



## Celebrate New Beginnings at the Indian Heritage Centre's Indian New Year Open House 2026

### Description

The **Indian Heritage Centre (IHC)** is ushering in the season of new beginnings with its **Indian New Year Open House**, taking place on **18 and 19 April 2026** in the heart of Little India. This vibrant two-day celebration brings together traditions observed by Singapore's diverse Indian communities from the Tamil *Puthandu* to the Sikh *Vaisaki*, the Malayalee *Vishu*, and the Telugu and Kannada *Ugadi* through a lively weekend of performances, workshops, craft activities, food experiences and shared cultural celebrations.

Anchored by the theme of **Renewal**, this year's Open House is set to be a joyful affair with something for everyone, whether you're looking for family-friendly activities, cultural immersion, or simply a festive day out.

## What to Expect at the Open House

### Live Cultural Performances (11am - 5pm)

Immerse yourself in the celebrations of various Indian communities! From Bhangra to Ghoomar, enjoy back-to-back live cultural performances throughout the day. Special performances by recent **Outstanding Youths in Intangible Cultural Heritage** award recipients **Banupriya Ponnarasu** and **Niranjan Pandian** will be a highlight of the weekend.



*Live cultural performances at the Indian Heritage Centre Indian New Year Open House. Photo: Indian Heritage Centre*

## **Festive Market (10am - 5pm)**

For the first time, IHC will introduce a **Festive Market** featuring over 15 first-time vendors, with a refreshed line-up each day. Discover unique finds and support local Indian home-based makers specialising in a variety of crafts, textiles, and treats!

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*The curated Festive Market features over 15 first-time vendors. Photo: Indian Heritage Centre*

### **Free Craft Activities (10am - 5pm)**

Bring home your own collectibles with hands-on crafts for everyone! Activities include designing your very own **Potli Bag**, a unique door gift often found in Indian weddings, and decorating a mini **Hanging Bell** - perfect for ushering in the new year.

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*Hands-on craft activities for all ages at the Indian Heritage Centre. Photo: Indian Heritage Centre*

## Free Guided Tours

Embark on a deep dive into the Singaporean Indian community as docents bring you on a free tour of IHC's Permanent Galleries at 11am and 2pm. As part of the Tamil Language Festival, a Tamil Language tour will also be offered on 18 April at 11am.

## Ticketed Workshops

Looking for a deeper experience? Several ticketed workshops are on offer, including a **Festive Rice Cooking Demo** with Chef Sowmiya (\$10/pax, 18 April), a **Traditions of Little India Trail & Banana Leaf Lunch** (\$30/pax, 18 April), and a **Children's Storytelling session** (\$12.50/pax, 18 & 19 April).

A special **Tholpaavai Koothu (Shadow Puppetry) Workshop** under the Nam Marabu series will be presented by sixth-generation master puppeteers **Mr Muthuchandran** and **Mr Muthumurugan** on 19 April – though this session is already sold out!

## Plan Your Visit

The Indian Heritage Centre is located at **5 Campbell Lane, Singapore 209924**, in the heart of Little India. The Open House runs from **10am to 5pm** on both days, with free admission to galleries for all visitors.

For more information and to register for ticketed workshops, visit the [Indian Heritage Centre website](#).

If you're looking for more things to do this weekend, check out our roundup of [YEAH GELATO's 1-for-1 promotion at Plaza Singapura](#) or the [Link Outlet Warehouse Sale at Toa Payoh](#).

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