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

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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre  
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Events of March 2019 with photographic impressions**

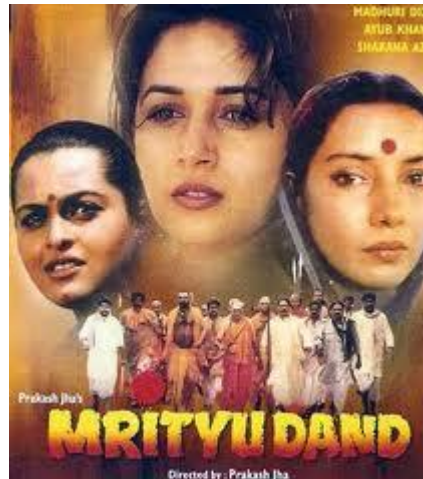
**1 March      A Lecture by Ms. Sumananda Padma Devi  
followed by Kirtan by Ms. Yuill Elise Frances**

A lecture titled "Historical impact of yoga personalities in societies" Ms. Sumananda Padma Devi, Founder & President, Heart Of Living Yoga Foundation Founder & President, Integral Yoga A.U.M.Chair, Integral Yoga U.K was held at the centre on the occasion of Graduation ceremony of Astanka Yoga Mandhir. It was followed by a Kirtan by Ms. Yuill. The event was organized in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir and Institute of Human excellence.



## **8 March      Celebrating International Women's Day**

To celebrate the International Women's Day, the Centre screened award winning Hindi film "Mrityudand" at its auditorium. Mrityudand is written, directed and produced by Prakash Jha and starring Madhuri Dixit, Shabana Azmi and Om Puri in lead roles. The film is a commentary on the social and the gender injustice.



**12 March      Book Launch – “Woman an enchanter and inspirations” authored by SamanmaleePadmakumara**

Mrs. SamanmaleePadmakumara, an active member of Tagore society of Sri Lanka launched her book entitled "Woman an enchanter" and two booklets entitled "Inspirations" inspired by the works of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Rev.Father Marcelline Jayakody at the Centre. The evening also included a variety of cultural events and speeches by welknown female film Director of Sri Lanka Dr. SumithraPeirs and Emeritus Professor J.B,Dissanayake, and Prof. Praneeth Abeyasundara.





**15-17 March**

## **Holi Celebrations at Colombo City Centre**

High Commission of India in collaboration with Colombo City Centre celebrated a three day festival of Colours- Holi from 15-17th March 2019. As part of the celebrations several cultural events, Celebrating Life with Colours- an exhibition of photographs by well known Indian photographer JayatiSaha and an exhibition of Khadi celebrating #BapuAt150 were also held . On the last day a Bollywood quiz also conducted by Dr. Monica Sharma, Hindi Chair and prizes were given for the winners. Festival was inaugurates by Dr. ShilpakAmbule, Deputy High Commissioner of India.





**19 March**

## **Sri Lanka Hindi Niketan- 25th Anniversary Celebrations**

Sri Lanka Hindi Niketan one of the oldest institution of Sri Lanka who has been propagating Hindi among Sri Lankans celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with variety of cultural events at the Centre





## 20 March Holi Celebrations at SVCC

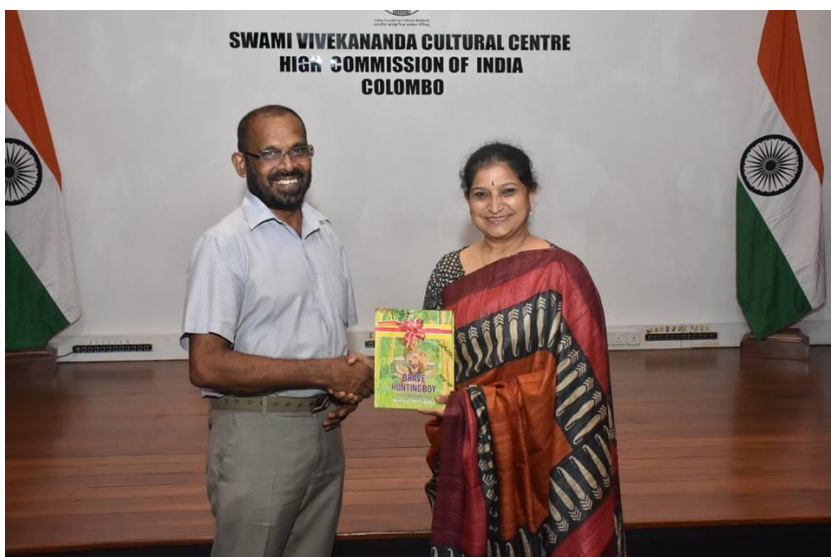
The Indian Cultural Centre Colombo celebrated Holi, festival of colors with dance, music and fun filled activities on Saturday 20th March with large public participation. The event was organized by the Hindi Class students of the Centre.





## 25 March Book Launch

Senior Lecturer at UVPA and ICCR Scholarship holder Mr. Winnie Hettigoda launched his illustrated children book "Brave Hunting Boy" on a story inspired by folk tale of India in both Sinhala and English languages at the Centre with presence of member of SARASAVI publications. The first copy was presented to Director of the Centre Mrs. Rajashree Behera.





## 28 March "Jalte hain jiske liye"- A Musical evening –Golden oldies from Hindi cinema

A musical evening of songs from the golden years of Hindi film music (the 50's and the 60's) were presented by Mr.SudhakarRao, a former civil servant and a music lover from Bengaluru accompanied by the internationally acclaimed Sri Lankan pianist SoundarieDavidRodrigo, renowned Indian Guitarist Pradeep Rodrigo and the outstanding Sri Lankan musician and sound engineer Neranjan de Silva. SudhakarRao presented best known numbers of the legendary singers TalatMehmood and Hemant Kumar, blending them with the musical magic of Soundarie, Pradeep and Neranjan .Amb.NirupamaRao, former Foreign Secretary of India, H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka graced the occasion.









