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Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
High Commission of India, Colombo

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Newsletter of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre

MARCH 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR – MARCH 2025

MON	3	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT WELLOWATTE HINDU LADIES COLLEGE
TUE	4 7:00 am	Online Yoga Session ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD OBESITY DAY "YOGA FOR OBESITY" by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
THU	6	TO MARK THE SIVARATHRI FESTIVAL A vocal and instrumental offering by Students of Thejaswaralaya Academy of Arts, under the guidance of 'Kalai Gnana Chudar' Srimathi Subashiny Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	7 3:00 pm	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S In collaboration with Faculty of Indigenous Medicine University of Colombo
		HINDI MITRA MANDAL EVENT Venue: SVCC Auditorium
	5.00 p.m	MEET THE DIRECTOR MR. PRASANNA VITHANAGE, one of the renowned film makers of South Asia followed by Screening of his movie PARADISE Venue: SVCC Auditorium

SAT	8 8:00 am	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION In collaboration with Brahma Kumar's Raja Yoga Centre Venue: Harmony House, 55, Peterson Lane, Dehiwela
MON	10 11:00 am	A BHARATHA NATYAM RECITAL By Dr. Kumar K, Professor & HOD, Department of Bharatha Natyam, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysoor, India Venue: SVCC Auditorium
	6:00 pm	REMEMBERING THE LEGENDRY TABLIST USTAD ZAKIR HUSSIAN ON HIS BIRTH ANNIVERSARY An evening of Tabla by SVCC students & guest artists Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	14 7:00 am	Online Yoga Session ON THE OCCASION OF WORLD KIDNEY DAY "YOGA FOR KIDNEY" by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
MON	17 6:00 pm	TRIBUTE TO 'DESHA NETHRU', 'KALASURI' DR. ARUNTHAHTY SRI RANGANATHAN by her disciples and the Members of the Aru Sri Art Theatre. Venue: SVCC Auditorium

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Free Events. All are cordially invited.

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TUE	18 4:00 pm	MEET THE AUTHOR Senior Prof. M.K.Weerasinghe will discuss about his book titled "Prof. Ranganathan 1892-1972:Father of Indian Librarianship" Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	19	PUPPETRY SHOW
FRI	21 5:00 pm	SRI TYAGARAJA AARADHANA ANNUAL CARNATIC MUSIC FESTIVAL Rehearsal on 19 th & 20 th March at 4.00 p.m. Venue: Saraswathie Hall, Bambalapitiya
MON	24 6:00 pm	HINDUSTANI VOCAL RECITAL by Dr. Madhumita Battacharya Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	26 6:00 pm	BOOK LAUNCH Authored by Prasad Ranasinghe Venue:SVCC Auditorium
FRI	28 6:00 pm	HINDUSTANI VOCAL RECITAL by Dr. Bandara Venue: SVCC Auditorium

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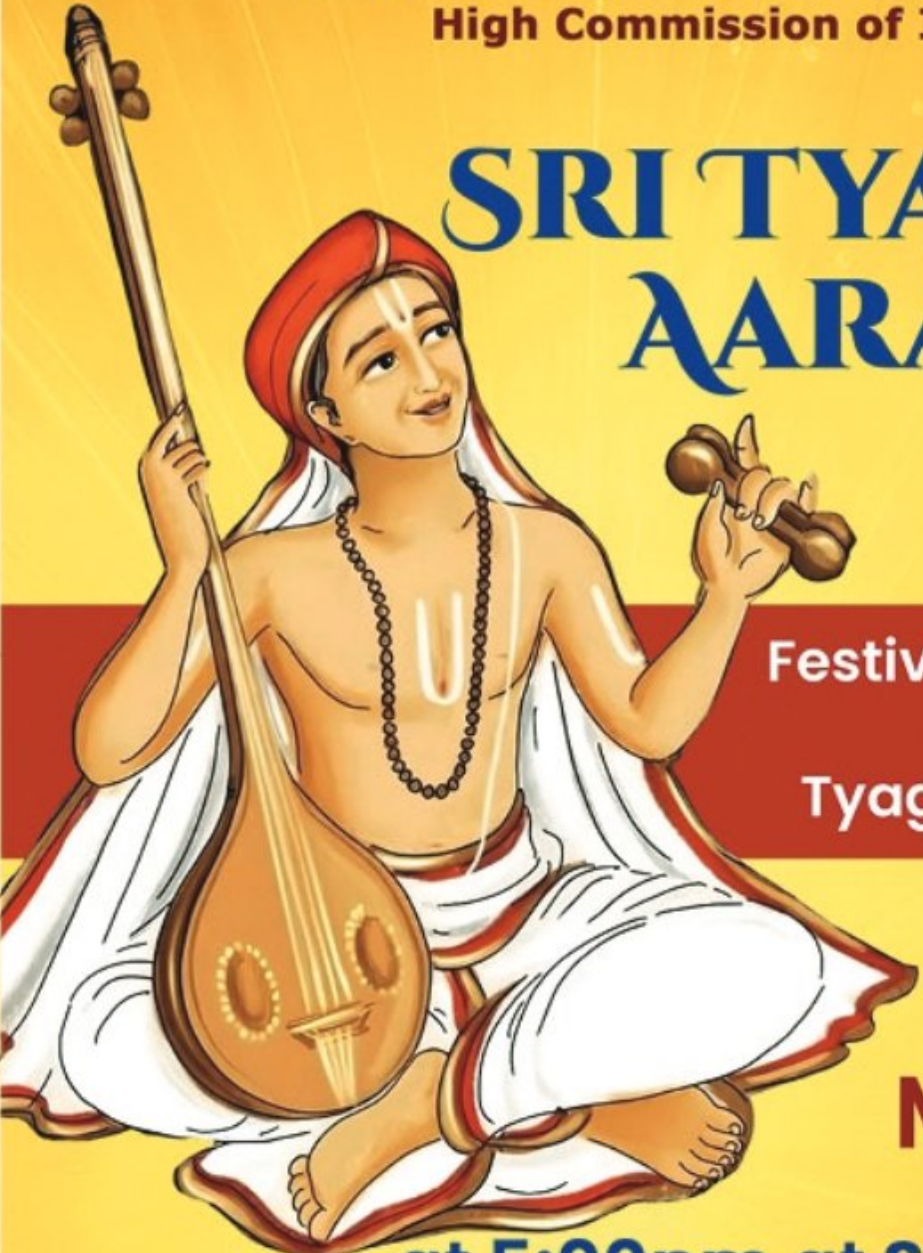
Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
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presents



SRI TYAGARAJA AARADHANA 2025

Festival of Carnatic Music
Rendering of
Tyagaraja Keerthanams



March 21 Friday
at 5:00pm at Saraswathie Hall
No.75, Lorensz Road, Bambalapitiya, Colombo 04.

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Rehearsals will be held on 19th & 20th March 2025 at 5.00 pm at Saraswathie Hall

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GLIMPSES OF EVENTS

in the Month of February 2025

Cultural Tapestry



Bharat Rang Mahotsav, India's biggest theatre festival comes to Sri Lanka! Bharat Rang Mahotsav was inaugurated in Colombo by HC Santosh Jha, Min. of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs Hon. Hiniiduma Sunil Senevi, and Hon. Governor of Western Province, Hanif Yusooof.



Bharat Rang Mahotsav in Colombo on 06 February, 2025. The opening night featured the spectacular 'Tajmahal Ka Tender', a 130-minute Hindi play presented by NSD Repertory, New Delhi. Directed by Chittaranjan Tripathy and written by Ajay Shukla, the show mixed comedy, drama and societal reflection, leaving the audience spellbound!



Bharat Rang Mahotsav in Colombo on 07 February, 2025. The second night featured "Babuji" by NSD Repertory is a poignant portrayal of an artist's struggle to keep his passion for folk theatre alive amidst societal responsibilities. The play, adapted from Mithileshwar's story and directed by Rajesh Singh. This poignant tale of an artist's struggle between passion and duty left the audience deeply moved.

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Bharat Rang Mahotsav in Colombo on 08 February, 2025. Sri Lanka's V4 Theatre captivated audiences with their Sinhala adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Romeo & Juliet' on its third day of the festival. Directed by Jayanath Bandara, this unique rendition was showcased in Bengaluru on February 5 and in Colombo on February 7. Bharat Rang Mahotsav is organised first time in by National School of Drama and hosted by ICCR in Sri Lanka in collaboration with University of the Visual and Performing Arts from 6-9 February, 2025.



Bharat Rang Mahotsav in Colombo on 09 February, 2025. Sri Lanka's Red Wings Theatre Group staged 'Sindu Kirilli 2 (Veronica Returns)' at Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2025 in Colombo. This compelling performance adapted and directed by Buddhika Damayantha showcased the depth of Sri Lankan theatre on the world's largest theatre festival. Bharat Rang Mahotsav is organised first time in Sri Lanka by National School of Drama and hosted by ICCR in Sri Lanka in collaboration with University of the Visual and Performing Arts from 6-9 February, 2025.



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre presented a cultural performance at the Galle Literary Festival on 8th February 2025



Celebrating the spirit of knowledge and wisdom! Vasant Panchami was beautifully organized by Indian Cultural Association and ICCR in Sri Lanka honoring Goddess Saraswati with devotion, vibrant cultural performances, and a serene atmosphere. Dr. Rambabu C, FS & HoC graced the event as Chief Guest.

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Experience the grace of Bharatanatyam! Renowned dancer Suhithakumar Maannikkavasagam mesmerized the audience at ICCR in Sri Lanka on February 13, 2025, with a captivating recital. A celebration of rhythm, expression, and tradition!



Celebrating Poetry & Nature! ICCR in Sri Lanka hosted the launch of "A Few Drops on Mother Earth", a poetry collection by Samanmalee Padmakumara, yesterday. Honored to have the Former Sri Lanka PM, Hon. Dinesh Gunawardena, grace the occasion. A tribute to words, nature, and creativity!

Honoured to welcome Swami Suhitanandaji Maharaj, Senior Vice President of the Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission, Belur to SVCC ICCR in Sri Lanka today. His visit was an inspiring occasion, strengthening spiritual and cultural ties.



Exploring Artistic Legacies! An insightful interaction on the artistic journey of veteran Indian sculptor Pankaj Panwar & artist Chandra Bhattacharjee was held at the Centre on February 14, 2025. Discussions highlighted Santiniketan's (Kala-Bhavana) impact on Indian Modern & Contemporary Art. Both the Indian artists join the KALĀ Commune Residency, bringing their unique creative vision to this immersive Open Studios & Exhibition.



Ms. Uma Nanduri, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Govt of India visited ICCR in Sri Lanka on 7 February, 2025 and also she paid a courtesy call on the Secretary of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs of the Govt of Sri Lanka and discussed about the cultural collaborations between India and Sri Lanka



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An online yoga session on the Birth Anniversary of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati ji



ICCR in Sri Lanka hosted a Hindustani Classical Vocal Recital by Ashwin Baliga, a US-based Indian classical vocalist, on February 21, 2025, at the SVCC Auditorium. He was accompanied by renowned tablist Peshala Manoj. A night filled with soulful melodies!



Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre ICCR in Sri Lanka organised an interactive session with Prof. Bikash Medhi, renowned Professor of Pharmacology at PGIMER, Chandigarh, India, on patients and medication safety, where he also focussed on pre-clinical and clinical research of AYUSH medicines. An insightful discussion on traditional & modern medicine!



3 New Books in 2 Languages Written by Ajantha Seneviratne was Launched by Prof. Ankuran Dutta & Dr. Ratnasri Wijesinghe at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 27th February 2025



The students of ICCR in Sri Lanka showcased vibrant Indian classical & folk dances at the Sri Lanka India Society's evening on February 22 in Colombo, commemorating India's 76th Republic Day & Sri Lanka's 77th Independence Day. A celebration of culture & friendship!