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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
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JANUARY 2020

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Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India

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1	Prof.Nagaraj Neerchal , Vice Chancellor of Chinmaya Mission's lecture for youth and senior's on 11 th January 2020	SVCC auditorium	100	-	Chinmaya Vishwavid yapeeth
2	Cultural performance to celebrate 71 st Republic Day of India – Divine quartet by legendry maestros from India, Grammy winner Pandit Vishva Mohan Bhaat, Grammy nominated Pandit Subhen Chatterjee, Salil Bhaat and Sambit Chatterjee on 25 th January 2020	Bandaranai yake Memorial Internation al Hall	1600	Mahindra and Mahindra Limited, Lanka IOC, Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Airlines, Taj Samudra, and BMICH.	Hon'ble Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and High Commissio ner of India to Sri Lanka Tar anjit Singh Sandhu, p resided over the function. Various Ministers, Members of Parliament , senior officials, diplomats and music

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3	Visit of a composite group 3 member Carnatic instrumental led by Ms .Yoga Vandana Jammalamadaka and 6 member Kathak group led by Mr. Arijeet Mukherjee sent by ICCR, New Delhi from 21-28 January 2020	Jaffna & Hambantota	700-800 guests for each performance	Lanka Ashok Leyland	

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1	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on 9 th January 2020	SVCC Auditorium	120	-	-
2.	World Hindi Day – Vishwa Hindi Diwas on 10 th January 2020	SVCC Auditorium	200	-	-
3	Book Release of the proceedings of the International Hindi Seminar	SVCC Auditorium	200	-	-

	held on 4 th December 2019				
4	4 th Edition of "Nirantara", the annual Hindi journal of SVCC released on 10 th January 2020	SVCC auditorium	200	-	-
5	Bharatha Natyam recital by Krishalini Manimuthu on 17 th January 2020	SVCC auditorium	75	-	
6	An exhibition of "Traditional Arts of India" by artisites from Sri Lanka and India on 25 th January 2020	Bandaranayake Memorial International Hall	1600	Mahindra and Mahindra Limited, Lanka IOC, Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs, Government of Sri Lanka, Sri Lankan Airlines, Taj Samudra, and BMICH.	Hon'ble Mahinda Rajapaksa, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu, presided over the function. Various Ministers, Members of Parliament, senior officials, diplomats and music lovers attended the special cultural event.
7	Dance performance by the students of	India House	750	-	-

	SVCC at the flag hoisting ceremony at India House on 26 th January 2020				
8	Madhur Sandhya – An evening of Bollywood music by Medhavani Ediriweera and her ensemble	SVCC auditorium	120	-	-
9	Yoga for cancer patients 1,8,15,22 & 29 January 2020	Cancer Hospital	15 each session	In collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir	



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1	Wellness for Homes An interactive session with Vaastu expert Mr. S.BS.Surendran from India on 9 th February 2020	SVCC Auditorium	75	-	-
2	Bharatha Natyam & Kathak performances by Bhavajan Kumar, Vincent Paul, & J.Manu on 25 th February 2020	SVCC Auditorium	100	collaboration with Abhinayakshetra School of Dance	

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1	Pamilka Manjitha Karunanayake and ICCR scholars Asya Shivaya & Pablo Grace on 3 February 2020	SVCC Auditorium	120	-	-
2.	16th Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana on 14th February 2020 Students, faculties of University of Jaffna, Eastern	Saraswathie Hall, Colombo	400	collaboration with Hindu Educational Society and Express Newspapers Ceylon Limited.	Actin High Commissioner of India Shri Vinod K.Jacob graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Shri Santhosh

	University of Bataloa, University of Visual and performing Arts, students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, and other music aficionados participated in this festival..				Varma as Guest of Honour.
3	Friday Matinee on 21 st February 2020. Fanaa – Hindi Film	SVCC Auditorium	60	-	-
4	Yoga for cancer patients 5,12,19&26 2020	Cancer Hospital	15 each session	In collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir	-



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1	Curtain raiser events for the IDY 2020 the first event of the series was conducted by Ms. Sujatha Ramabhadran of the Art of Living on 4 th March 2020.	SVCC Auditorium	75	-	-
2	On the occasion of International Women's Day - "Kasturba Katha" a talk on Kasturba Gandhi by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, renowned Gandhian from India on 8 th March 2020	SVCC Auditorium	100	-	-

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1	Holi celebrations on 9 th March 2020	SVCC Auditorium	250	-	9,666/-	-
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Plan of Activities:

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1.	Celebrating International Day of Yoga 2020 Upa Yoga by Dr.N.Gowri Balan,MBBS Classical Hatha Yoga Teacher,Isha Foundation on May 31 st 2020	Online	50	-	-	In collaborating with Astanka Yoga Mandir
2.	An Online certificate Course on Buddhist Rock-Cut Monasteries of ancient India with special reference to Maharashtra 16 sessions from Monday 25 th June – Monday 8 th June 2020	Online	04			Organized in collaboration with Pradaya Heritage Management Services, Pune.
3.	Online Lecture on : "First Farmers of South Asia: with Special Reference to Mewar, Rajasthan, India" by: Dr. Vasant Shinde on 23rd May, 2020	Online	25			Organized in collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardana, nepura,

						University of Ruhuna
4. Celebrating World Culture Day (21 May):						
	i. Performance by: Apeksha Niranjana Mundargi	Online	150			
	ii. Message from Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sonal Mansingh Ji	Online	75			
	iii. Dance performance by Mrs. Meheli Sain Dance Teacher, and Pursuing Ph.D. from Sangit Bhavan, Visva-Bharati, West Bengal, India	Online	50			
5.	Special Online Lecture on: "Archaeology of Early Buddhist Sites in Uttar Pradesh & Bihar, India" by Padma Shri Dr. K. K. Muhammed on 20th May, 2020	Online	75			Organized in collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, University of Ruhuna
6.	Celebrating World Culture Day week-long Online Lecture Series: #5(iii):	Online	75			Organized in collaboration with University

	Topic: "Documenting the Undocumented (Issues and Challenges in Methodology)" (Approaches for Academic Researches in South Asia) By: Senior Professor, Department of Studies & Research in History & Archaeology, Tumkur University, Karnataka, India 17th May, 2020					of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura
7.	Celebrating International Museum Day Special Online Lecture on: "Role of Museums in Society" (with special reference to South Asia) By Prof. Ambika Patel, Head-Department of Museology The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat, India on 17th May, 2020	Online	75			Organized in collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura
8.	Celebrating World Culture Day week-long Online Lecture "Connecting Spaces: Ships, Coins & the Sea in India in the First Millennium CE"	Online	75			Organized in collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of

	(Approaches for Academic Researches in South Asia) By: Dr. Shailendra Bhandare, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford 16th May, 2020					Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura
9.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series: "Konkan Petroglyphs: Recent Perspectives in the field of Rock Art" (Highlighting models and approaches for academic researchers in South Asia) 20th May, 2020	Online	75			collaboration with University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Puratattva Samvardhan, India
10.	Celebrating World Culture Day (with a week-long Online Lecture series: "Rock Art: Problems & Prospects" (Highlighting models and approaches for academic researchers in South Asia) 19th May 2020	Online	75			collaboration with University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Puratattva Samvardhan, India
11.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series: "Social Zooarchaeology"	Online	75			Collaboration with University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura

	(Highlighting models and approaches for academic researches in South Asia) 18th May 2020					nepura, Puratattva Samvardhan, India
12.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series: "IRON TECHNOLOGY IN INDIA: EMERGENCE, DEVELOPMENT & LEGACY" (Highlighting models and approaches for academic researches in South Asia) By: Vibha Tripathi, Prof. (Emeritus) Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture, & Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, India 16th May,	Online	75			In collaboration with Quafila Foundation, India, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardana nepura
13.	Celebrating World Culture Day (May 21, 2020) with a week-long Online Lecture Series: Online Lecture #5: "A Retrospective Study of Prehistoric Evidences of the Himalayas" (Highlighting models and approaches for	Online	75			Collaboration with University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardana nepura, Puratattva Samvardhan, India

	academic researches in South Asia) 16th May, 2020					
14.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series: "Chalcolithic Culture of Maharashtra & Burial Remains" (Highlighting models and approaches for academic researches in South Asia) 15th May, 2020	Online	75			collaboration with University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanepura, Puratattva Samvardhan, India
15.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series : "Sanauli Excavation: A Turning Point of Indian Archaeology" By: Dr. Sanjay Manjul, Joint DG, Archaeological Survey of India 14th May, 2020	Online	75			collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanepura
16.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series "Impact of Agriculture on Human Population" Historical, Archaeological, and	Online	75			collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri

	Anthropological Perspectives (with special reference to India) (This would suggest models and approaches for academic researches in South Asia on the topic) 14th May, 2020					Jayawarda nepura
	TAGORE UTSAV : Celebrating 159th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore ! Performance Dance By Malini Shyanadee 7 th May, 2020	Online	100			
17.	Celebrating World Culture Day with a week-long Online Lecture Series: "Connecting Spaces: Ships, Coins & the Sea in India in the First Millennium CE" (Approaches for Academic Researches in South Asia) By: Dr. Shailendra Bhandare, Ashmolean Museum, Oxford 16th May, 2020	Online	75			collaboration with Adventures in Archeology, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawarda nepura
18.	Week long lecture by Swami Swaroopananda	Online	150			In collaboration with

						Chinmaya Mission
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1. Celebrating International Day of Yoga 2020						
	i. Free Online Yoga Workshops for the Vice Chancellors of Sri Lankan Universities on 31 st May 2020	Online	10	-	-	in collaboration with the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka
	ii. Commencement of IDY 2020 by launching the poster for Yoga Asana Championship 2020 May 21 st 2020	Online	-	-	-	-
	iii. Free Online Yoga Workshops of the Students Sri Lankan Universities on 30 th May 2020	Online	100	-	-	in collaboration with the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka
	iv. Free Online Yoga Workshops of the Students and Staff of University of Colombo on 30 th May 2020	Online	100	-	-	in collaboration with the Colombo University
	v. Free Online Yoga Workshops of the Students and Staff of University of Colombo on 30 th May 2020	Online	100			in collaboration with the Colombo University
	vi. Yoga and Art of Movements by Ashley Fagnoli Board Certified Dance/Movements Therapist Classical Hatha Yoga Teacher, Isha Foundation 24 th May 2020	Online	100			in collaborating with Astanka Yoga Mandir
2. Celebrating World Culture Day on 21st May 2020						

01	Kathak Recital by Nruthya Visharada Dumitha Gunawardana.	Online	125			
02	Dedicated to Ayurveda Message from Dr. Nayana Rashika Rajapaksha, Ayurvedic Community Medical Officer, Northwestern province, Sri Lanka	Online	50			
03	Message from Yasotha Siva ji, Art of Living, Sri Lanka	Online	35			
04	Message from Shri B.K. Suraj, Senior Raja Yogi, Brahma Kumaris	Online	40			
05	A Literary Performance : By Pankaj Sinha, an active member of Indian Diaspora in Sri Lanka *The Cages we carry	Online	25			
06	Bharatanatyam Performance by Dr. <u>Subashini Pathmanathan</u>	Online	50			
07	Celebrating World Culture Day A Literary (Hindi) Performance : By Pankaj Sinha, an active member of Indian Diaspora in Sri Lanka	Online	30			
08	Dedicated to Ayurveda Message from Dr. Rangika Madhuwanthi Matarage, BAMS (UOC), Ayurvedic doctor at Rakwana Ayurveda Hospital, Srilanka	Online	50			
09	Dedicated to Ayurveda Message from Dr. M. W. S. Madurangani (BAMS-University of Colombo)	Online	55			

10	Dedicated to Ayurveda Message from Dr R.W.A. Dinesha, BAMS (Colombo), Ayurveda Central Dispensary Bulathkohupitiya	Online	60			
11	A Joint Collaboration of Sri Lankan & Indian Artists Dance by Sree Bandyopadhyay (Final year student of Delhi Kathak Kendra - Post Diploma Course, Lucknow Gharana under Pt. Jaikishan Maharaj ji) Vocalist by Poorba Patatunda Tabla by Yogesh Solanki Sitar by Nruthya Visharad Dumitha Gunawardana	Online	70			
12	Workshop on: Mind & Me: Mindfulness based Cognitive Therapy Date: 17th May, 2020	Online	40			
13	Free Online Yoga session for women by Sona Jain on 23 rd & 24 th May 2020	Online	35			
14	Online Kids Yoga by Mrs. Sona Jain on 16 th & 17 th May 2020	Online	20			
TAGORE UTSAV : Celebrating 159th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 7th May 2020						
01	Performance By Khanika Eranda Edirimanne, studied from Bhatkhande Music Institute Deemed University, India Currently learning Sitar from Dr. Nirmala Kumari, our Sitar Teacher	Online	30			
02	A Tribute Message from Mr. Chandana Wickremasinghe, Alumni of Shanthi Niketan, and Founder of	Online	50			

	Chandana Wickramasinghe Dancer's Guild▶					
03	Online Broadcasting of Documentaries on and About Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and His Works: The Story of Gitanjali (in English) : The Story of Gitanjali (in Bengali) : In the Land of Chhinnopatro: English Colours of Dreams: English	Online	45			
04	A Tribute to Gurudev by Miss Kalasoori Vasugy Jegatheeswaran and her students.	Online	40			
05	A song tribute by Janith Sasindu, a student of Swarnajayanthi Mahavidyalaya, Kegalle.	Online	30			
06	A tribute by Sudhara Dineth Mayadunna, a Sitar student of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. Being trained by Dr. Nirmala Kumari Rodrigo	Online	45			
07	A tribute by Sahana Karthik, a Carnatic Music Student of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre.	Online	30			
08	A Bharatha Natyam dance tribute by Dr. Subhashini Padmanathan	Online	40			
09	A Kathak dance tribute by Miss Moksha Samarasooriya and her students.	Online	50			
10	A Tribute by Colombo Expats Cultural Association (CECA).	Online	30			

11	A Tribute: A Musical Jugalbandi by Sri Lankan and Indian Artists [Mr. Pamalka Manjitha (Sri Lanka) & Ms. Moumita Mitra (India)]	Online	60			
12	A Dance Tribute by 9 years old budding Child Artist, and our student, Orgha Goswami.	Online	70			
13	A poem tribute by Veena Durgabakshi, President of Colombo Toastmasters Club and an energy healer	Online	30			
14	Rabindra sangeet by Mrs. Thilini Rodrigo Yadav	Online	55			
15	A Musical Tribute by Mr. Lankesha Katugampala, a budding Sri Lankan artist, learning Hindi, Bangala and Rabindra Sangeet !!	Online	60			
16	A Tribute by Kalasuri Deshanethru Dr. Arunthathy Sri Ranganathan and her students	Online	40			
17	A Tribute by Thilini Munasinghe : B.A. from Viswa Bharati University, Santiniketan, Kolkata M.A. From Mahatma Gandhi Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra Lecturer in Music Education at Metropolitan College Research Scholar at University of the Visual & Performing Arts, Sri Lanka	Online	40			
18	A Tribute by Mr. Lahiru Gimhana Komangoda ICCR Alumni Scholar Studied Sangeet Visharad & Sangeet Nipun at Bhatkhande Sangit Vidyapith/Bhatkhande Music Institute University Studied at Ramjas College, University of Delhi Studied M.A.Music at University of	Online	60			

	Delhi Studied B.A.(Hons) Music at Indira Kala Sangit Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.					
19	Musical tribute by Sangit Nipun, Shasthrapathi Asith Chanushka Atapattu, working as a lecturer at the University of the Visual & Performing Arts. In 2004, I received the ICCR scholarship to pursue Bachelor of Performing Arts Degree in Hindusthani Classical Vocal Music. In 2009, I completed my Master of Music at Banaras Hindu University. In 2013 I got the opportunity to study for my PhD Degree at Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, West Bengal. During my PhD studies I got the opportunity to learn Rabindra Sangit and about Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore."	Online	50			
20	As part of the 6th International Day of Yoga SVCC, Colombo commenced a special online yoga programme titled "Yoga for Youth" for the students of University of Kelaniya. The session was conducted by Mr. Vyasah Kalyanasundaram, Yoga Instructor of SVCC, Colombo..4-21 st May 2020	Online	200			
21	'A Ray of Genius' - A tribute to Satyajit Ray (1921-1992), on his Birth Anniversary, by Shri Raghvendra Singh, IAS, CEO, Development of Museums and Cultural Spaces, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.	Online	30			



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02	International Yoga Day & World Music Day on 21 st June 2020	Online	150	-	-

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01	Carnatic Vocal Recital by Ms. Yathunanthini Ramanathan	Online	90	-	-
02	6 th International day of Yoga at Army Head Quarters	Army Head Quarters	1000	-	His Excellency the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka along with Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of

					Sri Lanka Army along with various dignitaries and armed forces personnel participated in the session.
03	National Yoga Asana Championship 2020: Final Results announced on 21 st June 2020	Online	150	-	-
04	Yoga for Youth on 21 st June 2020	Taj Samudra	100	-	the High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest
05	Bharatha Natyam recital by Thushyanthy Velayuthan on 19 th June 2020	Online	120	-	-
06	International webinar on Hindi Literature 20 th June 2020	Online	200	-	-
07	Yoga for all by Sona Jain on 14 th June 2020	Online	75	-	-

08	Yoga for Kids by Sona Jain on 13 th June 2020	Online	30	-	-
09	Hindustani Vocal Recital by Asith Chanushka Atapattu on 12 th June 2020	Online	150	-	-
10	Yoga for Women by Sona Jain on 5 th June 2020	Online	50	-	-
11	Kathak Recital by Theekshana Liyanange on 4 th June 2020	Online	100	-	



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01	Celebrated Esala Poya 2020 with a webinar of Sri Lankan and Indian scholars Topic : "Dhamma for Global well-being" With special reference to the	Online	600		

	Buddhist Philosophy of "Sabbe Satta Bhavantu Sukhitatta" On July 4th 2020				
02	Online cookery demonstration Haritha Innovation - Taste of Kerala- "Pidiyum Kozhiyirachiyum" By Mr. Hari Krishnan and Mrs. Anitha Hari Krishnan On 11th July 2020	Online	500	-	-
03	MAITERY Initiative for Mutual Cooperation and Capacity Building at Village Level : Under its Maitery initiative, our Centre has collaborated with local partners to develop a full-fledged training center for children at Kiula Village (Hungama) with focus on both curricular and extra-curricular skills. On this occasion, Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Dr. Rewant	Hungama, Hambantota District	-	-	-

	Vikram Singh, planted fruit-bearing trees with the local partners and children. He also interacted with them over a period of 2 days, and gifted them a set of Tabla and sitar as well as eco-friendly bags and face masks. 10 & 11th July 2020				
04	A Live Musical Concert Paying Tribute to Bollywood Actors Rishi Kapoor, Irfan Khan & Sushant Singh Rajput By Hemal Wahalathanthri, Palinda Udawela Arachchi , Khanika Edirimanna and Colombo Oriental Group on 17th July 2020	Online	1000	-	-
05	Master Sai Dinakar, prize winner of the Global Art Competition "United Against CORONA – Express Through	SVCC Auditorium	-	-	-

	Art" launched by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, in April 2020. His artwork titled "Lets Defeat Covid - 19, under the 'Digital Art' Category, won the Best Entry Award from Sri Lanka. He was awarded with cash prize and an appreciation letter by the Director of SVCC, Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh on 22nd July 2020				
06	Prize Giving of "My Life My Yoga Video Blogging contest", organized by Ministry of Ayush, Government of India, in June, 2020. Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director of SVCC,Colombo distributed the prizes to the winners on 23 July 2020	SVCC Auditorium	-	-	
07	Celebrated 22nd Foundation Day of SVCC,Colombo on 30th July 2020	Online	2000	-	Special messages were given on the occasion by His Excellency Shri Gopal Baglay, High

	#1 Bharatha Natyam performance by Ajiksha, Bharatha Natyam student of the Centre #2 Carnatic Vocal performance by Avineash Amarna and Amriytha Amarnath, Carnatic Vocal students of the Centre #3 Song by the Hindi class student of the Centre, Methmal Suraweera #4 Message from Ms. Anjali Goswami, Paernt of Orgha Goswami, Violin class student of the Centre #5 Speech about Holi festival by Ms.Hiruni Nipuli, Hindi class student #6 Violin performance by Ms . K.A Sandali Chanuka				Commissioner of India Shri Dinesh K.Patnaik, Director General, ICCR, New Delhi Former Directors of the Centre, Mrs. Rajashree Behera and Mr. M.Ramachandran
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Perera , Visharad Part-02 violin class student of the Centre. #7 Message from Mr.Ganeshamoorthy, both his daughter and son are learning Carnatic Vocal Music and Hindi at the Centre. #8 Message from Vahini Vadivalakan, student of Carnatic Vocal class #9 Message from Divani Kugan, former Carnatic Vocal student of the Centre #10 Message from Sainthavi Vadivalakan, Carnatic Vocal Class student #11 Performance by Pooja Harish , former Carnatic				
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	Vocal class student of the Centre #12 Message from Sagunthala Ravi Cabarel's, mother of Prathiyotha, Bharatha Natyam student of the Centre #13 Song by Ms. Deshani Vithanage, past pupil of the Centre #14 Sitar performance by Yashoda Wijesingha student from the sitar class #15 Performance by Yelani Wijesooriya, Bharatha Natyam student of the Centre . #16 Message from Mrs Maddhvi Mallawarachchi mother of Nipunika student of Sitar class.				
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	#17 Message from Mrs. Senanayake parent of one of the Hindi class students of the Centre. #18 Message from Priyanjali Gunawardhana parent of Hasali Sanders & Ravini Sanders, Hindi class students of the Centre. #19 Duet song by Sethsiluni Danoja & Sithumini Hasara, Advanced Level (A/L) Hindi class students of the Centre. #20 Violin presentation by Chamika Kariyawasam, Level 100 Hindi class student. #21 Message from former student of the Centre Sajani Withana.				
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	#22 Ishini Awishka Bandara, Level 100 class student presented a song #23 Hindi Advanced Level (A/L) & 100 level course student Pasangi Vageesha presented a song. #24 Hindi Advanced Level (A/L) class student Tharupa Senanayaka Presented a Bharata Natyam item. #25 Hindi class student, Monilka Gunathilaka, presented a song. She is an Advanced Level(A/L) Hindi class student #26 Level 100 , Hindi class student, Melani Jayasundaram, presented a speech on Environment.				
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	#27 Hindi class student of the Centre,Nadeesha Darshani presented a song. she is following level 100 course at the Centre. #28 Hindi class student of the Centre, Samanali Rajakaruna, presenting a poem in Hindi. She is following level 300 course in Hindi at the Centre. #29 Yoga student of SVCC,Colombo Kenneth Christie: My name is Kenneth Christie. I'm 72 years old and have been practicing yoga at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre since 2011 #30 Message from Prof.Anura Manatunga,Professor of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.				
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	#31 Message from Mr. Ravibandhu Vidyapathy, A dancer, choreographer and a musician whose ancestral lineage goes back to six generations of traditional dancers and temple painters of Sri Lanka.				
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Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Remarks/Details of Honorarium
01	Bollywood classics and contemporary musical evening by Adv. Greeny and Alish (The father-son duo) from India On 9 August 2020	Online	750	--	-
02	Theatrical performance of the drama "Hidimbi- an Arrow from the Past", by Gayathri Govind from Kerala on 1 st August 2020	Online	1000	-	-

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	Remarks
01	Binara Poya Celebrations : "Online Workshop on Buddhist Heritage	Online	600		-

	Management and Conservation" Special Focus: #Ladakh #Ajanta #SriLanka on 31 August 2020				
02	Prize Giving of Essay Writing Competition Organized on the occasion of the celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the Indian Constitution and 129th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution on August 28 th 2020	SVCC auditorium	25	-	-
03	Sitar Recital by K.D.Prasantha Kurugama on 27 th August 2020	Online	1000	-	-
04	Cookery Demo – Snacks with Nutritional Value By Amita Sinha on 21 st August 2020	Online	750	-	-
06	Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre presented cultural items (dance) on the occasion of 74 th Independence Day of India – flag	India House	200	-	-

	hoisting ceremony at India House				
07	<i>On the occasion of 74th Independence Day of India wishes were sent by various cultural personalities:</i> Message from Chandana Wickramasinghe , Dancer and Founder of Chandana Wickramasinghe & The Dancers' Guild Sri Lanka Message from Prof. (Ms.) Prashanthi Narangoda ,Department of Fine Arts,Visual Arts & Design and Performing Arts Unit,University of Kelaniya and Director, SAARC Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka Message from Chandraguptha Thenuwara, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Visual Art,University of Visual and Performing Arts	Online	700	-	-

	and Founder of Vibhavi Academy of Fine Arts Soundarie David Rodrigo is a pianist, accompanist, music director and music educationalist and Founder of Sri Lanka's premiere female ensemble, 'Soul Sounds'. Message from Ravibandhu Vidyapathy, dancer, choreographer and a musician of Sri Lanka. Message from Upeka Chitrasena De Silva, Renowned Sri Lankan Dancer, Vice Chairman of the Chitrasena Vajira Dance Foundation and Managing Director of the				
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	Chitrasena Dance Company Message from Gandhi Peace Price Awardee and founder of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka, Dr. A.T.Ariyaratne				
	Celebrated Nikini Poya Day Mindfulness in Every Day life, workshop for Children by Ven.Kamburuwala Rewatha Thero on 2nd August 2020	Online	750	-	-



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01	"En Kaadale" – A musical tribute to Padma Bhushan S.P.Balasubramanyam by Anoop Shankar on 27 th September 2020	Online	23,000	-	-

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S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience	Details of local support	Remarks
01	Bharatha Natyam Performance by Mohanapriyan Thavarajah Bachelors & Masters in Fine Arts (2005-2012) at Kalai Kaviri College of Fine Arts, affiliate of Bharathidasan University, India 11 th September 2020	Online	750		-

02	Hindi Diwas Celebrations -2020 n 14 th September 2020	SVCC auditorium	160	-	-
03	7 th International Congress 2020 (SOSAA) on 18 th September 2020	University of Sri Jayawardenapura	150	-	
04	TRATAKA – Yogic Eye Care by Donisha Mylendran Certified Yoga Instructor from S-Vyasa Yoga University, Bangalore on 20 th September 2020	Online	600	-	-
05	Violin Recital by Kelum Sanjeewa on 23 rd September 2020	Online	750	-	-
06	Tribute to Pandit Jasraj Hindustani Vocal Recital by Rashmi Sangeetha, Lecturer, University of Visual and Performing Arts on 30 th September 2020	Online	1000	-	-
07	“Ahimsa and Sustainable Living” Celebrating Adhi-Vap Poya and Culmination of celebrations for 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi On 30 th September 2020	Online	1000	-	-



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01	Online Certificate Course in Buddhist Studies (32 hours with 16 sessions)	Online	50		In collaboration with Dept. of Buddhist Studies PTVA's Sathaya College, Mumbai and Pradaya Heritage Management Services, Pune

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01	Yoga for Weight Management by Vyasah Kalyanasundaram, Yoga Instructor of SVCC, Colombo and Founder, Astanka Yoga Mandir, Sri Lanka on Saturday, 31 st October, 2020	Online	1200	-	

02	VAP Poya – 2020 with online Dhamma discourse on Apannaka Jataka with <i>Ven. Batuwangala Rahula Thero and Kamburawala Rewatha Thero</i> on 29 th October 2020	Online	750		-
03	A Tribute to Padma Bhushan S.P.Balasubramanyam by Kaathalil team led by Soundarie David Rodriog, renowned pianist on 25 th October 2020	Online	1550	-	-
04	In the gracious presence of Hon. PM Mahinda Rajapaksa, SVCC students and ICCR scholarship holders performed 'Vaishnav Jan to Tene Kahiye', one of favourite bhajans of Mahatma Gandhi, at Temple Trees, the official residence of the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka On 2nd October 2020 Celebrating culmination of 150th	Temple Trees (Resident of Prime Minister)	50	-	

	Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi				
05	Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, SVCC, celebrated culmination of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with volunteers from 150 villages at Sarvodaya, Sri Lanka	Sarvodaya	1000	-	-



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01	Tabla Recital Sudip Chatterjee on 5 th November 2020	Online	750	-	-

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01	Guru Nanak Jayanti Celebrations on 30 th November 2020	Sri Guru Nanak Darbar, Colombo	100	-	
02	ILL Poya – 2020 with online Dhamma discourse on Wannupatha Jataka with <i>Ven. Batuwangala Rahula Thero and Kamburawala Rewatha Thero</i> on 28 th November 2020	Online	700		-
03	"Morning Raaga" an online Hindustani vocal concert by Lahiru	Online	800	-	-

	Gimhana Komangoda on Sunday 15th November 2020				
04	Swagatham Krishna - The facebook live dance performance on the occasion of Diwali 202 by Aru Sri Art theatre on 14 th November 2020	Online	1000	-	-
05	Webinar on "Ayurveda & Immunity" on Ayurveda Day 2020 on 13 th November 2020 by Indian and Sri Lankan scholars	Online	800	-	
06	Webinar on "Potential Role of Ayurveda in Mitigating COVID19" on Ayurveda Day 2020 on 13 th November 2020 by Indian and Sri Lankan scholars	Online	850	-	-



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01	Snack time – Quick & Party Recipes from North India. An online cookery demonstration by Sapna Mehra on 5 th December 2020	Online	1000	-	-
02	Sarod Recital by Arnab Bhattacharya from India Accompanied on Tabla by Nilimesh Chakraborty On 9 th December 2020	Online	750	-	-

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01	To commemorate Unduvap Full Moon Poya day, Swami Vivekananda	Online	700	-	-

	Cultural Centre (SVCC), the cultural arm of the High Commission of India, organized an online Dhamma Discourse on "Serivaniya Jataka" on 28 December 2020. The Dhamma Discourse was delivered in Sinhala by Venerable Batuwangala Rahula Thero, and in English by Venerable Kamburawala Rewatha Thero.				
02	Know about inscriptions from Sri Lanka - Webinar on Tuesday, 22nd December 2020 'Sri Lankan Epigraphy' by Dr. Dammi Bandara Archaeological Research officer Epigraphy and Numismatic Section	Online	700	Organized by Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra,	Organized on the occasion of the Archaeology Week and the Numismatic Day

	Department of Archaeology of Sri Lanka Colombo, Sri Lanka			Department of Ancient Indian Culture, Sathaye College, Mumbai & Pradaya Heritage Management Services, Pune in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka	
03	Webinar on Sri Lankan numismatics and epigraphy On Monday, 21st December 2020 Ancient Coins used in Sri Lanka by Mr. Namal Kodithuwakku Director Epigraphy and Numismatic Section Department of Archaeology of Sri Lanka	Online	750	Organized by Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra, Department of Ancient Indian	This webinar is organized on the occasion of the Archaeology Week and the Numismatic Day

	Colombo, Sri Lanka			Culture, Sathaye College, Mumbai & Pradaya Heritage Management Services, Pune in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka	
04	A lecture on 'A brief history of Archaeological Studies in Sri Lanka' by Prof. Anura Manatunga Senior Professor Department of Archaeology University of Kelaniya Sri Lanka on 20 th December 2020	Online	800	Organized by Centre of Archaeology, Centre for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Mumbai, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra, Department of Ancient Indian Culture, Sathaye	On the occasion of the Archaeology Week and the Numismatic Day

				College, Mumbai & Pradaya Heritage Management Services, Pune in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka	
05	Margazhi Utsavam 2020 with 'Kadhambari' Disciples of Kalasuri Vasugi Jegatheeswaran presented a 3 day dance festival. The festival includes Traditional Bharatha Natyam performances, Folk dance performances & Fusion dance performances on 18 th , 19 th & 20 th December 2020.	Online	2000	-	In collaboration with Natya Kala Mandhir
06	Launch of Greeting Cards based on paintings made	SVCC Auditorium	30	-	High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Shri Gopal

	by children from care homes all over Sri Lanka.				Baglay, and Hon'ble Prof. G.L Peiris, Minister of Education, Government of Sri Lanka, attended the launch The Greeting Cards are products of a unique painting competition which aims to creatively engage kids of orphanages during this unfortunate pandemic period. It received 4375 Paintings from 369 Orphanages all over Sri Lanka. 60 paintings were selected to print Greeting Cards. In Phase 2 of the competition, which would be organized when the Pandemic situation becomes normal for gathering, kids, whose paintings have been selected, and their teachers/caregivers would be invited to Colombo and would be hosted in Taj Samudra, a 5 Star Hotel. They would stay in the hotel and
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					participate in Phase 2 of the competition. Prizes totalling LKR 1.18 Million would be given to the winners of the competition. This laudable initiative was undertaken by Colombo Expats Cultural Association comprising Indian expats among others.
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