



Icelandic Culture Days in New Delhi

CALENDAR

The first India – EFTA meeting on a free trade and investment treaty could take place in New Delhi as early as second week of October 2008.

Iceland is a candidate to a non-permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council for the period 2009/2010 at elections scheduled in the United Nations General Assembly on October 18, 2008.

EMBASSY NEWS

Iceland was the subject of the one hour program "Global Watch" on Lok Sabha TV on September 18, 2008. On the program, Ambassador Pálsson was interviewed by Professor Pushpesh Pant, Dean of International Studies at the Jawaharlal Nehru University.

The Head of the Embassy's Trade Section, Mr. Anshul Jain, met with several companies, mainly in the tourist and IT sector, during his visit to Iceland on August 26 - 29, 2008. He also gave presentations during his visit, focussing on trade opportunities between Iceland and India.

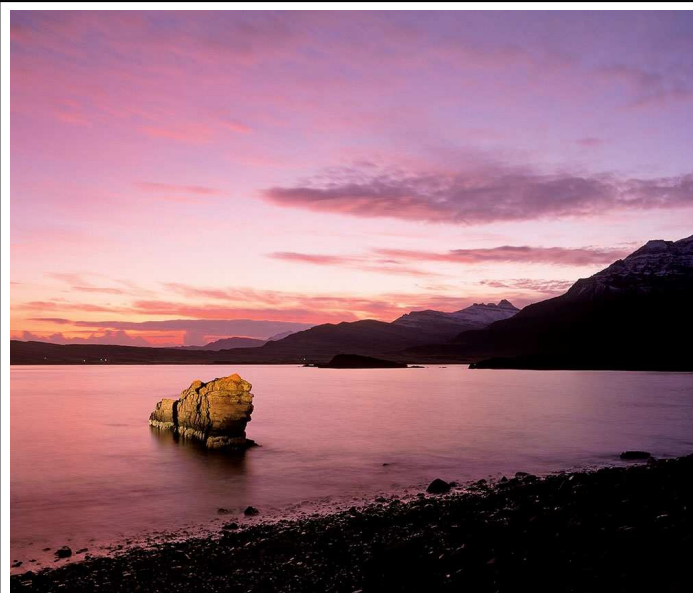
FACTS & FIGURES

Species of birds that have been observed in Iceland number 369.

Contrary to popular belief, polar bears are rarely seen in Iceland and penguins not at all.

DID YOU KNOW?

Iceland's most notorious volcano, Mt. Hekla, has, over the last forty years, erupted at ten year intervals, beginning in 1970. The last eruption was in February 2000.



Pictures of award-winning Icelandic photographer on show in New Delhi

A photo exhibition, organised by the Embassy, will be held from November 21-30 at the India Habitat Centre, featuring the work of photographer Pall Stefansson.

Pall Stefansson was born in Iceland 1958. An international magazine photographer for more

than 20 years; he has photographed more than 200 magazine covers and published 16 books. He is a multiple winner of the Photographer of the Year award in Iceland, and has also received awards from Time Life, and Europress.

A first Icelandic Film Festival in India

An Icelandic film festival is planned for November in New Delhi. The festival is organized in cooperation with the India International Centre (IIC) and the India Habitat Centre, beginning at the IIC with the much acclaimed Cold Fever by one of Iceland's best known contemporary directors, Mr. Fridrik Thor Fridriksson. Mr. Fridriksson will visit New Delhi during the festival and participate in a discussion with the audience following the showing of one of his films. He will also give a talk at the Jawaharlal Nehru University School of Arts and Aesthetics and interact with students.

The festival will run as follows:
At the India International Centre:

3-11-08 — **Cold Fever** by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson
5-11-08 — **Children of Nature** by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson
11-11-08 — **Noi Albinoi** by Dagur Kari
12-11-08 — **Screaming Masterpiece** by Ari Alexander
13-11-08 — **101 Reykjavik** by Baltasar Kormákur
17-11-08 — **Ingalo** by Asdis Thoroddsen
18-11-08 — **Thicker Than Water** by Arni Oli Asgeirsson
24-11-08 — **Jar City** by Baltasar Kormakur

At the India Habitat Centre:
24-11-08 — **Angels of the Universe** by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson
25-11-08 — **Quiet Storm** by Gudny Halldorsdottir

Universities forging closer contact

Icelandic universities are showing keen interest in closer contacts with their Indian counterparts.

Bifrost University is hoping to establish relations with Indian universities in the field of business education. To that end, a group of students, led by a faculty member, is planning a visit to India in November to interact with the Institute of Management and Technology, Ghaziabad and Nagpur, and the Bharti Vidyapeeth Institute of Management and Research, New Delhi, among others. Bifrost University offers courses in business, law, philosophy, political science and economics, both in Icelandic and English.

A group of commerce students from the University of Iceland is also expected to visit India in March 2009.

As part of Icelandic culture days in November, a professor from the University of Iceland will lecture on Icelandic literature at the Jawaharlal Nehru University and the University of Delhi. The University intends to take advantage of the occasion and send a delegation of prominent scholars to India, to finalise agreements on closer co-operation with leading Universities and institutions of higher learning.



Director/ Producer

Fridrik Thor Fridriksson

26-11-08 — **Rock in Reykjavik** by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson

27-11-08 — **The Seagulls Laughter** by Agust Guðmundsson

