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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
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Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience
01	An online cookery demonstration - Appam and Chicken stew with a Mughlai twist" by Tabbassum Karun on Saturday, 20 th February, 2021	Online	750

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01	Natya Pravaham – An Online dance performance by Aru Sri Art theatre on 12 th February 2021	Online	800
02	On the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, the first e-poetry seminar of Mahila Kavya Manch Colombo was launched on 16 th February 2021	Online	750
03	Three day International conference on Buddhist philosophy and its role in inculcating values among youth 17-19 February 2021 SVCC facilitated the participants from Sri Lanka	Online	1000
04	To commemorate Druthu Full Moon Poya day, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), the cultural arm of the High Commission of India, organized an online Dhamma session 9 – Dewadarma Jataka" on 25 th February 2021 The Dhamma Discourse was delivered in Sinhala by Venerable Batuwangala Rahula Thero, and by Ven.Dr.Maitipe Wimalasara Maha Thera	Online	300



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01	Bhajan Recital by Poulami Chanda from India on 5 th January 2021	Online	750

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01	Pravasi Bharathiya Diwas celebrations	SVCC	25
02	World Hindi Diwas Celebrations by SVCC students (Online) dance performance / poetry recitations/singing & speech on 10 th January 2021 An online competition was also held for the students	Online	1000
03	To commemorate World Hindi Day, an international webinar was organized by Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo, in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo, on 12th January, 2021.	Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo	100
04	Celebrated Pongal with an online dance performance by Dr. Subashini Pathmanthan on 14 th January 2021	Online	1000
05	Celebrated Parakrama Diwas with online cultural performances on 23 rd January 2021	Online	1000
06	To celebrate the Republic Day of India the Students of the Centre presented cultural items at India House on 26 th January 2021	India House	250

	Indian community in Sri Lanka also presented few cultural items		
07	To commemorate Druthu Full Moon Poya day, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), the cultural arm of the High Commission of India, organized an online Dhamma session 8 - Chullasetti Jataka" on 27 th January 2021 The Dhamma Discourse was delivered in Sinhala by Venerable Batuwangala Rahula Thero, and in English by Venerable Kamburawala Rewatha Thero.	Online	750
08	Lecture Demonstration "Arpana" by Dr. Subashini Pathmanthan – Use and Development of poetic version in classical Bharatha Natyam on 29 th January 2021	Online	1250
09	Celebrated Martyrs Day with online performances on 30 th January 2021	Online	1000
10	Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishnan, an internationally acclaimed Gandhia presented a vitual tribute on 'Mahatma Gandhi's Tryst with Peace', on 73rd Martyrs' Day on 30 th January 2021	Online	1000



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1.	4 th March 2021	Kathak Recital by PriyalNajpande	Online
2.	8 th March 2021	Celebration of International Womens Day- M2M- Menstruation to Menopause by Dr. AneeshaRajendram	Online
3.	11 th March 2021	"Sathyam, Sivam, Sundaram" - A Classical BharathaNatya Recital with illustrations by Dr. SubashiniPathmanathan	Online
4.	15 th March 2021	International Maths Day Celebration with Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash	Online
5.	19 th March 2021	An evening of Hindustani Vocal Recital by Soma Mukherjee	Online
6.	27 th March 2021	Poya Dhamma Desana – MadinPoya – Makhadeva Jataka	Online
7.	27 th March 2021	Celebrating 75 Years of India's Independence with 1st "Sri Lanka Varshik Holi Kavi Sammelan"	Online
8.	27 th March 2021	Rangoli competition for Holi	Online

9.	29 th March 2021	Nritya Prava -Bharatha Natyam Performed by Anusua Sur Mondal and Rahul Dev Mondal	Online
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01	World Dance Day celebrated with a Kathak Performance by Aditi Chakraborty on 29th April 2021	Online	1000

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01	Buddhist Brotherhood of Sri Lanka performed a special prayers for people of India on 29th April 2021. Pray for India - Chanting Rathana Sutta at the Kapilavastu Buddha Relics Chamber of Waskaduwa Rajaguru Sri Subhuthi Maha Viharaya, Sri Lanka. Under auspices of Most Venerable Dr Waskaduwa Mahindawansa Mahanayake Thero	Online	-
02	Three-day Dhamma Yatra by Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center 2-26 th April 2021	-	-
03	Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, SVCC, attended the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the construction of the Raja Gopuram (the Pinnacle) of the Shirdi Sai Baba Temple at Kotahena, Colombo on 22 April 2021	Kotahena, Sai Baba temple	100
04	A lecture on Ramayana trail in Sri Lanka by Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan on 21st April 2021	Online	800
5	The Centre got the privileged to renew an old association. Aggamahapandita Dr. Walpola Piyananda blessed the High Commission's cultural centre with his presence on 6th April 2021	SVCC	-

6	High Commissioner commenced celebration of #IndiaAt75 in #SriLanka by inaugurating an 'India Corner' at the, in the presence of Vice Chancellor Ven. Dr. Bodagama Chandima Thero. #AzadiKaAmritMahotsav High Commissioner also participated in alms giving ceremony for the Maha Sangha and invoked their blessings for a happy and prosperous new year for everyone on 9th April 2021.	Nagananda International Institute for Buddhist Studies, Kelaniya	-
7	Culmination of a voluntary effort by Indian expatriates for the children of #SriLanka. A hallmark event of #Indiaat75 in #lka, the finals of nation wide painting competition for children of child care homes across the country. 4,375 children participated in the competition. The event was organized by Colombo Expats Cultural Association with the support from High Commission of India, Ministry of Education, #GOSL among others on 11th April 2021	Taj Samudra	
8	Bharatha Natyam performance by Raajalakshmi Iyer on 12th April 2021	Online	1000
9	Floral Tributes by High Commissioner and other officials to Dr. B.R Ambedkar on his 130th birth anniversary, as a grateful nation remembers the key architect of its Constitution and his eternal contribution to equality and justice. Ambedkar Jayanti on 14th April 2021	India House	-
10	Ambedkar Jayanti was observed at the Maha Pirivena in Ratmanala. Speaking on the occasion, Most Ven.Dr.Maitipe Wimalasara Thero highlighted the contributions made by Dr.Ambedkar and its relevance in the current times. High Commissioner underlined millennia-old commonalities between India and SriLanka and conveyed his NewYear wishes. A cultural program by young monks at the Pirivena included speeches and poem recital on Dr.Ambedkar, who embraced Buddhism in 1956 on 14 th April 2021	Maha Pirivena in Ratmanala.	-

11	71st Foundation Day of Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi. Special online messages and performances by Sri Lanka ICCR scholars on 9th April 2021	Online	-
12	The blockbuster Bollywood movie 'Gully Boy' was successfully screened today at the Colombo Edition of Jaffna International Film Festival Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, SVCC, High Commission of India, Colombo, delivered the concept note and introduced the movie to the audience. On 6th April 2021	National Film Corporation	100
13	Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, SVCC, attended New Year Alms Giving at Ratmalana Parama Dhamma Chethya, Maha Pirivena Temple on 3rd & 4th April, 2021 and invoked the blessings of the Maha Sangha for Peace, Prosperity, and Health of All	Ratmalana Parama Dhamma Chethya, Maha Pirivena Temple	100



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01	A musical tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on his 160th birth anniversary by Sri Arnab Bhattacharya on Sarod and Nilimesh Chakraborty on Tabla on 7 th May 2021.	Online	1000
02	Rabindra Sangeet by Tiya Chatterjee on the occasion of 160 th Birth Anniversary of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on 9 th May 2021	Online	1200
03	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Yoga Chikithsa , " Siddha & Pandemic Managing Covid 2nd Wave in India" by Dr R. Vetrivendan (B.S.M, MSc.- Yoga Therapy) on 10th May 2021	Online	450
04	Cookery Demonstration for Eid Festival – Layered Vermicelli cake by Ms. Rumi Goswami on 13 th May 2021	Online	1000
05	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Yoga for Kids by Niby Sujesh on 15 th May 2021	Online	65
06	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Yoga for all by Sona Jain on 15 th May 2021	Online	70
07	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Sthree yoga by Niby Sujesh on 23 rd May 2021	Online	35
08	Bharatha Natyam recital by Meera Santosh Iyer and her disciple on 28 th May 2021.	Online	1200

09	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Mental Health by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar,Yoga Expert on 29 th May 2021.	Online	650
10	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Yoga for Beauty by Niby Sujesh on 30 th May 2021	Online	80
11	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session - Power Yoga for Beginner by Niby Sujesh on 6 th June 2021	Online	94
12	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Diabetes Management by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar,Yoga Expert on 6 th June 2021.	Online	766

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01	In a moving gesture , Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs conducted a 7-day recital of the sacred Rathana Sutra for the health and well-being of people of #India from 6 th May 2021.	Online	1500
02	Online dance and music competition on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti on 6 th May 2021	Online	2500

03	Online Film Festival Celebrating Rare Satyajit Ray Films in Collaboration with Films Division, India, Festival of Rare Films as part of year-long Satyajit Ray Centenary Celebrations from 7-9 May 2021	Online	1000
04	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – For the students and staff members of the University of Colombo on 8 th May 2021	Online	550
06	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – Yogic Sukshama Vyayama for weight management by Ms. Sarathaevi Sivakumar, Hatha Yoga instructor and Dr. Aneeha Rajendram, M.B.B.S and Hatha yoga instructor on 15 th May 2021	Online	320
07	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session-Yoga Nidra by Ms. Premy Sadeshkumar, Hatha Yoga Instructor and Ms. Sridhana Ganeshamoorthy, Hatha Yoga Instructor on 23 rd May 2021.	Online	268
08	Vesak – Buddha Poornima Celebrations – Bakthi Geeth performances by Sri Lankan and Indian diaspora children on 26 th May 2021	Online	3000
09	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session- Spiritual aspects of Patanjali Yoga Sutra by Mr. Asanka Liyanage, Founder of Living Eye Yoga Ashrama on 28 th May 2021	Online	100
10	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session - Chair Yoga for all ages Selladurai Vijayarani, Hatha Yoga Instructor and Dinusha Wickremesekera, Hatha Yoga Instructor on 5 th June 2021	Online	316

11	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event – Online yoga session – How to evolve from Asana to Advance Asana by Mr.Raju Mehanadas, Hatha Yoga Coach on 6 th March 2021	Online	295
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01	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Yoga for diabetes management” -by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar (Yoga Expert) -on 6 th June 2021	Online	766
02	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Power Yoga for beginner” -by Nibi Sujesh -on 6 th June 2021	Online	94
03	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Yoga for blood pressure management” -by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar,Yoga Expert on 9 th June 2021	Online	838
04	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Yoga for weight loss” by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 12 th June 2021	Online	969
05	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Yoga for skin care (managing skin diseases)” by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 14 th June 2021.	Online	538
06	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)–“Yoga for Eyesight Management” by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 16 th June 2021.	Online	557
07	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)–“Yoga for senior citizens” by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 19 th June 2021.	Online	239

08	World Music Day Celebrations with a Tabla Recital by Pranshu Chathurlal on 21 st June 2021.	Online	1000
09	International Day of Yoga 2021– Online yoga session by Sona Jain on 21 st June 2021.	Online	80
10	International Day of Yoga 2021 (Online)"Constipation and Digestive issues" by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 21 st June 2021.	Online	900
11	Baratha Natyam Recital by Vasanti Joshi on 22 nd June 2021	Online	1200

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01	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– "Chair Yoga for all ages" -by Selladurai Vijayarani and Dinusha Wickremesekera (Hatha yoga instructor and Yogic life style Counsellor-Astanka Yoga Mandir) -on 5 th June 2021	Online	316
02	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– "How to evolve from Asana to Advance Asanas"	Online	295

	-by Mr Raju Mehanadas Y.I.C (Head of Yoga Asanas unit – Astanka Yoga Mandir) -on 6 th June 2021		
03	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Looking after Your Psychological and Emotional Health” -by Dr Venura Palihawadana, Senior Lecturer in Psychiatry, University of Sri Jayawardenapura on 12 th June 2021	Online	500
04	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Body Alignment in Asanas” by Ms. Amalka & Ms Thirishanthi, Hatha yoga instructors and Yogic life style Counsellors on 19 th June 2021	Online	170
05	International Day of Yoga Celebration 2021 with Venerable Monks and select lay devotees at Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala (Colombo) on 20 th June 2021. High Commissioner shared a recorded message in Sinhala language.	Online	200
06	International Day of Yoga 2021 curtain raiser event (Online)– “Yoga for digestive system” by Ms Maheswary Sivakumaran , Diploma in- Yoga Therapy and Yogic Life Counselor and Ms Sumathi Raj Y.IC Diploma in- Yoga Therapy and Yogic Life Counselor on 20 th June 2021	Online	250
07	Celebration of 7 th International Day of Yoga with Sri Lankan Armed Forces on 21 st June 2021.	Online	500

08	Poson Poya Day Celebrations - Dhamma Discussion by three Ven. Theros on "Amba Prashnaya, the Buddhist Perspective of Life, & COVID-19" on 24 th June 2021	Online	30
09	International Day of Yoga 2021 - Online yoga session – "Yoga for back and joint disorders" by Ms Samantha Ramanayake and Ms Sivasutha Thavaratnam (Hatha yoga instructors and Yogic life style Counsellors) on 26 th June 2021	Online	200
10	International Day of Yoga 2021 - Online yoga session "Yoga asanas to improve the breath efficiency" by Shiri Vyasah Kalyanasunderam, Chief Yoga Instructor Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Chief Yoga Therapist Astanka Yoga Mandhir (Sri Lanka) on 27 th June 2021	Online	200



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01	Vedic Dhyana, special practical Meditation session on The occasion of Guru Purnima by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 13 th July 2021	Online	800
02	Assamese Cuisine - Maahor Boror Tenga - Let's go to Assam by Karishma, an online cookery demonstration on 14 th July 2021	Online	900
03	Bharatnatyam recital by Apeksha Mundargi, India on 16 th July 2021.	Online	1200
04	Special Practical Meditation Session on the occasion Guru Purnima Cyclic Meditation by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 17 th July 2021	Online	950
05	On the Occasion of Guru Purnima " Naad Yoga Dhyana, special Practical Meditation Session on the Occasion of Guru Purnima Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 20 th July 2021	Online	700
06	Special Practical Meditation Session on the occasion of Guru Purnima , Soham Dhyana by Mr. Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga Expert on 24 th July 2021.	Online	850
07	Webinar on Esala Poya (Asadh Purnima) Commemorating 2565 th Dhamma Chakka Pavattana Jayanti (In	Online	1500

	Collaboration with Mahabodhi Society of India, LIVE from SARNATH, INDIA) on 24 th July 2021		
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01	Yoga For Weight Management by Kumari Wahalathantri Family counselor , Founder of Ashtanga Yoga Lanka on 17 th July 2021	Online	550
02	Virtual Prize Giving Ceremony for the winners of Bharat Ko Janiey Quiz was held on 26th July 2021 (Today). His Excellency Shri Vinod K. Jacob, Acting High Commissioner of India graced the occasion as Chief Guest.	Online	100
03	Remembering A.P.J.Abdul Kalam , Former President of India on his death Anniversary on 27 th July 2021. Documentaries were shared.	Online	500
04	SVCC, Colombo Foundation Day celebration on 30 th July 2021. Performances and messages by SVCC, Colombo students and parents were shared	Online	750

05	Kriya Babaji tradition of Yoga Asanas by Shiri Arumainayagam Visaahan, Senior Member & Instructor-Aum Kriya Babaji Yoga Aranyam-Colombo on 31st July 2021	Online	450
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01	1 st August 2021 Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	30-40 each session
02	7 th August 2021 Online Yoga session - Yoga for oncology, immunology, auto immune diseases by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	900
03	8 th August 2021 Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	30-40 each session
04	14 th August 2021 Yoga in Shrimad Bhagwatgeeta by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	1200
05	15 th August 2021 Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	30-40 each session
06	22 nd August 2021 Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	30-40 each session
07	Friday 27 10.00a.m. Indian Cuisine - An online cookery demonstration by Tahin Ojah Sharma, Owner of cloud kitchen named Helonci, which specialises in Assamese cuisine	Online	1000
08	29 th August 2021 Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India	Online	30-40 each session

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01	6 th August 2021 Pandemic poses - An evening of Bharatha Natyam Recital by Thushyanthy Velauthan the founder of Satvika School of Dance along with her little students	Online	750
	9 th August 2021 Sri Lanka-India Ashirvad Puja - Special prayer for the health and well-being of His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and continued strong bilateral partnership between India and Sri Lanka on the occasion of the first anniversary of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's current term.	Online	1000
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations – Flag hoisting ceremony at India House	India House /Online	10,000
	75th Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15 August 2021 at Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmalana . Ven. Dr. Mapalagama Wipulasara Maha Thera and the Mahasangha led these celebrations	Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmalana	50
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations - Marking the 75th Independence Day of India, several iconic structures in Colombo, Kandy, Jaffna, Galle & other cities in Sri Lanka were radiant in saffron, white & green of the Indian flag	Colombo Kandy Jaffna Galle	25,000
	Pavala Naatya Mala an online dance performance to mark the 75 th Independence day of India in collaboration with Aru Sri Art Theater.	Online	1200
	Bridging Diamond an online dance performance by artistes from Sri Lanka, India and UK and a talk on "Bharatham 75 Bharathi 100" in association with Global Organization of Sri Lankan Bharatha Natyam Artistes	Online	2500
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations – Music and dance performance by Indian diaspora and Sri Lankan youths	Online	5000
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations – Indian cuisine online demonstrations	Online	10,000
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations – Online fashion show of Indian attires by Indian diaspora and Sri Lankan children and youths	Online	20,000

	Messages and performances by the students of Kiyula Village, an organization supported by Swami Vivekaanda Cultural Centre cultural arm of High Commission of India	Online	1000
	75th Independence Day of India Celebrations –Launch of painting competition	Online	1000
	22 nd August 2021 Nikini Full Moon Poya Day Celebrations	Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala	40
	22 nd August 2021 Sanskrit Week Celebration	Online	1000
04	30 th August 2021 Documentary Lecture -"The role of Lord Krishna in Mahabhartha". by Dr.Subashini Pathmanathan, renowned Bharatha Natyam exponent and scholar	Online	800



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01	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 5 th September 2021	Online	1000
02	Online Yoga Session - Pranayama and Immunity by VyasahKalyanasundaram ,Yoga Instructor of SVCC on 5 th September 2021	Online	800
03	Teachers Day Celebration with online cultural performance by students of SVCC on 5 th September 2021	Online	1500
04	Online Cultural Performances and cookery demo of special food items made forGaneshaChathurthi on 10 th September 2021	Online	1000
05	Announcement of Hindi Diwas Competitions on 10 th September 2021	Online	1000
06	Online Yoga Session – Yoga and Martial Arts by Dharmapala Wijesiri, Founder and Chief Instructor of Dharmya yoga / Toyo Kai Karate , Sri Lanka Krav Maga Academy, Physical fitness instructor (NISS) on 12 th September 2021	Online	1500
06	Online Yoga Session on Astanga Yoga on 25 th September 2021	Online	800
08	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 26 th September 2021	Online	1000



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01	Celebration of 152 nd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena on 2 nd October 2021	Parama Dhamma Chethiya Pirivena	100
02	152 nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations' of Gandhiji - Garlanding of Gandhi portrait at India House by His Excellency Shri Gopal Baglay on 2 nd October 2021	India House	15
03	152 nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations' of Gandhiji -Online talk Mahatma Gandhi's Global pursuit of Truth, Nonviolence and Peace" by Dr. Shobana Radhakrishna on 2 nd October 2021	Online	800
04	Sarod Recital by Ramal Helitha, MA Instrumental Music (Sarod) , Indira Kala sangeet Vishvavidyalaya ,Khairagarh on 3 rd October 2021	Online	1000
05	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 3 rd October 2021	Online	750
06	152 nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations' of Gandhiji - Online Lecture "Buddhist Perspective of Non-Violence & Gandhiji by Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder of Sarvodaya, Sri Lanka on 5 th October 2021	Online	800
07	Celebrated World Elders Day with the elderly community @ St Mary's Church led by Rev. Fr. Robert Abenayaka & Sister Chandrika on 7 th October 2021	St Mary's Church	100
08	Durga Puja organized in collaborations with Colombo Durgotsav Cultural Association at Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo on 7 th - 15 th October 2021	Ramakrishna Mission	300
09	Online Yoga session on Yoga & Ayurveda: Self Healing and Self Realization by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 9 th October 2021 Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 10 th October 2021	Online	800
10	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 17 th October 2021	online	750
11	Geeth Gayen Hindi Seekhain on 17 th October 2021		
12	Poya Day puja in collaboration with Parama Dhamma	online	600

	Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala 20 th October 2021		
13	Online Online Yoga session on Elements of Yoga in Ayurveda by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 23 rd October 2021	Online	700
14	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for ParamDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 24 th October 2021	Online	750
15	BharathaNatyam Performance by H.M.R. DilkaNiminiHerath on 29 th October 2021	Online	800
16	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for ParamDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 31 st October 2021	Online	700
17	RashtriyaEktaDiwas (a) His Excellency garlanding the portrait of SardarVallabha Patel (b) Documentary screening on SardarVallabhaiPatel (c) Pledge by Indian Diaspora (reordered) (d) Screening of documentary on SardarVallabhai Patel for Indian diaspora (recorded) (e) Pledge by Indian Diaspora on 31st October 2021 (f) Short video of Indian Diaspora wearing Indian costumes and wishing in regional language (g) Pledge by HCI staff		350



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02	Diwali Celebrations Deepam – Online Lecture cum Bharatha Natyam recital, (The significance of Diwali) by Dr. SubashiniPathmanathan on 4 th November 2021	Online	1000
03	Ayurveda Day Celebrations – Ayurveda for Poshan– Webinar by a panel of speakers from India and Sri Lanka on 6 th November 2021	Online	1500
04	Ayurveda Day Celebrations – Messages from Sri Lankan Ayurveda Doctors on 6 th November 2021	Online	1000
05	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for ParamDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 7 th November 2021	Online	800
06	Online Yoga session on Yoga ForCervical Spondylosis by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 13 th November 2021	Online	800
07	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 14 th November 2021	Online	600
08	Children Day Celebration –On the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru- Cultural performances by Children on 14 th November 2021	Online	1500
09	Children Day Celebration – On the occasion of Birth Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru- Launch of Painting Competition for Children on 14 th November 2021	Online	
10	Ill Moon Poya Day puja in collaboration with ParamaDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmalana on 18 th November 2021	Online	800
11	Guru Nanak Jayanti – Kirtan/Ardhas by Bhai Mukhtiar Singh and Bhai Jagtar Singh of Gurdwara, Sri Guru Nanak Darbar, Colombo on 19 th November 2021	Gurdwara, Sri Guru Nanak Darbar	100
12	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Param Dhamma Chaitya Pirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 21 st November 2021	Online	600

13	Constitution Day- Message by His Excellency Shri GopalBaglay followed by screening of documentary on Indian Constitution on 26 th November 2021	Online	800
14	Online Yoga session -SankhyaDarshan and Yoga by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 27 th November 2021	Online	700
15	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for ParamDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 28 th November	Online	500



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01	MarghaziUtsav - Festival of Dance by Aru Sri Art theatre on 1 st December 2021	Online	1000
02	MarghaziUtsav - Glimpses of the Jai Ram Dance Drama on 2 nd December 2021	Online	800
03	MarghaziUtsav - Glimpses of The Mekala Dance on 3 rd December 2021	Online	1000
04	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Parama DhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmalana by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India On 5 th December 2021	Online	900
05	High Commissioner and other officers paid tributes to Bharat RatnaBabasaheb Dr. B.R Ambedkar on his 66th death anniversary on 6 th December 2021	High Commission	30
06	Launch of To Commemorate 75 years of India's independence, online AzadiKaAmritMahotsav QUIZ is being conducted for 3 categories: NRI, PIO/OCI & Foreign National on 10 th December 2021	Online	
07	Online Yoga session on -Yoga HIV/Aids: Rebuilding immune system by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 11 th December 2021	Online	900
08	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Parama DhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmalana by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 12 th December 2021	Online	800
09	Aboorvam a dance recital by Arusri Art theatre. His Excellency Shri GopalBaglay, Honourable Speaker MahindaYapaAbeywardena -, Honourable Minister ChamalRajapaksa&Honourable State Minister PiyalNishantha graced the event on 12 th December 2021	Bishops College Auditorium	1000
10	Shamm-e-mosiki – An evening of Hindustani and semi classical music by B.R.LakmeeDasanayake on 15 th December 2021		
11	Director SVCC, Dr. RewantVikram Singh paid homage to the Sacred Tooth Relic at the historic DaladaMaligawa in Kandy. He also called on Most Venerable Anamaduwe Sri DhammadassiAnunayakaThero on Poya Day on 18 th December 2021	Kandy	
12	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for ParamaDhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmalana by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 19 th	Online	900

	December 2021		
13	Online Yoga session – Yoga: Gayathri Mantra by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 25 th December 2021	Online	1000
14	High Commissioner attended commemoration of 168th birth anniversary of Sri Sarda Ma, spiritual consort and first disciple of SwamiRamkrishnaParamhans, at Ramkrishna Mission in Colombo and met its head Swami Aksharatmanandaji on 26 th December 2021	Ramakrishna Mission	500
15	Monthly Lecture Series Online Yoga lecture/workshop sessions for Parama DhammaChaityaPirivena, Ratmanala by Shri Ajay Kumbhar, Yoga expert from India on 26 th December 2021	Online	800
16	Celebrating our shared heritage of <u>Buddhism</u> ! The 3rd round of the International Buddhism Quiz organized by India in Sri Lanka (High Commission of India, Colombo) in collaboration with State Min of Dhamma Schools, Pirivenas & Bhikku Education on 29 th December 2021	SVCC	