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Newsletter of the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre

AUGUST 2026

HAPPY 80TH
INDEPENDANCE DAY
OF INDIA



GLIMPSES OF EVENTS

in month of July 2026

Cultural Tapestry

Internationally acclaimed Carnatic vocalist, composer, and multi-instrumentalist Vidwan Manickam Yogeswaran captivated the audience with a soul-stirring recital that beautifully showcased the richness of Indian classical music while reflecting his unique global musical vision.



The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre organized a Basic Calligraphy Workshop as part of its Library Activities, bringing together children and adults to learn the fundamentals of this timeless art form. The session encouraged creativity, concentration, and self-expression, making it an enjoyable and enriching experience for all participants.



Celebrating Creativity Through Yoga! The Certificate and Cash Prize Distribution Ceremony for the “Yoga at Iconic Places” Video Competition, organized as part of the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026, was held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo. The winners were presented with cash prizes and certificates by Ms. Roshni Thomson, First Secretary (Press, Information & Culture), High Commission of India, Colombo, in recognition of their outstanding creativity and inspiring presentations promoting the spirit of yoga. Heartiest congratulations to all the winners and participants for making the competition a great success!



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An enchanting evening of Indian classical music at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo. The audience was treated to a mesmerizing Tabla Solo by Pandit Angshubha Banerjee and a soulful Vocal Recital by Shasthrapathi Sangeeth Nipun Udeni Harshamali, celebrating the richness of India's musical heritage. The event was graced by Ms. Swathi S. Babu, Third Secretary, High Commission of India, Colombo.



An evening dedicated to the timeless elegance of Kathak unfolded at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo, with an outstanding recital by Kathak exponent Aditya Garud. Blending technical brilliance with expressive artistry, the performance offered the audience a memorable glimpse into one of India's most cherished classical dance traditions.



A spiritually enriching evening was celebrated at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo, with a special Guru Purnima programme featuring an insightful talk on "Guru-Sishya Parampara (Preceptor-Disciple Lineage)" by Umayal Venugopal of Vedanta Institute Colombo, followed by soulful bhajans by Shasthrapathi Asith Attapattu and his disciples.



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Celebrating Partnerships, Inspiring Wellness! The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre hosted a special appreciation gathering to express its sincere gratitude to the yoga institutes, schools, organizations, and dedicated partners whose invaluable support and enthusiastic participation contributed to the successful celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026.



Dr. Buddhadasa Hewage presented a copy of the Buddhadasa Hewage Sinhala-English Dictionary (Completely Revised Third Edition – 2026) to Ms. Swathi Babu, Third Secretary, High Commission of India, Colombo.



The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre celebrated its 28th Foundation Day with a mesmerizing Kathak performance by Ms. Oshadhi Nirmanee and her talented disciples. A memorable evening celebrating the spirit of art, culture, and the enduring bond of friendship through the performing arts.



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The poster features a vibrant orange and yellow background with green and white abstract shapes. At the top right, there are two logos: the State Emblem of India and the High Commission of India, Colombo. Below these, the text reads: "SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA PRESENTS IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 80TH INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA". The main title "AN ART COMPETITION INDIA-SRI LANKA MAITRI" is prominently displayed in the center, with the Indian and Sri Lankan flags crossed below it. At the bottom, it says "CELEBRATING THE ENDURING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND SRI LANKA".

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IN COMMEMORATION OF
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ARTWORK SUBMISSION DETAILS:

Eligibility Students Age : 14 – 18 Years

Submission Deadline: On/Before: 7th August 2026

Venue/Submission:

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, 16/2, Gregory's Road, Colombo 07
(By Post or Hand Delivered)

SEND YOUR ARTWORK WITH BELOW DETAILS

Name, Age, Date of Birth, School, Grade, Contact number & Email

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**Exciting prizes and
certificates to the winners**

EVENTS CALENDAR – AUGUST 2026

TUE	4 4:00 pm	RANGOLI – KOLAM WORKSHOP in collaboration with Dhanur Venue: SVCC Auditorium
FRI	7 6:00 pm	KATHAK RECITAL by 'Pratibha Sangam Winner 2025' Chameera Lakshan Kathak Nritya Visharad, Shastrapati Venue: SVCC Auditorium
MON	10 3:00 pm	MADHUBANI PAINTING WORKSHOP in collaboration with Creative Kider by Minal Adhikari Venue: SVCC Auditorium
WED	12 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION ON THE OCCATION OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
THU	13 6:00 am	ONLINE YOGA SESSION HEART HEALTH THROUGH YOGA by Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert from India
WED	19 6:00 pm	MANIKKAVASAGAR DANCE DRAMA performed by Natyakshetra School of Bharathanatyam UK Directed & Choreographed by Smt. Thiriveni Sangar Venue: SVCC Auditorium

Free Events. All are cordially invited.

WED	20 10:00am - 5:00pm	TO BE SEEN The Creative Life of Jezima Mohamed & The Women of Jez-Look Batik, Matara Curated by Chanchala Gunewardena Co-Founder, Matara Festival for the ArtsSangar Venue: Curado Art Space 302 Park Road, Colombo 05
FRI	21 5:00 pm	FILM SCREENING – ENGLISH VINGLISH (HINDI) 134 mins Directed by Gauri Shinde Starring: Sridevi, Adil Hussain, Mehdi Nebbou, Priya Anand. Venue: SVCC Auditorium
MON	24 5:00 pm	FILM SCREENING – MISSION MANGAL (HINDI - 127 MINS) Directed by Jagan Shakti Starring by Akshay Kumar, Vidya Balan, Sonakshi Sinha, Taapsee Pannu, Nithya Menen, Kirti Kulhari, Sharman Joshi, Sanjay Kapoor



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