

**High Commission of India
Colombo**

Subject: AKAM Activities for the Month of January 2023

Event No. : 01 On 6th January an online yoga session – Yoga for Brain was organized by the Centre. Mr. Ajay Kumbhar from India conducted the session.

Event No. :02 High Commission of India, Colombo organized a live stream of the launch of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo. Director of the Centre, Prof. Ankuran Dutta welcomed the gathering & informed the audience about the PBD 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh on 9th January 2023

Event No. :03 The Centre celebrated World Hindi Diwas on 10th January at its auditorium. His Excellency Shri Gopal Baglay, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The programme included the launch of the annual magazine "Sri Lanka Hindi Samachar, certificate distribution to successful candidates of KHS Hindi examination and cultural events by students on 10th January 2023

Event No. :04 On the occasion of World Hindi Diwas, the Centre organized a Panel discussion as part of the celebrations on the title- Use and Teaching of Hindi in Sri Lanka: Problems and Solutions on 10th January 2023

Event No. :05 Swachhata Pakhwada- Students of the Centre presented the Swachhata Bharath anthem, speech, and poetry recitation on the occasion of World Hindi Diwas celebrations on 10th January 2023

Event No. :06 On the occasion of National Youth Day (Vivekananda Jayanti) an online Vocal Jugalbandhi by Sangeeth Visharadha Gayesha Dharmasiri & Visharadha Khanika Edirimanne on 12th January 2023

Event No. :07 On 12th January an online yoga session – Yoga for Youth was organized by the Centre. Mr. Ajay Kumbhar from India conducted the session.

Event No. :08 Swachhata Pakhwada-2023- The Centre organized a children's art competition on the title "No Plastic" on 13th January. the participants were awarded on-spot gifts and certificates by the Director Prof. Ankuran Dutta.

Event No. :09 On the occasion of Pongal/Lohiri the Centre organized an online Bharatha Natyam and folk-dance recital by the students of Natya Kala Mandhir on 15th January 2023

Event No. :10 "108 Bharathanatyam Jathis" a book authored by Sri. Chidambaram R. Suresh was launched at the Centre on 16th January. Mr. Suresh spoke on the contents of his book and Ms. Shobana Suresh along with Miss. Oviya demonstrated.

Event No. :11 Sri Lanka Malayali Association's New Year Celebration was held at the SVCC, Auditorium. Shri Vinod K. Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest. On 15th January 2023.

Event No. :12 Katcheri Mela - Bharatha Natyam Recital by Ms. Pooma Luxme Asokan was held at SVCC, Auditorium on 20th January 2023

Event No. :13 On the Occasion of Parakram Diwas an online Musical Performance by Students of Amaradeva Academy Led by Gimhana Komangoda Thiloka Wickramagalle, Tharinda hettiarachchi, Gangadhari wickramage, Shani Nanayakara, Lehansa Dissanayake, Prabha Wickramasooriya, Nirmala De silva, Parami Kavindi presented a musical performance on 23rd January 2023

Event No. :14 On 24 January 2023, High Commission of India in Colombo organized a Rock Band concert- 'Rhythm of Harmony' to commemorate the 74th Republic Day of India falling on January 26, 2023. The President of Sri Lanka H.E. Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe graced the event as the Chief Guest. An ICCR-sponsored renowned Rock band from India- UDX led by Inakhu Atoshe Ayeh, collaborated with a Sri Lankan band, Stigmata led by Suresh De Silva for this special event. Several Sri Lankan Ministers, Members of Parliament, members of the diplomatic corps, the Indian diaspora and other dignitaries were present at the occasion.

Event No. :15 On the occasion of 74th Republic Day of India Disciples of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre under the guidance of Guru Kalasuri Vasugy Jegatheeswaran presented a cultural performance at the flag hoisting ceremony at India House on 26th January 2023

Event No. :16 On the occasion of 74th Republic day of India, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre presented a cultural performance at the reception hosted by His Excellency Shri Gopal Baglay at India House on 26th January 2023

Event No. :17 An online performance on the occasion of Basant Panchami Saraswathi Vandana by Shasthrapathi Asith Atapattu on 26th January 2023

Event No. :18 An online talk "Mahatma Gandhi's Quest in the Service of Humanity" by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, Internationally Acclaimed speaker on Mahatma Gandhi, on the occasion of Martyrs Day on 30th January 2023