

**High Commission of India
Colombo**

Subject: AKAM Activities for the Month of December 2022

Event No. :01 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 2nd December Venue: SVCC auditorium Details: On 2nd December Commemorating the arrival of Sanghamitta Theri in Sri Lanka in December with the launch of Jataka Katha Audio Book (in Sinhala) – Volume 2 (dedicated to Visually impaired brothers & Sisters)

To commemorate the arrival of Most Venerable Sanghamitta Theri from India to Sri Lanka in the month of December, the second Volume of the Jataka Tales Audio Book in Sinhala was launched by at Swami Vivekananda Cultral Centre, the cultural arm of the High Commission of India on 02nd December, 2022. The Audio Book contains 50 Jataka Tales, selected from Jatakattakatha under the theme of 'Good Advice' and is dedicated to the people of Sri Lanka, particularly the visually impaired. The first volume of the Audio Book was launched at the Ruwanweli Maha Seya premises in Anuradhapura on the sacred Poson Poya on 14 June, 2022 to mark 75th anniversary of India-Sri Lanka diplomatic relations. Most Venerable Mahasangha, Hon. Vijitha Berugoda, the State Minister of Pirivena Education, High Commissioner Gopal Baglay, Deputy High Commissioner Vinod K. Jacob, Senior office bearers of State Ministry of Pirivena Education, Teacher and student representatives of the Ceylon School for the Deaf and Blind, Rathmalana, Dr. U.P.P. Serasinghe, Director, Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS), University of Colombo, and several other distinguished guests the graced the occasion. The "Jataka Tales Audio Book" project is a joint collaboration between Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) and the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies (CCIS), University of Colombo. Supervised by Most Ven. Rambukana Siddhartha Thero, several others including Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director SVCC, Prof. Upul Ranjith Hewawitanagamage, Chair Senior Professor of Hindi Studies, University of Kelaniya and former Director of CCIS, Dr. W. A. Abeysinha and Ms. Wathsala Samarakoon, a popular TV and Radio presenter contributed towards the initiative. On this occasion, the High Commissioner of India also welcomed the winners of "International quiz competition on Buddhism and Buddhist Heritage" and the officials from the State Ministry of Pirivena Education who returned after a very successful and enriching 5-day tour of the key Buddhist sites of India.

Event No. :02 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 2nd December Venue: SVCC auditorium Details: Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director ICCR in Sri Lanka, gifted a range of musical instruments to Prof. Thampoe Mangaleswaran, Vice Chancellor, University of Vavuniya for establishment of a Cultural Centre and an "India Corner" within that Cultural Centre to support teaching and learning of music and dance in the University on 2nd December

Event No. :03 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 3rd December Venue: Virtual Details: On the occasion of Geeta Jayanti – Bakthi Yoga in Geeta by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. :04 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 4th December Venue: Virtual
Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop Online Yoga – at Ratmalana Pirivena by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. :05 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 9th December Venue: SVCC auditorium Details: "Friday Matinee" Screening Of Bollywood Film (Fanaa) Hindi

Event No. :06 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 10th December The Centre organized its annual Indian Food Festival today. Members of Indian diaspora, students and general public attended the festival. Director of the Centre Prof. (Dr) Ankuran Dutta inaugurated the festival.

Event No. :07 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 11th December Venue: Virtual
Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop Online Yoga – at Ratmalana Pirivena by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. :08 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 12th December Venue: Virtual
Details: On the occasion of universal health coverage day – Yoga for Health by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. :09 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 13th December Venue: Port City, Colombo On 13th December the Centre presented two cultural performances during the visit of the Indian Naval Ship, Sahyadri to Sri Lanka on 13th December

Event No. :10 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 14th December Venue: Virtual On 14th December The Centre organized an online Hindustani Vocal Recital by Sangeet Visharada Shastravedi Dinidu Muthunayaka.

Event No. :11 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 16th December Venue: SVCC auditorium Details: "Black" Screening Of Bollywood Film (Black) Hindi

Event No. :12 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 18th December Venue: Virtual
Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop Online Yoga – at Ratmalana Pirivena by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. :13 Theme: India's rich cultural heritage Date: 25th December Venue: Virtual
Details: Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop Online Yoga – at Ratmalana Pirivena by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India