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Newsletter of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre

NOVEMBER 2024



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EVENTS CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2024

FRI	7:00 am 1	ON THE OCCASION OF DIWALI Online Yoga Session YOGDHYAN SADHNA by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
	2:30 pm	WORLD AYURVEDA DAY CELEBRATIONS Venue: New Arts Theater, University of Colombo
MON	4 3:00 pm	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WESTERN AND EASTERN THEATRICAL SINGING LECTURE CUM DEMO by Kithsiri Jayasena. Organized in association with Sri Lanka Library Association
TUE	5 6:00 pm	Bharatha Natyam Recital by Kumari. Pavithera Lingendra, Alumna of Kalakshetra Foundation Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	8 5:30 pm	FILM SCREENING - CHITHHA (TAMIL) Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	13 5:30 pm	FILM SCREENING - ENGLISH VINGLISH (HINDI) Venue: SVCC Auditorium

SAT	16	GURU NANAK JAYANTI CELEBRATIONS
WED	20 4:30 pm	Meet the Author Finding Sinhabahu: An analysis of the early history of Sri Lanka documented in ancient chronicles by Dr. Ajith Amarasinghe. Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	22 5:30 pm	FILM SCREENING - AATAM (MALAYALAM) Venue: SVCC Auditorium
MON	25	Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Lachit Borphukan Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	27 5:30 pm	An evening of Dance by 'Aalaap' Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	29 5:30 pm	Kathak performance by M.L.R.Ravindya Alumna of Indira Kala Sangeet University, India. Venue: SVCC Auditorium

Free Events. All are cordially invited.

For upcoming facebook live events, visit www.facebook.com/ICCRSriLanka

GLIMPSES OF EVENTS

Cultural Tapestry

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

Gurukul, launched at the Centre on 28th September for the Children by the Indian Cultural Association, aims to provide a holistic educational experience rooted in Indian cultural values. This initiative likely focuses on integrating traditional knowledge with modern teaching methods, fostering not only academic growth but also character development and cultural awareness among children.



Sri Lanka India Society with ICCR in Sri Lanka organised Mahatma Gandhi Oration by former HC of Sri Lanka to India, Austin Fernando. HC Santosh Jha joined as Chief Guest in paying tributes to the Mahatma. Amb. Fernando highlighted Gandhiji's role as a world leader who espoused non-violence, freedom, democracy. While elaborating on the practice of Bapu's values globally, HC Santosh Jha also remembered contributions of former India PM Lal Bahadur Shastri.



In celebration of the Navarathri Festival, the disciples of Smt. Sharmila Devi Sunther from the Amirthalaya Academy of Dance delivered a mesmerizing Bharatanatyam performance at ICCR in Sri Lanka. The dancers, under her expert guidance, gracefully portrayed the divine essence of the festival through intricate movements and expressive storytelling, captivating the audience with their devotion and skill.



Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan delivered a lecture at ICCR in Sri Lanka on Dr. Ananda K. Commaraswamy's contributions to art, culture and religion with specific focus on India and Sri Lanka. The lecture was illustrated with the hand gestures of Abinayadarpana by the honours dance students of Sri Jeyawarthanapura University. The programme concluded with three dance performances of the same students of Sri Jeyawarthanapura University.



Poetry is an art that connects hearts. ICCR in Sri Lanka organised a literary workshop with three sessions on Poetry in Indian Languages for the members of Sabuddhi Literary Circle participated from across Sri Lanka. The sessions were conducted by Prof Upul Ranjit, Vishnu Vasu and Anomaa Rajakaruna.



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An Online yoga session on the occasion of World mental Health Day The Ultimate guide to stress management through yoga



An Online Yoga session on Auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami Yogsadhna



"Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo" Presented "Miyurusara Sathsaraya" Mandolin, Guitar, & Vocal Recital, Sangit Visharad Tharshana Madhawa Perera, Accompanied on Shastrapathi, Vadya Nipun Peshala Manoj on 11th Oct 2024



ICCR in Sri Lanka celebrated the 576th birth anniversary of Srimanta Sankardev. On this occasion, one of his Bargeets, "Narayan Kahe Bhakati Karoon Tera," was translated into Sinhala and performed in the language. This marks a significant event, as it may be the first time a Bargeet has been recorded in both its original form and a foreign language. The Audio CD was officially launched by DHC Dr. Satyanjal Pandey.



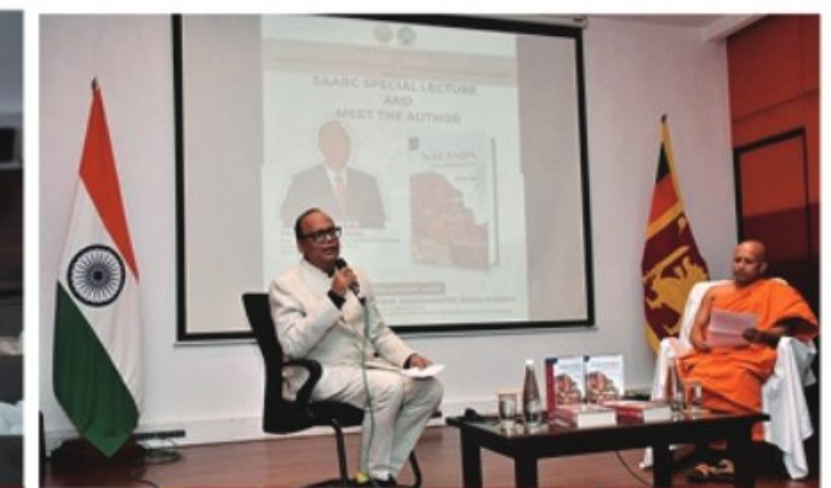
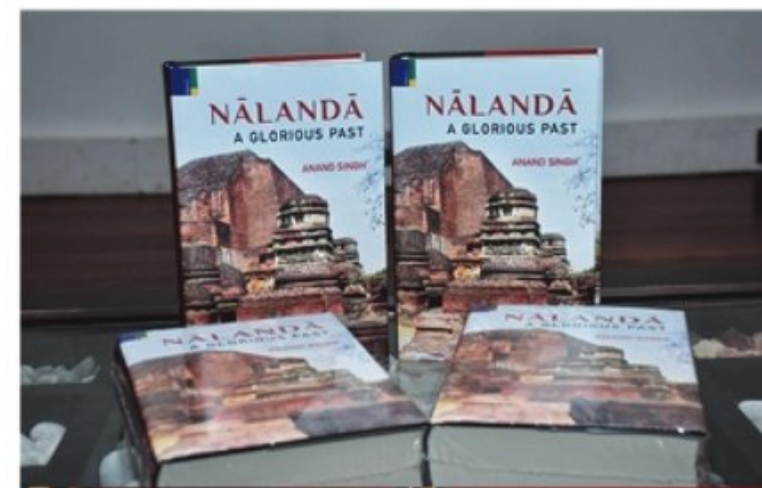
A book on applied theatre practices in Sri Lanka and India written by Kasun Thiwanka was released at ICCR in Sri Lanka on 15 October.



KATCHERI MELA - 4, Bharatha Natyam Recital by Shruthi Gopinath held at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 16th October 2024



6th Edition of the Meet The Author of the month of October 2024 was organised in collaboration with SAARC Cultural Centre featuring Prof Anand Singh's research based book "Nalanda- A Glorious Past" at ICCR in Sri Lanka. Ven. Prof. Miriswaththa Wimalagunan Thero, Department of Buddhist Culture, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies participated as a discussant of the event.



SPREADING AWARENESS PROGRAM ON HEART SMART: Take Control of your Cardiovascular Health by Dr. (Flt Lt) Ancy Senaratne, MD.
Organized by The Kerala Samajam of Sri Lanka & SVCC Colombo.



ICCR in Sri Lanka hosted a panel discussion on 'Pali as a Classical Language'. Graced by DHC Dr. Satyanjal Pandey & Secretary, Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs as Chief Guest. Buddhist scholars and monastic community of Sri Lanka underlined the significance of Pali in preserving the Dhamma and propagating Buddhist practices. Participation during the event included monks and scholars from Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Myanmar & Bangladesh

Narendra Modi @narendramodi · 1h
Glad that the Indian Government's decision of conferring Classical Language status on Pali has ignited a spirit of joy among those who believe in the thoughts of Bhagwan Buddha. Grateful to the scholars and monks from different nations who took part in this programme in Colombo.

India in Sri Lanka @IndiainSL · 19h
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Kuchchipudi Workshop



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo, India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo) in collaboration with Oasis Foundation, Kolkata, India An Evening of Dance by artists from India



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo), in collaboration with Natya Kala Mandir, proudly presented a Bharatanatyam recital by the students of natya Kala Mandir and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre under the guidance of Guru Kalasuri Vasuy Jegatheeswaran



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Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo. In Colobrated with P.V. Nandasiri Kala Kendriya Presented a Multilingual Devotional & Folk Songs by Eminent Vocalist Prof. Dr.Premeela Gurumurthy, Held at SVCC Auditorium on 28th October 2024.



Sardar Patel- the Iron Man was the silent architect of India's unity, who unified India with unwavering strength, transforming a divided land into a united nation. HC Santosh Jha inaugurated a photo exhibition commemorating the life and legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 150th birth anniversary.



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