

**High Commission of India
Colombo**

Subject: AKAM Activities for the Month of February 2023

Event No. :01 Violin Recital by Prof. V.Balaji from India held at the Centre on 3rd February 2023

Event No. :02 Lecture by Prof. Anupa Pande on Jatakas in Indian Paintings and sculptures, organized in collaboration with Department of Archeology, Government of Sri Lanka on 10th February 2023

Event No. :03 An Online Yoga session on the occasion of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati birth Anniversary Yoga: Kriwanto vishwaryam 2 on 15th February 2023

Event No. :04 The Centre facilitated 5 Hindi scholars from Sri Lanka to participate at the 12th World Hindi Conference-Fiji from 14th to 17th February 2023

Event No. :05 Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre facilitated the Sri Lankan Ramayan group to participate in the 2nd State Level Ramayan Mandali Competition in India

Event No. :06 Bharatha Natyam Recital by 'Natya Selvam' Shri Shanmuga Sundaram from India on 17th February 2023

Event No. :07 An online Yoga session on the occasion of Mahashivratri Yog Dhyana as per Shiv Samhita on 18th February

Event No. :08 Indian Council For Cultural Relations sponsored Carnatic vocal group led by renowned vocalist from India Dr. B.Arundhati presented a musical concert ICCR in Sri Lanka on 20th February . The event was organized in collaboration with World Malayalee Federation. Hon. Dr. Suren Raghavan, State Minister of Higher Education graced the occasion as Chief Guest, Hon. Mano Ganesan, Member of Parliament graced the occasion as Guest of Honour, Shri Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner of India presided over the event.

Event No. :09 Students of Centre trained by Hindustani vocal teacher of the Centre Shashthapathi Asith Atapattu presented a cultural performance on the occasion of Mother Language Day organized by Bangladesh High Commission, Colombo at Independence Memorial Hall on 21st February 2023.

Event No. :10 An event to re-launch of Hindi Mithra Mandal was held on 21st February at the Centre.

Event No. :11 Prof. Lakshman Seneviratne , Department of Hindi Studies, University of Kelaniya delivered a lecture at the Centre on the title- Use of Sinhala as Mother Tongue to learn Hindi - a Foreign Language in Sri Lanka on 21st February.

Event No. :12 Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre organized the 17th edition of Sri Tyagaraja Aaradhana-a festival of Carnatic Music-in Colombo on 24th February 2023.Tyagaraja kirtis and Pancharatna kirti were rendered. High Commissioner Shri Gopal Baglay paid tributes to saint composer Tyagaraja and noted that music connects people beyond boundaries. He added that devotion with music offered unmatched spiritual joy. The event was supported by Express Newspapers and Hindu Educational Society. More than 10 organizations and 300 music lovers attended the event.

Event No. :13 On the occasion of Indian National Science Day today Director Prof Ankuran Dutta has donated two of his books "Science Meets Communication" and "Science Communication in Assam" to the Library of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo. This Library is rich in Indic studies and reference books on India with more than 5000 titles on 28th February 2023.