

High Commission of India,

Colombo

AKAM activities in January 2022

Week 43 -(27th Dec 2021- 2 Jan 2022) **2nd January Event No.0** : Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 2 January -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 44 (3-9 Jan,2022) **8th January** -9th January **Event No. 02:**Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage

Date: 8th January Venue: Virtual Details: Violin Recital by Danushka Prabhath J

Event No.03 : Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 9th January 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

Week45 (10-16 Jan,2022)

Event No. 04: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 10th January**-Venue: SVCC auditorium

Details: Commemoration of **World Hindi Day** in Sri Lanka. A special Proficiency Course in hindi was launched for Sri Lanka Police on the occasion, which was attended by around 70 senior police officers in Sri Lanka. Acting HC Vinod K. Jacob read out special messages from PM Narendra Modi and EAM Dr S Jaishankar. MOS Meenakshi Lekhi and High Commissioner delivered video messages.

Event No. 05: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 10th January**
Venue: Virtual Details: Bollywood song presentation by students

Event No. 06: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 12th January**
Venue: Virtual Details: Screening of Documentaries and film on Swami Vivekananda
National Youth Day : As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, HCI Colombo organized **National Youth Day** on 12 January 2022 with Acting High Commissioner paying tribute to Swami Vivekananda along with officials. The links of the inaugural function of the 25th National Youth Festival by Hon'ble Prime Minister were also shared extensively on social media. Short videos depicting the life and message/teachings of Swami Vivekananda were also shared on Mission's social media account.

Event No. 07:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 12th January**

Venue: Virtual Details: Hindustani Vocal Recital by Shasthrapathi Asith Athapaththu

Event No. 08:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 13th January**

Details: Festival of Harvest in collaboration with Indian expatriates, Rangoli were made

Event No. 09:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 14th January**

Venue: Virtual Details: Joining 7.5 million Surya Namaskar with Indian Diaspora and SriLankan friends

Event No. 10:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 14th January Venue: Virtual

Details: Oline Lecture cum Bharatha Natyam recital by Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan (renowned Bharatha Natyam artiste & scholar), under the Title of Kathambam. This programme is arranged to mark the Magara Sangaranthi festival (Thai Pongal)

Event No. 11:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 14th January Venue: Physical - Panadura

Details: Makar Sakranti kite festival at Pandura Beach- A kite festival was held on 14th January ,2022 on the occasion of Pongal Thai , Makar Sakranti ,Lohri, Bihu,Uttarayan in association with NIRU at Pandura Beach by Swami Vivekananda cultural centre , HCI, Colombo.

Event No. 12:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 14th January

Venue: Physical – **As Part of Amrit Mahotsav celebrations-** High Commissioner offered prayers at Mayurapathy Sri Bathrakali Amman Kovil in [Colombo](#) and joined the devotees in celebrating the auspicious festival of [ThaiPongal](#)

Event No. 13: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 16th January

Venue: Physical – Ramakrishna mission Details: **Celebrating 125 years of Historic visit of Swami Vivekananda to Sri Lanka.**

A special event was held to commemorate the 125th anniversary of the historic visit by the renowned SwamiVivekananda to Sri Lanka on his way back to India following his eye-opening address at the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago. The event was jointly organized by the Ramakrishna Mission in Colombo and the Department of Hindu, Religious and Cultural Affairs .

Event No.14 : Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 16 January**

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 46 (17th – 23rd Jan,2022)-23rd January (5 events)-Event No. 15:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 23 January Venue: Virtual

Details: Online Yoga lecture

Yoga: With Teachings of Swami Vivekananda by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No. 16: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage **Date: 23 January**

Venue: Virtual Details: Online Yoga lecture Yoga for Hemorrhoids (Piles) -by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India

Event No.17: Theme: **Celebrating unsung heros - Date: 23rd January**

Venue: Virtual -Details: Floral tributes paid to **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** at Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala, Sri Lanka, by the Most Venerable Mahasangha and Sunday Dhamma School students

Event No.18: Theme: **Celebrating unsung heros** Date: **23rd January** Venue: Virtual

Details: Screening films on Netaji (Facebook)

Event No.19: Theme: Celebrating unsung heros Date: 23rd January

Venue: Virtual Details: Kavi Sammelan on National Youth Day

Week 47 (24th – 30th Jan,2022) 26th January (2 events) Event No.20:

January 26 Republic Day celebrations- India House 1.Flag hoisting and Reception at India House for Indian nationals in the morning.Inaugural message from EAM

Event 21. Republic Day celebrations at Ratmalana Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena

Event 22. Evening reception at India House for Sri Lankans including leadership, senior officials, diplomats, businessmen etc.

Event No.23:Wednesday, Thursday, **January 27- Trade promotion event-**
Inauguration of a monthly lecture series-‘Scholarly Discourse on Indian Literature’ at India House-University of Colombo-Trade promotion event with participation of business leaders from India and SL .Organized by Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies under the patronage of Vice Chancellor, UoC

Event No.24: Theme: **Indians rich cultural heritage** -Date: 28th January Venue: Physical at BMICH

Details: **Renowned Odishi exponent Moumita vaats and her group enchanted the audience with a stunning performance filled with grace, life and colour in Colombo. Madam Shiranthi W. Rajapaksa was the Chief Guest. Hon'ble Ministers Nimal Siripala de Silva, Dullas Alahapperuma, Hon'ble former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya and Attorney General Sanjay Rajaratnam and members of Diplomatic corps were among hundreds of guests. The event forms part of amritmahotsav.**

Event No.25: Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: **29th January** Venue: Virtual

Details: Hindustani Vocal Music Recital Geethika Nipuni Abeysekera

Event No.26: High Commissioner Took Part In Ramanna Nikaya Foundation Day on 29 January 2022

Event No.27:Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 30th January Venue: Virtual
Details: Prenatal & Post natal Yoga by Dr.K.K.Kimura organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir

Event No. 28:Theme: Vishwa Guru Bharat Date: **30th January** Venue: Virtual
Details :Martyrs day - '**Satyagraha - The Pathway to Global Peace**'
Remembering Mahatma Gandhi on his 74th Martyr's Day by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna
(Internationally Acclaimed Speaker on Mahatma Gandhi)

Event No.29 :Theme: Indians rich cultural heritage Date: 30th January 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

Event No. 30 Monday, **31 January** -Event with Sarvodaya Foundation -Sarvodaya Foundation, Moratuwa Inauguration of Museum on life and works of A.T. Ariyaratne by High Commissioner
