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SWAMI VIVEKANANDA CULTURAL CENTRE  
HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA  
COLOMBO  
SRI LANKA

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

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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre  
High Commission of India  
Colombo  
Events of April 2019 with photographic impressions**

**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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 69<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) with alumni and scholars from Sri Lanka on 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

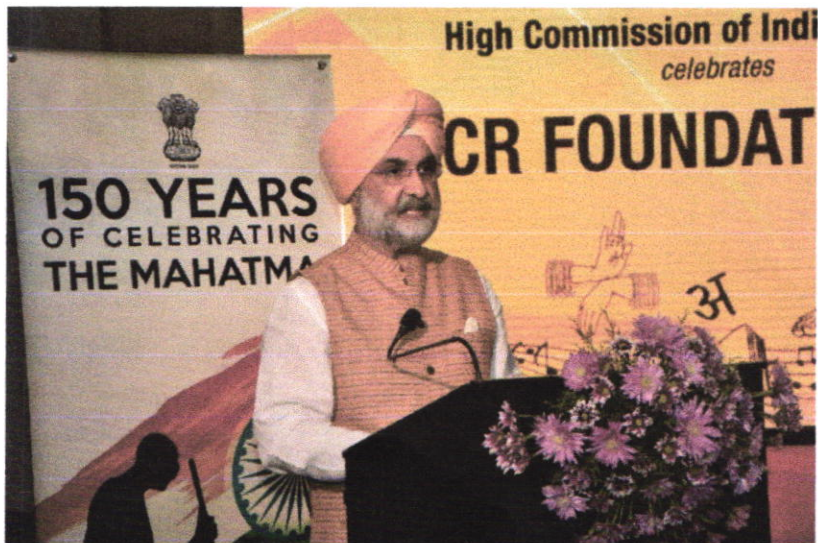
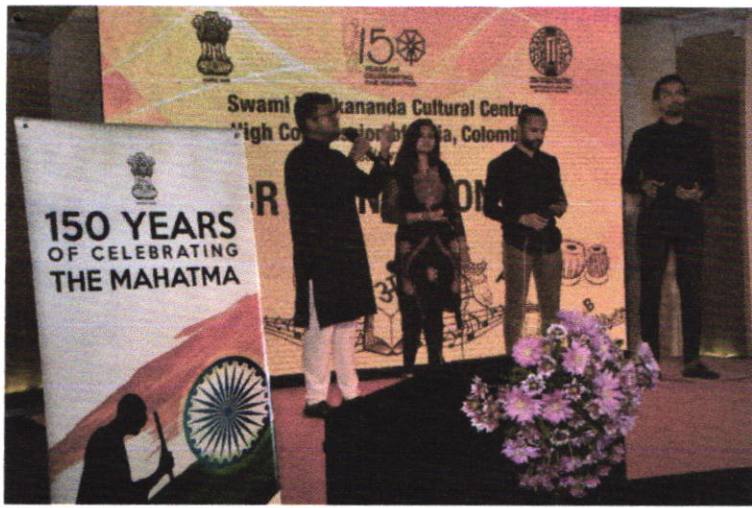
Addressing the ICCR scholars and guests, High Commissioner Taranjit Singh Sandhu underlined the importance of India's soft powers such as Buddhism, Yoga, Ayurveda, classical dance and music, Bollywood, Indian cuisine. etc and pointed the role of ICCR in strengthening India's cultural diplomacy. HC remarked "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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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre,  
High Commission of India, Colombo  
Monthly Report-April 2019**

**1) India-based Staff**

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of appointment	Duties/Remarks
01	Mrs. Rajashree Behera	Director	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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
-	-	-	-	-	-

**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	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3,650,466</b>		<b>3,650,466</b>	<b>-3,650,466</b>	

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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-	<b>Interaction With KHS Agra professors</b>	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		<b>Excellent</b>
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	<b>Performance was very attractive</b>

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	<b>2 Skits by Tourist Police Officers</b>	<b>SVCC</b>	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-	<b>Village Interaction Kandy</b>  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