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Newsletter of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre

JUNE 2026



EVENTS CALENDAR – JUNE 2026

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

SUN	7 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF OM by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India	
WED	10 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION THE AGE-REVERSAL SECRET: YOGIC NIDRA & CELLULAR LIFE by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India	
FRI	12 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION FLUID DYNAMICS OF THE SPINE: THE PHYSICS OF KUNDALINI by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India	
MON	15 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION THE AMRIT FACTOR: YOGIC MASTERY OVER STRESS HORMONES by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India	
THU	18 8:30 am	ISLAND OF WELNESS: YOGA ACROSS SRI LANKA By Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Health and Mass Media, Sri Lanka and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo	
SUN	21 6:00 am	INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA Independence Square, Colombo 07	

FRI	12 5:00 pm	FILM SCREENING – DANGAL (HINDI - 161mins) Directed by Nitesh Tiwari Starring: Aamir Khan, Sakshi Tanwar, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Zaira Wasim Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	17 5:00 pm	FILM SCREENING – OMG (HINDI - 155mins) Directed by Amit Rai Starring: Akshay Kumar, Pankaj Tripathi, Yami Gautam Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	24 6:00 pm	CELEBRATION OF WORLD MUSIC DAY MOHAN VEENA by Janith Gamage Visiting Instructor at the Department of North Indian Music, Faculty of Music, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo Venue: SVCC Auditorium
THU	25 5:00 pm	FILM SCREENING – MARY KOM (HINDI - 122mins) Directed by Omung Kumar Starring: Priyanka Chopra, Darshan Kumaar, Sunil Thapa Venue: SVCC Auditorium
SAT	27 10:00 am	LIBRARY – STORY TELLING EVENT Ancient History & the tale of Ramayana Bridge, Connecting India & Sri Lanka Age : 5-18 Venue: SVCC

Free Events. All are cordially invited.

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

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High Commission of India, Colombo celebrated the 77th Foundation Day of ICCR today! Hon. Muneer Mulafer, Deputy Minister of Religious and Cultural Affairs & Mr. Tilvin Silva, General Secretary JVP Srilanka graced the event as Chief Guest. The presence of a diverse gathering of ICCR Alumni across fields of academia, classical arts etc enriched the gathering.

In his remarks, High Commissioner Santosh Jha emphasized on the strength of the shared India - Sri Lanka cultural heritage. Enthralling & captivating performances in vocal music, classical dance forms and popular music by ICCR alumni celebrated the deep cultural bonds between India & Sri Lanka



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"A Peaceful Mother Peaceful World - Yoga for Inner Strenth" Organized by AUM Kriya Babaji Yoga Aranyam , The Brahma Kumaris Rajayoga Centre Sri Lanka in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre as part of International Day of Yoga 2026 on 10th May 2026 40 mothers participated in the program. The event began with welcoming and honoring the mothers with Tilak and a special Mother's Day badge. This was followed by an ice-breaking session. The Aum Kriya Babaji Organization conducted breathing exercises and asanas for the participants. Later, a talk on the topic of spirituality and well-being was delivered by the Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Center, followed by a creative meditation session. The program concluded with Toli, blessings, gifts, and refreshments for all the participants



In commemoration of the 165th Birth Anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, a floral tribute and garlanding ceremony of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's bust was organized by the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, on 11th May 2026 at the Main Library of the University of Colombo. The event was held under the distinguished patronage of H.E.Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, and Professor Indika Mahesh Karunathilaka, Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo. Distinguished invitees and guests also participated in the ceremony, paying tribute to the timeless legacy of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore



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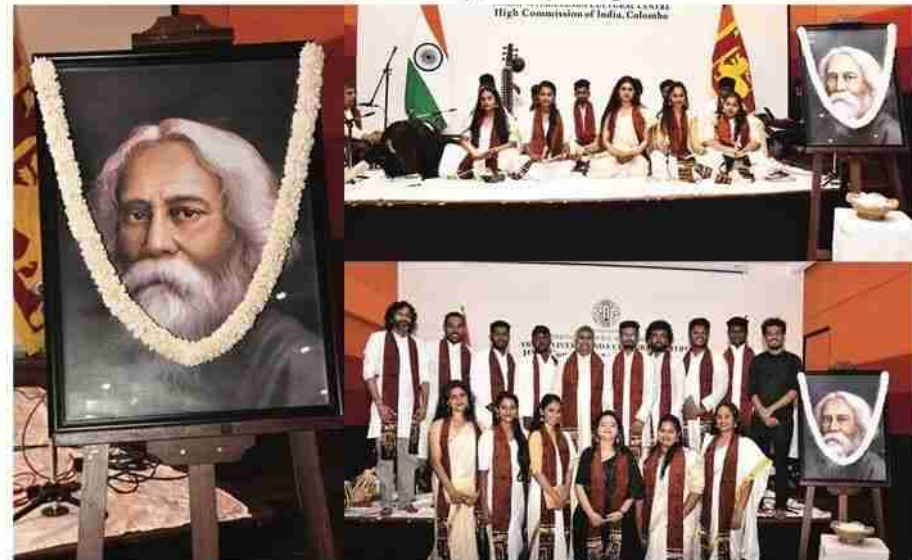
Celebrating Culture, Heritage, and Unity .On the occasion of International Museum Day 2026, organized by the Department of National Museums under the theme "Museums Uniting a Divided World," the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre cultural arm of the High Commission of India, Colombo presented vibrant dance and music performances at the Colombo National Museum.



Highlights from Illangai Natya Sangamam. An unforgettable evening filled with grace, rhythm, devotion, and storytelling through the timeless epic of the Ramayana. Niruthya Nithyalaya Academy of Dance proudly showcased a spectacular celebration of classical dance, where every performance reflected passion, dedication, and cultural heritage. From vibrant costumes to expressive movements, the stage came alive with the spirit of the epic tale.



Creativity came alive at our "Drawing with Number Tricks" Library Workshop! The children had a wonderful time turning numbers into amazing drawings through fun, imagination, and learning. A joyful day filled with smiles, creativity, and young artistic talent



Echoes of Rabindranath Tagore filled the halls of ICCR Sri Lanka yesterday as we celebrated Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's 165th Birth Anniversary. The evening came alive with enchanting performances of Rabindra Sangeet by Asith Attapattu and his ensemble, while Mrs. Jayanti Ray beautifully showcased Tagore's timeless vision through her graceful presentation. The celebration was a heartfelt tribute to the legendary poet, philosopher, and Nobel Laureate whose works continue to inspire generations across the world with messages of humanity, peace, and universal harmony



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Bridging cultures through language - The launch of Phonology and Morphology of Modern Marathi by Ven. Kapugollawe Anandakiththi at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre celebrated the power of languages in connecting people beyond borders. The event was graced by Mr. Maitrey Kulkarni Counsellor (Development Cooperation) as Chief Guest. Ms. Roshni Thomson, First Secretary (PI&C), Deans, Academicians, and students also participated in the book launch, marking a meaningful contribution to linguistic studies and Indo-Sri Lankan cultural ties.



Pranam – An Evening in Tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore organized in collaboration with Tagore Society of Sri Lanka. A memorable celebration commemorating the 165th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, filled with music, culture, literature, and artistic performances. Ms. Roshini Thomson, First Secretary – Press, Information & Culture, High Commission of India, Colombo, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The evening was further enriched by an inspiring talk on “Tagore’s Legacy” delivered by Kala Keerthi Dr. Ravibandhu Vidyapathi, along with captivating musical and cultural performances.