

**High Commission of India
Colombo**

AKAM activities in February 2022

Week 48 (1st-6th Feb,2022) 3rd Feb (2 events) 5th Feb (2 events) 6th Feb

Activities Undertaken

EVENT 1 - Inauguration of Exhibition on India's Buddhist heritage at Vidyalankara Pirivena in Kelaniya on 01st February 2022

Showcasing the rich Buddhist heritage of India in Sri Lanka! High Commissioner inaugurated an Exhibition on India's Buddhist heritage at Vidyalankara Pirivena in Kelaniya. HC stressed that the message of Buddha continues to guide the Indian people and Republic of Sri Lanka. It was organized in collaboration with the State Ministry of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas and Bhikku Education on 01st February 2022 as a part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

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Event 2 – Inauguration of Artificial Limb Camp by India on 02nd February 2022

A Camp to provide artificial limbs was jointly inaugurated Honourable Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister of Irrigation and State Minister of National Security & Disaster Management and State Minister of Home Affairs; and Chair of the India-Sri Lanka Parliamentary Friendship Association, and High Commissioner of India to Colombo Gopal Baglay on 2 February 2022 at the Ranaviru Seva Authority premises in Gampaha.

Long celebrations to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' (75 years of India's Independence) which commenced with the 73rd Republic Day celebrations on 26 January 2022. The Artificial Limb Fitment Camp exemplifies Government of India's guiding philosophy in developmental partnership with Sri Lanka – of making a palpable impact to the lives of the people of Sri Lanka in accordance with the priorities of the Government of Sri Lanka.

3. The Camp is supported by the Government of India assistance and conducted by an Indian NGO Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS)

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Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/IndiaInSriLanka/videos/1160013184738293>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/IndiainSL/status/1495246017939197955>

Event 3 - Felicitation Ceremony for The Winners of International Quiz on "***Buddhism And Buddhist Heritage***" Organized by The High Commission of India, Colombo on 3rd February 2022

High Commission of India in Colombo organized an event to award the winners of the 'International Quiz on Buddhism and Buddhist Heritage' on February 02, 2022 at Taj Samudra. Honourable Minister of Education, Dinesh Gunawardena graced the event as the Chief Guest. Senior members of the Maha Sangha, officials and other dignitaries also attended the event.

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Event 4 - Bust of Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath unveiled at Sri Palee Campus of the University of Colombo on 03rd February 2022

To commemorate the 100th year of arrival of Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore to Sri Lanka, the University of Colombo in collaboration with the High Commission of India, Colombo, organized a special ceremony to unveil the bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore at the Sri Palee Campus of the University on 03rd February 2022. The Chief Guest, Hon. Prof. G. L. Peiris, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, along with the Guests of Honour Shri Gopal Baglay, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and Hon. Vidura Wickremanayaka, State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts, and Rural Promotions, unveiled and garlanded the bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in the presence of Prof. Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo, and distinguished officers, staff and students of the

university. This bronze bust of Tagore has been gifted by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

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Event No.05 :Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 5th February

Venue: Virtual Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop Online Yoga – Science and Therapy of Surya Namaskar by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No.06 :Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 5th February

Venue: Women's Hall Colombo Details: Saraswathi Pooja in association with Indian Expatriates association in Colombo

Event No.07 :Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 6th February Venue: Virtual Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Week 49 (7-13 Feb,2022) 7th Feb 11th Feb 12th Feb 13th Feb

Event No. 08:Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 7th February Venue: Virtual Details: An evening of Flute Recital Shasthrapathi Daminda Rangana Athauda, Benaras Hindu University, India & Lecturer -SLTC

Event No. 09:Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 11th February Venue: Virtual Details: Tanjavor Utsav details shared on social media

'Thanjavur Utsav 11-13 Feb 2022' and 'All India Conference on Temple Architecture' held on 16 Feb 2022

The Mission publicized the event on its social media handles - Twitter. Links for the same is hereby attached.

Twitter

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Link

https://twitter.com/MinOfCultureGoI/status/1491419583282319361?s=20&t=iBwprDjRKzIVM73-xZR_zw

Event No. 10: Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 12th February Venue: Physical Details: A Musical evening as tribute to India's Nightingale Late Lata Mangeshkar

Event No.11 : Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 13th February

Venue: Virtual Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Week 50 (14th -20th Feb, 2022 18th Feb 19th Feb 20th Feb

Event No. 12: Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 18th February Venue: Virtual Details: An evening of Tabla Recital Sangit Nipun Isuru Perera, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura

Event No. 13: Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 19th February Venue: Virtual Details: Online Yoga lecture Upasana Yoga of Swami Dayanand Saraswati by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No.14 : Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 20th February Venue: Virtual Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Week 51 (21st -27th Feb, 2022 21st Feb 27th Feb

Event No.15 : Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 21st February Venue: Independence Square Details: International Language Day organized by Bangladesh High Commission – SVCC presented Bengali songs

Event No.16 : Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 27th February Venue: Virtual Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Week 52 (28th Feb- 6th Mar, 2022) 28th Feb

Event No. 17: Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 28th January Venue: Virtual Details: Lecture cum devotional dance 'Sivamayam' 'Lord Shiva worship in Sri Lanka'

Event 18 (Feb 28th 2022)-Lecture on Indian literature-Scholarly Indian Literary Discourse2

Under the title of ***The Scholarly Discourse on Indian Literature'*** the second lecture was held on Feb 28th 2022 at the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo to mark the 10th anniversary of the CCIS and the **75th anniversary of the Independence of India** . The second lecture was delivered by Mr. Karunarathna Amarasingha veteran literary personnel on **'The Elegance of on Indian Literature'**

This scholarly lecture series has been organized by CCIS to strengthen the academic ties between India and Sri Lanka under the guidance of Chair Senior Professor Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage (Director, CCIS).

This event was telecast on Zoom, Facebook the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies and YouTube as well.

Link <https://ccis.cmb.ac.lk/scholarly-indian-literary-discourse-2-feb-28th-2022/>