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Yoga for One Earth, One Health

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in the Month of May 2025

Cultural Tapestry



ICCR in Sri Lanka paid tribute to legendary filmmaker Shaji N. Karun with a special screening of Piravi on 2nd May 2025. The event began with a one-minute silence in his memory, following his recent passing. The critically acclaimed film, which has won over 30 awards—including the Caméra d'Or Mention Spéciale at Cannes 1989 and the National Film Award for Best Feature Film—was warmly received.



Colombo's morning echoed with energy as about 1000 students of Hindu College stretched, breathed, and celebrated the power and ancient wisdom of yoga at the first curtain raiser organised by ICCR in Sri Lanka. A beautiful blend of tradition, youth, and unity.



Empowering educators, inspiring young minds! Director ICCR in Sri Lanka inaugurated the "Children's Natural Abilities" training yesterday, uniting primary teachers from 60 Colombo schools — a vibrant collaboration by TISSL & Orange House.

Echoes of Tagore filled ICCR in Sri Lanka yesterday as we celebrated Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's 164th birth anniversary — a stirring lecture by Prof. Praneeth Abyesundara on Tagore's influence on Sri Lanka, followed by enchanting performances of Rabindra Sangeet by Shastrapathi Asith Attapattu, Shastrapathi Palinda Udawelaarachchi, Mrs. Jayanti Rayshowcasing and the students of the Centre, and brought his timeless vision to life.

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Odissi dance is a graceful symphony of sculptural poses, flowing movements, and divine expression, echoing the timeless rhythms of devotion and beauty from the temples of Odisha. Grace met rhythm as Hungarian artist Virág Réka Túri mesmerized the audience with a captivating Odissi performance at ICCR in Sri Lanka yesterday. A beautiful blend of tradition and talent that transcended borders.



Mohiniyattam is the dance of enchantment—soft as a breeze, graceful as a swan, and steeped in the serene poetry of feminine expression flowing from the heart of Kerala. Dr. Rekha Raju captivated the ICCR in Sri Lanka audience with a spellbinding #Mohiniyattam performance — from a graceful Ganapathy Stuti to the heartfelt tale of Krishna and Sudama, each movement echoed devotion and artistry.



Cinema met conversation at ICCR in Sri Lanka today as “My Red Comrade” lit up the screen, followed by a riveting exchange with its director, Sudath Mahadivulwewa — a renowned filmmaker and the Chairman, National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka. A compelling blend of storytelling and insight at the #MeetAndGreet event.



HC Santosh Jha & Hon. Prime Minister Harini Amarasuriya inaugurated Dhamma Rupa exhibition by India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo), ICCR in Sri Lanka and Bihar Museum at Budhha Rashmi, National Vesak Day Festival at Seemamalakaya, Gangaramayya today. Exhibition showcases & India & Sri Lanka's rich Buddhist heritage.

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Mesmerized by the soulful performance on Hanuman Chalisa and vibrant showcases by students of Mumbai-based Nikita Nritya Niketan, Naadyog Kathak Academy, and Youthful Voices India at ICCR in Sri Lanka yesterday. A beautiful evening of rhythm, devotion, and youthful artistry!

From pixels to pride! Young creators of Sri Lanka lit up the Heroes of Bharat stage with powerful videos celebrating India's legendary icons Organised by ICCR in Sri Lanka & Creative Coder, the event was graced by Mr. Maitrey Kulkarni Counsellor India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo). Every frame, a tribute.



#IDY Curtain Raiser event for Ayurveda students of @University of Gampha Wickramarachchi Gampha, #Swami Vivekananda CulturalCentre Colombo, # High India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo)



Ministers, Deputy Ministers, MPs & dignitaries attended the 'Dhamma Rupa' exhibition, organised by High Commission of India, Colombo with ICCR in Sri Lanka & Bihar Museum at Seemamalakaya, Gangaramaya Temple from 12-16 May as part of the Buddha Rashmi Vesak Festival. The exhibition received widespread appreciation from devotees for its spiritual & cultural insights. To mark the occasion, Sinhala translations of 5 Amar Chitra Katha Jataka Tales were gifted to visiting children, connecting young minds with the teachings of Lord Buddha.



Pranam – An offering to the timeless tradition of Hindustani classical music was hosted by SVCC ICCR in Sri Lanka on 21 May. A soulful evening celebrating heritage, harmony, and the rich legacy of Indian music performed by renowned Sri Lankan artists.

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Hon. Prime Minister of Sri Lanka & ICCR alumna Harini Amarasuriya graced the 75th Foundation Day of Indian Council For Cultural Relations in Colombo today. Deputy High Commissioner Dr Satyanjal Pandey gave the inaugural address. Mahishini Colonne High Commissioner designate of Sri Lanka to India & ICCR alumna, addressed audience. Event saw enthusiastic participation of hundreds of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) alumni from all over Sri Lanka & captivating performances synchronising art traditions by distinguished alumni. The Silver Thread, a compilation of 25 years' of ICCR in Sri Lanka newsletters was also published.



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