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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD  
AT THE  
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF  
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**Events of February 2019 with photographic impressions**

**8 February    Bharatha Natyam Recital by Aparna Nithyanand from India**

Aparna Nithyanand, renowned dancer from India captivated the audience with her brilliant Bharatha Natyam performance. Her dazzling display of rhythmic wizardry and grace was very much appreciated by one and all. The performance proved to be a marvelous exposition of Indian tradition of classical dance form. Aparna Nithyanand was initiated into the art of Bharathanatyam at the age of 11 by renowned guru NrithyaRathna Smt. AmuthaDhandapani, Founder of Bharathalyam Institute of Fine Arts in Coimbatore. She has performed solo in many festivals such as PollachiTamizhisaiSangam, ThanjavurChinnamelam Festival, Nadaneerajanam in Tirupathi and many more.



## 10 February Kathak& Folk dance performance

The students of SVCC,Colomboalong with their guru Moksha Samarasooriya presented a Kathak& fusion dance performance at the Sri Lanka India Society Republic Day Celebrations in the presence of Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, PM of Sri Lanka and H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, HC of India.





## **12 February BharathaNatyam& Yoga performance on the occasion of International Conference of Yoga**

The SVCC,Colombo presented an innovative performance an amalgamation of Bharatha Natyam& Yoga performance by trio led by Donisha Myleandran, ITECH scholar on the occasion of International Conference on Yoga for Global well being held at National Sports Ministry Auditorium.



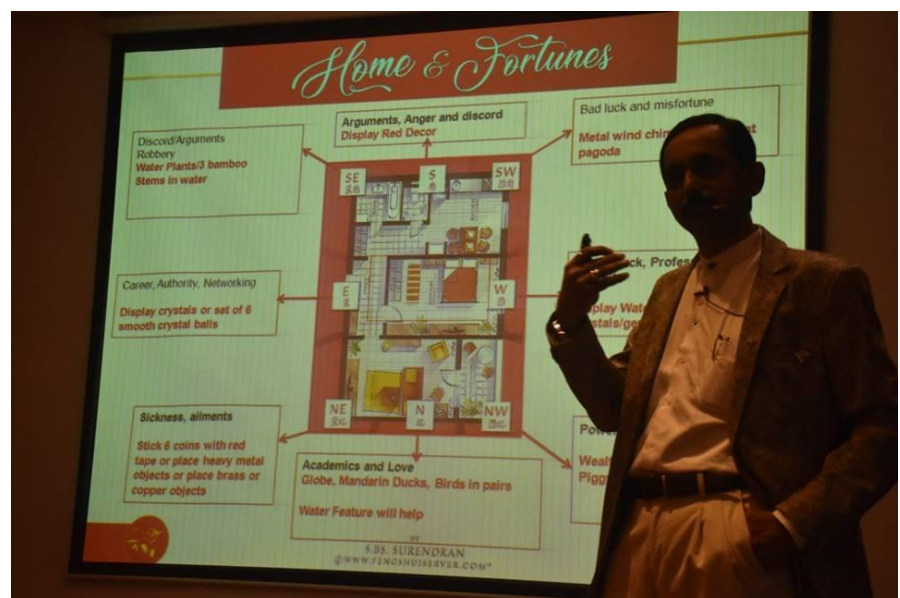
## 12 February Vedanta Lecture

Mr. Mikhil Agarwal, a disciple of internationally eminent philosopher, Swami Parthasarathy gave an interesting and informative lecture on human values at the Centre. In his talk he explained the important values of human in a day to day life. Mikhil Agarwal has large interest in Social activities and is connected with several NGO's from college days and has conducted cultural events for and with them.



## 15 February Interactive session on Vaastu – Home & Fortunes

Mr. S.BS.Surendran, Vaastu and FengShui expert from India had an interactive session .It was an evening to understand and counter the energies which are disrupting the progress and get an insight on how to enhance the positive aspects of home and office to make the best of the year in 2019 and to increase the overall Fortune.





## 16 February – KHEL UTSAV-Festival of Indian Traditional Games

The Hindi class students and teachers of SVCC,Colombo organized Khel Utsav with many traditional Indian games for Sri Lankan students.



**18 February**

**Odissi dance recital by Meghna Das**

Meghna Das from India presented a brilliant Odissi dance recital at the Centre. Her performance was very well received by the audience gathered at the Centre. Meghna started formal training in Odissi at the age of 5 under her mother Smt. Sahana Das, a highly experienced Odissi dancer & choreographer. Later Meghna joined Nrityagram and trained rigorously under their able and generous guidance. Meghna was invited to join an Odissi dance ensemble Nrityantar led by the Guru Madhulita Mohapatra. As a part of Nrityantar, Meghna has performed in several highly acclaimed recitals in and out of Bangalore.





**19 February**

## **Interaction with IFS OTs- batch 2018**

A briefing session for IFS officers from 2018 batch was held at the Centre with a traditional Sri Lankan style welcome, performances of classical dance styles of Sri Lanka and a taste of Sri Lankan cuisine. Officers also interacted with the local Sri Lankan teachers of the Centre and ICCR Chairs in Sri Lanka.



## 22 February 2019 Thyagaraja Aaradhana-2019

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India Colombo organised 15th Sri ThyagarajaAaradhana on 22nd February 2019 at the Saraswathie Hall, Colombo in collaboration with Hindu Educational Society and Express Newspapers Ceylon Limited. Hon. Mano Ganeshan, Minister of National Integration, Official Languages, Social Progress and Hindu Religious Affairs and Mrs. MaheshwariGaneshan graced the occasion as Chief Guest.Dr. ShilpakAmbule, Deputy High Commissioner presided over the function. Students, faculties of University of Jaffna, Eastern University of Baticaloa, University of Visual and performing Arts, students of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre,High Commission of India,Colombo and other music aficionados participated in this festival.Theprogramme was coordinated by SVCC Carnatic vocal teacher KalasuriArunthathy Sri Ranganathan







**27 February**

**BharathaNatyam recital**

Ishwarya Chaitanya a renowned dancer and yoga expert from India presented a scintillating BharathaNatyam performance for the audience of Sri Lanka. Born and raised in Vancouver, Ishwarya's passion for dance brought her to Karnataka Kalashree Guru B. Bhanumati of Bangalore, under whom she has been training for the past 9 years. After completing her MFA in dance from Sastra University, under the guidance of the legendary Dr. Padma Subrahmanyam, Ishwarya became a member of Guru Bhanumati's internationally renowned troupe, Bharatanjali and has performed all over India in many major festivals and events. She is undergoing training in nattuvangam from Guru Sheela Chandrasekhar and Vidwan Sri N. Narayanaswamy and is also a student of carnatic vocal, under Guru Smt. LalgudiRajalakshmi.

