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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 2019

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Events of January 2019 with photographic impressions

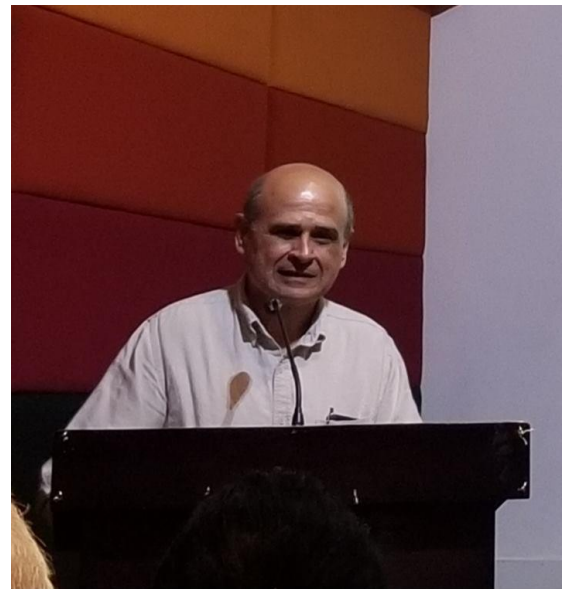
**8 January Hindustani classical and semi classical music concert by
Government of India scholarship holders from Bangladesh**

Prof. Asit Roy and Dr. Podminee Dey from Department of Music, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh presented an evening of classical and semi classical music concert for the music lovers of Sri Lanka. The performance included evening ragas as well as well-known Bengali songs which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience gathered at the Centre. Both the artistes did their PH.D degree at Rabindra Bharati University, West Bengal under ICCR scholarship scheme.



9 January Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019 was celebrated in SVCC Colombo, with enthusiastic participation from GOPIO and Indian diasporas of Sri Lanka. Winners of Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz were awarded medals. A special cultural performance on Ramayana connecting India and Sri Lanka was presented by the students of SVCC.



10 January 2019 Vishwa Hindi Divas - 2019

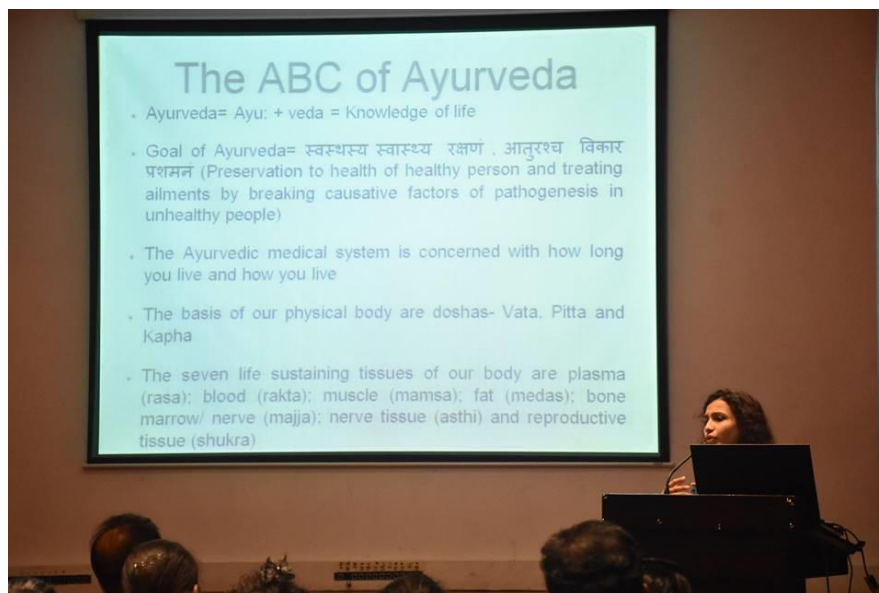
Vishwa Hindi Diwas - 2019 was celebrated at Indian Cultural Centre on 10th January 2019. A special edition of "Nirantra"- Annual Hindi magazine of SVCC, Colombo dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi celebrating Gandhi@150 was released on the occasion. The winners of the competitions held in the month of December and January for the Vishwa Hindi Diwas were awarded prizes and certificates. SL Army personnel learning Hindi at SVCC were also awarded certificates. Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Shilpak Ambule graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Students of SVCC presented Hindi songs celebrating Gandhi ji, Dance and skit in Hindi. Hindi enthusiasts of Sri Lanka, teachers and students were present.





13 January Ayurveda- Diet and Nutrition – workshop by Dr. Maitri Nagar , S Vyasa Yoga, Singapore

Diet and Ayurveda - A Lecture by Dr. Maitri Nagar organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir & A.A.Y.U.S.H held at the Centre. She explained the Ayurveda aspects in our daily diet and the benefits.



16 January Carnatic Vocal recital

Celebrating Thai Pongal , Dr Sakthi Ravitharan, a young talented Australian-Sri Lankan vocalist enthralled the audience with a soulful carnatic vocal recital with gracious presence of Hon. Minister Rauff Hakeem, Hon. Governor M. Azath Salley, Judge AHM Nawaz, Dr. Shilpak Ambule, DHC and other distinguished guests.

Sakthi Ravitharan is a versatile vocalist, musician and composer. Sakthi has been trained in Carnatic vocal since the age of four by Vidushi Shobha Sekhar based in Melbourne, a disciple of Sangeetha Kalanithis D K Jayaraman and D K Pattamal and receiving advanced training in Carnatic vocal from Vidwan Malladi Ravikumar.



18 January Kathak recital

Thilini one of the senior most Kathak students of SVCC presented a brilliant performance along with her students at the Centre. The performance comprised a variety of traditional Kathak performance with Bollywood songs in Kathak style.

ThiliniRangika has begun Kathak dancing from a very early age under the guidance of Mrs.MokshaSamarasooriya, who is a faculty at SVCC,Colombo. She has done her Bachelor degree at University of Kelaniya in performing arts,Master's degree at University of Kelaniya in drama & theater, post graduate diploma at University of Colombo in education and Nritya Bisharad degree at Bhatkande Sangeeth Vidyapith (Lucknow). She is currently working as a dance teacher at NimalaMariya Balika MahaVidyalaya, Ja-Ela and as Kathak instructor at RangaraKathak Dancing Academy.



25 January Strings of peace –Celebrating 70th Republic Day of India Sarod recital by Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Ayaan Ali Bangash and Amaan Ali Bangash

A special cultural event "Strings of Peace" featuring legendary Sarod maestro Ustad Amjad Ali Khan along with sons Aman Ali Bangash and Ayaan Ali Bangash was organised by High Commission of India, Colombo on the eve of 70th Republic Day of India accompanied by eminent percussionists Mr. Satyajit Talwalkar and Mr. Shubh Maharaj.

Former President H.E. Chandrika Bandarnaike-Kumaratunga, Former President Hon. Mahinda Rajapaksa, Hon. Speaker of Parliament Karu Jayasuriya, H.E. High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Ministers, Members of Parliament, Diplomats, senior officials, leaders from different professions were among those who attended the packed cultural evening at BMICH.

An exhibition of photographs from the life of Mahatma Gandhi- Father of the Indian nation and Khadi, a hand spun, sustainable fabric for the 150th Birth Anniversary celebration of Gandhi Ji was also held.

It was organized with the support of the Ministry of Housing, Construction and Cultural Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka, BMICH and Taj Samudra.





26 January 70th Republic day of India Celebrations – Flag hoisting ceremony at India House

The students of SVCC presented a cultural act in the praise of motherland at the India House on the occasion of 70th Republic Day of India flag hoisting ceremony.



27 January Mayurbhanj Chhau at City Centre and Indian Food Festival

As a part of 70th Republic Day of India celebrations Chhau group from Odisha, an Eastern state of India sponsored by ICCR, New Delhi performed at the Colombo City Centre. The group also performed at Indian Food Festival at the Hospital Street , Colombo organized by Fairway Colombo and India Sri Lanka Foundation. Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Shilpak Ambule graced the events as the Chief Guest. Students of SVCC also moved the audience with bollywood dance numbers and Hindi film songs . The event was attended by more than 5000 food lovers. Winners of online quiz for Gandhi@150 were given prizes by Dr. Shilpak Ambule, DHC.





29 January ParikshaPeCharcha

Students, accompanied by teachers and parents from schools of Colombo, Homagama, Nugegoda and other places of Sri Lanka enthusiastically participated in the live telecast of #ParikshaPeCharcha2 by Hon Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi.



30 January Remembering the Mahatma

A tribute to Gandhiji on His Death Anniversary by Natya Kala Mandhir through Bharatnatyam directed by Guru Kalasuri Vasugy Jegatheeswar was held at SVCC to a packed auditorium.

Prizes were given to the winners of Children Art Competition which was held on 17th November 2018 as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Gandhiji #BapuAt150





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8 February Bharatha Natyam Recital by Aparna Nithyanand from India

Aparna Nithyanand, renowned dancer from India captivated the audience with her brilliant Bharatha Natyam performance. Her dazzling display of rhythmic wizardry and grace was very much appreciated by one and all. The performance proved to be a marvelous exposition of Indian tradition of classical dance form. Aparna Nithyanand was initiated into the art of Bharathanatyam at the age of 11 by renowned guru NrithyaRathna Smt. AmuthaDhandapani, Founder of Bharathalyam Institute of Fine Arts in Coimbatore. She has performed solo in many festivals such as PollachiTamizhisaiSangam, ThanjavurChinnamelam Festival, Nadaneerajanam in Tirupathi and many more.



10 February Kathak& Folk dance performance

The students of SVCC,Colomboalong with their guru Moksha Samarasooriya presented a Kathak& fusion dance performance at the Sri Lanka India Society Republic Day Celebrations in the presence of Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, PM of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, HC of India.



12 February BharathaNatyam& Yoga performance on the occasion of International Conference of Yoga

The SVCC,Colombo presented an innovative performance an amalgamation of Bharatha Natyam& Yoga performance by trio led by Donisha Myleandran, ITECH scholar on the occasion of International Conference on Yoga for Global well being held at National Sports Ministry Auditorium.



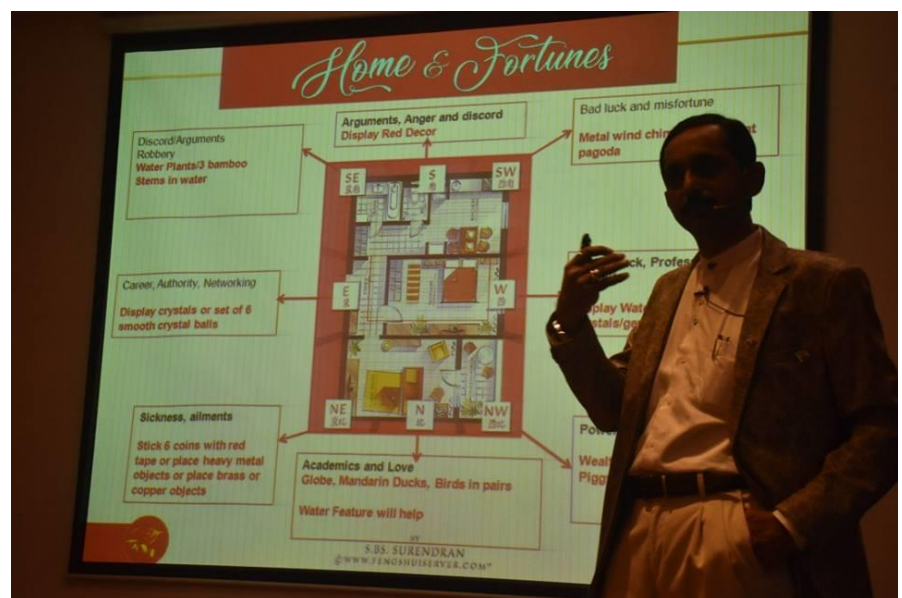
12 February Vedanta Lecture

Mr. Mikhil Agarwal, a disciple of internationally eminent philosopher, Swami Parthasarathy gave an interesting and informative lecture on human values at the Centre. In his talk he explained the important values of human in a day to day life. Mikhil Agarwal has large interest in Social activities and is connected with several NGO's from college days and has conducted cultural events for and with them.



15 February Interactive session on Vaastu – Home & Fortunes

Mr. S.BS.Surendran, Vaastu and FengShui expert from India had an interactive session .It was an evening to understand and counter the energies which are disrupting the progress and get an insight on how to enhance the positive aspects of home and office to make the best of the year in 2019 and to increase the overall Fortune.



16 February – KHEL UTSAV-Festival of Indian Traditional Games

The Hindi class students and teachers of SVCC,Colombo organized Khel Utsav with many traditional Indian games for Sri Lankan students.



18 February

Odissi dance recital by Meghna Das

Meghna Das from India presented a brilliant Odissi dance recital at the Centre. Her performance was very well received by the audience gathered at the Centre. Meghna started formal training in Odissi at the age of 5 under her mother Smt. Sahana Das, a highly experienced Odissi dancer & choreographer. Later Meghna joined Nrityagram and trained rigorously under their able and generous guidance. Meghna was invited to join an Odissi dance ensemble Nrityantar led by the Guru Madhulita Mohapatra. As a part of Nrityantar, Meghna has performed in several highly acclaimed recitals in and out of Bangalore.



19 February

Interaction with IFS OTs- batch 2018

A briefing session for IFS officers from 2018 batch was held at the Centre with a traditional Sri Lankan style welcome, performances of classical dance styles of Sri Lanka and a taste of Sri Lankan cuisine. Officers also interacted with the local Sri Lankan teachers of the Centre and ICCR Chairs in Sri Lanka.



22 February 2019 Thyagaraja Aaradhana-2019

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India Colombo organised 15th Sri ThyagarajaAaradhana on 22nd February 2019 at the Saraswathie Hall, Colombo in collaboration with Hindu Educational Society and Express Newspapers Ceylon Limited. Hon. Mano Ganeshan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs and Mrs. MaheshwariGaneshan graced the occasion as Chief Guest.Dr. ShilpakAmbule, Deputy High Commissioner presided over the function. Students, faculties of University of Jaffna, Eastern University of Baticaloa, University of Visual and performing Arts, students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre,High Commission of India,Colombo and other music aficionados participated in this festival.Theprogramme was coordinated by SVCC Carnatic vocal teacher KalasuriArunthathy Sri Ranganathan





27 February

BharathaNatyam recital

Ishwarya Chaitanya a renowned dancer and yoga expert from India presented a scintillating BharathaNatyam performance for the audience of Sri Lanka. Born and raised in Vancouver, Ishwarya's passion for dance brought her to Karnataka Kalashree Guru B. Bhanumati of Bangalore, under whom she has been training for the past 9 years. After completing her MFA in dance from Sastra University, under the guidance of the legendary Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, Ishwarya became a member of Guru Bhanumati's internationally renowned troupe, Bharatanjali and has performed all over India in many major festivals and events. She is undergoing training in nattuvangam from Guru Sheela Chandrasekhar and Vidwan Sri N. Narayanaswamy and is also a student of carnatic vocal, under Guru Smt. LalgudiRajalakshmi.





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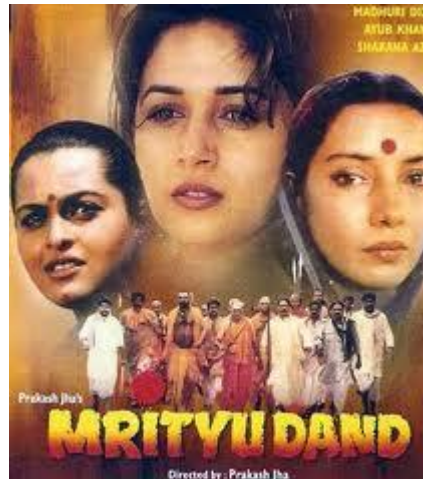
**1 March A Lecture by Ms. Sumananda Padma Devi
followed by Kirtan by Ms. Yuill Elise Frances**

A lecture titled "Historical impact of yoga personalities in societies" Ms. Sumananda Padma Devi, Founder & President, Heart Of Living Yoga Foundation Founder & President, Integral Yoga A.U.M.Chair, Integral Yoga U.K was held at the centre on the occasion of Graduation ceremony of Astanka Yoga Mandhir. It was followed by a Kirtan by Ms. Yuill. The event was organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir and Institute of Human excellence.



8 March Celebrating International Women's Day

To celebrate the International Women's Day, the Centre screened award winning Hindi film "Mrityudand" at its auditorium. Mrityudand is written, directed and produced by Prakash Jha and starring Madhuri Dixit, Shabana Azmi and Om Puri in lead roles. The film is a commentary on the social and the gender injustice.



12 March Book Launch – “Woman an enchanter and inspirations” authored by SamanmaleePadmakumara

Mrs. SamanmaleePadmakumara, an active member of Tagore society of Sri Lanka launched her book entitled "Woman an enchanter" and two booklets entitled "Inspirations" inspired by the works of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Rev.Father Marcelline Jayakody at the Centre. The evening also included a variety of cultural events and speeches by welknown female film Director of Sri Lanka Dr. SumithraPeirs and Emeritus Professor J.B,Dissanayake, and Prof. Praneeth Abeyasundara.



15-17 March

Holi Celebrations at Colombo City Centre

High Commission of India in collaboration with Colombo City Centre celebrated a three day festival of Colours- Holi from 15-17th March 2019. As part of the celebrations several cultural events, Celebrating Life with Colours- an exhibition of photographs by well known Indian photographer JayatiSaha and an exhibition of Khadi celebrating #BapuAt150 were also held . On the last day a Bollywood quiz also conducted by Dr. Monica Sharma, Hindi Chair and prizes were given for the winners. Festival was inaugurates by Dr. ShilpakAmbule, Deputy High Commissioner of India.



19 March

Sri Lanka Hindi Niketan- 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Sri Lanka Hindi Niketan one of the oldest institution of Sri Lanka who has been propagating Hindi among Sri Lankans celebrated their 25th anniversary with variety of cultural events at the Centre



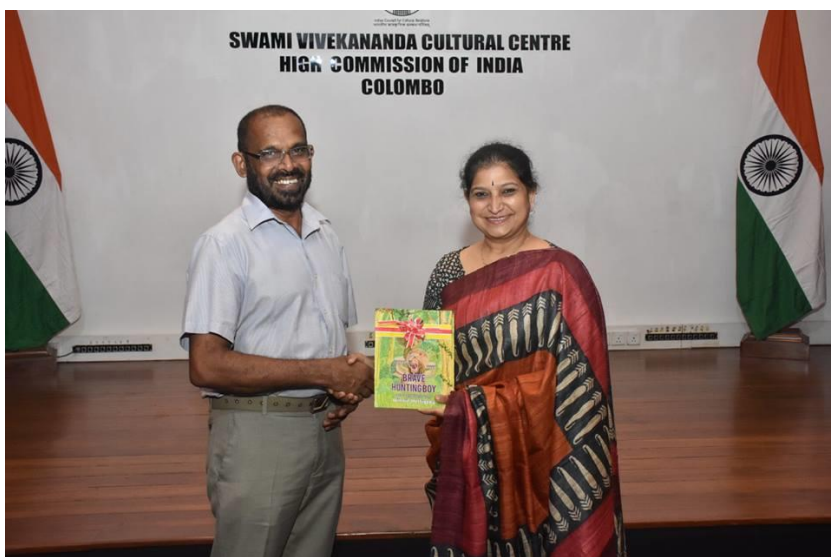
20 March Holi Celebrations at SVCC

The Indian Cultural Centre Colombo celebrated Holi, festival of colors with dance, music and fun filled activities on Saturday 20th March with large public participation. The event was organized by the Hindi Class students of the Centre.



25 March Book Launch

Senior Lecturer at UVPA and ICCR Scholarship holder Mr. Winnie Hettigoda launched his illustrated children book "Brave Hunting Boy" on a story inspired by folk tale of India in both Sinhala and English languages at the Centre with presence of member of SARASAVI publications. The first copy was presented to Director of the Centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera.



28 March "Jalte hain jiske liye"- A Musical evening –Golden oldies from Hindi cinema

A musical evening of songs from the golden years of Hindi film music (the 50's and the 60's) were presented by Mr.SudhakarRao, a former civil servant and a music lover from Bengaluru accompanied by the internationally acclaimed Sri Lankan pianist SoundarieDavidRodrigo, renowned Indian Guitarist Pradeep Rodrigo and the outstanding Sri Lankan musician and sound engineer Neranjan de Silva. SudhakarRao presented best known numbers of the legendary singers TalatMehmood and Hemant Kumar, blending them with the musical magic of Soundarie, Pradeep and Neranjan .Amb.NirupamaRao, former Foreign Secretary of India, H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion.





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3 April Felicitation to Dr. Kalasuri Arunthathy Sri Renganathan

Students and music lovers organized an event to felicitate Dr. Kalasuri Arunthathy Sri Renganathan, eminent musicologist carnatic vocalist of Sri Lanka for her contribution in the field of music. Several eminent scholars spoke on the various contribution of Dr. Arunthathy.

Kalasuri Desha Nethru Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan is one of the pioneers in the field of Broadcasting in Sri Lanka. She commenced her longstanding career at Sri Lankan Broadcasting Corporation in the SLBC's Tamil Service as Program Producer in 1974. She climbed the career ladder in the field of Broadcasting by sheer dint of perseverance and hard work. At SLBC, she became Program Controller in 1979, then Director (Music) in 1984 and finally, she served as the Director (Tamil Service) in 1994. Arunthathy Sri Renganathan excelled at SLBC leaving a rich legacy for posterity. Her major interests are arts, culture and broadcasting. She is a pioneer in broadcasting who served the nation for over 30 fruitful years.

She is one of Sri Lanka's best known cultural ambassadors who forged an important cultural links among diplomatic community in Sri Lanka and represented Sri Lanka at diverse international cultural festivals.





3 April Certificate distribution ceremony to Sri Lankan Tourist Police Officers for completing special spoken Hindi classes at the Centre

Special Hindi classes for Sri Lankan tourist police officers were conducted for 12 weeks by the Centre with request from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sri Lanka & Certificates were awarded at SVCC. Police officers displayed their Hindi speaking ability through skits. The certificates were presented by Mr. Santhosh Verma, Counsellor (Cons) of High Commission of India in the presence of the Chief Inspector of Police Mr. Prabath Vidanagama.





7 April

World Health Day – 1st Curtain Raiser event - IDY 2019

Celebrating World Health Day 2019 by WHO Sri Lanka - Health for all- everyone, every where
First curtain raiser event of IDY2019 was held with a rejuvenating session of Yoga & Pranayama conducted by SVCC Yoga teacher and students at Independence Arcade, Colombo.



9 April Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India celebrates ICCR Foundation Day with alumni and scholars from Sri Lanka

Swami Vivekananda Cultural centre, High Commission of India in Colombo celebrated the 69th Foundation Day of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) with alumni and scholars from Sri Lanka on 9th April at Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo.

Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development was the Chief Guest. H.E Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, several senior officials from Government of Sri Lanka, eminent artistes and ICCR scholars attended the event in large numbers.

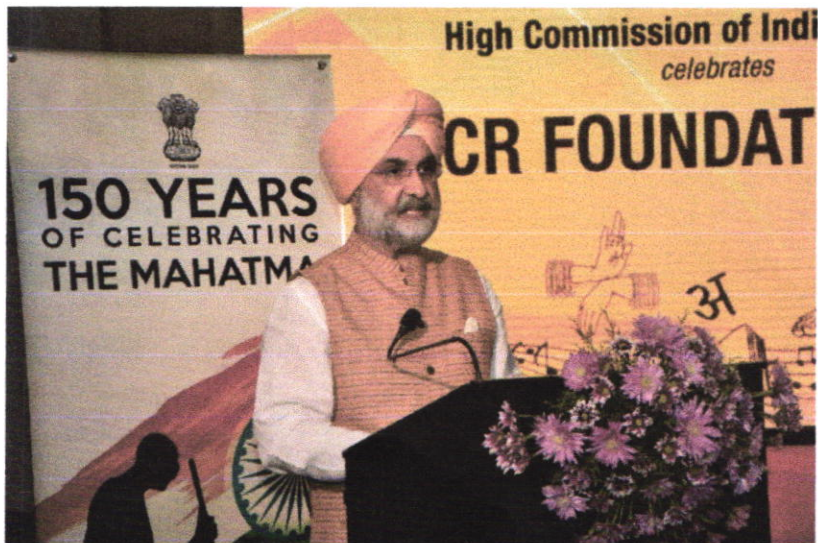
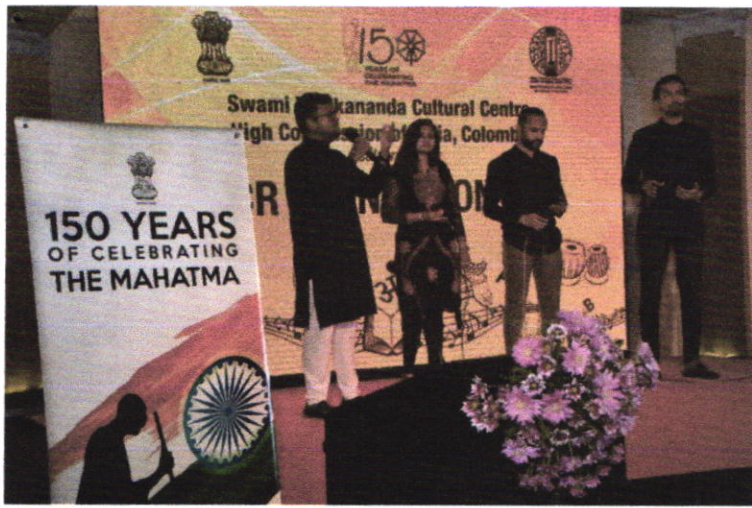
Speaking on the occasion Hon. Ravi Karunanayake reiterated the cultural and civilizational ties between our two nations especially Buddhism. Hon. Minister praised ICCR and Govt. of India for providing scholarships and grants to the Sri Lankan students as he witnesses the benefits and fruits of success of their learning in India. Hon. Minister also expressed his wish to reciprocate the same to the Indian youth by providing 4-5 scholarships per year which would strengthen the bond even more.

Addressing the ICCR scholars and guests, High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu underlined the importance of India's soft powers such as Buddhism, Yoga, Ayurveda, classical dance and music, Bollywood, Indian cuisine. etc and pointed the role of ICCR in strengthening India's cultural diplomacy. HC remarked "there is a lot that India can offer to the world, but there is a lot we can imbibe from Sri Lanka". High Commissioner also urged the Sri Lankan youth to make full use of the educational opportunities available in India.

ICCR scholars and alumni expressed their gratitude to ICCR, Govt. of India for the vast exposure and learning they received during their stay in India and gave splendid cultural performances

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (Indian Cultural Centre) has been an active cultural hub in Colombo since 1998 as a flagship centre of ICCR.







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1) India-based Staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of appointment	Duties/Remarks
01	Mrs. Rajashree Behera	Director	3 rd November 2014	Centre In-charge

2)(a) Teaching Staff - IB

S.No.	Name	Discipline	Date of appointment	Duties/Remarks
01	Dr. Monica Sharma	Hindi Long Term Chair	1 st August 2018	Head of Hindi Department

2)(b) Teaching Staff – Local

S.No.	Name	Discipline	Date of contract entered upon	Duties/Remarks
01	Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan	Bharata Natyam	July 1998	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
02	Ms. Vasugy Jegatheesewaran	Bharatha Natyam	June 2005	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
03	Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya	Kathak	June 2005	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
04	Mrs. Arunthathy Sri Renganathan	Carnatic Vocal Music	March 2000	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
05	Vacant	Hindustani Vocal Music	-	-
06	Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo	Sitar	March 1999	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
07	Mr. Somasiri Illesinghe	Violin	March 1999	Teaching /coordinating

				programmes and activities
08	Mr. RangaPerera	Tabla	March 2018	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
09	Mr. VyasaKalyanasundaram	Yoga	February 2009	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
10	Mr. Brazil NagodaVithana	Hindi	December 2006	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
11	Ms. AthilaKothalawala	Hindi	March 2007	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
12	Ms. NadheeraShewanthi	Hindi	May 2009	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
13	Ms.G.D.ChandimaChandrasinghe	Hindi	March 2007	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
14	Ms. AmaniWickramarachchi	Hindi	December 2010	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
15	Ms. K.A.D.Kariyakarawana	Hindi	June 2011	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities

3) Local Staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of contract entered upon	Duties/Remarks
01	Mrs. S.Subashini Handy	Cultural Affairs Officer	1 June 1998	Admin/Coordinating programmes
02	Mr. Prasad Perera	Receptionist cum Secretary	1 May 2008	Managing the front office /Accounts
03	Mr. Stevene.L	Peon	1 st January 2018	Dispatching newsletter/looking after arrangements for programmes
04	Mr. ShankerLalRajaratnam	Data Entry Operator	1 May 2008	Data Entry/Sound & light operator
05	Mr.A.Balasubramaniam	Chauffeur	19 January 2005	Chauffer

4) Contingency/Contractual staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Contract Period	Salary
01	Mrs. Prasanna Suresh	Steno grapher/PA to Director	1 February 2011	400 USD (Consolidated basis)

5) Budget/Expenditure/Remittance –

S.No.	Annual approved budget	Remittance received during the quarter	Revenue generated through fee from students	Progressive Expenditure on ICC Budget on the last day of the month	Expenditure on Budgetheads
	NA	NA	April-2019 SL.Rs 43,050.00 Equivalent to INR. 16,718.00	-3,650,466 (Progressive expenditure statement April 2019 is attached which includes expenditure on ICCR long term Hindi Chair)	Salaries-2,618,161 OTA-22,230 OE-197,987 R.R.T.- 749,515 Minor Works-2,146 Activities-60,427

6) Outstanding Audit Para pertaining to ICCR Budget

S.No.	Year of Audit Para	Details of Observation of Audit Para	Action taken by Mission/ICC	Action required by ICCR (if any)	Remarks
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Plan of Activities:**7) Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India**

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Expenditure incurred	Remarks/ Details of Honorarium
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

8) Performing/Visual Art events by local artistes/groups & general events

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Expenditure incurred In INR	Remarks
1	Felicitation of Dr. Kalasuri Arunthathy Sri Renganathan on 3 April 2019	SVCC Auditorium	70	-	5,566/=	Dr. Kalasuri Arunthathy Sri Renganathan, eminent musicologist, carnatic vocalist and pioneer in SLBC of Sri Lanka.
2	Certificate Distribution Ceremony of the	SVCC Auditorium	35	-	3,955/=	The certificates were presented by Mr. Santhosh Verma, Counsellor (Cons)

	Special Hindi Class for Sri Lankan Tourist Police on 5 April 2019					of High Commission of India in the presence of the Chief Inspector of Police Mr. Prabath Vidanagama.
3	Yoga and Pranayama session at World Health Day on 7 April 2019	Independence Square arcade	500	-	1,780/=	First curtain raiser event of IDY2019 by SVCC Yoga teacher and students with WHO, Sri Lanka
4	ICCR Foundation Day on 9 April 2019	Taj Samudra	300	-	Special sanction	Hon. Ravi Karunanayake, Minister of Power, Energy and Business Development was the Chief Guest and presided over by H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka,

9) Classes by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discipline of Teacher	No. of classes at ICC Weekly	No. of students in the current month	No. of students in the previous month	Remarks/Reason for increase/decrease
01	Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan (Bharathanatyam)	2	08	10	Increase and decrease in the no of students attended varies as they choose to attend
02	Mr. Somasiri Illesinghe (Violin)	1	07	08	-do-
03	Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo (Sitar)	1	13	15	-do-
04	Mrs. Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan (Carnatic Vocal Music)	2	03	05	-do-
05	Designated (Hindustani Vocal Music)	2	0	0	-do-
06	Mrs. Vasugy Jegatheeswaran (Bharathanatyam)	2	15	19	-do-
07	Mr. K.A.D. Ranga Perera (Tabla)	1	07	11	-do-
08	Ms. M.M. Samarasekera (Kathak)	2	18	20	-do-
09	Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasunderam (Yoga)	8	30	39	-do-
10	Dr. Monica Sharma (LTHC) Hindi (India base)	6	57	173	-do-
11	Mr. Bresil Nagoda Vithana (Hindi)	1	07	25	-do-

12	Ms. K. AthilaKishaniKothalawala(Hindi)	1	09	31	-do-
13	Ms G.D. ChandimaChandrasinghe	1	06	26	-do-
14	Ms. AmaniWickramarachchi	3	25	86	-do-
15	Ms. K.A.D. Kariyakarawana	1	10	30	-do-
16	Ms. M.NadheeraShewanthi	3	23	82	-do-

10) Other activities by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discipline of Teacher	No. of performances	No. of performances by students	No. of workshops/lecture-demo	Fee charged	Total resource generated
	Separate Report from Hindi Teacher attached					

11) Outreach activities

S.No.	Nature of Activity (class/performance/workshop/exhibition/lecture etc.)	Venue/ city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Organizer/ Partner of the event	Remarks/level of support extended/received
	Separate Report from Hindi teacher attached				

12) Academic Interaction

S.No.	Nature of Activity (seminar/Conference/ lecture/interaction etc.)	Venue/city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Partner institution/ university	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
	Separate teacher from Hindi teacher attached				

13) Presence in the social media

S. No	Type of social Media (Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube, local social media network)	No. of posts	No. of likes/ visitors	No. of comments	Remarks
	All programmes publicized in ICC/HCI, Colombofacebookpage, twitterhandle, HCI ,website, Local print & electronic media	Posters/slides are put for all events prior to the event along with press releases in local papers and photographs and press reviews after the programme	All ICC programmes are popular	In total reached 98,000 people	-

14) General Remarks/Suggestions/New Initiatives

All activities by SVCC, Colombo and local and India based teachers have been carried out successfully with maximum public out reach. First ICCR Foundation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm by Sri Lankan students and professional. Kick start to IDY 2019 at the World Health Day celebrations by WHO, Sri Lanka was attended by many dignitaries and yoga enthusiasts. Under propagation of Hindi abroad scheme SVCC, Colombo trained 20 tourist police officers for spoken Hindi and gave certificates.

Many activities and KHS(Agra) Hindi examinations were cancelled because of security reasons under prevailing circumstances in Colombo.



Director, SVCC, Colombo

Seen and approved by HoM/HoP



Deputy High Commissioner

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, COLOMBO **PROGRESSIVE EXPENDITURE FOR**

ICCR

Upto Month: 04 2019

Friday, May 3, 2019

Head of Accounts	Available Budget	Expendi. upto		By Other Missions	Progr. Exp		Balance Budget
		Prev Month	04 2019		04 2019	04 2019	
SALARIES, ICCR	0		2,618,161		2,618,161	-2,618,161	
OTA, ICCR	0		22,230		22,230	-22,230	
OE, ICCR	0		197,987		197,987	-197,987	
R.R.T., ICCR	0		749,515		749,515	-749,515	
MINOR WORKS, ICCR	0		2,146		2,146	-2,146	
ACTIVITIES, ICCR	0		60,427		60,427	-60,427	
Grand Total	0		3,650,466		3,650,466	-3,650,466	

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Monthly Report by the IB Teacher for the month of April 2019

PART A

(to be filled-in by the Teacher)

1) Name of the Teacher & Discipline Dr.Monica Sharma

2) Tenure/Contract Period 02 Years

3) Name & Designation of Reporting Officer Smt .RajshreeBehera
Director

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center,Colombo

4) **Classes at ICC/Mission**

No. of classes at ICC	No. of teaching hours	No. of batches	Age group of students	No. of students	No. of students in the preceding month	Reason for increase/ decrease in the current month
44 classes	38 hours 01 IB Teacher Saturday also	18	05 - 75 years	133	453	General Holidays for Schools and colleges
	90 hours by 06 Local teachers					

6) **Classes at other venues**

Venue	No. of classes & duration per month	No. of students	Age group of students	No. of students	No. of students in the preceding month	Reason for increase/decrease in the current month
Bandaranaike memorial International conference hall BCIS	10 hours	09	19 to 35	09	09	
Overseas school of Colombo But students coming ICC	08	07	15 to 18	07	07	

7) **Achievements by students**

S.No.	Name of the student	Achievement	Remarks
1-	Arnav	Poem and Story presentation	Good
2-	Sanya	Review presentation on Hindi movie Dangal	Good

8) **Other Activities by Teacher**

S.No.	Activity (workshop/ lecture/TV interview/Performance/official duty etc.	Venue/ City	Number of participants/ guests/ audience	Chief Guest	Remarks/Outcome
1-	ICCR Day.	Hotel Taj Samudra, Colombo	Participants and Audience alumni and scholars from Sri Lanka	His Excellency High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka H E Taranjit Singh Sandhu	Everyone was very happy to be reconnected to Indian culture

2-	Interaction With KHS Agra professors	SVCC	6	Professor Umapati Dixit KHS Agra	KHS exams for 100, 200, 300 and 400 were suspended due to security reasons in Colombo
3-	Yoga session at World Health Day Curtain raiser International Day of Yoga	Independ ence Square	200		Excellent
4-	Written Skits for Tourist Police officers	SVCC	Guests appreciated the efforts of Hindi Teachers and the Officers	Mr. Prabath Vidanagama CHIEF INSPECTOR OF POLICE, TOURIST DIVISION	Performance was very attractive

9) Any other information/Suggestion

Following courses may be started :

Mahatma Gandhi Antar Rashtriya Vishvavidyalya Courses

Dakshin Bhartiya Hindi Prachar sabha Courses

10) Other activities by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discip line of Teacher	No. of performances	No. of per formance s by studen ts	No. of workshops/ lecture- demo	Fee charge d	Total resource generated
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01	Dr. Monica Sharma – Long Term Hindi Chair	Conducted Oral exam for Tourist Police Officers	20		--	Students enjoyed the interaction
		And 30 other students	30		-	
02	Amani Local Hindi Teacher	Conducted written Test for TPOs Prepared skit	20		--	Students displayed good acting and Hindi Language skills
03	Athila Local Hindi teacher	Conducted written Test for kids	30			

11) Outreach activities

S.N o.	Nature of Activity (class/performance/workshop/exhibition/lecture etc.)	Venue/ city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Organizer/ Partner of the event	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
01	2 Skits by Tourist Police Officers	SVCC	2 Guests 24 participants	SVCC	Participants were interactive Excellent

2) Academic Interaction

S.No.	Nature of Activity (seminar/Conference/ lecture/interaction etc.)	Venue/city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Partner institution/ university	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
1-	Village Interaction Kandy All other activities were canceled because of security situations in Sri Lanka	Kandy	100	Families at the village	People were motivated to learn Hindi and was attracted towards Indian Culture

(Signature)

Dr. Monica Sharma

Long Term Hindi Chair

PART B

(to be filled-in by the Reporting Officer of the level of Second Secretary or above)

- 1) General Remarks about the performance of the Teacher
- 2) Any short-coming in the conduct and performance of the Teacher
- 3) Special achievement during the month
- 3) Recommendations/suggestions to enhance the utility of the Teacher

Certified that the information provided by the Teacher in his/her Monthly Report for the month of April 2019 is correct entirely/to the extent of my knowledge

Rajashree Beh
(Signature/Name/Designation)
Dr CSVCC



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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
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Events of May 2019 with photographic impressions**

May 6-Preparation of IDY 2019

A preparatory meeting for IDY celebrations with members of all eminent Yoga institutes of Sri Lanka was held at SVCC,Colombo



May 7-Curtain Raiser # 1-IDY 2019 at the World Health Day Celebrations

First curtain raiser event of IDY2019 with a rejuvenating Yoga & Pranayama session was held at Independence Arcade, Colombo at the World Health Day Celebrations by WHO Sri Lanka with presence of Dr. Razia Pendse, head of WHO(SL), Mrs Hanna Singer, UN Ambassador and other dignitaries.



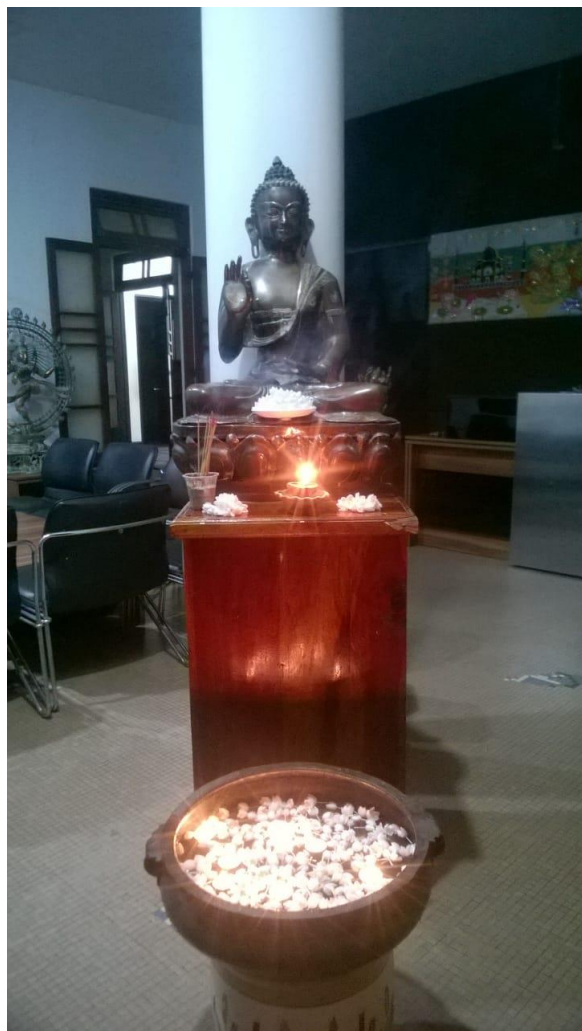
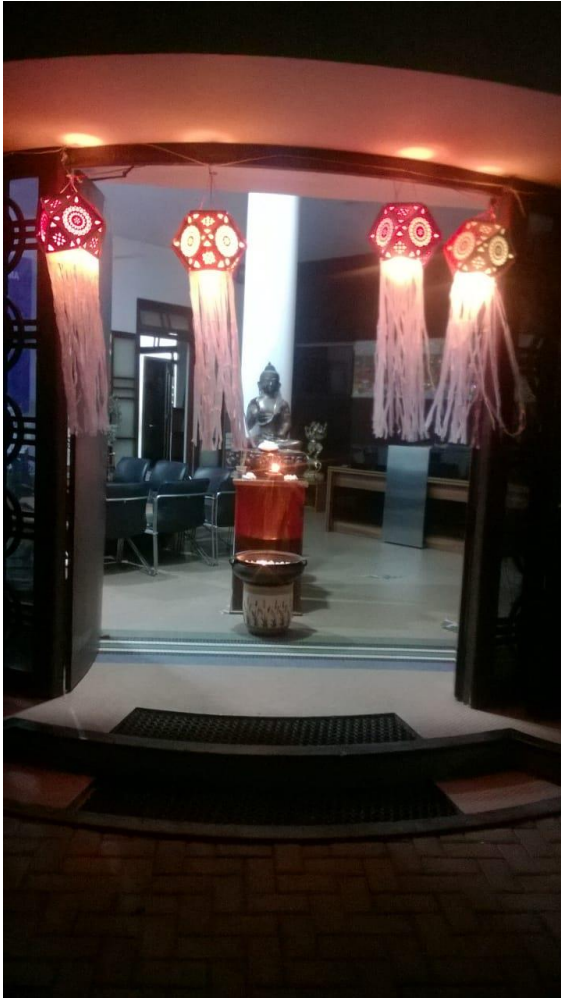
May 18 Commencement of IDY 2019 practice session

Gearing up to IDY 2019 instructors from 15 Yoga institutions of Sri Lanka came together to start the practice at SVCC, Colombo Session started with prayer and meditation in memory of the departed souls in the Easter bomb attack in Sri Lanka.



May 19-Vesak celebrations at SVCC

Celebrating Vesak (Buddha Purnima) seeking blessings of Lord Buddha at SVCC,Colombo



May 20 Felicitation of Sri Lankan Singers of Vaishnava Jana Toh

At a Special event held at the High Commission letters of appreciation from Hon. Smt Sushma Swaraj, former EAM along with specially made Coffee table books were presented by H.E. Taranjit Sandhu, HC to eminent youth icons of Sri Lanka of Bathiya, Santhush & Umariya for their contribution in the making of the video of "Vaishnava Jana Toh". At the felicitation ceremony singers Bathiya and Santhush expressed their gratitude to HC and Govt of India through a beautiful rendition of folk song. Videos of Vaishnava Jana Toh were screened at the occasion.



May 22 Launch of a trilingual handbook

A trilingual handbook for beginners "Hindarshika"-English-Hindi-Sinhala edited by Dr Monica Sharma & Sri Lankan student SarasiRanasinghe was released at SVCC,Colombo.First copy of the book was presented to HC H.E.TaranjitSandhu. The copies were also presented to Deputy High Commissioner Dr. ShilpakAmbule and other officers of the Mission.



May 28 Visit of Maldivian Ambassador to SVCC

His Excellency Omar Abdul Razzak ,Ambassador of Maldives along with Mr. AslamShakir, Deputy Ambassador paid a courtesy call on Mrs.RajashreeBehera,Director of SVCC. His visit was to mainly see the activities of the Centre.





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1st June YOGA FOR PEACE

A blissful session of yoga, Pranayama and Meditation was held at the hallowed grounds of Kelaniya Raja MahaVihara with the blessings of Most Ven. Prof KollupitiyeMahindaSangharakkhitaThera.



4th June YOGA FOR UNITY

A rejuvenating session of Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation was conducted at the serene surroundings of VishwaNiketan at Sarvodaya, Sri Lanka built with the coveted Gandhi Peace Prize money received by Dr AT Ariyaratne, an event to celebrate Gandhi@150 and IDY 2019



7th June YOGA & DANCE

Govt of India scholarship holders presented Divine Dance of Energy -an amalgamation of Yoga & Bharatnatyamby ICCR scholar Rathiksha and ITEC scholar Donisha from Sri Lanka



7th June YOGA FOR KIDS

Young Yoga enthusiasts of Sri Lanka mesmerized the audience with demonstration of their expertise in yoga postures



8th June YOGA IN THE PARK

A session of Yoga asanas and pranayama with chanting of Patanjali Yoga Sutra was conducted by Dhamma Yoga at the Diyatha Uyana Park with large participation of Sri Lankan Yoga enthusiasts.



15th JUNE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2019 CELEBRATIONS AT INDEPENDENCE SQUARE

The 5th International Day of Yoga was celebrated at the iconic Independence Square on Saturday 15th June 2019. High Commission of India organized the mega event with the gracious presence of Hon. (Dr.) Rajitha Senaratne, Minister of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Hon. Gayantha Karunathilaka, Minister of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms and Hon. Palani Digambaran, Minister of Upcountry New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development as the Guests of Honour with the esteemed presence of High Commissioner of India H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu. Hundreds of yoga enthusiasts from all over Sri Lanka also participated in the event.

Addressing the gathering H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka noted that Yoga is an important pillar of the shared common heritage between India and Sri Lanka. He spoke about the strong connections between Yoga and Buddhist philosophy and stated that Yoga is a unifying force which can bring peace and harmony not only to our bodies and minds but to our societies.

Experts from eminent Yoga institutes of Sri Lanka such as Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Ram Krishna Mission, Astanka Yoga Mandir, Sethsada Yoga, Hatha Yoga Centre, Kriya Babaji Yoga Aranyam, Dharmya Yoga, Institute of Human Excellence, Brahma Kumari Raja Yoga Centre, The Art of Living, My Yoga Lounge, Sakthi Anand Yoga School (Batticaloa), AdhiYogam, Arogya Anahata Yoga, Samskruti Patanjali Yoga Centre and Rhythmic Yoga conducted a refreshing session of Yoga, Pranayama and Meditation followed by advance Yoga demonstrations. The event was organized in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, Govt. Of Sri Lanka and Tata Motors Ltd. Sri Lanka.







22nd June Yoga & Energy Management

Lecture and workshop on by Yoga Guru Kiran Kumar, Yoga expert from India.



22nd June -First Ever Island wide Yoga Asana Championship

First Ever Island wide Yoga Asana Championship conducted by Astanka Yoga Mandhir with more than 400 participants from all over Sri Lanka in age groups of 8-75 in 5 categories was held at SVCC and Eastern province Aesthetic Centre, Colombo.

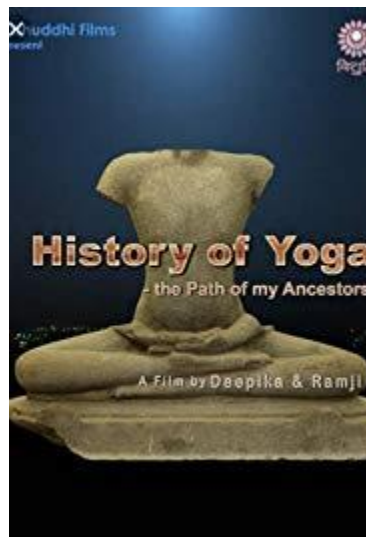






28th June Documentaries on Yoga

2 documentaries on yoga were screened at SVCC for Yoga lovers of Sri Lanka Yoga: aligning to the source by Raja Choudhury and History of Yoga: a film by Deepika and Ramji



29th & 30th June Yoga & Bharatanatyam workshops and performance

On 29th June and 30th June SVCC students DonishaMyleandran, Yoga expert (ITEC scholar) and RathikshaNishanthan, Bharatanatyam exponent (ICCR Scholar) performed and organised workshop for around 400 Engineers of Sri Lanka at the Engineers Annual Conference organised by Road development authority under the Ministry of Highways, Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development, Govt of Sri Lanka



A unique #idoyoga asana challenge on social media is also gaining popularity among the youth in Sri Lanka including President Maithripala Sirisena, High Commissioner Taranjit Sandhu, Model and activist Otara Gunawardene, Young Politician Namal Rajapakshya, members of High Commission.



Join the International Day of Yoga Challenge!

#idoyoga19 #idy2019 #yogaday2019



Yoga Enthusiasts must do the following:

1. Upload a video of themselves in any Yoga posture (up to 45 seconds) to Facebook, Twitter and/or Instagram. (A maximum of 2 persons in a video).
2. Tell us why you do Yoga (e.g: "I do Yoga for my happiness"..)
3. Nominate at least five friends to take on the challenge by tagging them in the post.
4. Tag the High Commission of India, Colombo in the post by using |@IndiaInSriLanka on Facebook |@IndiainSL on Twitter |indiainsl on Instagram.
5. Use the hashtag - #idoyoga #idy2019 & #yogaday2019
6. Copy-Paste the above 5 Rules in the Facebook/Twitter/Instagram post.

Yoga Enthusiasts whose videos have the maximum number of views at 11:59 PM on June 20th will win the International day of Yoga Challenge. Winners will be announced on June 21st

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5 July Orientation programme for Hindi scholarship students

An orientation programme was conducted by the Hindi teachers of SVCC for the 16 Hindi scholarship students from Sri Lanka who are selected for Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra for the year 2019-20 at the Centre. Deputy High Commissioner Dr. Shilpak Ambule graced the occasion and advised the students before they depart for India.



17th July Carnatic Violin Recital by Pranav Swaroop

Mr. Pranav Swaroop, an accomplished musician from Bangalore, India presented a Carnatic violin recital at the Centre kept the audience spell bound. Pranav Swaroop is an upcoming young Carnatic trained Violinist and Vocalist. Pranav was accompanied by Venilan Vairavapillai on Mirudangam and Shivaraj Nataraj on percussion.



19th July Sangeeth Samraajyam -North to South, a Carnatic Music Recital

Sangeeth Samraajyam -North to South, a Carnatic Music recital was staged by disciples of Kalasuri Dr. Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan from University of Visual and performing arts and Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. This was first ever full-fledged Carnatic Vocal recital by Sinhalese students. Concert featured Sangeet Nipun Asith Athapathu, Dr Nishshanka Abeyrathna, Shastrapathi, Geethika Abeyasekara and Visharada Amesh Ranwala. The efforts taken by the students were very well appreciated by the audience,



20 & 21 July – KHS,Agra Hindi Examinations

The Hindi examinations were conducted by the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo on 20 & 21 July. Three examiners from KHS, Agra conducted a week long seminars at the Centre from 15-19 July to prepare the students for the examinations. 204 students sat for the examinations in 2019.



3,10,17,24 & 31July- Yoga Workshop at Apeksha Cancer Hospital

SVCC,Colombo in collaboration with Indira Cancer Trust is continuing its special yoga sessions at the Apeksha Cancer Hospital, Maharagama for the patients and staff of the hospital led by SVCC Yoga Teacher Mr. Vyasa Kalyanasundaram.



23-28 July Yoga programme for artisans of Sri Lanka

On the request from the National Crafts Council of Sri Lanka yoga sessions were conducted for the artisans of the National Crafts Council from 23-28 July at CETRAC, Battaramulla . The programme was organized with the aim of improving their mental & physical strength.



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1) India-based Staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of appointment	Duties/Remarks
01	Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh	Director	13 th August 2019	Centre In-charge

2)(a) Teaching Staff - IB

S.No.	Name	Discipline	Date of appointment	Duties/Remarks
01	Dr. Monica Sharma	Hindi Long Term Chair	1 st August 2018	Head of Hindi Department

2)(b) Teaching Staff – Local

S.No.	Name	Discipline	Date of contract entered upon	Duties/Remarks
01	Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan	Bharata Natyam	July 1998	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
02	Ms. Vasugy Jegatheesewaran	Bharatha Natyam	June 2005	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
03	Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya	Kathak	June 2005	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
04	Mrs. Arunthathy Sri Renganathan	Carnatic Vocal Music	March 2000	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
05	Vacant	Hindustani Vocal Music	-	-
06	Dr. NirmalaKumari Rodrigo	Sitar	March 1999	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
07	Mr. SomasiriIllesinghe	Violin	March 1999	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities

08	Mr. RangaPerera	Tabla	March 2018	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
09	Mr. Vyasa Kalyanasundaram	Yoga	February 2009	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
10	Mr. Brazil NagodaVithana	Hindi	December 2006	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
11	Ms. Athila Kothalawala	Hindi	March 2007	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
12	Ms. Nadheera Shewanthi	Hindi	May 2009	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
13	Ms.G.D.Chandima Chandrasinghe	Hindi	March 2007	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
14	Ms. Amani Wickramarachchi	Hindi	December 2010	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities
15	Ms. K.A.D. Kariyakarawana	Hindi	June 2011	Teaching /coordinating programmes and activities

3) Local Staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of contract entered upon	Duties/Remarks
01	Mrs. S. Subashini Handy	Cultural Affairs Officer	1 June 1998	Admin/Coordinating programmes
02	Mr. Prasad Perera	Receptionist cum Secretary	1 May 2008	Managing the front office /Accounts
03	Mr. Stevene.L	Peon	1 st January 2018	Dispatching newsletter/looking after arrangements for programmes
04	Mr. Shanker Lal Rajaratnam	Data Entry Operator	1 May 2008	Data Entry/Sound & light operator
05	Mr.A.Balasubramaniam	Chauffeur	19 January 2005	Chauffer

4) Contingency/Contractual staff

S.No.	Name	Designation	Contract Period	Salary
01	Mrs. Prasanna Suresh	Stenographer/PA to Director	1 February 2011	400 USD (Consolidated basis)

5) Budget/Expenditure/Remittance –

S.No.	Annual approved budget	Remittance received during the quarter	Revenue generated through fee from students	Progressive Expenditure on SVCC Budget on the last day of the month	Expenditure on Budget heads till August 2019 in INR
01	Budget approved in total INR 226 Lakhs	INR 56.50 for SVCC (July-Sept) INR 35 Lakhs for Chair (at University of Kelaniya)	August 2019 SLR 33,200.00 [Equivalent to INR 13,085.00]	Progressive expenditure statement August 2019 is attached [Refer Annexure X]	- Salaries- 8,176,861 - OTA-135,898 - FE-53,002 - OE-1,543,310 - RRT- 11,545,745 - Minor works- 12,839 - Activities- 235,651

6) Outstanding Audit Para pertaining to ICCR Budget

S.No.	Year of Audit Para	Details of Observation of Audit Para	Action taken by Mission/ SVCC	Action required by ICCR (if any)	Remarks
-	-	-	-	-	-

Plan of Activities:

7) Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Expenditure incurred	Remarks/ Details of Honorarium
1	Performance by the Rajasthani troupe "Music of Soul" on the occasion of Independence Day Celebrations of India on 15 th August 2019 [Refer Annexure I]	India House	1000	Supported by Taj Samudra Hotel	-	-
2	Santoor Jugal Bandhi by Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma & Pandit	Bandaranaike Memorial International	1700	With the Support of Ministry of Housing Construction	6587/=	

	Rohit Sharma [Refer Annexure II]	al Conference Hall		ii. iii. iv. v.	&cultural Affairs of Sri Lanka ITC Hotels Taj Samudra Colombo Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) Sapphire Residences, Colombo - ITC		
3	Kathak & Kuchipudi dance recital by Richa Gupta, Vidha Lala & Dr. Anuradha Dhurbhakula on 23 rd August 2019 [Refer Annexure III]	SVCC auditorium	100	-		5844/=	-

8) Performing/Visual Art events by local artistes/groups & general events

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Expenditure incurred In INR	Remarks
1	Colombo International Theatre Workshop from 4-9 August 2019	SVCC Auditorium	25 members for each session	-	-	In collaboration with Inter act art Black Box Theatre House [Refer Annexure IV]
2	Performance by SVCC students under the guidance of Kalasuri Vasugy Jegatheeswaran at India House on 15 th August 2019 [Refer Annexure V]	India House	1000	-	9853/=	
3	Bharatha Natyam Recital by Anuka King on 29 th August 2019	SVCC Auditorium	120	-	7267/=	[Refer Annexure VI]
4	Semi Classical Vocal Recital by Lasath Vinu Gamaethige on 30 th August 2019	SVCC Auditorium	120	-	4016/=	[Refer Annexure VII]

5	Yoga for Cancer Patients 7,14,21 & 28 August 2019	Apeksha Cancer Hospital	25-30 each session	-	-	In collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir [Refer Annexure VIII]
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9) Classes by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discipline of Teacher	No. of classes at SVCC Weekly	No. of students in the current month	No. of students in the previous month	Remarks/ Reason for increase/ decrease
01	Ms. Subashini Pathmanathan (Bharathanatyam)	2	04	04	Increase and decrease in the no of students attended varies as they choose to attend sessions according to their convenience and as per their school activities.
02	Mr. SomasiriIllesinghe(Violin)	1	06	09	-do-
03	Dr.NirmalaKumari Rodrigo(Sitar)	1	11	08	-do-
04	Mrs.Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan(Carnatic Vocal Music)	1	03	01	-do-
05	Designated(Hindustani Vocal Music)	1	00	00	-do-
06	MrsVasugyJegatheeswaran (Bharathanatyam)	2	08	09	-do-
07	Mr.K.A.D. RangaPerera(Tabla)	1	09	11	-do-
08	Ms.M.M. Samarasooriya(Kathak)	2	17	18	-do-
09	Mr. VyasahKalyanasunderam(Yoga)	8	31	42	-do-
10	Dr.Monica Sharma (LTHC) Hindi(India base)	6	174	156	-do-
11	Mr. BresilNagodaVithana(Hindi)	1	28	22	-do-
12	Ms. K. AthilaKishaniKothalawala(Hindi)	1	30	27	-do-
13	Ms G.D. ChandimaChandrasinghe	1	27	24	-do-
14	Ms. AmaniWickramarachchi	2	56	75	-do-
15	Ms. K.A.D. Kariyakarawana	1	31	26	-do-
16	Ms. M.NadheeraShewanthi	2	60	50	-do-

10) Other activities by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discipline of Teacher	No. of performances	No. of performances by students	No. of workshops/lecture-demo	Fee charged	Total resource generated
-Separate sheet attached- - [Refer Annexure IX]-						

11) Outreach activities

S.No.	Nature of Activity (class/performance/workshop/exhibition/lecture etc.)	Venue/ city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Organizer/ Partner of the event	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
-Separate sheet attached- - [Refer Annexure IX]-					

12) Academic Interaction

S.No.	Nature of Activity (seminar/Conference/lecture/interaction etc.)	Venue/city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Partner institution/ university	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
-Separate sheet attached- - [Refer Annexure IX]-					

13) Presence in the social media

S. No.	Type of social Media (Website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, local social media network)	No. of posts	No. of likes/ visitors	No. of comments	Remarks
1	All programmes publicized in SVCC/HCI, Colombo, facebook page, twitter handle, HCIwebsite, Local print & electronic media	Posters/slides are put for all events prior to the event along with press releases in local papers and photographs and press reviews after the programme	All SVCC programmes are popular Facebook page = 600 Twitter handle = 450	In total reached 100,000 people Facebook pagecmnts = 200 Twitter handlecmnts = 120	-

14) General Remarks/Suggestions/New Initiatives

- **General Remarks**

- All activities have been carried out successfully with maximum public outreach through comprehensive guest lists, personal/postal/digital contacts with individuals, institutions, associations, monthly newsletters, press releases, and social media updates.
- Pre-Event Press Release is issued well-before every program to enable people to book their calendar.

- **Initiatives:**

- Bharatha Natyam Recital by Ms. Anuka King on 29th August 2019: SVCC communicated with Ms. Anuka King, an Artist visiting Sri Lanka from USA, for a Bharatha Natyam Recital at SVCC. Such an approach is cost-effective as we save on air-tickets as well as lodging and boarding expenses.
- Kathak dance recital by Richa Gupta, Vidha Lala on 23rd August 2019: SVCC communicated with the artists visiting from India, for Kathak dance recital programmes at SVCC. Such an approach is cost-effective.
- Kuchipudi dance recital by Dr. Anuradha Dhurbhakula on 23rd August 2019: SVCC communicated with the artist visiting from India, for Kuchipudi dance recital programme at SVCC. Such an approach is cost-effective.
- Semi Classical Vocal Recital by Lasath Vinu Gamaethige on 30th August 2019: SVCC communicated with the artist (an ex-student who studied in India), for Semi Classical Vocal Recital programme at SVCC. This is not only cost-effective but also provided alumni of an Indian institute a platform to perform and mature as an artist.
- Post-Event Press Releases have been started from this month.



Director, SVCC

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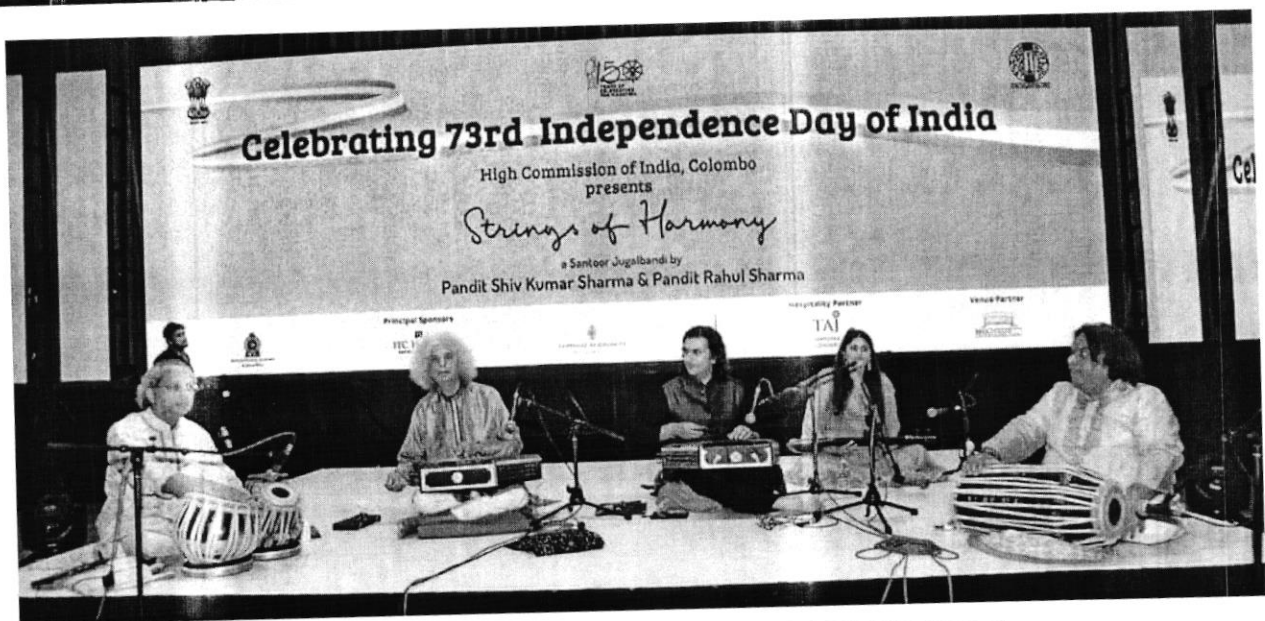
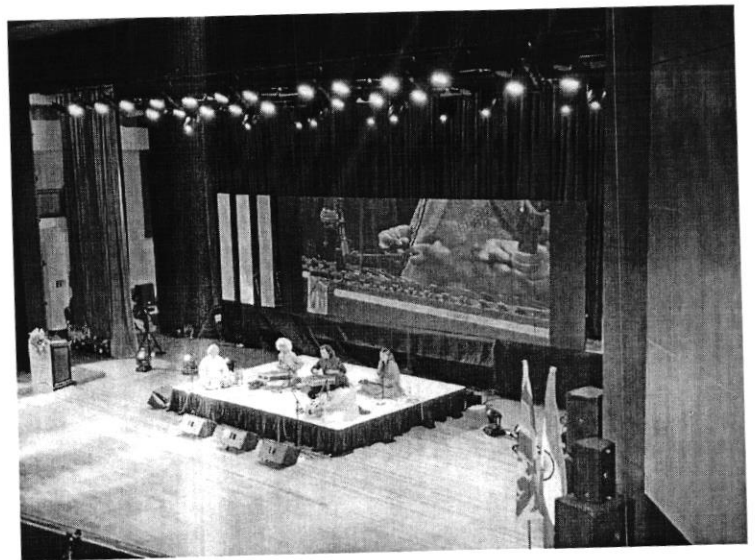
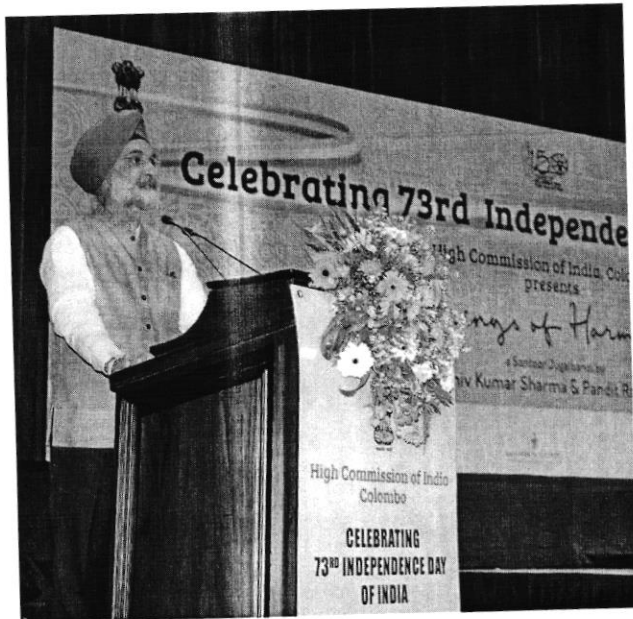


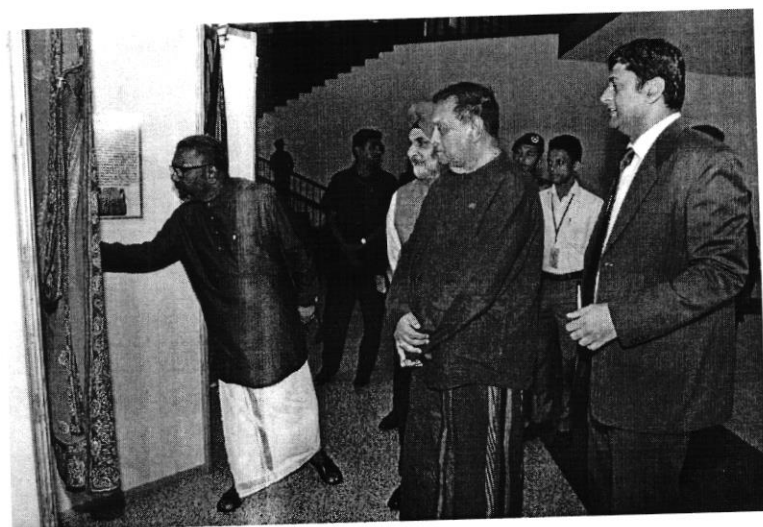
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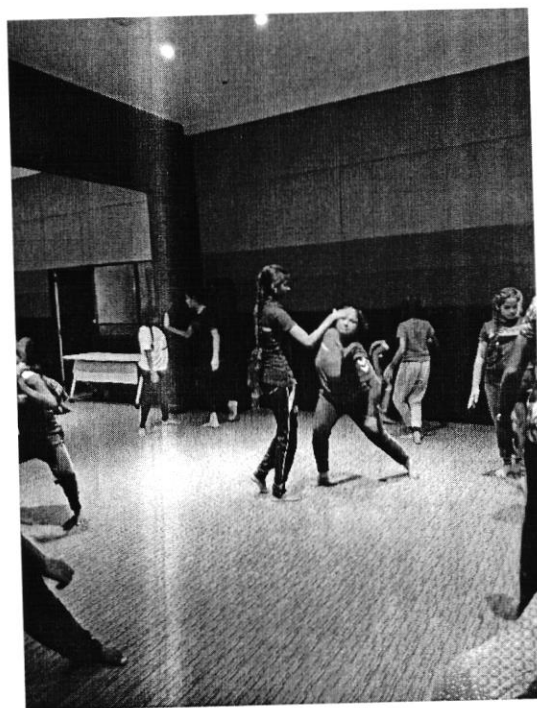
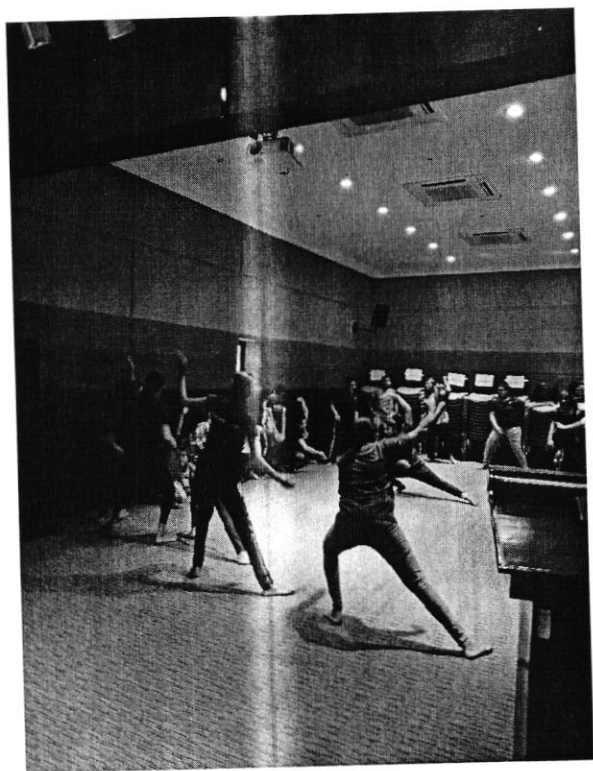
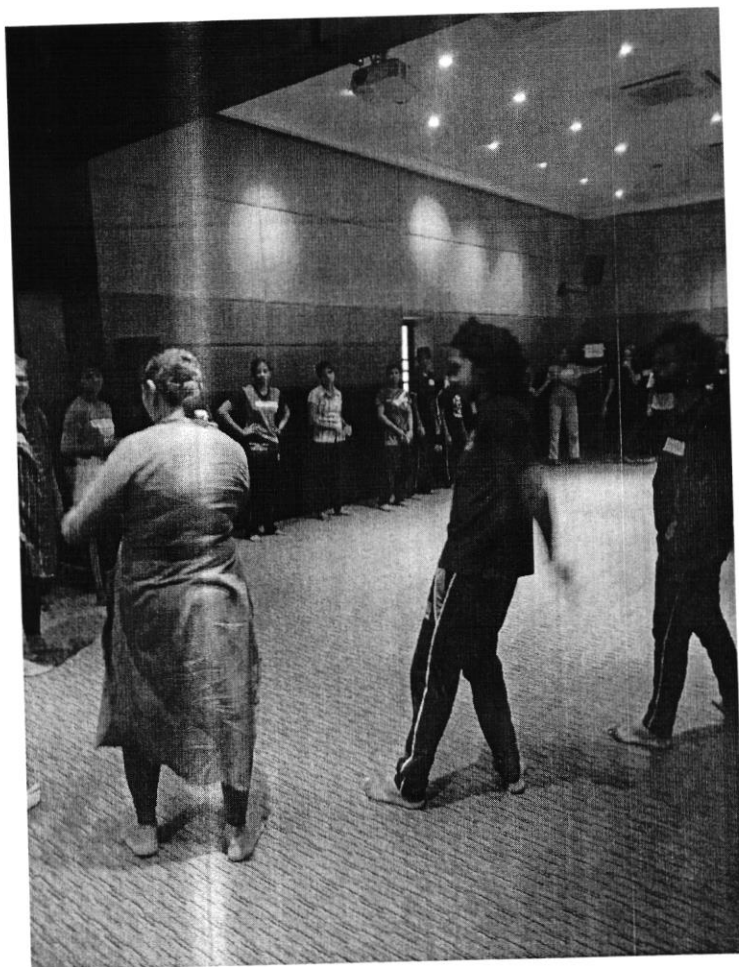
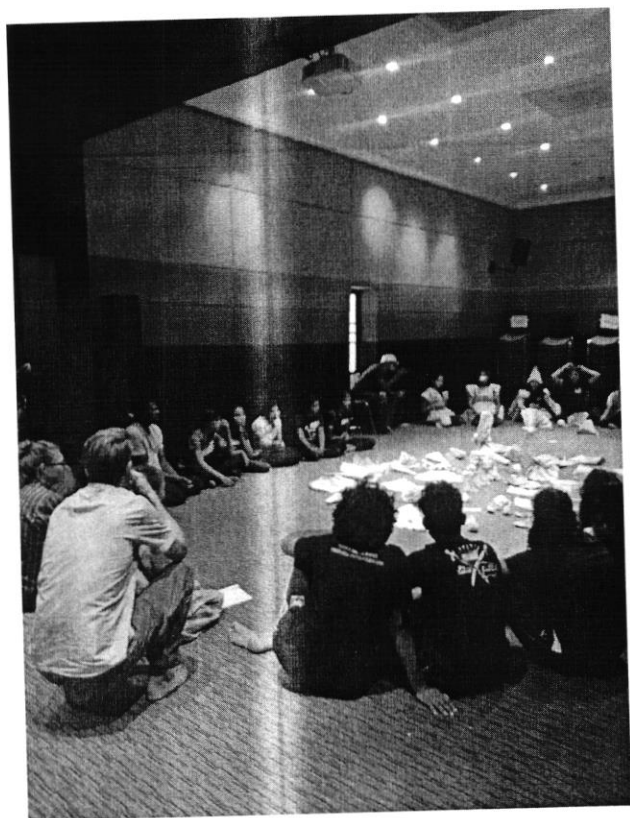




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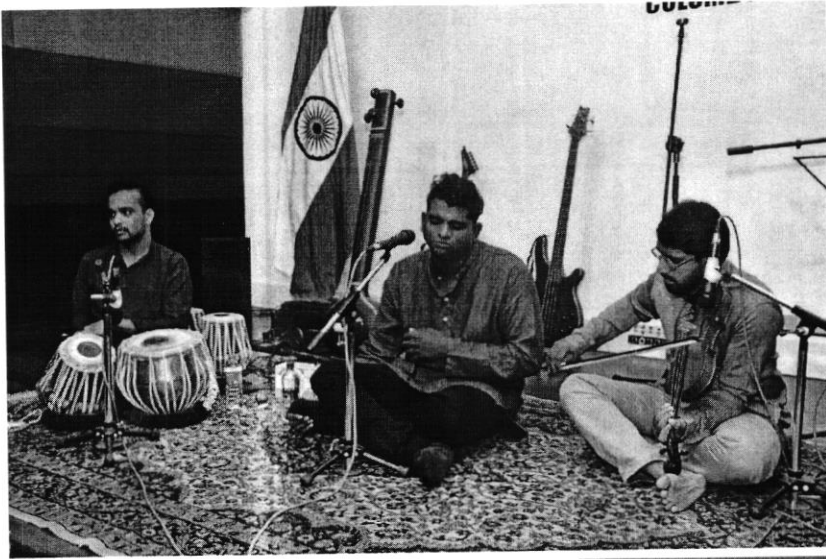
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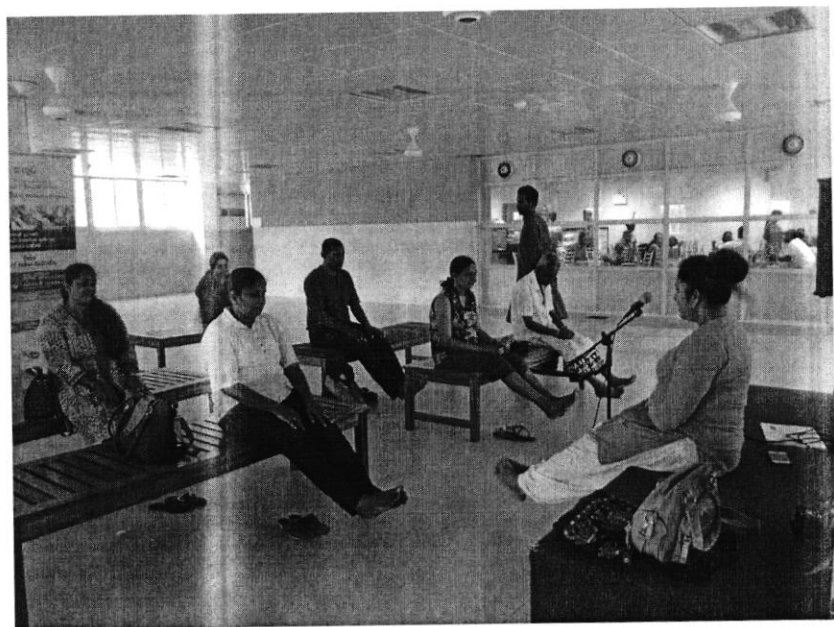
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Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo

Monthly Report by the IB Teacher for the month of August 2019

PART A

(to be filled-in by the Teacher)

- 1) Name of the Teacher & Discipline Dr. Monica Sharma
- 2) Tenure/Contract Period 02 Years
- 3) Name & Designation of Reporting Officer Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh
Director
Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Colombo

4) Classes at SVCC/Mission

No. of classes at SVCC	No. of teaching hours	No. of batches	Age group of students	No. of students	No. of students in the preceding month	Reason for increase/decrease in the current month
44 classes (Dr. Monica Sharma)	38 hours 01 IB Teacher Saturday also	18	05 - 75 years	406	380	New enrolment
4 Mr. Bresil 5 - Miss Chandima 5 - Miss Athila 4 - Miss Nadheera	26 hours by 06 Local teachers	6	15- 60	11 15 26 17	-	-

4- Miss Amani				24		
4- Miss Achala				15		

6) Classes at other venues

Venue	No. of classes & duration per month	No. of students	Age group of students	No. of students	No. of students in the preceding month	Reason for increase/decrease in the current month
Bandaranaike memorial International conference hall BCIS	10 hours	09	19 to 35	06	09	--New Batch Started
Overseas school of Colombo But students coming ICC	08	04	15 to 18	04	04	--

7) Achievements by students

S.No.	Name of the student	Achievement	Remarks
1.	Vageesha	Presentation of Song BCIS	Very Good
2.	Kusun	Poem recitation	Very good
3.	Shivkumara	Bhashan	Good
4.	Nadheera Perera	Dance on Janmashtmi	Good

8) Other Activities by Teacher

S.No.	Activity (workshop/ lecture/TV interview/Performance/official duty etc.	Venue/ City	Number of participants/ guests/ audience	Chief Guest	Remarks/Outcome

1-	Official Duty for Cultural Programme on Independence Day Organized by SVCC	India House	1000	His Excellency High Commissioner of India	Audience was indulged in the cultural presentations
2-	Official Duty for "Strings of Harmaoy " Organized by SVCC	BMICH	1700	His Excellency High Commissioner of India	Audience enjoyed the fusion of classical and folk
3-	Rakshabandh an	SVCC	40	SVCC Director Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh	Students and parents enjoyed the celebrations
4-	Janamashtmi	SVCC	50	-	Everyone enjoyed the celebrations
5-	Language Award Ceremony	BCIS	350	High Commissioner of Bangladesh	Hindi Students were awarded

9) Any other information/Suggestion

Following courses may be started :

1- Mahatma Gandhi Antar Rashtriya Vishvavidyalya Courses

(for detailed information visit the website www.hindivishwa.org)

2- Dakshin Bhartiya Hindi Prachar sabha Courses

(for detailed information visit the website www.dbhpscentral.org)

10) Other activities by Teachers (India-based and local)

S.No.	Name/Discipline of Teacher	No. of performances	No. of performances by students	No. of workshops/lecture-demo	Fee charged	Total resource generated
01	Dr. Monica Sharma Miss Amani Ashu-Bhashan	18	18	-	-	-
02	Dr. Monica Sharma Miss Chandima Kavita path	20	20	-	--	-
03	Dr. Monica Sharma Miss Nadheera Chitra pheli Hindi-Sinhala Yugm gayan	14	60	-	-	-
04	Shrutlekh	1	40			

11) Outreach activities

S.No.	Nature of Activity (class/performance/workshop/exhibition/lecture etc.)	Venue/ city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Organizer/ Partner of the event	Remarks/level of support extended/received
1-	Dr. Monica Sharma and Miss Medhavini Discussion on Hindi grammar	SVCC (at the request of Miss Medhavini)	2	Private Hindi teaching institute	Hopefully Miss Medhavini will teach Hindi with new insight Books were

2-	Dr. Monica Sharma and Miss Kanti discussed about improving Hindi Learning at Jaffna and Kurunegal	SVCC at the request of Miss Kanti	2	Miss Kanti	gifted Miss Kanti is Hindi teacher at Jaffna Consulate
3-	Meeting Dr. Satyanarayan (lecturer, Haryana Shiksha Nideshalaya	Buddhist Pali Vishvvidyalaya and SVCC	24	Buddhist Pali University Homgama	Presented Research paper on Mahatma Budhh ki Sahityik Virasat

2) Academic Interaction

S.No.	Nature of Activity (seminar/Conference/ lecture/interaction etc.)	Venue/city	No. of guests/ Participants/ Students	Partner institution/ university	Remarks/level of support extended/ received
1-	<i>Meeting with old Student-translator Sneha Vasundhra Discussion about idioms</i>	SVCC (at the request of Miss Sneha Vasundhra)	2	-	Given material to learn more Hindi idioms and meanings
2-	Meeting Dr. Satyanarayan (lecturer, Haryana Shiksha Nideshalaya Gifted Books to Miss	SVCC	20	Buddhist Pali Univ.	Curious to attend more seminars
3-	Ruchi Sharma for Gurudwara Colombo	SVCC	2		Need more basic level Books



(Signature)

Dr. Monica Sharma
Long Term Hindi Chair

PART B

(to be filled-in by the Reporting Officer of the level of Second Secretary or above)

1) **General Remarks about the performance of the Teacher**

Dr. Monica Sharma is dedicated and sincere. Her performance in the month of August, 2019 was satisfactory.

2) **Any short-coming in the conduct and performance of the Teacher**

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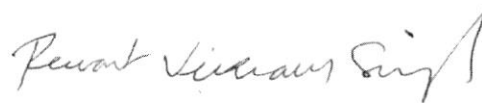
3) **Special achievement during the month**

She made a good proposal for conducting Hindi Divas activities and as a result we have a substantial grant of more than INR 3 Lakhs this year.

3) **Recommendations/suggestions to enhance the utility of the Teacher**

She needs to conduct more outreach programmes.

Certified that the information provided by the Teacher in her Monthly Report for the month of August, 2019 is correct entirely.



Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh

Director

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(Formerly Indian Cultural Centre)

High Commission of India, Colombo

Annexure - X

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, COLOMBO
PROGRESSIVE EXPENDITURE FOR
ICCR

Upto Month: 09 2019

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Head of Accounts	Available Budget	Expendi. upto Prev Month	Exp. During 09 2019	By Other Missions	Progr. Exp 09 2019	Balance Budget 09 2019
SALARIES, ICCR	0	8,176,861			8,176,861	-8,176,861
WAGES, ICCR	0					0
OTA, ICCR	0	135,898			135,898	-135,898
MEDICAL EXP, ICCR	0					0
LOCAL TOURS, ICCR	0					0
FOREIGN TE, ICCR	0	53,002			53,002	-53,002
OE, ICCR	0	1,538,610	4,700		1,543,310	-1,543,310
R.R.T., ICCR	0	11,545,745			11,545,745	-11,545,745
ADV & PUB, ICCR	0					0
MINOR WORKS, ICCR	0	12,839			12,839	-12,839
GIA, ICCR	0					0
ACTIVITIES, ICCR	0	235,651			235,651	-235,651
IT EXP, ICCR	0					0
Grand Total	0	21,698,607	4,700		21,703,307	-21,703,307



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6th September

Bharatha Natyam Recital by Abiramy Patkunam

Abirami Patkunam a talented dancer captivated the audience with her brilliant performance. Intricate footwork as well as abhinaya (the art of expression) were the highlights of her performance.

Abiramy Patkunam is an accomplished Bharatanatyam dancer. She has trained under legends, such as Guru Prof. C. V. Chandrashaker, Guru V.P. Dhananjeyan (Bharathakalanjali), Guru Shijith Krishna Chennai, and Guru Kiran Subramanyam. She completed her Masters of Arts (Bharathanatyam) from University of Madras and is an ICCR scholarship-holder of Bachelors of Arts (Choreography) at Bangalore University.

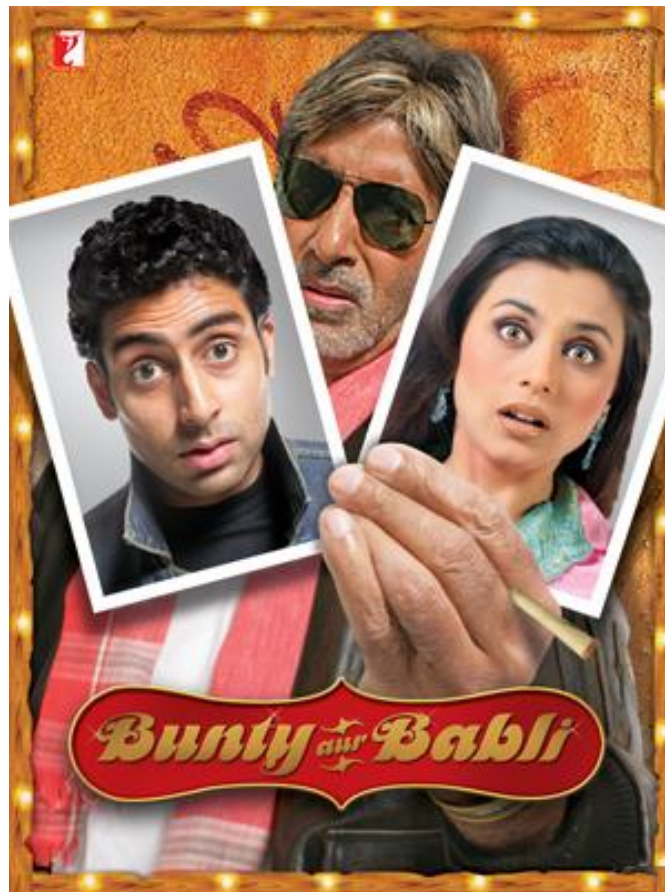


11th September

Film screening – Bunty aur Babli

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, (SVCC), High commission of India, Colombo, screened Bollywood film "*Bunty Aur Babli*" on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre auditorium .

Bunty Aur Babli is a comedy film directed by Shaad Ali, starring Abhishek Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan and Rani Mukerji. It was the first film to feature both Amitabh Bachchan and his son Abhishek Bachchan.



14th September

Hindi Diwas 2019

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas 2019 Hindi Maah was held at SVCC which included quiz, picture quiz, creative writing – story & poem, poem recitation, fancy dress, slogan writing, dictation, and duet singing competitions for children. On 14th September a variety of cultural programmes and prizes were distributed to the students. The Deputy High Commissioner of India Mr. Vinod K. Jacob graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



17th – 20th September

5th Edition of Ramayana Festival in New Delhi

The Centre facilitated a cultural troupe – Chandana Wickramasinghe & the dancer's guild of Sri Lanka to perform on the occasion of 5th Edition of Ramayana Festival held from 17th -19th September in New Delhi. The 15 member troupe performed on 18th at Kamini Auditorium, New Delhi on 20th in Luck now. The troupe was very well received.



20th September

Tribute to Poet Subramanya Bharathi by Dharshani Arulanandam

Dharshani Arulanandam sang a number of songs written by Indian poet Subramanya Bharathi at a concert held on 20th September at SVCC. Subramania Bharathi, also known as Bharathiyar, was a Tamil writer, poet, journalist, Indian independence activist, a social reformer and a polyglot. Popularly known as "Mahakavi Bharathi", he was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry and is considered one of the greatest Tamil literary figures of all time.

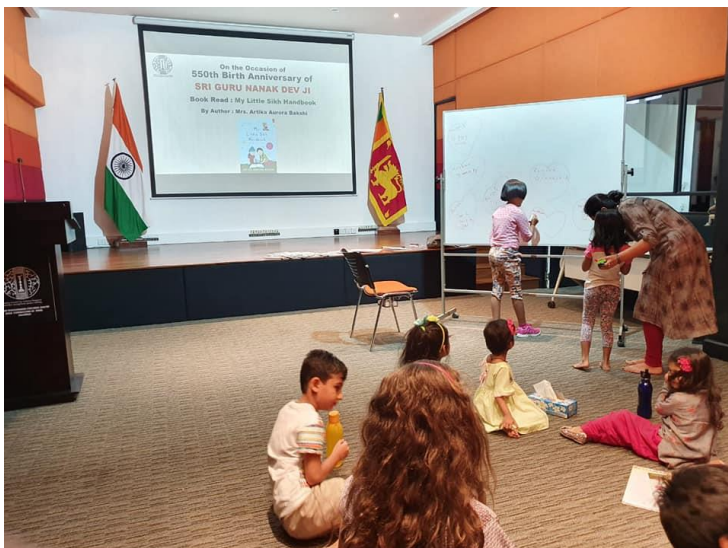
Ms. Darshani Arulanandam has trained under Guru such as "Kalabooshanam" Sathiyabama Rajalingam for over six years and thereafter also learnt under eminent Guru Jegathambigai Krishnandasivam. She completed her Bachelors of Arts from University of Colombo. She also performed (pure Classical Carnatic Solo) for Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cooperation (SLBC) and also performed a Carnatic Solo performance known as "Kalaiarangam".



21st September

On the Occasion of 550th Birth Anniversary of SRI GURU NANAK DEV JI Book Read : My Little Sikh Handbook by Author : Mrs. Artika Aurora Bakshi

Artika Aurora Bakshi had a book reading session for children as part of the 550th birth anniversary celebrations of Gurudev Nanak Dev Ji. A hand book authored by her – My little Sikh for children was read by her. The book reading session was followed by painting & drawing session where pictures related to Gurudev Nanak Dev Jis life was used for coloring by children



25th September An evening of Carnatic recital by V. Alivelu Manga

Alivelu Manga kept the audience spell bound with his beautiful rendition of Carnatic Vocal music. The programme lasted for an hour was very well enjoyed by all.

Hailing from traditional family of Vijayawada, Smt. Alivelu Manga did her Masters in Telugu Literature from Ambedkar Open University and Bachelors along with 6 year Diploma in Carnatic Classical Music from Acharya Nagarjuna University. Smt. Manga got trained from her gurus, Sri Surya Rao, Sri Ramana Murthy of Government Music College, Vijayawada and Rajiv Ratna Awardees Smt. Revathi Ratna Swamy and Sri Neti Srirama Sarma Mrs. Manga was Grade B artist of All India Radio in Light Classical Music category. She also performed in Doordarshan, India. She trained many students in Chennai, Hyderabad and Colombo.



4th, 11th, 18th

& 25th September Yoga programme for cancer patients at Maharagama

SVCC, Colombo and Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital Āpksha.” Yoga combines physical movements with our breathing and our thoughts. The regular practice of Yoga results in multiple benefits and has been used in cancer management around the world. Evidence shows that yoga can be used in the management of pain and fatigue during cancer treatment.





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S.No	Date	Description	Venue	Audience
01	4 October	Moksh – The saga of Kathakaar by Members of Moksha Art of Dance Company – Moksha Samarasooriya, VihangaRukshan, HarshaSulochana and RakshithaSanjeevani	SVCC auditorium	120
02	7 October	Garba&Dandiya Night at SVCC	SVCC auditorium	100
03	11 October	Dharshan – Lecture demonstration on "Spirituality in BharathaNatyam by Dr. SubashiniPathmanathan	SVCC auditorium	50
04	18 October	Friday Maitnee – Lagaan	SVCC auditorium	30
05	24 October	Diwali celebrations by SVCC staff, teachers & students	SVCC auditorium	120



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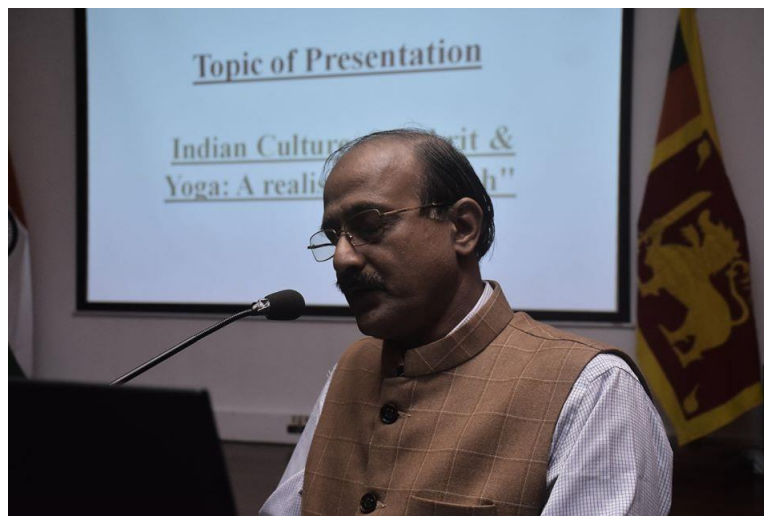
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8th November Lecture – Indian Culture, Sanskrit & Yoga : A Realistic Approach by Prof. N.C.Panda

Prof. N.C.Panda, ICCR Chair Visiting Professor of Sanskrit, Sanskrit studies Centre, Silpakorn University, Bangkok delivered a talk on Indian Culture, Sanskrit & Yoga : A Realistic Approach at the centre. The lecture was attended by many of the Yoga practioners and the event was organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir.

Dr. N.C. Panda is well-known in the field of Indological Research. He combines in him a comprehensive understanding of scholarly issues, impartial judgment and an exemplary clarity of expression. Besides, Dr. Panda is associated with a number of Research Journals in the capacity of an Advisor, Editor and Reviewer in India and abroad.

As an ardent scholar and a successful researcher of Indology, he has contributed more than 112 learned Research papers, attended more than 80 National & International Conferences & Seminars and has written & edited more than 27 Books with *ISBN* Nos.



8th November Diwali Celebrations

High Commission of India celebrated Diwali on 8th November with music, dance food and fun with presence of H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner , officers, officials and local staff and family members.



12 November Guru Nanak Jayanti – 550th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

The High Commission of India commemorated 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji with a talk, documentary screening and soulful rendition of Kirtan/Ardas by Gyaniji from Sri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara, Colombo at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. His Excellency Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and several members of local Sikh community took part in this event. Mrs. Artika Aurora Bakshi delivered a talk on Guru Nanak ji



21 November

Rang Taal – A Tabla recital by Ranga Perera & his disciples

Ranga Perera along with his disciples presented a classical table recital and fusion music item which kept the audience spellbound.

Mr. Ranga Perera completed his M.A. (Tabla) from Indira Kala Sangeeth University, Khairagharh, India. He has been teaching tabla at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre since 2018. Presently he is a distinguished faculty of the University of the Visual & Performing Arts Colombo 07.



23 November at Shankar's International Children's Competition-2020

More than 500 young artistes from all over Sri Lanka expressed their talent beautifully through their art work and essays at the Shankar's International Competition organized by High Commission of India at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 23rd November. Children painted and wrote essays on the topic "Earth is the only home we have, Treasure it" giving a clear message for a saving the natural resources of earth.

H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and interacted with the young talented artistes at this prestigious annual Shankar Art Competition. High Commissioner Sandhu expressed his happiness to see large participation in this annual event which is being organized by the Indian Cultural Centre since last 20 years. H.E. Sandhu requested teachers and parents to encourage their children to take part in such events in coming years which strengthens people to people contact between our countries .



26 November Constitution Day Celebrations

A photography exhibition on 'Making of Indian Constitution' was inaugurated by HE Taranjit Singh Sandhu, the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka on 26 November 2019.

Speaking on the occasion which marked the start of year long celebrations associated with the 70th anniversary of the Indian Constitution, the Deputy High Commissioner Vinod K. Jacob highlighted the importance of the Constitution Day (26 November) and elaborated upon the constitution making process in India leading to the adoption the Constitution, which forms the bedrock of Indian democracy today. The Deputy High Commissioner also emphasized the democratic traditions of India and the significance of the constitution in laying the foundation for a strong, democratic and secular India.

The Exhibition showcases rare photographs of the process of making of the Indian Constitution, meeting of the first Constituent Assembly and its members including Dr B.R. Ambedkar, independent India's first Law Minister and popularly known as Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution.

The inauguration ceremony of the Exhibition was attended by teachers and students of Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS).

The Exhibition was open to public from 26th Novmeber to 28th November at Swami Vivekanada Cultural Centre.





26 November

Kathak Recital by Dumitha Gunawardana

Talented dancer Dumitha Gunawardana captivated the audience with his repertoire. The programme lasted an hour and half was very much appreciated by the audience. Mr. Dumitha Gunawardana disciple of Pt. Rajendra Kumar Gangani of Jaipur Gharana completed his Nipun in Kathak at Bhatkhandhe Sangeet Vidyapeeth, Lucknow, India. He also learnt North Indian Classical Music and Sitar under Prof. Pradeep Ratnayaka, University of Jayawardhanapura.



26 November

Bharatha Natyam Recital by Varisha Narayanan

Upcoming talented young dancer presented a scintillating Bharatha Natyam recital at the Centre. Varisha Narayanan grew up in an atmosphere of music and dance. Her grandmother Smt. Ambika Buch is a renowned Bharatanatyam dancer and teacher and retired senior professor from Kalakshetra Foundation, India. Varisha was initiated into the art by her mother Jyotsna Buch and grandmother Ambika. She later started training under Guru Sri. K M Jayakrishnan, a senior artist and teacher from Kalakshetra Foundation. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Bharatanatyam from the University of Madras.

She has been awarded Best Performer prize from Sri Parthasarathy Swamy Sabha, India, for her performance at their festival for the dance and music season "Bharat Nritya Utsav". Varisha is an integral part of Svanubhava, India. Svanubhava was conceptualized by Smt Bombay Jayashree and Shri T M Krishna with the intention of welcoming the students to the diverse, multicultural world of Indian art and introduce them to the underlying beauty of even the rarest forms.



6,13,20 & 27 November Yoga Programme for Cancer patients

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Events of December 2019 with photographic impressions**

Dance Group from Kandy participates in National Tribal Dance Festival in India

A 12-member dance group led by Mrs. Umah Sritharan, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Kalalayam (Dancing Institution) from Kandy, participated in the National Tribal Dance Festival – 2019 held in Chhattisgarh state of India.

The group mesmerized the audience by showcasing various forms of indigenous dances of Sri Lanka. The Dance festival was held for 3 days from 27-29 December 2019. On the first day 27th December 2019 they performed Pot dance and Harvest dance. The next day, they performed the Raban dance and Sword dance and, on third and final day, they performed Peacock dance.

The dance group was sponsored by the Government of the State of Chhattisgarh and the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR). The group also met with Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Chhattisgarh Mr. Bhupesh Baghel who awarded the group with certificates and memento for the event.

Over 1200 participants from 80 dance groups from all states of India, and from Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Belarus, Thailand and Uganda performed at the National Tribal Dance Festival – 2019.

4th December International Hindi Seminar

The Centre in collaboration with University of Kelaniya organized a International Hindi Seminar at the University of Kelaniya on 4th December. Mr. D.C.Manjunath, Counsellor (Development Cooperation) HCI, Colombo & Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Lakshman Seneviratne, University of Kelaniya graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.





December 13 Rishta - Connectedness

A dance performance by Shasthrapathi Theekshana Liyanage along with his disciples.
Guest performance by Senior Prof. Mahua Mukherjee - Gaudiya Nritya on 13th December at the Centre



14th December Food & Fun fiesta at SVCC

The Centre organized a Food, Fun Fiesta at its premises on 14th December. This was organized by the Hindi class student of the Centre.



15th December Hindi International Conference

Anterrashtriya Hindi Parishad and Aadhaarsheela Vishva Hindi Mission conducted International Conference at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. Senior journalist and the editor of Aadhaarsheela came with other Hindi lovers from India. Sri Lankan Hindi Experts were felicitated by Aadhaarsheela Vishva Hindi Mission. Dr. Monica Sharma Teacher in charge for Hindi at SVCC coordinated the proceedings of the Seminar.



4,11,18 December

SVCC, Colombo and Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital Äpksha. Evidence shows that yoga can be used in the management of pain and fatigue during cancer treatment and due to this the demand for yoga sessions has increased.

