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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
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Events of August 2018 with photographic impressions**

3 August Hindustani Vocal recital by Dr. Wijedasa Bandara, eminent Sri Lankan vocalist

The Indian Cultural Centre Colombo organized an evening of Hindustani Vocal Music recital by Dr. Wijedasa Bandara. His recital included bhajans based on different Hindustani ragas.

Wijeyadasa Bandara holds a Master's Degree in Music from the Indira Kala SangeetViswavidhyalaya, Khairagarh. He also holds SangeetVisharad&Nipun Degree from BhatkhandeSangeetVidyapeeth, Lucknow. He is a retired music instructor of the Department of Education, Sri Lanka and an "A" grade artiste at the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation and Sri Lanka Broad Casting Corporation.



4 August Tejasvini Kriya Series-Pranayama to manage stress

Shri Vyasah Kalyanasundaram, Yoga Therapist and Shobana Cooke, Homeopath (C.Hom) presented a lecture cum workshop titled Tejasvini Kriya Series – Pranayama to manage stress at the Centre. In the workshop various techniques for managing stress were explained and demonstrated.



5 August Performance by ICCR Scholars at SLIS Independence Day celebrations

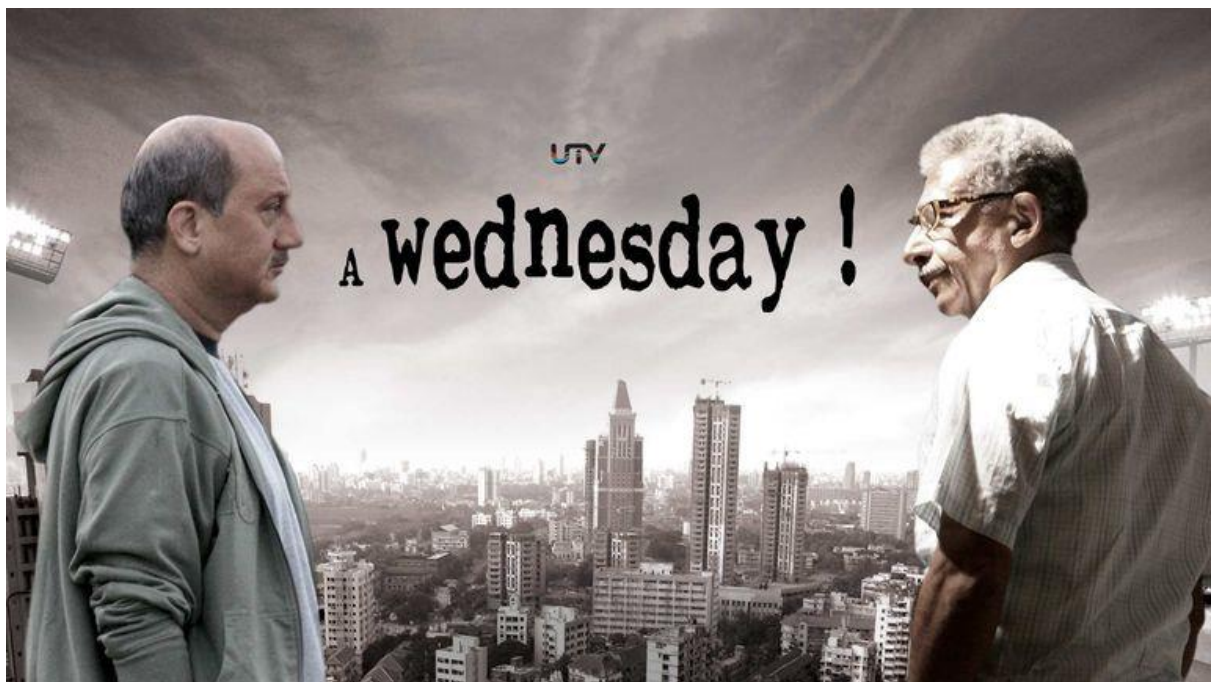
Colombo Oriental Choir led by ICCR Scholars performed on the occasion of Independence day celebrations by Sri Lanka – India Society held at Taj Samudra.



10 August Friday Matinee – A Wednesday

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo screened a Hindi film "**A Wednesday**" on Friday at the Centre's auditorium

A Wednesday! is a 2008 Indian thriller film written and directed by Neeraj Pandey starring Naseeruddin Shah and Anupam Kher. It was the inspiration for Tamil movie Unnaipol Oruvan, Telugu movie Eenadu with Kamal Hassan in the role played by Naseeruddin Shah in the original and Mohanlal and Daggubati Venkatesh playing the role acted by Anupam Kher in the original in Tamil and Telugu respectively, and also the Hollywood movie A Common Man.



15 August Performance by SVCC students at Flag hoisting ceremony at India House

The students of the Indian Cultural Centre presented two dance items in Bharatnatyam and folk style based on patriotic and folk songs choreographed by Guru Kalasuri Vasugy Jegatheeswaran at the flag hoisting ceremony held on 15 August at the India House.





**15 August Celebrating 71st Anniversary of India's Independence
with Bollywood singing icon Usha Uthup live in concert**

To celebrate 71st Anniversary of Independence of India and conclude ongoing India&SriLanka@70 HCI Colombo organized a performance 'Symphony of Freedom' by Usha Uthup & ensemble at BMICH Colombo. A special exhibition of 100 years of Indian Cinema was also organised in collaboration with @NFAI, India.

Hon. Speaker Karu Jayasuriya, former President Chandrika Bandarnaike-Kumarathunga, Culture Minister Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe His Excellency Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India, Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament, Senior Government officials, celebrities, corporate gurus & college students enjoyed the unique evening. Jam packed BMICH auditorium was enthralled by Usha Uthup's powerful voice. Sang in local languages too!

This event was organized with the support of Ministry of Higher Education and Cultural Affairs, Govt. of Sri Lanka, Lanka Ashok Leyland, BMICH, Indigo airlines, Taj Samudra and India Sri Lanka Foundation.









31 August

**Book Launch - " Sri Lanka ek Bharathiya ki drishti se"
authored by Dr. Shirin ureshi**

SVCC launched a book titled " Sri Lanka ek Bharathiya ki drishti se" in Hindi written by Dr. Shirin Qureshi, Long Term Hindi Chair of. This is the first book in Hindi published in Sri Lanka which could be very useful as a guide book for the Indian tourist. Hindi professor Dr Lakshman Seneviratne, Deputy Vice Chancellor of University of Kelaniya, Dr. Indira Dassanayake, emeritus Hindi professor attended the event.



