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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 January 2026	An Online YOGA session on HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, YOGA FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS conducted by Ajay Khumbar, Yoga Expert from India.
2.	7 January 2026	Film Screening “ENGLISH VINGLISH” at SVCC
3.	9 January 2026	AN EVENING OF HINDUSTANI MUSIC by Pt. Pramod Marathe, Pt. Milind Gurav & Aparna Gurav Presented by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo).
4.	11 January 2026	As part of the Thaipongal celebrations, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, in association with Isle of Rata, organized a Pot Painting workshop.
5.	11 January 2026	On the occasion of World Hindi Day, a one-day seminar was organized in collaboration with North East Hindi Academy and ICCR in Sri Lanka. Participation of participants from 19 states of India and Sri Lankan scholars gave special dignity to the programme.
6.	12 January 2026	The High Commissioner Santosh Jha, and Sri Lanka Deputy Minister for Education and Higher Education, Dr. Madhura Seneviratne, inaugurated the Second India-Sri Lanka Hindi Conference in Colombo today, a significant event organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (the cultural wing of the Indian High Commission) attended by over 400 Hindi scholars, teachers, and students, with the highlight being the honoring of senior Sri Lankan Hindi promoters for their decades- long contributions.
7.	12 January 2026	WORLD HINDI DAY CELEBRATIONS was held at Sri Lanka Foundation
8.	12 January 2026	On Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, ICCR in Sri Lanka resonated with this timeless call and celebrated the National Youth Day. DHC Dr Satyanjal Pandey lit the ceremonial lamp and offered prayers, invoking Swami Ji’s spirit to inspire the youth towards innovation, creativity, and harmony.
9.	12 -17 January 2026	THEATRE WORKSHOP by the members of National School of Drama, New Delhi was held at SVCC
10.	13 January 2026	ICCR in Sri Lanka presented an evening “Thai Isai Saral by Students of Thejaswaralaya Academy of Arts under the Guidance of Mrs. Subashini.

11.	14 January 2026	To mark the Thaipongal festival, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, in collaboration with Isle of Rata, organized a Rangoli workshop.
12.	16 January 2026	Young Indian footballers representing seven states interacted with the Director, SVCC, engaged in a lively exchange on sport, teamwork, and cross-cultural learning.
13.	16 January 2026	An enriching lecture on Folk Theatre Traditions of India was held today, featuring Smt. Veena Sharma Bhusnoormath (Director, NSD Bengaluru Centre) and moderated by Dr. Kamani Samarasinghe at the University of Visual and Performing Arts, Colombo. A vibrant exchange on India's living folk theatre traditions, the lecture was organised by the University in collaboration with SVCC, NSD and India Sri Lanka Foundation.
14.	16 January 2026	Renowned filmmaker Vimukthi Jayasundara encouraged participants of the theatre workshop organised at ICCR in Sri Lanka, representing various Sri Lankan universities, together with artist Prof Jagath Ravindra, author Prof Upul Ranjith Hewavitanagamage, Veena Sharma— the National School of Drama resource person—and the Director, SVCC on 16 January 2026.
15.	12- 16 January 2026	Bringing together young theatre students of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts, an immersive drama workshop was organised in Colombo from 12–14 January, in collaboration with ICCR in Sri Lanka and the National School of Drama.
16.	19 January 2026	A meaningful step towards strengthening academic and cultural dialogue. The Director ICCR in Sri Lanka engaged in a forward-looking academic discussion with Ven. Dr. Jambugahapitiye Dhammaloka Thero, Head of the Department of Classical Languages, University of Peradeniya, and a renowned expert in Vedic mathematics. On the occasion, Ven. Dr. Dhammaloka Thero graciously donated copies of his books to enrich the SVCC Library, including Janakatha, his remarkable work documenting Sri Lankan folk tales translated into Sanskrit and Pali.
17.	20 January 2026	Yasotham 2026 organised by Thilaganarthanalayam School of Dance, Badulla in collaboration with ICCR in Sri Lanka.

18.	20 January 2026	AN EVENING BHARATHA NATYA RECITAL by Kumari Pragashini, Kumari Kuganjala & Kumari Kirubalini held at SVCC
19.	23 January 2026	On the occasion of Parakram Diwas, marking the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, DHC Satyanjal Pandey offered a floral tribute at ICCR in Sri Lanka.
20.	23 January 2026	77th Republic Day celebrations with Anuradha Paudwal Live organised by High Commission of India, Colombo & ICCR in Sri Lanka. An evening of timeless Bollywood melodies that brought generations together in a shared celebration of music, nostalgia and India & Sri Lanka friendship.
21.	23 January 2026	DHC Satyanjal Pandey inaugurated an exhibition at ICCR in Sri Lanka. celebrated the soul of Uttar Pradesh— its iconic destinations, timeless heritage, and living traditions – inviting viewers to walk through centuries.
22.	23 January 2026	AN ONLINE YOGA SESSION -YOG SADHANA IN UPANISHADS by Ajay Khumbar, Yoga Expert from India.
23.	24 January 2026	High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka released “Civilisational Twins: Timeless Traditions, Eternal Bonds between India and Sri Lanka”, ICCR_colombo publication bringing together 37 scholarly chapters that illuminate the enduring, multidimensional civilization dialogue between the two nations at a convivial get-together at Taj Samudra.
24	26 January 2026	Celebrations of Republic Day 2026 resonated with national fervour, as the Sri Lanka Navy band performed beloved patriotic tunes. Marking 150 years of India’s National Song, Vande Mataram India, students of ICCR in Sri Lanka paid vibrant tributes through captivating Kathak and Bharatanatyam performances, celebrating its timeless legacy through dance.
25	28 January 2026	SITAR & SAROD RECITAL By Sudhara Mayadunne & Dhanushka Wansekara was held at SVCC