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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
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S.N.O	Date	Name of artiste/ group
1.	1 February 2026	The Kathakali and Mohiniyattam troupes sent by ICCR, New Delhi, as part of their cultural visit to Sri Lanka, had the honour of performing at the vibrant Navam Perahera organized by the Gangaramaya Temple. Their graceful and powerful performances added a unique cultural dimension to the celebrations and were warmly appreciated by the large gathering.
2.	5 February 2026	MATINEE SHOW 83 at SVCC
3.	6 February 2026	Glimpses from the Mallakhamb & Rope Yoga workshop held at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 6th February, conducted by Padma Shri Udaya Deshpande from India. The sessions offered participants a unique opportunity to experience the strength, discipline, and artistry of this traditional Indian sport and yoga practice. The workshop was well received and appreciated by all who took part.
4.	6 February 2026	Vivekananda Cultural Centre hosted the International Award Ceremony – Sri Lanka 2026 at the Centre, celebrating inspiring individuals for their outstanding contributions to social service, law & justice, culture, and nation building.
5.	6 February 2026	Students from various schools in Colombo gathered at ICCR in Sri Lanka to watch the special episode for 9th Pariksha Pe Charcha live. PM Narendra Modi shared inspiring insights on exams, confidence and clarity.
6.	8 February 2026	An Online YOGA session on the occasion of Nirvana Day was conducted by Ajay Khumbar, Yoga Expert from India.
7.	9 February 2026	Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Colombo had the honour of presenting an enchanting "Sitar Recital" by the esteemed Dr Sudhir Mathur, an event that promised to leave a lasting impression on all who experienced it.
8.	12 February 2026	An Online Yoga Session on Maharishi Swami Dayananda Saraswati Ji Birth Anniversary. was conducted by Ajay Khumbar, Yoga Expert from India.
9.	12 February 2026	Shiva Laya Priya,” a classical Bharathanatyam recital, took place at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre Colombo India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo) on February 12th, 2026, to mark the Shivarathiri festival. Shivarathiri festival this year falls on Sunday, the 15th of February. Kalimani, “Natya Kala Shikamani,” Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan, and her disciples of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo & Vimalothaya Classical Bharathanatyam Kendra participated in the event.

10.	13 February 2026	Screened the Tamil film 1947 at SVCC
11.	16 February 2026	The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the High Commission of India donated a collection of books, including Amar Chitra Katha titles translated into Sinhala, along with exercise books, to pre-school children in Medirigiriya as part of its continued efforts to promote Hindi language learning and strengthen cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka. The books were handed over in the presence of Prof. Upul Ranjith Hewawithanagamage, University of Kelaniya whose support and encouragement greatly contributed to the success of this initiative. The donation aims to enhance students' access to literature and support their academic and cultural development.
12.	20 February 2026	A sublime musical offering- an evening where the shared Carnatic music traditions of India & Sri Lanka came to life in Colombo! High Commissioner Santosh Jha inaugurated the 20th edition of the annual Thyagaraja Aaradhana, organised by ICCR in Sri Lanka at the Hindu Educational Society of Sri Lanka. Carnatic Musicians from across Sri Lanka joined in and brought to life, the transcendent compositions of Saint Thyagaraja.
13.	26 February 2026	An evening of grace, depth, and timeless tradition with Dr. Rajashree Warriar. Her impeccable abhinaya and visionary choreography left the audience spellbound. A celebration of Bharatanatyam in its most soulful form.