



[Media Release] Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Indian Heritage Centre with A Special Open House, Exciting Offerings, and 60 New Artefacts

Description

Join the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) as it celebrates a decade of being a focal point for the Indian community in Singapore! Since its opening in May 2015, IHC has been dedicated to showcasing and promoting Indian history, living heritage, and culture, for and with the community. To date, IHC has welcomed over 1.6 million visitors through its doors and has made significant strides in its mission to increase awareness and appreciation of Indian heritage in Singapore, among both the Indian and non-Indian communities.

In conjunction with the IHC10 and SG60 celebrations in 2025, IHC will conduct its first major artefact rotation at its Permanent Galleries since its opening – with 60 new objects showcased within the galleries in two phases. Beyond the artefact rotation, visitors can also look forward to the IHC10 Open House on 10 and 11 May 2025 as well as other specially-curated IHC10 offerings throughout the year.

Mr R Rajaram, Chairman, IHC Advisory Board, said: “As the Indian Heritage Centre commemorates its 10th anniversary, we reaffirm our steadfast commitment to serving as a cornerstone for the Indian community in Singapore. This significant milestone stands as a testament to the enduring relationships we have cultivated with our visitors, partners, and the broader community. We warmly invite all to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion and to explore our newly refreshed galleries and specially-curated programmes – an achievement we are proud to share with each and every one of you.”



IHC10 Open House Programmes

30 New Artefacts in the Permanent Galleries

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre
Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10am – 5pm
Admission: Free

This programme is suitable for participants of all ages

Join us at the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) as we celebrate a decade of sharing stories, culture, and connections with the Indian community in Singapore. As part of our IHC10 and SG60 celebrations, we'll be unveiling 60 new artefacts in our Permanent Galleries, the first rotation of artefacts since we opened in 2015! The first phase will feature 30 new artefacts, so join us to discover fresh stories, take part in exciting programmes, and celebrate this milestone year at the IHC10 Open House!

Soapbox Gallery Tours

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre
Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10:30am – 11:30am & 2pm – 3pm
Programme fees: Free

This programme is suitable for participants of all ages

Catch our storytellers as they pop up across the permanent galleries for a casual, walkabout-style tour! Get bite-sized insights into the new artefacts in an open, engaging format. No registration needed, just join in when you see them!

Exclusive Tote Bag Redemption

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre
Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10am – 5pm

Get rewarded when you take part in any IHC10 activity! Redeem a special-edition tote bag, limited to the first 1,000 visitors.

IHC10 Craft Activities

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre

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Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10am – 5pm
Programme fees: Free

This programme is suitable for participants of all ages

Join us for hands-on craft activities inspired by everyday Indian traditions, fun and free for everyone!

Tanjore dolls, also known as Thanjavur thalaiyatti bommai (Thanjavur dancing dolls), are traditional hand-crafted figurines admired for their intricate designs and cultural significance. These dolls often depict dancers, musicians, and mythological figures, showcasing a rich artistic heritage. Get creative by designing your own Suncatcher Tanjore Doll on an acrylic piece, using vibrant paints

Kids' Colouring Contest

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre
Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10am – 5pm
Programme fees: Free

This programme is suitable for participants aged 12 years and below.

Children can get creative with heritage-themed colouring sheets, which will be proudly displayed in our lobby!



Lobby Installations

10 & 11 May | 10am – 5pm

Singapore HeritageFest 2025 Lobby Experience and Crafts

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre
Date: 10 & 11 May 2025
Time: 10am – 5pm
Programme fees: Free

Celebrate SHF 2025 with us at the IHC10 Open House!

In line with the festival's theme of Intangible Cultural Heritage this year, we're shining a spotlight on the vibrant Peranakan Indian community, renowned for their unique blend of traditions, language, and cuisine.

Don't miss out on our Peranakan Indian Lobby Installation and special craft activity just for this weekend!

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SINGAPORE Heritage Fest



Peranakan Indian Wedding Experience

10 May | 2pm – 2.30pm

Peranakan Indian Wedding

Venue: Indian Heritage Centre

Date: 10 & 11 May 2025

Time: 10.30am – 12pm

Programme fees: \$30

Registration Link: <https:ihc-programmes.peatix.com>

Step into the joyous world of a Peranakan Indian wedding with this immersive community theatre performance. Experience the infectious rhythms of live music, the graceful moves of the joget, and the sweet delights of traditional kueh as you witness the vibrant rituals that bring this cultural celebration to life. Get transported into a world of heritage, storytelling, and heartfelt festivity that captures the spirit of a truly unique wedding tradition.



Peranakan Indian Food Trail

Meeting point: Indian Heritage Centre

Date: 10 May 2025

Time: 2pm – 2.30pm

Programme fees: \$15

Registration Link: <https:ihc-programmes.peatix.com>

Embark on a unique dining trail through Little India and uncover the vibrancy of Peranakan Indian culture. Delve into its rich history, discover captivating stories, and savour distinctive flavours. The experience concludes with a hearty Peranakan Indian meal. A cultural and culinary journey not to be missed!

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