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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD  
AT THE  
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF  
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**Performing/Visual Art events by artistes/groups from India**

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience
01	World Dance Day celebrated with a Kathak Performance by Aditi Chakraborty on 29th April 2021	Online	1000

**Performing/Visual Art events by local artistes/groups & general events**

S.No.	Name of artiste/group	Venue	No. of audience
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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p>The blockbuster Bollywood movie 'Gully Boy' was successfully screened today at the Colombo Edition of Jaffna International Film Festival</p> <p>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</p>	National Film Corporation	100
13	<p>Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, SVCC, attended New Year Alms Giving at Ratmalana Parama Dhamma Chethya, Maha Pirivena Temple on 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4th April, 2021</p> <p>and invoked the blessings of the Maha Sangha for Peace, Prosperity, and Health of All</p>	Ratmalana Parama Dhamma Chethya, Maha Pirivena Temple	100