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

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Events of December 2019 with photographic impressions**

Dance Group from Kandy participates in National Tribal Dance Festival in India

A 12-member dance group led by Mrs. Umah Sritharan, Director of Sri Sathya Sai Kalalayam (Dancing Institution) from Kandy, participated in the National Tribal Dance Festival – 2019 held in Chhattisgarh state of India.

The group mesmerized the audience by showcasing various forms of indigenous dances of Sri Lanka. The Dance festival was held for 3 days from 27-29 December 2019. On the first day 27th December 2019 they performed Pot dance and Harvest dance. The next day, they performed the Raban dance and Sword dance and, on third and final day, they performed Peacock dance.

The dance group was sponsored by the Government of the State of Chhattisgarh and the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR). The group also met with Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State of Chhattisgarh Mr. Bhupesh Baghel who awarded the group with certificates and memento for the event.

Over 1200 participants from 80 dance groups from all states of India, and from Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh, Belarus, Thailand and Uganda performed at the National Tribal Dance Festival – 2019.

4th December International Hindi Seminar

The Centre in collaboration with University of Kelaniya organized a International Hindi Seminar at the University of Kelaniya on 4th December. Mr. D.C.Manjunath, Counsellor (Development Cooperation) HCI, Colombo & Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Lakshman Seneviratne, University of Kelaniya graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively.





December 13 Rishta - Connectedness

A dance performance by Shashtrapathi Theekshana Liyanage along with his disciples.
Guest performance by Senior Prof. Mahua Mukherjee - Gaudiya Nritya on 13th December at the Centre



14th December Food & Fun fiesta at SVCC

The Centre organized a Food, Fun Fiesta at its premises on 14th December. This was organized by the Hindi class student of the Centre.



15th December Hindi International Conference

Anterrashtriya Hindi Parishad and Aadhaarsheela Vishva Hindi Mission conducted International Conference at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre .Senior journalist and the editor of Aadhaarsheela came with other Hindi lovers from India. Sri Lankan Hindi Experts were felicitated by Aadhaarsheela Vishva Hindi Mission.Dr. Monica Sharma Teacher in charge for Hindi at SVCC coordinated the proceedings of the Seminar.



4,11,18 December

SVCC, Colombo and Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital Äpksha. Evidence shows that yoga can be used in the management of pain and fatigue during cancer treatment and due to this the demand for yoga sessions has increased.

