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Newsletter of the Swāmi Vivekananda Cultural Centre

DECEMBER 2024



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

EVENTS CALENDAR – DECEMBER 2024

SUN	8 7:00 am	Online Yoga Session ON THE OCCASION OF BODHI DAY “NIRVANA YOGA : BUDDHA” by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
TUE	10 4:30 pm	Meet the Author “A TAGORE TESTAMENT” (TAGORE JEEVANAYA) by Sudharma Subhashinie Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	11 6:00 pm	Gita Mahotsav AN EVENING OF BHAJAN by Shasthrapathi Asith Attapattu and disciples Venue: SVCC Auditorium
THU	12 7:00 am	Online Yoga Session INTERNATIONAL HEALTH COVERAGE DAY “IMPORTANCE OF YOGA IN HEALTH” by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
FRI	13 5:00pm	A Cultural Evening by the Tagore Society of Sri Lanka Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	18 4:30 pm	TIMELESS MELODIES: A TRIBUTE TO MOHAMMED RAFI by Old Hindi Film & Song lovers Society Venue: SVCC Auditorium
MON	23 5:30 pm	A LECTURE: DIABETES, THE SWEET TRUTH! By Dr.Sumi Marium Saj, MBBS,MD-General Medicine., Changi General Hospital, Singapore Venue: SVCC Auditorium

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Free Events. All are cordially invited.

We Conduct **CLASSES** on
Bharatha Natyam, Kathak,
Sitar, Violin, Tabla,
Carnatic Vocal,
Hindustani Vocal,
Yoga
and Hindi



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GLIMPSES OF EVENTS

Cultural Tapestry

held at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High commission of India, Colombo
in the month of November 2024

HC Santosh Jha felicitated pioneers of Ayurveda education in Sri Lanka and India Alumni Prof. Sarath Gamini Ranasingha and Prof E.R.H.S.S. Ediriweera in Colombo. HC with VC University of Colombo inaugurated the 9th Ayurveda Day organised by ICCR in Sri Lanka and Faculty of Indigenous Medicine - University of Colombo.



Difference Between Western and Eastern Theatrical Singing Lecture Cum Demo, by Mr. Kithsiri Jayasena held at SVCC Auditorium on 4th November 2024.



Bharatha Natyam Recital, by Kumari. Pavithera Lingendra, Alumna of Kalakshetra Foundation, held at SVCC Auditorium 5th November 2024.



The Kathak dancers, known as Kathakars, tell stories through rhythmic foot movements, hand gestures, facial expressions, and eye work. SVCC students performed a traditional Ghungro puja under Guru Dr. Sadara Supathum Peiris at the SVCC Auditorium on November 11, 2024.



An Online Yoga session on the occasion of world pneumonia day Yoga for pneumonia



Celebrating the 555th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Devji. HC Santosh Jha joined members of the Indian diaspora for a special event marking Guru Nanak Jayanti with Shabad Kirtan propagating Guru's timeless message of peace and unity held at ICCR in Sri Lanka.



Lachit Divas was celebrated with grandeur and patriotic fervour at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India in Colombo paying tribute to the legendary Ahom commander Lachit Borphukan, who led the victorious Assamese forces in the historic Battle of Saraighat (1671) against the Mughal Empire. The occasion commemorates Lachit's valor, leadership, and unwavering dedication to his homeland. Delivering the invited lecture, Professor Chaminda Padmakumara, Head of Dept. of International Relations of the University of Colombo highlighted the pivotal role played by Lachit Borphukan in safeguarding Assam's sovereignty. On this occasion, 'Lachit: The Warrior', a 19-minute animated short film directed by Partha Sarathi Mahanta was also screened that chronicles the life and valor of Ahom General Lachit Borphukan. Lachit Divas not only celebrates the pride of Assam but also underscores the importance of patriotism and leadership in India's rich history.



The November edition of "Meet the Author" featured Dr. Ajith Amarasinghe, who presented his acclaimed book, Finding Sinhabahu. This 2019 State Literary Award-winning research work delves into the legend of Sinhabahu, offering fresh perspectives and insights into Sri Lanka's cultural and historical narratives. Dr. Amarasinghe's discussion highlighted the book's extensive research and analytical depth, engaging attendees with a captivating exploration of archeological evidences, folklore and its enduring significance.



Janjatiya Gaurav Divas was celebrated at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, the cultural arm of the High Commission of India in Colombo to honor the contributions and sacrifices of India's tribal communities in preserving the country's cultural heritage and independence. The day commemorates the 150th birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the revered tribal leader and freedom fighter who led the Ulgulan (The Great Rebellion) against British colonial rule. On this occasion, a lecture titled "Tribal Communities of India and contribution of Birsa Munda" was delivered by Senior Professor K Karunarathilaka, Dept of Sociology, University of Kelaniya and another talk on "Portrayal of Birsa Munda in Indian Literature" by Chair Professor Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage, Dept of Hindi, University of Kelaniya.



Celebrated the 75th #ConstitutionDay by offering floral tribute to the principal architect of the Constitution of India Dr B R Ambedkar. Reflecting on the values of democracy, justice, and equality that unite us all. A day to cherish our shared commitment to these timeless principles.



The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo was honored to present an Evening of Dance & Music by Aalaap Studio. The event showcased a diverse range of performances, including Kuchipudi, Bharatanatyam, ballet, Kathak, and a folk vocal performance. This enriching program took place on November 27, 2024, and was a delightful celebration of cultural artistry.



Kathak Recital, by M.L Ruwani Ravindya, Alumna of Indira Kala Sangeet University, India held at SVCC Auditorium 29th November 2024. Ravindya completed B.A. Hons with "A" grade at the Indra Kala Sangeet University, India. She has presented many grand performances, including a performance for Swami Vivekananda Anniversary in India. Ravindya has also participated in several competitions at international and national levels, and has been honoured with esteem prizes, including the Second Prize at the prestigious All India Drama, Dance and Music Competition in 2018.



“November bows out gracefully, making way for December, a month to celebrate the harvest of memories and sow the seeds of joy.”