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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
JULY 2018

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Events of July 2018 with photographic impressions**

3 July Dancing Storyteller – A lecture demonstration by Savitha Sastry

Renowned Bharatanatyam exponent from India Savitha Sastry did a lecture demonstration at the Centre with students of Aru Sri Art Theatre, Colombo sharing her experiences on how to appreciate the dance styles and choosing concept for choreography.

Savitha Sastry is amongst the most prominent names in the world of Bharatanatyam. Her lavishly mounted productions such as '*Soul Cages*', '*Yudh*', '*The Prophet*' and '*Chains*' have played across the world and have earned her the affectionate epithet of 'Dancing Storyteller' by the audience and the media.



8 July Dance drama - Sinhabahu

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre supported production of dance drama "The legends of Indian king Sinhabahu" at Lionel Wendt Theatre on 8th July 2018 by presented by talented under privileged children of ARPEGGIO, Sri Lanka an well known Dance company of Sri Lanka directed by Nilan Maligaspe



13 July An experimental journey to the world of music by Colombo Oriental Choir

Colombo Oriental Choir led by ICCR scholarship holders gave a musical treat to the audience gathered at the Centre on 13th July. They improvised on classical ragas and incorporated different genres of music such as bhajans, ghazals and hymns. The evening was very well enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

Colombo Oriental Choir is an ensemble of young talented well trained Sri Lankan singers cum musicians led by Lahiru Gimahana Komangoda, Lipuri Lekanika Perera, Palinda Udawela Arachchi along with young talented singers Chanika Piyumali, Hemal Wahalathanthri, Isangi Shashikala, Lakme Dassanayake, Mudhushanka Gayashan, Madusha Chamari, Thamaransi Eranthika.

Colombo Oriental Choir is Sri Lanka's first and pioneer ensemble of singers which promotes classical, semi classical & folk musical genres which have been inherited from and strongly bonded to the oriental region of the world. Colombo Oriental Choir not only performs the pieces from authentic sources but also projects them to the audience in an experimental way.





18 July Violin recital by ICCR Scholar G.V.A.C. Nawanjali Silva

An ICCR scholar Nawanjali Silva presented a violin recital at the Centre did captivate the audience with her talent . Here recital commenced with an evening raga and continued with bhajans and other ragas.

Chamindira Nawanjali has completed Degree of Sangeet Nipun in 2015 from Nuwan Sri Megha Satharasinghe Indian Music Academy of Sri Lanka. Currently Chamindra is studying for final year BA music, Hindustani violin at Indira Kala Sangit Vishwa Vidyalaya, Khairagarh, India availing scholarship from Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Govt. of India.



22 July Guitar workshop by guitarist from India Mr. Aditya Gandhi

Aditiya Gandhi, young well known guitarist from India conducted a day guitar workshop at the Centre. Around 25 members participated in this workshop. This was organized in association with guitar association of Sri Lanka



25 July Orientation programme for Hindi scholarship students

An orientation programme was conducted by the Hindi teachers of SVCC for the 18 Hindi scholarship students from Sri Lanka who are selected for Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra for the year 2018-19 at the Centre.



25 July Hindi Students Interacting with High Commissioner

18 Sri Lankan Hindi students from all over the island being selected for scholarship to join Agra Hindi Sansthan for the year 2018-19, had a fruitful interaction with H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka before their departure for India



18 & 25 July- Yoga Workshop At Apeksha Cancer Hospital

SVCC, Colombo in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir, AAYUSH and Institute of Human Excellence, Yoga institutes of Sri Lanka conducted 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. The program was initiated and coordinated by Indira Cancer Trust led by Mrs Lanka Jayasuriya Dissanayaka.



26 July Kathak Recital – HoliKeRasiya by Theekshana Liyanage & Nirmani Oruwalage

ICCR Scholars Theekshana Liyanage & Nirmani Oruwalage presented a brilliant Kathak recital at the Centre. Their recital included classical as well as contemporary items. They also presented a dance drama entitled “HoliKerasiya” with their disciples of their own dancing school Kala Vihar Performing Arts Foundation.



30 July Meeting the students of CCIS, University of Colombo

An interaction programme with His Excellency Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India and the students of Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo was held at the Centre in collaboration with CCIS.

