha Foundation 40 years celebration with three evenings of dance, starting with a premiere of **SAMARTHAYA - Women of Ramayana**, conceived and choreographed by **Prathibha Prahlad**.

This month has the prestigious **Raza Foundation Agyeya Memorial Lecture** by **Gulam Mohd. Sheikh**.

Book Launches include *The Artful Murders: A Ragini Malhotra Mystery* by **Feisal Alkazi**; *The Hush of the Uncaring Sea* by **Upamanyu Chatterjee**; and *Playing with the Goddess: Gauri of the Mewar Bhils* by **Aditi Ghosh Mehta**.

Our monthly series continue with the **India Foundation's** panel discussion on *'The Geopolitics of Technology, Trade and Tariff'* and a book discussion on **Dr. Ram Madhav's** book *Our Constitution Our Pride*.

**IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS** features *The Other Side of Diplomacy* edited by **Jayshree Misra Tripathi**, an anthology of stories where the spouses of diplomats recount historic, entertaining and intriguing episodes from their lives.

**The Indian Futures** brings us a topical panel discussion on *Russia-Ukraine War: Pathways to Peace*.

**The RIS-IHC Maritime Knowledge Series** celebrates *India and its Navy@2025 - A Pictorial Journey*. Followed by **Panel Discussion on Security and Growth for all (SAGAR) and the Indo Pacific**.

**NT Live Broadcast.** *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy. Directed by **Max Webster**.

Our restored Indian classic film this month is *Teesri Kasam*, the 1966 landmark film directed by **Basu Bhattacharya**.

We conclude the season of **IHC Morning Ragas** in collaboration with the **ITC Sangeet Research Academy** with a Vocal recital by **Sai Eishwary Mahashabde**.

The first Sunday of the month has, as always, **The IHC Free Book X'Change**.



**IHC Collegiate Theatre & Music Festival 2025**  
March 1-10

**THE STEIN AUDITORIUM**

**1 March, Saturday**  
7:00pm Indian Musical performances from Collegiate Music Societies.

**2 March, Sunday**  
7:00pm Western Musical performances from Collegiate Music Societies.

**AMPHITHEATRE**

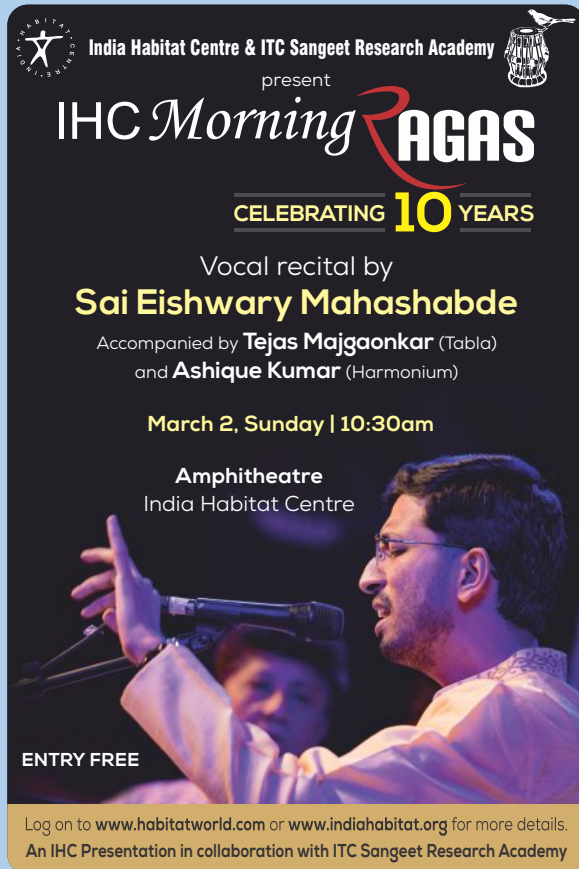
**4 & 5 March, Tuesday & Wednesday**  
7:00pm *Raktpushp* (Hindi/55 mins) by Abhivyakti, Indraprastha College. Directed by Ashmita Kumar, Aparna Kunwar, Sayantani Dubey & Shreeja Dixit.  
8:00pm *Khamosh Adalat Jaari Hai* (Hindi/60 mins) by Samayantar, Maharaja Agrasen College. Directed by Shubham Kumar.

**6 & 7 March, Thursday & Friday**  
7:00pm *Patarayan* (Hindi & English/60 mins) by Hansraj Dramatics Society, Hansraj College. Directed by Sheersh Khare & Jatin Dhingra.  
8:00pm *Antigone* (Hindi & English/50 mins) by Aman, Zakir Husain Delhi College. Directed by Dhanush & Aarav.

**8 & 9 March - Saturday & Sunday**  
7:00pm *Nirdeshaq* (Hindi & English/60 mins) by The Players, Kirori Mal College. Directed by Skand Rawat & Aditya Oberoi.  
8:00pm *Main, Nahin* (Hindi & English/60 mins) by The Players, Kirori Mal College. Directed by Neil & Poorva Aggarwal.

**10 March, Monday**  
7:00pm - *Batohi* (Hindi/70 mins) by Aadhaar, Motilal Nehru College. Directed by Jatin & Manisha Rawat.  
8:10pm *Sarfaroosh* (Hindi/60 mins) by Pratibimb, Delhi Technological University. Directed by Keshav Jha.

Tickets at Rs.200 available online on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) and at the Programmes desk, IHC



India Habitat Centre & ITC Sangeet Research Academy present  
**IHC Morning Ragas**  
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

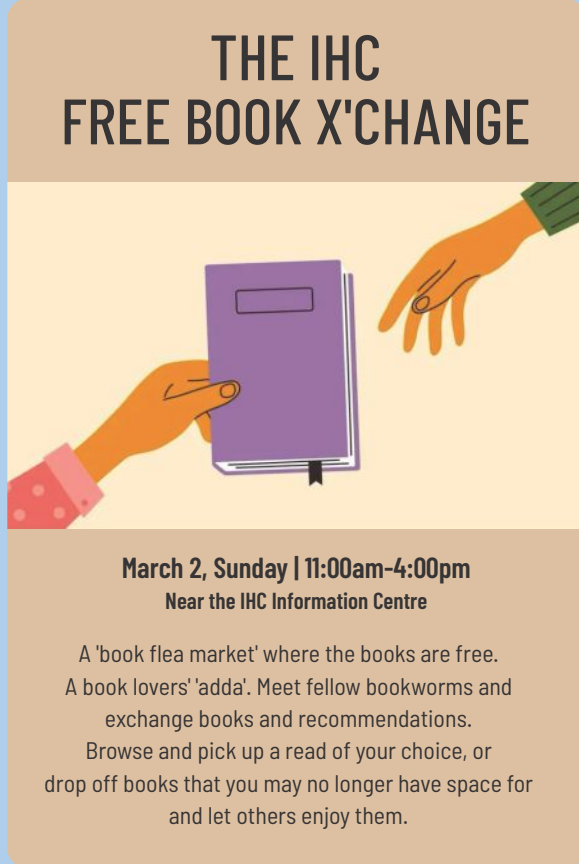
Vocal recital by  
**Sai Eishwary Mahashabde**  
Accompanied by **Tejas Majgaonkar** (Tabla) and **Ashique Kumar** (Harmonium)

March 2, Sunday | 10:30am

Amphitheatre  
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**THE IHC FREE BOOK X'CHANGE**

March 2, Sunday | 11:00am-4:00pm  
Near the IHC Information Centre

A 'book flea market' where the books are free. A book lovers' 'adda'. Meet fellow bookworms and exchange books and recommendations. Browse and pick up a read of your choice, or drop off books that you may no longer have space for and let others enjoy them.



IHC  
**Holi Celebrations**  
with  
**Shivangini**

Holi and *phaugun* songs from the Ganga-Jamuna belt performed by  
**Shivangini Yeashu Yuvraj**,  
disciple of Shubha Mudgal and Girija Devi.

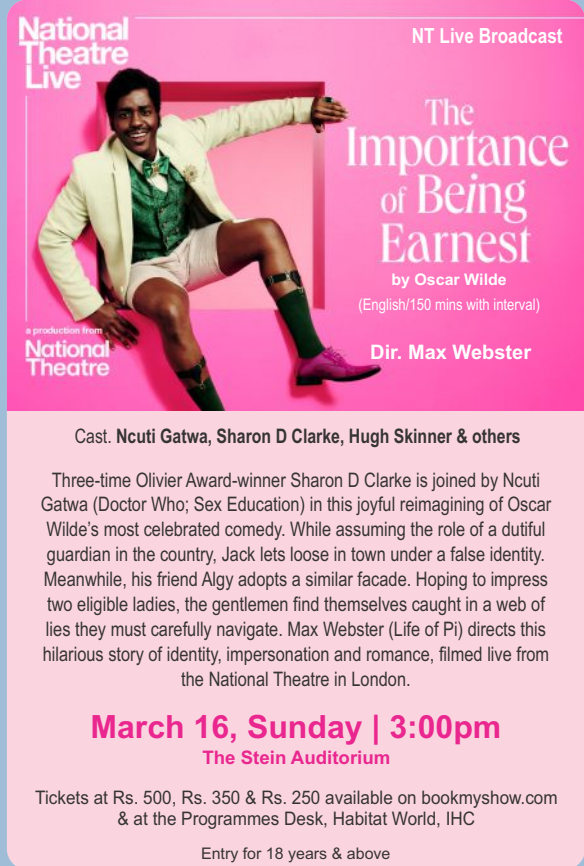
Accompanied by **Saptak Sharma** (Tabla), **Lalit Sisodia** (Harmonium), and **Mahavir Chandrawat** (Dholak).

Followed by group Kathak performance by **Vidha Lal** and troupe culminating with *Phoolon ki Holi*.

**March 13, Thursday | 7:00pm**  
Margosa Lawn, India Habitat Centre

Open to all. Entry free.

Select from our counters specially created for the occasion  
Amritsari Fish, Lahsooni Chicken Tikka, Achari Paneer Tikka, Rajma Chawal In Kulhad, Moong Dal Chilla, Moong Dal Laddoo With Mooli Laccha, Pav Bhaji, Biryani, Jalebi With Rabri, Khoya Gujija and more...



National Theatre Live  
NT Live Broadcast

**The Importance of Being Earnest**  
by Oscar Wilde  
(English/150 mins with interval)  
Dir. Max Webster

Cast. Neuti Gatwa, Sharon D Clarke, Hugh Skinner & others

Three-time Olivier Award-winner Sharon D Clarke is joined by Neuti Gatwa (Doctor Who; Sex Education) in this joyful reimagining of Oscar Wilde's most celebrated comedy. While assuming the role of a dutiful guardian in the country, Jack lets loose in town under a false identity. Meanwhile, his friend Algy adopts a similar facade. Hoping to impress two eligible ladies, the gentlemen find themselves caught in a web of lies they must carefully navigate. Max Webster (Life of Pi) directs this hilarious story of identity, impersonation and romance, filmed live from the National Theatre in London.

**March 16, Sunday | 3:00pm**  
The Stein Auditorium

Tickets at Rs. 500, Rs. 350 & Rs. 250 available on [bookmyshow.com](http://bookmyshow.com) & at the Programmes Desk, Habitat World, IHC

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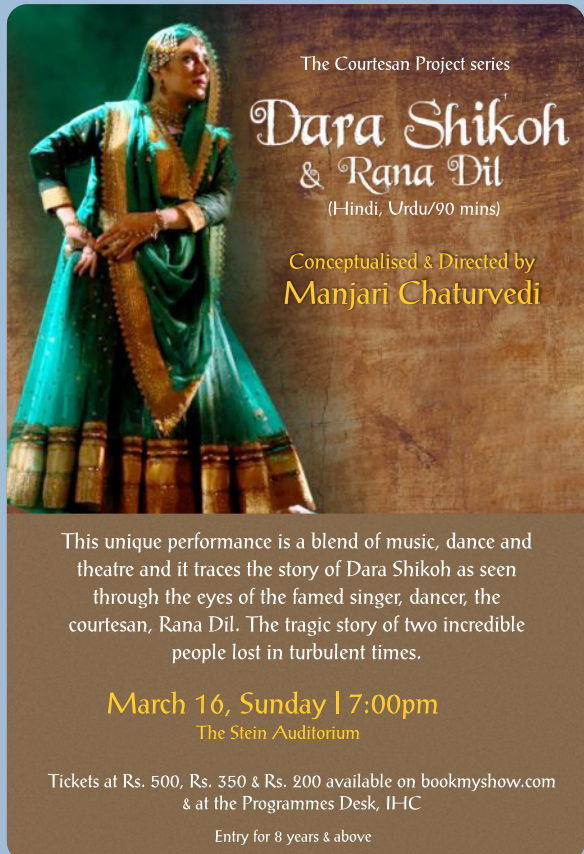


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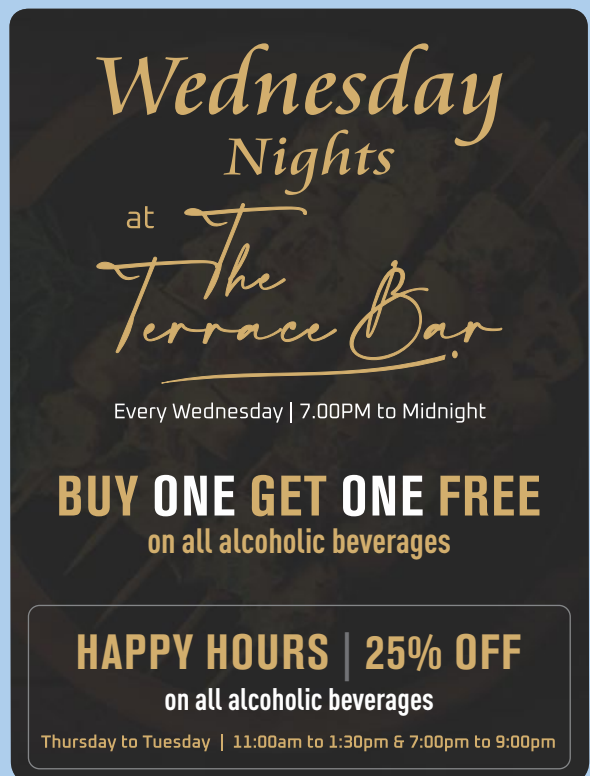
The Courtesan Project series  
**Dara Shikoh & Rana Dil**  
(Hindi, Urdu/90 mins)  
Conceptualised & Directed by **Manjari Chaturvedi**

This unique performance is a blend of music, dance and theatre and it traces the story of Dara Shikoh as seen through the eyes of the famed singer, dancer, the courtesan, Rana Dil. The tragic story of two incredible people lost in turbulent times.

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Programme Calendar '25  
March 25

Habitat International Film Festival 6<sup>th</sup> EDITION  
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21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> MAR, 2025

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**MUSIC** 10:30am | IHC Morning Ragas. Vocal recital by Sai Eishwary Mahashabde. Accompanied by Tejas Majgaonkar on Tabla and Ashique Kumar on Harmonium. Collab. ITC Sangeet Research Academy.

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**THEATRE** 7:30pm | 21st Ishara International Puppet Theatre Festival. *Life (Vida)* (Spain/Puppets/Non Verbal, Musical/55 mins) Dir. Javier Aranda. Performed by Compañía Javier Aranda Teatro Y Titeres. Collab. Ishara Puppet Theatre Trust. *Ticketed show. Check the website for details.*

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**TALK** 7:00pm | *Lives Lived*. M. K. Raina in conversation with Sohail Hashmi. Collab. A presentation by Three Arts Club and Katyayani.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Discussion**. *Playing with the Goddess: Gauri of the Mewar Bhils* by Aditi Ghosh Mehta. Publisher: IGNC. A three-volume cultural memoir cum ethnography, showcasing the rituals and the theatrical and performative content of the Gauri, a votive dance-drama of the Mewar Bhils. The author will be in conversation with Madan Meena, Visual Artist Practitioner, Researcher with rural, nomadic and tribal communities.

**MUSIC** 7:00pm | Dhrupad recital by Prashant Mallick and Nishant Mallick of the Darbhanga Dhrupad. Sarod recital by Smit Tewari. Collab. Nanda Academy of Performing Arts.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Launch**. *The Artful Murders: A Ragini Malhotra Mystery* by Feisal Alkazi. Publisher: Speaking Tiger Books. A dramatized reading of Feisal Alkazi's first crime novel which brings together his knowledge of the worlds of art and theatre, and of the city of Delhi. The author will be in conversation with Sunit Tandon, theatre and media personality.

**DANCE** 7:00pm | *Kaikiye: The Forsaken One* by Mridula Nambiar. A Bharatanatyam production that delves deep into the life of one of the most misunderstood characters in the Ramayana - Queen Kaikeyi. It reimagines Kaikeyi's journey from a young, vibrant princess to a warrior queen, and ultimately, to a mother forsaken by her own son.

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | JAPAN-INDIA Exchange. Hindustani Classical Sitar recital by Akiko Kokubu, accompanied by Tansen Shrivastava on Tabla.

**TALK** 7:00pm | RIS-IHC Maritime Knowledge Series. **Book Discussion on India and its Navy@2025 - A Pictorial Journey** by Cmde Ranjit Rai, Retd. Followed by **Panel Discussion on Security and Growth for all (SAGAR) and the Indo Pacific**. Collab. CMEC (RIS). *Check the website for details.*

**THEATRE** 7:00pm | IHC Collegiate Theatre & Music Festival 2025. *Ticketed Show. Check panel for details.*

**DANCE** 7:30pm | *Celebrating 40 Years Of Prasiddha Foundation. Rāmāyana Chaitrāvālī*. Premiere of SĀMARTHĪYA - Women of Rāmāyana. Collab. Prasiddha Foundation. *Check the website for details.*

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**TALK** 6:00pm | **Panel Discussion on The Geopolitics of Technology, Trade and Tariff**. Collab. India Foundation.

**MUSIC** 7:30pm | Piano recital by Kendzsi Tanaka. Debussy's Arabesque no. 1, Ravel's Jeux D'eau, Beethoven's Sonata no. 14 "Moonlight", Prokofiev's Sonata no. 2, Chopin's Etudes. Collab. Delhi Music Society.

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**March 2025**

**FILMS** 4, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

**THEATRE** 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16

**MUSIC** 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19, 31

**DANCE** 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19

**TALK** 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 25, 31

**WORKSHOP** 18

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | *Aarambh*. A series featuring young classical performers of music and dance. Hindustani Classical Vocals by Vaibhav Sakshi & Rutuja Lad. Collab. The Raza Foundation.

**THEATRE** 7:00pm | IHC Collegiate Theatre & Music Festival 2025. *Ticketed Show. Check panel for details.*

**FILMS** 7:00pm | *The Monkey (2025/English/98 mins)* Dir. Osgood Perkins. When twin brothers Bill and Hal find their father's old monkey toy in the attic, a series of gruesome deaths start. The siblings decide to throw the toy away and move on with their lives, growing apart over the years. Collab. Impact Films India. \*For 18 years+ only. *Entry by registration.*

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | To mark Holi, an evening celebrating Holi music, Hindi and Urdu poetry related to Holi, storytelling and *Hasya-Vyangya* by Sanchaari.

**DANCE** 7:30pm | *Celebrating 40 Years Of Prasiddha Foundation. Ekam Sat*. Concept & Choreographic design by Prathibha Prahlad with Mithun Shyam, Rekha Raju, Nidhaga Karunad, Kavya Kasinath, Rachana Karanik, Kartik Shetty, Harshvardhan K, Keerthi Uday, & Aishwarya Radhakrishnan. Followed by Rāmāyana Chaitrāvālī - RAVANA - *Untold Story of the 11<sup>th</sup> Head* by Surya N. Rao. SAUMITRI-The Epitome of Unwavering Loyalty by P. Praveen Kumar. VAYU PUTRA-Bhakti Redefined by Nidhaga Karunad. Collab. Prasiddha Foundation.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | **Book Launch**. *The Hush of the Uncaring Sea* by Upamanyu Chatterjee. Publisher: Speaking Tiger Books. A collection of four novellas - *The Revenge of the Non-Vegetarian*, *Stink of Red Herring*, *The Hapless Prince* and the title itself. The author will be in conversation with Abhinandan Sekhri, Co-founder and Managing Editor, Newslandry.

**WORKSHOP** 7:00pm | *A Transient Life: Experiments with the idea of Impermanence*. Join Dr. Sneha Rooh, a palliative physician and somatic & arts-based therapist. Collab. The Red Door. *Check the website for details.*

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**EXHIBITIONS CONVENTION CENTRE FOYER**

26 Feb-2 Mar | *Indian Temples and Monuments* A solo exhibition by Balu Sadalge.

3 - 7 | *Is There A Witness Near?* An exhibition of paintings by Tanya Garg.

8 - 12 | *Brushstrokes and Beyond-II* An exhibition of paintings by Sajal Kumar Mitra.

15 - 19 | *Dreamscapes* An exhibition of paintings by Nishita Baderia.

30 - 31 | सार-असार An exhibition of paintings by Pooja Mudgal.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | *Kavyayitri Sammelan 2025*. An evening of poetry by various poetesses. Collab. Rajasthani Academy.

**THEATRE** 7:00pm | IHC Collegiate Theatre & Music Festival 2025. *Ticketed Show. Check panel for details.*

**TALK** 7:00pm | *Home Truths*. A "Public Discussion on Gender & Plastics: A Recent Indian History" by Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group. Discussants: Bharati Chaturvedi, Founder and Director, Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group, Nidhi Jamwal, Environmental Journalist, Co-Author of the report, and other experts.

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**DANCE** 7:30pm | *Celebrating 40 Years Of Prasiddha Foundation. Bharat After Mahatma*. Concept & Choreographic Design by Prathibha Prahlad with Kuleshwar Thakur, Rahul Ray, Ram Gautam & Prasiddha Repertory. Rāmāyana Chaitrāvālī - SHABARI - *A Fable Of Unwavering Faith* by Satyanarayana Raju. VĀLI - *A Story Of Courage And Invincibility* by Mithun Shyam. Collab. Prasiddha Foundation.

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**DANCE** 7:00pm | ARAMBH. Solo Shehnai recital by Ashwani Shankar; Taal Vadya Kacheri by Anand Shankar; Kathak recital by disciples of Pratibha Sharma; Kathak solo by Pratibha Sharma, based on music compositions by Sanjeev Shankar. Collab. 'Kedaar' Society of Performing Arts.

**TALK** 7:00pm | Agyeya Memorial Lecture by Gulam Mohd. Sheikh. Collab. The Raza Foundation.

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**VISUAL ARTS GALLERY**

25 Feb-4 Mar | *A Bird Call Northeast India* A solo painting exhibition by Rupa Samaria.

5 - 9 | अंजलि: A Humble Offering. "Abstract Expressions: Paintings and Poetry". A solo painting and poetry by Anuj Kumar.

10 - 22 | *Manjusha 2025* A group exhibition of Paintings, Prints, Sculptures and Ceramics by various artists.

23 - 30 | CIMA Art Mela 25 CIMA Art Gallery presents a group Painting, Graphics, Digital Prints and Traditional Art exhibition by various artists.

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | IHC HOLI CELEBRATIONS 2025. *Holi with Shivangini*. Holi and *phagun* songs from the Ganga-Jamuna belt performed by Shivangini Yeashu Yuvraj, disciple of Shubha Mudgal and Girija Devi. Accompanied by Saptak Sharma (Tabla), Lalit Sisodia (Harmonium), and Mahavir Chandrawat (Dholak). Followed by group Kathak performance by Vidha Lal and troupe culminating with *Phoolon ki Holi*. Venue: Margosa Lawn.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | IHC CONVERSATIONS WITH AUTHORS. Presented by the Habitat Library & Resource Centre. *The Other Side of Diplomacy* edited by Jaysree Misra Tripathi. Publisher: Westland Books. Beyond the glamour of the Indian Foreign Service and the glitz of foreign postings lies an unseen world, that of the spouses of diplomats. These women and a few men traverse continents and cultures every few years, raising families in unfamiliar lands, and always upholding the unwritten but unbreakable code - no diplomatic gaffes! An anthology of stories where the spouses recount historic, entertaining and intriguing episodes from their lives. Chair: Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President-IHC. *Check the website for details.*

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**OPEN PALM COURT GALLERY**

6 - 11 | *A Celebration called Life* A solo painting exhibition by Ria Das.

24 - 26 | *Reminiscence...* A solo painting exhibition by Umendrapal Singh.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | **Panel Discussion**. *Russia-Ukraine War: Pathways to Peace*. Speakers: Ambassador Pankaj Saran, Convenor, NatStrat, Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU. Chair: Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President-IHC. Introduction by Dr. Manish Dabhade, Founder, The Indian Futures & Associate Professor of Diplomacy, School of International Studies, JNU. Collab. The Indian Futures.

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**Happy Holi**

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**MUSIC** 7:00pm | *Ramprosader Sandhane/In Search of Ramprosad*. A performance by Dr. Ashish Ghosh, to mark the 300th birth anniversary of Ramprosad, the 18th century poet and saint from Bengal. Collab. Impresario India.

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**TALK** 7:00pm | To celebrate International Women's Day. Discussion between Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, President-IHC and Ambassador Veena Sikri about the life and struggle of Indian women, the legal remedies and protection available on a whole host of issues faced by women at home and in the workplace, and what the UN offers by way of protection.

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**TALK** 6:00pm | IHC Members Meet. OPEN TO IHC MEMBERS ONLY. *Refreshment Service will be between 6:00pm - 6:30pm only.* Venue: The Habitat Lounge.

**FILMS** 6:00pm | ONLINE | GLIMPSES OF CULTURE. *The Roof of the World* (Early Monasteries of the trans-Himalayas) Screening followed by discussion with Benoy K. Behl. Prod. Doordarshan. Venue: Zoom. *Check the website for details.*

**FILMS** 7:00pm | Raj Kapoor Centenary Celebrations. *Teesri Kasam* (1966/Hindi/159 mins) Dir. Basu Bhattacharya. Based on a story by Phanishwar Nath Renu, the film is set in rural India and portrays the life of a naive bullock cart driver whose life changes when he meets a village courtesan. A restored classic. Collab. NFDC-National Film Archive of India. *Check the website for details.*

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