

**The Nehru Centre
of
The High Commission of India**

Programmes Held in 1996 & 1997

Programmes held in 1996 (from February 1996)

February 1996

01. 06-02-96 Planting of a yew tree by HRH the Prince of Wales at the High Commissioner's instance at his residence

Poetry reading: Gopal Gandhi
Tom Durham

02. 20-02-96 A talk *Gandhi and his Jewish Friends*

Speaker: Prof Margaret Chatterjee
Chair: Aubrey Rose

03. 26-02-96 A talk *Gandhi and the Parsi Connection*

Speaker: Farrokh Vajifdar
Chair: M A S Dalal

04. 27-02-96 A talk *Pre-Election India : A Historian's Report*

Speaker: Antony Copley
Chair: Dr Gautam Sen

05. 28-02-96 A talk *The Jaina Influence on Gandhi*

Speaker: Satish Kumar
Chair: Diana Schumacher

06. 29-02-96 Launch of *Geographical Eye Over Asia*, a major audio-visual initiative for the education of the young in UK by the International Broadcasting Trust in collaboration with The Nehru Centre and Yorkshire Television

Speakers: Deborah Isaacs
Dr Jagdish S Gundhara
Paddy Coult

March 1996

07. 11-03-96 A talk *Current Gender Concerns in India*

Speaker: Devaki Jain
Chair: Dr Maitrayee Mukhopadhyay

08. 13-02-96 A talk *Science and Religion in India*

Speaker: John B Lourdasamy
Chair: The Revd. Andrew Wingate

09. 18-03-96 A talk *Sir William Jones's Orientalist Vision*

Speaker: Dr William Crawley
Chair: Prof P J Marshall

10. 19-03-96 A discussion on the recently published book *Jawaharlal Nehru, Rebel and Statesman* by B R Nanda (Oxford University Press)

Speaker: John Grigg
Sunil Khilnani
Chair: Rt. Hon. The Baroness Flather, JP DL

11. 20-03-96 A talk *Caste and Indian Christians: Past and Present*

Speaker: James Chiryankandath
Chair: Peter Robb

12. 21-03-96 Hindustani light vocal recital

Artiste: Mamta Gupta
Accompanists : Fida Hussain (harmonium)
Aftaab Malhotra (tabla)

13. 25-03-96 A talk *Cricket and Country*

Speaker : Mihir Bose
Chair : Robert W Bradnock

14. 28-03-96 A concert (sitar)

Artiste: Joya Biswas
Accompanist : Sanjay Jhalla

April, 1996

15. 09-04-96 An illustrated talk *Indian Images : Perceptions and Photographs*

Speaker : David Mendel
Chair : Joanna Drew

16. 10-04-96 A talk *In Search of Cousin Charlie*

Speaker : Bruce Andrews
Chair : Professor Margaret Chatterjee
Guest of Honour The Rev Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron

17. 10-04-96 An appreciation of CFA's friend Susil K Rudra *The Closest Friend of All*

Speaker : Dr Dan O'Connor

18. 15-04-96 A talk *The Missionary and The Libertine*

Speaker : Ian Buruma
Chair : Ian Jack

19. 17-04-96 An illustrated talk *Land of the Giants!*

Speaker : Christopher Stevens
Chair : T Richard Blurton

20. 18-04-96 An illustrated talk *Chromolithography and Popular Politics in India*

- Speaker : Christopher Pinney
Chair : Dr Partha Mitter
21. 22-04-96 A talk *Mother Teresa - An Appraisal*
Speaker : Navin Chawla
Chair : Nicholas Wapshott
22. 23-04-96 A Conversation with the Rt. Hon The Baroness Shreela Flather
Conversationalist : Gopal Gandhi
23. 24-04-96 A discussion on a new painting *Durga* by Mark Briscoe
Discussants : Dr Partha Mitter
Dr M N Nandakumara
Chair : Robert Skelton
24. 25-04-96 An illustrated talk inspired by Dhruva Mistry's bronze icon *Hanuman*
Speaker : Gopal Gandhi
25. 26-04-96 A flute-mridangam recital
Artistes : Ludwig Pesch
T R Sundaresan
26. 30-04-96 An illustrated talk *A Vision of India*
Speaker : Olivia Fraser
Chair : Navina Najat Haykel

May, 1996

27. 09-05-96 An illustrated talk *Tipu Sultan - Tiger of Mysore*
Speaker : Anne Buddle
Chair : J P Losty
28. 13-05-96 A talk *The Aranya Canto of the Ramayana*
Speaker : Parasuram Ramamoorthi
Chair : Ranjana Sidhanta Ash
29. 16-05-96 Celebration of 135th Birth Anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore (in association with
The Tagore Centre-UK)
Speaker : Dr William Radice
30. 17-05-96 An illustrated talk *Holdings in Rabindra Bhavan and Tagore Research in India
and Abroad*
Speaker : Dwijadas Banerjee
31. 20-05-96 A talk *The Correlation of Christian Art in Kerala and European Art* (in association with
The Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Edinburgh)
Speaker : Dr Jayaram Poduval
Chair : Denise Hooker
32. 21-05-96 An illustrated talk *Rama Stories & Puppet Plays in South India*
Speaker : Dr Stuart Blackburn
Chair : Professor Anna Dallapiccola
33. 22-05-96 An illustrated talk *Meghalaya Revisited*
Speaker : John Hewerdine
34. 24-05-96 A week-long exhibition of mixed media works on rice paper on mythical birds, animals
and plant forms *Kaleidoscope*

Painter : Bulbul Sharma

35. 24-05-96 A lecture demonstration on *Chitravina* (in association with Asian Music Circuit and Festival of India's South)
Artiste : Ravi Kiran
36. 30-05-96 An illustrated talk *Archaeometallurgy of South Indian Bronzes*
Speaker : Sharada Srinivasan
Chair : Dr Friedhelm Hardy

June, 1996

37. 04-06-96 A talk *Translating Tamil Fiction : Mauni, Na Muthuswamy & Ambai*
Speaker : Lakshmi Holmström
Chair : Ranjana Sidhanta Ash, literary critic
38. 07-6-96 Commemoration of Swami Vivekananda's Lecture *The Necessity of Religion*
Reader : Paul Bhattacharjee
39. 10-6-96 A talk *Prince Dara Shukoh and How The Upanishads Came To Europe*
Speaker : Stephen Cross
Chair : Dr Kathleen Raine
40. 11-6-96 An illustrated talk *The Dravida Language of Architecture* (in association with Festival of India's South)
Speaker : Dr Adam Hardy
Chair : Prafulla Mohanti
41. 11-6-96 Mandolin Lecture Demonstration (in association with Asian Music Circuit and Festival of India's South)
Artiste : U Srinivas
Chair : John Marr
42. 12-6-96 An illustrated talk *The Inner World of Theyyam*
Speaker : Pepita Seth
Chair : Pushkala Gopal
43. 13-6-96 *Unveiling of a photograph of Vijayalakshmi Pandit* (Coinciding with the Fiftieth Anniversary of The Passive Resistance Movement in South Africa, Dr L M Singhvi unveiled a photograph of Vijayalakshmi Pandit. Fifty years ago, in 1946, Vijayalakshmi Pandit led India's delegation to the UN, bringing this subject to the notice of the world assembly.
44. 13-6-96 Celebration of *Fifty Years of Passive Resistance in South Africa*
Speakers : Mr E S Reddy
Mr Julius Silverman
The Rt. Hon Michael Foot
HE The High Commissioner for South Africa
HE The High Commissioner for India.
45. 17-6-96 An illustrated talk *The Work of A Ramachandran* (in association with A.R.K.S. Gallery, London, and Festival of India's South)
Speaker : Rupika Chawla
46. 19-6-96 *Centenary of Rajani Palme-Dutt*
Speakers : Lord Meghnad Desai
David Morgan
Ambassador Shelvankar

Anila Graham
Professor Biswas
Messages read: Jyoti Basu and speech of Julius Silverman

47. 20-6-96 Launch of *Indian Sahib* by Sushila Anand (in association with Duckworth)
Readers : Sushila Anand
Ronnie Cunliffe
48. 21-6-96 An illustrated talk *The Dance of Shiva At Chidambaram*
Speaker : Dr David Smith
49. 25-6-96 A talk *Reflections on Four Years in India*
Speaker : Sir Nicholas Fenn GCMG, former British High Commissioner to India
Chair : K Srinivasan
50. 26-6-96 An illustrated talk *Rasa and Ananda - A Visual Discovery* (in association with A.R.K.S. Gallery, London)
Speaker : Rashmi Poddar
Chair : Robert Skelton

July 1996

51. 03-7-96 An talk *Nationalism and Feminism in India : Mridula Sarabhai*
Speaker : Professor Aparna Basu
Chair : Professor Judith Brown
52. 05-7-96 An Odissi Lecture Demonstration
Artiste : Ranjana Gauhar
53. 15-7-96 An Flute Recital
Artiste : Deepak Ram
Accompanist : Shiv Shankar Ray (tabla)
Mrs Kirtida Ram Mistry (tanpura)
54. 16-7-96 An talk *Arjuna, Odysseus and the Origins of Dowry*
Speaker : Professor Nick Allen
Chair : Dr Simon Weightman
55. 17-7-96 III JBS Haldane Memorial Lecture : *Nehru's Vision of Science -Dream or Reality?*
Speaker : Professor V S Arunachalam
56. 19-7-96 Readings from *The Great Indian Novel* and *Show Business*
Reader : Shashi Tharoor
57. 24-7-96 An evening of poetry reading
Poet : Arvind Krishna Mehrotra
Chair : Ranjana Sidhanta Ash
58. 25-7-96 A Vocal Recital
Artiste : Vrinda Mundkur
Accompanists: Sanjay Jhalla (tabla)
Mohan Bhide (harmonium)
Rohini Rathore (tanpura)
59. 26-7-96 An Exhibition of Paintings
Painter : Meena Chopra
60. 26-7-96 Launch of a collection of poems *Ignited Lines*

Author : Meena Chopra
Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India

61. 26-7-96 IVth Tagore-Yeats Memorial Lecture : *Uneasy Dichotomies : The Poet on East and West*
Speaker : Professor Tapan Raychaudhuri
Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India

August 1996

62. 05-8-96 Recital/talk (in association with Asia Music Circuit)
Artistes : Shankar Ghosh and The Calcutta Drum Orchestra
63. 08-8-96 An illustrated talk *Lakshadweep - A Seafaring Community*
Speaker : Dr Lotika Varadarajan
64. 09-8-96 A Hindustani vocal recital
Artistes : Jyoti Swaroop Pandey
Accompanists: Sanjay Jhalla (tabla)
Ramanath Gheerawo (tanpura)

September 1996

65. 03-9-96 Lecture Demonstration - *Guitar* (in Association with Asian Music Circuit)
Artiste : Vishwa Mohan Bhatt
Accompanists : Salil Mohan (veena)
Sukhvinder Singh (tabla)
66. 05-9-96 A Vocal Recital
Artiste : Swapan Gupta
Accompanists :
67. 10-9-96 An illustrated talk *A Unifying Experience : The Paintings of Rabindranath Tagore*
Speaker : Dr Tapati Gupta
Chair : Dr Ketaki Dyson
68. 12-9-96 Bhajans and Ghazals
Artiste : Shaoni Mitra
Accompanists :
69. 16-9-96 An illustrated talk *Tradition and Classicism in Manipuri Dancing*
Speakers : Darshana Jhaveri
Latsana Devi
70. 17 to 23-9-96 An exhibition of Paintings
Painters : Ashis Kabasi
Debashis Kabasi
70. 20-9-96 Tagore's bust at Stratford Upon Avon?
71. 19-9-96 A talk *Tagore's Concept of Education : Its relevance in Modern Times*
Speaker : Dilip Kumar Sinha
72. 19-9-96 Poetry Recital
Artiste : Pranoti Tagore
73. 18-9-96 A Vocal Recital
Artiste : Bulbul Basu

75. 23-9-96 A Hindustani Vocal Recital
Artiste : Chhaya Matange
Accompanists :
74. 24-9-96 Book Launch - *Clothing Matters : Dress and Identity in India* (Hurst & Co., 1996)
Author : Dr Emma Tarlo
Chair : Dr Christopher Pinney
75. 25-9-96 An illustrated talk - *Architecture of Rajasthan*
Speaker : Anthony Hudson
Chair :
76. 26-9-96 Inauguration of Viswa Banga Sahitya Sammelan
77. 27-9-96 Book Launch - *Asking Questions*
Author : H R F Keating
78. 30-9-96 A Hindustani Vocal Recital
Artiste : Sipra Bose
Accompanists :

October 1996

79. 03-10-96 Launch of *I Dreamed I had a Girl in my Pocket* (WW Norton & Co.), an illustrated talk *Cousin Sister, It's Time to Work*
Speaker : Wendy Ewald
80. 04-10-96 An Exhibition of Paintings
Artist : Anish Ahluwalia
Guest of Honour : I K Gujral, Minister for External Affairs
81. 06-10-96 I K Gujral meet the media persons
Chair : P K Singh, Deputy High Commissioner for India
82. 07-10-96 Poetry Reading
Poet : Javed Akhtar
Chair : Rupert Snell, School of Oriental & African Studies
83. 11-10-96 *Nazrulgeeti* (Songs of Kazi Nazrul Islam)
Artiste : Indrani Mukherjee
Accompanists : Shiv Shankar Ray (tabla)
84. 14-10-96 Hindustani Vocal Recital
Artistes : Singh Bandhus (Tejpal Singh and Surinder Singh)
85. 22-10-96 Sarangi concert
Artiste : Ustad Sabri Khan
Accompanists : Kamal Sabri (sarangi)
Sarvar Sabri (tabla)
Wilfred Masih (tambura)
Surinder Kaur Sandhu (tambura)
86. 23-10-96 An exhibition of paintings on glass and stained glass
to 31-10-96 Artist : Tandra Chanda
Inaugurated by : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
87. 24-10-96 Rabindra Sangeet

Artiste : Indira Bandopadhyay
Accompanists : Soumitra Pal (tabla)
Shaoni Mitra (tanpura)

88. 28-10-96 Illustrated talk *A Journey Through Glass*
Artist : Tandra Chanda
89. 29-10-96 Poetry reading
Artist : Maya Govind
90. 30-10-96 A Panel Discussion *Artist and Society*
Discussants : M F Husain, Jogen Chowdhury, S H Raza, Ashok Vajpeyi
Moderator : Aweek Sarkar

November 1996

91. 05-11-96 Book Launch *Non-Profit Sector in India*
Author : Michael Norton
Speaker : Zerbanoo Gifford
Chief Guest : Ashis Ray, Editor, CNN
92. 06-11-96 Kathak Dance Recital
Artiste : Jayashree Acharya
Accompanists : Shaoni Mitra (vocal)
Sanjay Jhalla (tabla)
Tom (tanpura/special effects)
Anurekha Ghosh and Maneka Das (narration)
93. 07-11-96 Bharatanatyam Lecture Demonstration
Artiste : Alarmel Valli
Accompanists : Shobana Swamy (Nattuvanar - Cymbals)
Prema Ramamoorthy (vocal)
Subramaniam Shakthivel Murganatham (mridangam)
Jaya Venkateswara Rao (flute)
94. 08-11-96 Sarod Recital
Artist : Tanushree Chatterjee
Accompanists : Shiv Shankar Ray (tabla)
Jharna Bhattacharya (tanpura)
95. 11-11-96 Private View of an exhibition *Celebrating the Creative Energy of People of Orissa*
Artistes : Prodepta Das
Prafulla Mohanti
96. 12-11-96 *Concept of Identity in Oriya Literature* - a talk
Speaker : Sk Matlub Ali, Minister for Rural Development in the
Government of Orissa
97. 13-11-96 *Tradition and Individual Talent in Orissa's Art & Culture* - an illustrated talk
Speaker : Prafulla Mohanti
Chair : Robert Skelton
98. 14-11-96 A series of three lectures on Orissa
(i) *Impressions of Orissa* : an illustrated talk
Speaker : Deborah Swallow
(ii) *Ashoka's Kalinga War and Buddhism in Orissa* - an illustrated talk
Speaker : Dr Seyfourt Ruegg
(iii) The Concept of the Goddess - a slides presentation

Presenter : Prafulla Mohanti

99. 15-11-96 *Shadow of the Rainbow* - a video film in Oriya

100. 18-11-96 Bharatanatyam/Kathakali recital
Artistes : Thanuja Shanker
: Sharathkumar

101. 20-11-96 Jugalbandi
Artistes : Partho Sarathy (sitar)
Kartik Seshadri (sarod)
Accompanists : Sanju Sahai (tabla)

102. 27-11-96 An exhibition of Mixed Media Paintings
Artist : Pulak Ghosh

103. 29-11-96 Kathak Dance Recital
Artist : Luna Pan

December 1996

104. 03-12-96 Book Launch - *Faith and Compassion* - the life and work of Mother Teresa
Speakers : Navin Chawla
Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
Sir Michael Marshall
Michael Mann

105. 04-12-96 *South Indian Temple Traditions* - an illustrated talk
Speaker : Anthony R Hudson

106. 05-12-96 *Conquest of the Unknown Women's Expeditions to Ronti* - a public lecture
Speaker : Deepali Sinha

107. 06-12-96 *Focus on Indian Ornithology* - an illustrated talk
Speakers : Prof Tim Inskipp
Dr Caroline Inskipp
Chair : Prof Chris Perrins, Director of the Edward Grey Institute

108. 09-12-96 *Images of Gujarat : A Private View of an Exhibition of Photographs*
to 17-12-96 Artist : Carolyn Cowan

109. 10-12-96 *Photographs of Gujarat* - an illustrated talk
Speaker : Carolyn Cowan

110. 12-12-96 Readings from *Lament of a Lost Hero* and Other Poems

Speakers : Reginald Massey
Jamila Massey
Chair : Wendy Cope

Programmes Commemorating Fifty Years of India's Independence

Programmes held in 1997

January 1997

01. 14-01-97 Private View of an Exhibition of Paintings
to 31-0-97 Artist : Beohar Ram Manohar Sinha
02. 15-01-97 Bharatanatyam Recital
Artist : Devayani
03. 20-01-97 Dramatic readings from *Dakghar (The Post Office)* by Rabindranath Tagore)
Readers : Dr William Radice
Jill Parvin
04. 22-01-97 A talk *Indian Jews and Indian Independence*
Speaker : Percy-Sasoon Gourgey
Chair : Anila Graham
05. 23-01-97 *Commemorating birth centenary of Subhas Chandra Bose*
Patriotic songs Chhadan group
Speaker : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
06. 24-01-97 Kathak Recital
Artiste : Anurekha Ghosh
Accompanists : Jayashree Acharya
Shib Shankar Ray
07. 28-01-97 Commemoration of the 49th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi on
Morality in Public Life in collaboration with The Gandhi Foundation UK
Speakers :
Rev Donald Reeves : *Gandhi and Christianity*
Lord McNally : *Religion and Politics*
Rev Malcolm Weisman : *Justice and the Jewish Tradition*
Yasmin Alibhai-Brown Islam : *Politics and Human Rights*
Dr L M Singhvi : *Gandhi and Public Life*

Ramdhun sung by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's members
08. 30-01-97 Book Launch of Mahatma Gandhi's fundamental work *Hind Swaraj*
Editor : Professor Anthony Parel
Guest of Honour : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
09. 31-01-97 An illustrated talk *My Experiences in Form and Colour*
Speaker : Beohar Ram Manohar Sinha

February 1997

10. 04-02-97 An illustrated lecture *Begum Samru*
Speaker : N G Shreeve
11. 07-02-97 to An exhibition of etchings and metal paintings - A Private View

- 16-02-97
Artist : Namita Naren
12. 10-02-97 A talk *Role of State and Market in India's Culture*
Speaker : B P Singh, Secretary (Culture), Ministry of Human Resources Development Government of India.
13. 10-02-97 A talk *Role of State and Market in India's Culture*
Speaker : B P Singh, Secretary (Culture), Ministry of Human Resources Development
Chair : Mr Robert Arbuthnott, former Minister (Culture) at the British High Commission in New Delhi.
14. 19-02-97 Vocal Recital/Rabindra Sangeet
Artiste : Susmita Bhattacharya
Accompanists : Shital Mukherjee (harmonium)
Yusuf Ali Khan (tabla)
Mohammed Kassam (violin/keyboard)
15. 21-02-97 A Panel Discussion : *India Incorporated : How Is It Doing?*
Panellists : Clive Crook, Deputy Editor of *The Economics*;
Martin Wolf, Associate Editor, *The Financial Times*
Sanjaya Lall, Lecturer in Development Economics at the University of Oxford;
Sudhir Mulji, Chairman of the Great Eastern Shipping Co.;
Vijay Joshi, Merton College, Oxford;
Moderator : Professor Prahlad K Basu, Professor-Director, Graduate School of Business at the Gyosei Institute of Management Studies in the UK.
16. 27-02-97 An Illustrated talk *My Paintings and My Culture*
Speaker : Arpana Caur

March 1997

- 17) 03-03-97 Bharatanatyam Conference on the subject *Old Paths, New Directions*
Panellists : Alessandra Iyer and Veena Gheerawo : *Archaeology of Bharatanatyam*,
Pushkala Gopal Bharatanatyam : *Journey Through the Decades*,
Geetha Upadhyaya : *Bharatanatyam in the Community, with specific reference to Yorkshire*,
Nina Rajarani : *Touring Britain with a Bharatanatyam Company*,
Anusha Subrahmanyam : *Dance Therapy and Bharatanatyam*,
Shovana Jeyasingh : *Towards a Personal Dance Language*,
Dr Andrea Grow, Roehampton Institute
Dr John Marr, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
Mira Misra-Kaushik, Director, Academy of Indian Dance
Chair : Prof Chris Bannerman, Dancer and Head of Dance Studies, Middlesex University.
- 18) 03-3-97 Bharatanatyam Recital
Artiste : Stella Uppal Subbiah
Accompanists : Karikkudi Krishnamurthi (mridangam)
Manorama Prasad (vocal)

Kodanda Pani (violin)
Martin Speake (Saxophone)

- 19) 05-3-97 Book Launch *Studies in Modern Jewish and Hindu Thought*
Author : Dr Margaret Chatterjee
Chair : Aubrey Rose
- 20) 07-3-97 Meet The Author Programme
Author : Amitav Ghosh - author of *Calcutta Chromosome*
- 21) 11-3-97 An illustrated talk on *Padshanama*
Speaker : Dr Milo C Beach, Director of the Freer Gallery of Art, Washington.
- 22) 14-3-97 The Inaugural lecture commemorating 50th years of Indian's Independence
The Midnight Story India Wins Freedom
Speaker : Alan Campbell-Johnson
Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
- 23) 19-3-97 *Bhagwad Gita* performed in part by the students of The Speech School, Peredur
Centre for the Arts to celebrate the life and work of the translator Juan Mascaro.
- 24) 21-3-97 Illustrated talk IMAGE
Speaker : Yeshwant Mali
- 25) 27-3-97 Talk on the life and works of the famous Malayalam poet *K M Panikkar*
Speaker : K Ayyappa Panikkar
- 26) 28-3-97 *Ya Devi, Durgang and Kalpana* - three items of music and dance
Artistes : Bithika Chatterjee
Surja K Bose.

April 1997

- 27) 01-4-97 *Meet the Author* : K Ayyappa Paniker
- 28) 04-4-97 *Meet the Author* : Kathleen Raine
Poetry Recital : Rakesh Mathur
- 29) 09-4-97 *Classical Vocal Recital* (in collaboration with Association Sargam).
Artist : Sulochana Brahaspati
Accompanists : Sabri Khan (sarangi)
Sarwar Sabri (tabla)
Amod Vardhan (tanpura).
Satwant Kaur Bola (tanpura)
- 30) 10-4-97 *Introduction to South Indian Music* - an illustrated talk
Speaker : John Muir
Illustrations : Sivasakti Sivanesan (veena/vocal)
B K Chandrashekar (violin)
Balachandar (mridangam).
- 31) 11-4-97 *Ranger Rabindranath (Tagore of Colours) : An East-West Investigation*
A Book Launch cum Discussion
Discussants : Ketaki Kushari Dyson
Sushobhan Adhikary
Adrian Hill
Robert Dyson

- Chair : Alastair Niven, Head of Literature, The British Council
- 32) 14-4-97 An Illustrated talk and exhibition by British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia
Speakers :
Chair : Rosie Llewellyn-Jones
- 33) 16-4-97 *Face to Face* : Ustad Vilayat Khan talking with Neil Sorrell
- 34) 17-4-97 (a) Books Released (i) *Bharatanatyam From Temple to Theatre* (ii) *Krishna's Musicians : Music and MusicMaking in the Temple of Nathdvara, Rajasthan*
(b) Odissi
Writer/Artiste : Anne-Marie Gaston Anjali
Chair : Rupert Snell, School of Oriental & African Studies
- 35) 24-4-97 *An Evening with Yavar Abbas* talking with Ramola Bachchan
Showing excerpts from Abbas's international award winning documentaries
- 36) 25-4-97 *Debate of the Month : State of Media in the two democracies : Britain and India*
Participants : James Manor, Director, Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Trevor Fishlock, author and journalist
Premen Addy, Editor of *India Weekly*
Donald Trelford, former editor of *The Observer*
Moderator : Gautam Sen of the London School of Economics
- 37) 29-4-97 *Kathasuniasceal : Shape Shifting Stories*
Artists : Vayu Naidu : *Man Within Monkey* and *The Last Warrior*
Nuala Hayes : *The Wooing of Aideen* and *Oisin*
Peter Badejo : *Tree Lover; Tree Husband, Widow Tree The Deer Hunter*
Ellen Cranitch : *Births of the Shape Shifters*
Musicians : Sarvar Sabri, Ian Parmel
- 38) 30-4-97 *Face to Face* : Ustad Imrat Khan
Talking to Richard Widdess, Centre of Music Studies at School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London

May 1997

- 39) 02-5-97 Lecture Demonstration of percussion instruments followed by *Jugalbandi*
Artistes : U K Sivaraman (mridangam)
V V Ravi on violin
- 40) 05-5-97 II Freedom Lecture : *Nehru and Secularism*
Speaker : T N Madan
Chair : Sunil Khilnani, Birkbeck College, University of London
- 41) 07-5-97 III Freedom Lecture : *India's Programme of Affirmative Action*
Speaker : Andre Beteille
Chair : Dr Peter Lyon, Institute of Commonwealth Studies
- 42) 09-5-97 *Celebrating Rabindranath Tagore's Birthday*
(i) Book Launch of Tagore's famous novel *Gora* translated by Sujit Mukherjee by Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
(ii) A short talk *Rabindranath Into Tagore : The Translated Writer* by Sujit Mukherjee
(iii) An illustrated talk *Melodies That Influenced Rabindranath* by Anuradha Roma Choudhuri, accompanied by Purba Choudhuri

- 43) 12-5-97 Private View of the exhibition of paintings
to 18-5-97 Artist : Swaroop Mukherji
- 44) 13-5-97 Carnatic Vocal Recital
Artiste : Geeta Raja
Accompanists : Lakshmi Jayan (violin)
Somasundaram Desikar (mridangam)
Nina (tanpura)
- 45) 15-5-97 *Meet the Author Series - Girish Karnad*
- 46) 16-5-97 *Sarod Recital*
Artiste : Ken Zuckerman
Accompanists : Vishnu Sahai (tabla)
Karuna Sahai (tanpura)
- 47) 20-5-97 Book Launch to coincide with the Debate of the Month : *Indian Muslims Since Independence*
Author : Mushirul Hasan
Participants : Patrick French, F C R Robinson and Ian Talbot.
Moderator : Christopher Hurst
Chair : M Azim Hussain.
- 48) 21-5-97 Mohini Attam Dance Recital (in collaboration with Association Sargam)
Artistes : Geeta Radha Krishna and
Radhika Radha Krishna
- 49) 24-5-97 Inauguration of the Saturday Club with a Seminar *Discover the Films of Satyajit Ray* and
Screening of the film *World of Apu* (in association with Satyajit Ray Foundation)
Discussant : Mamoun Hassan
- 50) 26-5-97 Private View of the exhibition of Batik and Bleach Paintings *Himalayan Windows*
to 6-6-97 Artist : Mishtu Austin
- 51) 28-5-97 Illustrated talk *Himalayan Windows*
Speaker : Mishu Austin
Chair : Partha Mitter
- 52) 30-5-97 Book Launch *India My Love : Fragments of a Golden Past* by Osho
Speakers : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
Vasant Joshi, Chancellor, Osho University
Chief Guest : The Honourable Keith Vaz, MP

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- 53) 02-6-97 *Meet the Author Series : the author of The God of Small Things*
Author : Arundhati Roy
- 54) 02-6-97 *India's Tryst With Destiny - a Book Exhibition cum sale of books and posters*
to 04-6-97 in collaboration with M/s Books From India
- 55) 04-6-97 Seminar on *India's Struggle for Independence*
Deeparpan : Virendra Sindhu (niece of Shaheed Sardar Bhagat Singh)
Inauguration : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
Speakers : Reginald Massey, Naresh Arora, Yavar Abbas, Shreeram Vidyarthi

- Chair : Baroness Shreela Flather
- 56) 05-6-97 *Hindustani Vocal Recital*
 Artist : Anurag Harsh
 Accompanists : Fida Hussain Khan (harmonium)
 Sanjay Jhalla (tabla)
- 57) 06-6-97 *Commemorating Kazi Nazrul Islam*
 Speakers : A H Mahmood Ali, High Commissioner for Bangladesh
 Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
 Nazrul Songs will be presented by various artistes
- 58) 10-6-97 IV Freedom Lecture Series : *Conflicting Definitions of Nationalism*
 Speaker : Partha Mitter
 Chair : Deborah Swallow
- 59) 11-6-97 *Santoor Recital*
 Artiste : Tarun Bhattacharya
 Accompanists :
- 60) 12-6-97 V Freedom Lecture : *India's Defense Strategy in the new Millennium*
 Speaker : Lt Gen. S P M Tripathi, MP
 Chair :
- 61) 14-6-97 *Saturday Club : Kathak Workshop/Lecture Demonstration*
 Artiste : Guru Birju Maharaj
 Accompanist : Shaswati Sen
- 62) 16-6-97 *Face to Face Series : Padambhushan Pandit Ram Narayan with Neil Sorrell*
- 63) 18-6-97 Private View of the exhibition and readings from *Postcards from God*
 to 26-6-97 Artiste : Imtiaz Dharkar
- 64) 19-6-97 Remembering Siri Satguru Ram Singhji Maharaj on Fifty Years of India's Independence
 Speakers : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
 : Satguru Jagjit Singhji Maharaj
Musical programme
 Artistes : Kiran Pal (santoor)
 : Guru Bux Singh (tar sahanai)
 : Charanjit Singh (tabla)
 : Kripal (dilruba)
 : Gurudit (tabla)
- 65) 20-6-97 Violin Recital
 Artiste : Smarajit Chakravorty
- 66) 25-6-97 Talk : *Vedanta Philosophy*
 Speaker : Swami A Parthasarathy
- 67) 27-6-97 Talk *Samveda* - written for Soprano, flute and Tanpura - World Premier
 Speaker : John Tavener
 Accompanists : Patricia Rozario (Soprano)
 Kate Lukas (flute)
- 68) 30-6-97 Debate of the Month *100 Years of Enid Blyton : The Relevance of Her Books for Children Today : England and India*
 Speakers : Nicholas Tucker, John Dunne, Gail Preston, Kimberley Reynolds

Moderator : Swapna Dutta
Chair : Gillian Baverstock

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- 69) 02-7-97 Debate of the Month : *50 Years of the Indian Independence : A Students' Review*
Discussants : Aniket Alam
: Rohit Ambekar
: Roli Asthana
: Sandeep Banerji
Moderator : Julius Sen from the London School of Economics.
- 70) 03-7-97 Lyrics of Sufi poets : Vocal Recital by Wadali Brothers
Artistes : Purunchand and Pyarelal Wadali
: and Pyarelal Wadali
- 71) 04-7-97 Seminar : *Where is the Contemporary Indian Cinema Going?*
Discussants : Sangeeta Datta, Sheila Whitaker, Derek Malcolm, Nasreen-
Munni Kabir, Moderator : Rathin Roy
- 72) 07-7-97 Parliamentary Delegation Visiting The Centre
Led by : P Upendra, MP
Members : P Kodanda Ramaiah (Janata Dal), Sat Mahajan (Congress)
: Sushma Swaraj (BJP), B S Rawat (BJP)
: Madhukar Raghunath Sarpotdar (Shiv Sena)
: Syed Masudai Hossain (CPI-M)
: A C Jose (Congress)
Secretary : G C Malhotra, Additional Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat
: Somath Chatterjee (CPI-M)
- 73) 07-7-97 Book Exhibition *Indian Publishing Today* and books launch
Inaugurated by : Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of West Bengal
Speakers : Sumatheendra Nadig, Chairman of the National Book Trust
: Narendra Kumar, Chairman of the Federation of Indian
Publishers
Launch of the Bengali translation of biography of Shri Jyoti Basu, Chief Minister of
West Bengal by Surabhi Banerjee (HarperCollins, India)
Launched by : Dr L M Singhvi
In the presence of : Eddie Bell, Executive Chairman, HarperCollins
Speakers : Shri P Upendra, Vice President ICCR
: Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
Launch : *Remembering India* by Sir David Goodall
Launched by : Dr L M Singhvi
Vote of Thanks : Mr Amar Nath Varma
- 74) 08-7-97 Book Launch *The Idea of India* (Penguin)
Author : Sunil Khilnani, Senior Lecturer in Politics at Birkbeck College,
University of London
Speakers : Ian Baruma
: Geoffrey Hawthorn
Chair : John Grigg
- 75) 09-7-97 Rajasthani Folk Musicians led by Komal Kothari
Artistes : Kalunath, Barkat Khan, Dev Khan, Kheta Khan,

- Sakar Khan, Mehrudin Langa, Lakha Khan Manganiar,
Gaji Khan Manganiar and Nek Mohamad
- Dancers : Khatu and Samunder
- 76) 10-7-97 Book Launch (a) *Rabindranath Tagore : Under Western Eyes*
(b) *Selected Letters of Rabindranath Tagore*
Authors : Krishna Dutta
: Andrew Robinson
Launched by : Dr Gordon Johnson
- 77) 11-7-97 Preview of *The Dynasty : The Nehru Gandhi Story*
In association with Brook
Present : Lady Pamela Hicks
: Lady Mountbatten, daughters of Lord Mountbatten,
: Nayantara Sahgal
: Dr & Mrs Alan Campbell-Johnson
Produced/directed : Charles Bruce
Series Producer : Mark Anderson
Narrated : Tim-Pigott-Smith.
- 78) 11-7-97 Sri Aurobindo's 125th Birth Anniversary Celebrations
Speaker : Gopal Bhattacharya
Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
- 79) 12-7-97 Saturday Club : Book Launch : *Prince, Patriot, Parliamentarian* (HarperCollins, India)
Author : Dr Rima Hooja
Launched by : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
who presented the first copy of this book to Shri Karni Singh's
daughter - Rajyashree Kumari Bikaner
- 80) 14-7-97 Book Launch *The Language of the Harappans*
Speaker : Malati Shengde
Chair : Robert Skelton
- 81) 15-7-97 Freedom Lecture : *British Colonizer in Indian Literature*
Speaker : Harish Trivedi
Chair : Professor Judith Brown
- 82) 16-7-97 Kalari Performance and a talk accompanied by Hariharan
Introduction : Jayachandran
Artistes : P A Binoy
: Dilsagar.
Drummer : Hariharan
- 83) 17-7-97 *Serious Music : A Concert and A Discussion*
Artist : Padmashree Naresh Sohal,
Soprano : Patricia Rozario
Cello : Anup Kumar Biswas
- 84) 22-7-97 *Parampara - An Exhibition of Crafts by Indian Craftsmen*
Wrought iron figure making, tribal bronzes cast technique, flute making,
terracotta & pottery making, miniature painting, cloth painting and dying,

enamelling, ikat weaving, gold and silver jewellery etc.

Inaugurated by : Richard Blurton

85) 23-7-97 Face to Face : Begam Parveen Sultana *Guru-Shishya Parampara*

Interview by : Anurag Harsh

86) 23-7-97 Classical Hindustani Vocal Recital
Artist : Nina Burmi
Accompanists : Gopinath Acharya (harmonium)
: Mukundraj Deo (tabla)

87) 25-7-97 Private View of the exhibition
to 02-8-97 Artist : Ram Kishore Yadav

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88) 01-8-97 (i) A Book Launch : *Postmarked India : New & Selected Poems* (HarperCollins)
Author : Sudeep Sen

Launched by : Peter Porter

89) 01-8-97 (ii) British Stage Premiere of *Mount Vesuvius* by Sudeep Sen

Director : Michael Walling

Actors : Anjali and Michael Walling

90) 02-8-97 Saturday Club : Centenary celebrations : Nirad C Chaudhuri

91) (i) Launch of *Three Horsemen of the New Apocalypse* (OUP)

92) (ii) Seminar : *Nirad C Chaudhuri : A Literary Contribution of a Century*

Speakers : Alastair Niven, Head of Literature Division, The British Council;
: Hugh Toye, author & biographer of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
: Sunetra Gupta, poet & author

: Ian Buruma, author of *The Missionary & the Libertine*

: Krishna Dutta, translator & biographer of Tagore and

: Hugo Brunner, Editor of two books of Nirad C Chaudhuri

Chair : Ian Jack, Editor of *Granta*.

93) (iii) Conferment of *Desikottama* on Nirad C Chaudhuri by Dilip Kumar Sinha, Vice Chancellor of Vishvabharati, the university founded by Rabindranath Tagore.

94) (iv) The V Tagore-Yeats Memorial Lecture : *An Assessment of Tagore*
in collaboration with the Tagore Centre, UK.

Speaker : Nirad C Chaudhuri

95) 04-8-97 (i) Launch of the India issue of *London Magazine*

Editor : Alan Ross

(ii) Exhibition of Water-colours

Painter : Jane Rye

96) 06-8-97 Kathak Dance Recital
Artist : Malabika Mitra

97) 08-8-97 *Vhaya! Mi Savitribai Phule!!* A mon performance of Savitribai
Artist : Sushama Deshpande

98) 11-8-97 Programme of semi-classical music and Kathak Dance

Singers : Dilip Mahashabde and Shaila S Wad
 Kathak dance by : Amod K Manjrekar
 Accompanists : Vijay Gawde (mandolin)
 Mangesh Kumar Sharma (violin)
 Pandit Ramsewak Sharma (harmonium)
 Jagdish Vishwa (dholak)

- 98) 14-8-97 Waterman Art Centre's Version *Macbeth on the River* in partnership with International Arts and the Forum for Laboratory Theatres of Manipur
 A Short demonstration of *Thang Tha*
 An interview with Lokendra Arambam
100. 22-8-97 Celebrating Centenary : Firaq Gorakhpuri : Seminar
 Speakers Firoze Mookerji, David Matthews, Yavar Abbas and Humayun Zafar Zaidi
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 Ghazals Mamta Gupta
101. 29-8-97 *Camera Indica : The Social Life of Indian Photographs* : Christopher Pinney
 An illustrated talk

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102. 02-9-97 Carnatic Classical Vocal Recital by Isai Peroli S Sowmya
 Accompanists Kannan (violin), Balaji (mridangam), S Kartik (gatham)
 (in collaboration with Shruthi Laya Shangham)
103. 03-9-97 VII-Freedom Lecture *Then & Now : Transformation of Political Culture in Independent India* by Tapan Raychoudhuri
 Chair P J Marshall, Emeritus Professor, King's College, London University
- 103) 04-9-97 One Man Show : Benjamin Whitrow impersonate the renowned literary figure - E M Forster
 Chair : Alastair Niven, Head of Literature Department, British Council
- 104) 06-9-97 Saturday Club : Launch of a cassette *Vishnu Patham* & a recital of Hindi, Tamil & Malayalam Songs by S Sreekumar Released : Shri Mathoor Krishnamoorthi
- 105) 08-9-97 Kuchupudi Dance Recital by C Yashoda Rao
 Accompanists : Guru Vedantam Ramalinga Sastry (Nattuvangam)
 D S V Sastry (vocal), K Subramaniam (mridangam), Ravi Kiran (flute), Sai Kumar (violin)
- 106) 09-9-97 Mahatma Gandhi Celebrations : Book launch : *Gandhi & The Contemporary World* edited
 Editors : Antony Copley & G Paxton
 Speakers : Dr Shahed Power and Antony Copley
 Vote of Thanks : Surur Hoda, Secretary General, Gandhi Foundation
- 107) 10-9-97 Promoting Indo-Pak Understanding : A Book Launch : *Liberty Or Death : India's Journey to Independence and Division* (HarperCollins) by Patrick French
 Speakers : Pankaj Misra and Katherine Frank
 Chair : Dr Alan Campbell-Johnson, C.I.E., O.B.E.
- 108) 11-9-97 Inaugural Function of the Bhasha Symposium (International Hindi Conference)
 Chief Guests will be Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India and Smt Kamla Singhvi.
- 109) 12-9-97 Talk *The Meaning of Mahabharata*
 Speakers : Vidya Niwas Misra Chair : Dr Julius Lipner,

- 110) 13-9-97 Saturday Club : In Memorium : Late Basu Bhattacharya
 Discussants : Derek Malcolm, Lalit Mohan Joshi, Shashank Tripathi, Sangeeta Datta
 Screening of a film directed by Late Basu Bhattacharya
- 111) 15-9-97 Exhibition of Indian Cartoons of Pre-Independence Era
 to 28-9-97 Cartoonists : Shankar, R K Laxman, Abu Abraham, Sudhir Dar, Mario Miranda and Ajit Ninan
- 112) 17-9-97 Talk *Lingua fracas and Salman Rushdie :The Case of a Wounded Literature*
 Speaker : U R Ananthamurthy Chair : Professor Richard Gombrich
- 113) 19-9-97 Solo Contemporary Indian Dance by Ranjabati Sircar Accompanist : Gilles Petit
- 114) 22-9-97 Meet the Versatile Film/Stage Artist : Saeed Jaffrey OBE
- 115) 23-9-97 *In That Moment* - Indian Love Poetry with Modern Music
 Artistes : Maya Kashdan & Olja Paripovic, Cello : Zoe Martlew, Miroslav Milojevic
 and James Kelly, Vesna Petkovic and Gordana Stewart
- 116) 26-9-97 Remembering Raja Rammohun Roy on the eve of his One Hundred and Fifty-Fourth death
 anniversary : Papers and Speakers :
Raja Rammohun Roy and the Western World by Carla Contractor
 Ranjana Sidhanta Ash *Growing up in a Brahma family and Raja Rammohun Roy's legacy*
 Songs : Raja Rammohun Roy, Jayanta Chatterjee and his group.
 Chair : Peter Hardy, Sometime Curator of the Oriental Section of the Bristol Museum.
- 117) 29-9-97 Mahatma Gandhi Celebrations : Book Launch : *Gandhi* by Bhikhu Parekh
 (a) Panellists : Lord Meghnad Desai : Lord Raymond Plant, Judith Brown
 Chair : Sir Keith Thomas
- 118) 29-9-97 Mahatma Gandhi Celebrations :
 to 4-10-97 (b) Preview of *Kanu Gandhi's Mahatma* - A Photo-Exhibition launched by Sir Keith Thomas.

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- 119) 01-10-97 Mahatma Gandhi Celebrations : *Kanu Gandhi's Mahatma* curated by Salim Arif
- 120) 06-10-97 Mahatma Gandhi Celebrations : XIII Annual Gandhi Lecture: *Gandhi : The Human Touch*.
 Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India,
 Vote of Thanks : Surur Hoda, Secretary General of the Foundation.
- 121) 06-10-97 Exhibition of Paintings by Prabha Shah inaugurated by : Madhu Dandavate, Deputy Chairman,
 Planning Commission, Government of India in the presence of : Dr L M Singhvi, the High
 Commissioner for India
- 122) 07-10-97 Lecture Demonstration by U Srinivas (Mandolin) and Kadri Gopalnath (Saxophone)
- 123) 08-10-97 Carnatic Vocal Recital by Pavitra Mahesh
 Accompanists : Lakshmi Jayan (violin), Arunasalam Gananathan (ghatam),
 Kandhah Sithamparanathan, (Morsingh), Selvi Bhayiravi Ganeshwaran (tanpura)
- 124) 10-10-97 *Re-Interpreting Myths in Bharanatyam* by Malavika Sarukkai
- 125) 13-10-97 Preview of an Exhibition by Abhijit Kumar Chanda
- 126) 14-10-97 Gujarati Folk Music by Ashit and Hema Desai

- 127) 17-10-97 Meet the Young Award Winning Indian Authors : Mukul Kesavan, Manjula Padmanabhan
Githa Hariharan, Aldashir Vakil
- 128) 20-10-97 Odissi by Kavita Dwibedi, Accompanists : Ram Hari Das (vocal), Raj Kishore Dal Behera (flute),
Dhaneshwar Swain (pakhawaj), Niranjana Biswal (violin).
- 129) 21-10-97 Santoor Recital by Kiran Pal Singh
- 130) 21-10-97 Pt. Shiv Kumar Sharma and Pt. Hari Prasad Chaurasia
Interviewed by Dr Neil Sorrell of the York University followed by a Press Conference
- 131) 22-10-97 Meet the Author Series : Amit Choudhuri
Chair : Dr David Taylor
- 132) 23-10-97 William Dalrymple *From the Holy Mountain : A Journey in the Shadow of Byzantium*.
Chair : Dr Michael Hutt, an Illustrated Talk.
- 133) 24-10-97 *Deshmatrika* : Songs by Pramita Mallick and her troupe, Coposers : Nidhubabu, Jyotirindranath
Tagore, Mukundadas, Lalan Faqir, Atul Prasad, D L Roy, Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul
Islam, Mohammed Iqbal, Salil Chowdhury
- 134) 28-10-97 IV Satyajit Ray Annual Memorial Lecture by David Robinson: *Why Bother About Films*
Chair : Mamoon Hassan
- 135) 29-10-97 IV J. B. S. Haldane Annual Memorial Lecture : Sam Pitroda *Future of Science and Technology
in India*
Chair : Dr L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
- 136) 31-10-97 *Guru Shishya Parampara* - Kathak Recital by Pratap Pawar with Akram Khan and Tahira Dean
Accompanists : Sanju Sahai (tabla), Pandit Vishwa Prakash (vocal and harmonium)

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- 137) 01-11-97 Saturday Club : One Day Conference : *Devotion, Storytelling and Dancing : Manifestation of
the Kathak Aesthetic in the UK :*
Learning & Teaching by Akram Khan and Nimisha Patel
Bhakti, Thumri and Kathak by Gauri Sharma Tripathi
Kathakars : We have Always Been Choreographers by Sujata Banerjee
The Myths of the Gharanas : Jaipur, Lucknow and Benaras by Nilima Devi, Sudarshan Dheer
and Sushmita Ghosh
Overlapping Traditions by Pratap Pawar
The Narrative Continues : Kathak in Films by Sudarshan Dheer
Kathak Dance Recital by Sonia Sabri
- 138) 03-11-97 Book Launch : *India and the United Kingdom : Change and Continuity in the 1980s* (Sage)
by K N Malik Launched by : Dr LM Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
- 139) 4-11-97 *Raga, Tala, Flamenco and JAZ : Some musical compositions* : an illustrated talk
Artistes : Jason Carter, Sanju Sahai, Nick Beggs and Stephen Bingham
- 140) 5-11-97 Books Launch : *Mission with Mountbatten* and *Mountbatten in Retrospect*
Author : Alan Campbell-Johnson Reader : David Quilter
Chair : Dr LM Singhvi, Chief Guest : Lady Pamela Hicks
- 141) 6-11-97 *Putting The Sacred Back Into Architecture* : An Illustrated Talk
Speaker : Prabhat Poddar Chair : Raymond Catchpole

- 142) 7-11-97 *Milap* (Kathak and Odissi Dance) by Priya Pawar and Nilima Devi
- 143) 8-11-97 Saturday Club : (a) Seminar : *Women In Satyajit Ray's Films* Presented by Sangeeta Dutta
(b) Screening of Satyajit Ray's film *Days and Nights in the Forest* starring Soumitra Chatterjee
- 144) 10-11-97 VIII Freedom Lecture : *The English Socialists Who Prepared The Way Once Again*
Speaker : The Rt Hon Michael Foot Chair : Baroness Shreela Flather
- 145) 11-11-97 Prabodh Parikh in Conversation with Niranjana Bhagat
- 146) 11-11-97 Book Launch : *Thando Suraj* by Jagdish Dave
- 147) 12-11-97 *Lutyen's Work in Delhi* : An Illustrated Talk
Speakers : Jane Ridley and Martin Lutyens
Chair : Sir David Goodall
- 148) 14-11-97 An Evening With Sogyal Rinpoche in association with Temenos Academy
Chair : Carmen Blacker
- 149) 15-11-97 Screening of the film *Mrityudand* (in Hindi) starring Madhuri Dixit, Shabana Azmi and Ayub Khan,
Directed by Prakash Jha
- 150) 17-11-97 *History and Evolution of Hindustani Music* : An Illustrated Talk by Premlata Puri
Chair : John Marr
- 151) 18-11-97 Book Launch : *Odyssey : Stories by Indian Women Settled Abroad*
Writers : Anita Desai, Anita Devi, Atiya Khan, Attia Hosain, Chand Sherma,
Divya Mathur, Firoze Mookerjee, Ira Saxena, Neerja Bhargava,
Panna Naik, Susham Bedi, Usha Priyamvada and Vayu Naidu
Chair : Rachel Dwyer Chief Guests Dr & Mrs L M Singhvi
- 152) 19-11-97 *Learning From India : Marjorie Sykes Assesses The Christian Missions* : A Talk
Speaker : Geoffrey Carnall Chair : Surur Hoda
- 153) 20-11-97 Classical Vocal Recital by T V Gopalakrishnan (TVG)
Accompanists : Devi (vocal support and tanpura), Herbert Lang (mridangam)
- 154) 22-11-97 Book Launch : *British-Indian Campaigns in Britain for Indian Reforms, Justice and Freedom 1831-1947* by Kusoom Vadgama
- 155) 28-11-97 Debate of the Month : *India's Economy & Society in the 21st Century*
Panellists : Prahlad Basu, Nigel Harris, Ashwani Saith
Chair : Swraj Paul
- 156) 29-11-97 Saturday Club : (i) Screening of the film : *Netaji & India's Freedom*
(ii) Panel Discussion : War & Nationalism in the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Decades
of the 20th Century
Panellists : Sugata Bose, David Washbrook, Nema Sadhan Bose
Chair : David Arnold

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- 157) 01-12-97 Meet the Author : Aamer Hussein Chair : Susheila Nasta
- 158) 02-12-97 Meet the Author : Nayantara Sahgal Chair : Shirley Chew

- 159) 03-12-97 A Documentary on Alauddin Khan. The renowned Sarod player Ustad Aashish Khan in conversation with Jay Visvadeva followed by a short performance by Ustad Aashish Khan
- 160) 04-12-97 *Mid-winter Poetry Olympics Super Jam* : Poetry and Music from a New Departures Quintet
Artistes : Michael Horovitz, Mahmood Jamal, Inge Elsa Laird, B K Chandrashekhar
- 161) 05-12-97 *Passages to English : Modern Indian Writing in Translation* : A Seminar. Panellists : Mini Krishnan, Rupert Snell, Lakshmi Holmstrom, Gopa Baker
Chair : Ranjana Ash.
- 162) 08-12-97 Private View of the Exhibition of Photographs by Sandra Maria Petrillo
Guest of Honour : Benedetta Bini, Director of the Italian Cultural Institute
- 163) 12-12-97 Meet the Author : Shashi Tharoor
- 164) 13-12-97 *Mirza Asadullah Khan Ghalib* : Bi-centenary celebrations. A seminar followed by a cultural evening of Ghalib's *ghazals*. Panellists : S Sirajuddin, Zia Shakeb, Viqar Ahmad, Ali Sardar Jafri, and Yavar Abbas
Chair : Annemarie Schimmel
- Ghazals* by Sanjeev and Karuna Loomba accompanied by Hanif Khan (tabla) and Ikram Khan on (sarangi), conducted by Shamsuddin Agha.
- 165) 14-12-97 Farewell to Dr & Mrs L M Singhvi, High Commissioner for India
- 166) 14-12-97 A Seminar in Urdu on *Mirza Ghalib* : Panellists : Ali Sardar Jafri, S Sirajuddin
Chair : Yavar Abbas

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