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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD AT THE CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

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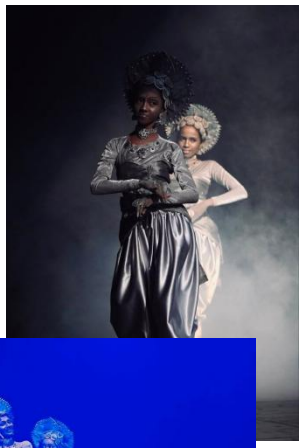
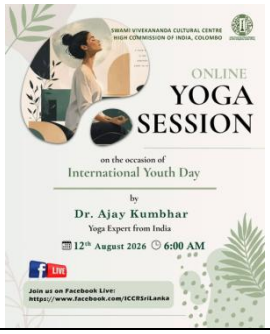
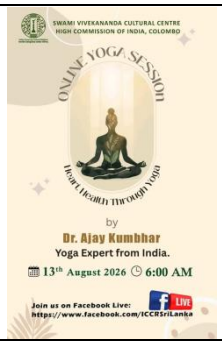
S.N.O	Date	Name of artiste/ group
1.	4 August 2026	Celebrating Tradition Through Art! As part of the 80th Independence Day of India Celebrations, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, in collaboration with Dhanur, organized a vibrant Kolam/Rangoli Workshop. Ms. Gayathri Suveendran introduced participants to the rich heritage, symbolism, and various styles of Kolam, followed by an engaging hands-on session where participants created their own beautiful designs. The workshop offered a wonderful opportunity to experience one of India's most cherished traditional art forms, fostering creativity while celebrating the enduring cultural bonds between India and Sri Lanka.
2.	7 August 2026	The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, hosted a captivating Kathak performance by Mr. A.W.A. Chameera Lakshan, a winner of the ICCR Pratibha Sangam Competition 2025. The evening also featured the presentation of a cash award, in recognition of his achievement at the prestigious international competition organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). #India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo) Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo.

3.	8 August 2026	YATRA – A Path of Presence A memorable evening of cultural connection and shared presence at Bishop College Auditorium, where Yatra – A Path of Presence brought together art, culture, and meaningful engagement. the event was organized in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo. 
4.	10 August 2026	As part of the 80th Independence Day Celebrations of India, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, organised an engaging online Madhubani Art Workshop conducted by Ms. Minal Adhikari, Counsellor, Special Educator & Waldorf-trained Teacher from India and co-ordinated by Mrs Meenal Renavikar, Founder of Creative Koder. The workshop offered participants a wonderful opportunity to explore the vibrant colours, traditional motifs and rich cultural heritage of Madhubani painting, while celebrating India's diverse artistic traditions.
5.	11 August 2026	As part of the 80th Independence Day Celebrations of India, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, participated in the Digital Workshop on Warli Art, organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

		Participants explored the unique tribal art tradition of Warli painting, guided by renowned Warli artist Mr. Dilip Rama Bahotha from Maharashtra, gaining an insight into its traditional motifs, storytelling and cultural heritage.
6.	12 August 2026	An Online yoga session on the occasion of International Youth day. 
7.	12 August 2026	Day 1 of the Children's Summer Camp 2026 at SVCC kick-started with a wonderful blend of learning, creativity, games, dance, yoga and joyful experiences! A vibrant first day filled with laughter, new friendships, imagination and endless smiles making it a truly memorable start to this two-day summer camp! One more day of fun, learning and wonderful memories awaits!

8.	13 August 2026	An online yoga session on Heart health through yoga	
9.	13 August 2026	Day 2 of the Children's Summer Camp 2026 at SVCC kick-started with a wonderful blend of learning, creativity, games, dance, yoga and joyful experiences! A vibrant first day filled with laughter, new friendships, imagination and endless smiles—making it a truly memorable start to this two-day summer camp! One more day of fun, learning and wonderful memories awaits!
10.	15 August 2026	Swar Sangam: Celebrating the 80th Independence Day of India Veena Maestro Rajhesh Vaidhya delivered a spellbinding performance, captivating an esteemed audience of Hon'ble Ministers and distinguished dignitaries. The evening was further elevated by a special performance by Yohani culminating in a beautiful celebration of the musical heritage bringing India and Sri Lanka together.

11.	15 August 2026	As part of the India Fest 2026, organised by Havelock City Mall in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, SVCC students presented a vibrant and captivating cultural performance on 15 August. Our talented young performers beautifully showcased the colours, rhythms and diversity of Indian culture, adding a special touch to the 80th Independence Day celebrations of India. A wonderful celebration of culture, talent, creativity and the enduring friendship between India and Sri Lanka!
12.	16 August 2026	Day 2 of India Fest 2026 Another vibrant evening of Indian culture and dance, presented by the students and performers of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC). The performances were attended by Ms. Swathi Babu, Mr. Anand, and Mr. Lakshman, Third Secretaries, High Commission of India, Colombo Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo.
13.	19 August 2026	A mesmerizing evening of Bharatanatyam, devotion and storytelling as Smt. Thiriveni Sangar and her talented team brought the life and spiritual journey of the revered Tamil saint-poet Manikkavasagar to life through a captivating dance drama. A beautiful celebration of India's rich classical traditions, devotion and the timeless language of dance.

14.	21 August 2026	The movie English Vinglish was Screened at the Centre.
15.	24, 25, 26 & 27th August	An International Theatre Workshop was conducted at the centre on August 24 and 25, drawing active participation from international students.
16.	24 August 2026	The movie Mission Mangal was Screened at the Centre.

17.	27 August 2026	Onam Celebrated by the Indian Cultural Association in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India Colombo.