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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
NOVEMBER 2018

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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
High Commission of India
Colombo
Events of November 2018 with photographic impressions**

29th Oct to 2nd Nov 4th Edition of Ramayana Festival

The Centre facilitated a cultural troupe – Natya Kala Mandhir of Sri Lanka to perform on the occasion of 4th Edition of Ramayana Festival held from 29-31 October in New Delhi. The 10 member troupe performed on 29th at Kamini Auditorium, New Delhi on 31st in Ahmedabad and on 2nd November at Baroda. The troupe was very well received.



CINEMA ON TOUR-150 YEARS OF CELEBRATING THE MAHATMA GANDHI

31 October, 4 November & 10 November

On the occasion of 150 years of celebrating the Mahatma, one of the most popular Oscar winning film Gandhi (in English) was screened all over island as a part of Cinema on Tour. The film was screened on 31st October at Swamy Vipulananda Institute, University Batticaloa with the participation of 161 viewers, 4th November at Hotel Princess Rose, Vavuniya Film Club, Vavuniya with 113 viewer and on 10th November 2018 Coop Inn, Women's Development Centre, Ampara with 183 viewers. The participants were from all walks of life.

This year, Cinema on Tour, an initiative by Goethe Institute partnered with the Swamy Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India Colombo, Embassy of Switzerland, High Commission of Australia, Embassy of France and Alliance Francaise de Kotte present the second edition of the programme in 6 districts. The Swamy Vipulananda Institute, ChildFund Sri Lanka, Abhimana Organization, Vavuniya Film Club and several women's CBOs supported the initiative, while Agenda 14 coordinated the programme this year.

Batticaloa



Vavuniya



Ampara

CINEMA on TOUR 2018

VAVUNIYA
4th November

HOTEL PRINCESS ROSE
4th Lane, Kurumankadu
Vavuniya

10:00am
WHERE'S MY ROUTE
Sri Lanka / 13' / 2017

RED DOG
Australia / 92' / 2011

1:00pm
CHARISMA OF GOD
Sri Lanka / 14' / 2017

TIMM THALER
Germany / 100' / 2017

3:30pm
WALV
Sri Lanka / 5' / 2017

GANDHI
UK-India / 191' / 1983

Agenda 14

ChildFund
Sri Lanka

FREE ENTRY
ALL AUDIENCES
10:00am Onwards

GOETHE INSTITUT

3 & 5 November Diwali Celebrations

High Commission of India celebrated Diwali on 3rd November with music, dance food and fun with presence of H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner , officers, officials and local staff and family members.



Students and teachers of SVCC, Colombo celebrated Deepavali- festival of lights with lighting diyas,dance,music and ladoos connecting us all beyond boundaries. Following the traditional pooja the students presented few cultural items. Director of Russian Cultural Centre, Colombo Ms Anastasia Khoklova attended the event as Chief Guest.



9 November Friday Matinee – 1942 A Love Story

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre screened Bollywood film "1942:A Love Story"(Hindi with English subtitles) on Friday 9 November 2018 at its auditorium .1942: A Love Story is a 1994 patriotic romance film written by Sanjay Leela Bhansali and directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra starring Anil Kapoor, Manisha Koirala, Jackie Shroff, and Anupam Kher, . The film was highly acclaimed for its music, songs, picturization, cinematography, lyrics and received nine Filmfare Awards. Around 50 views attended the screening.



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1942
A LOVE STORY

*Friday Matinee
Screening of Bollywood Film*

*1942 A Love Story
(with English subtitles)*

*Directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra
Cast: Anil Kapoor & Manisha Koirala*

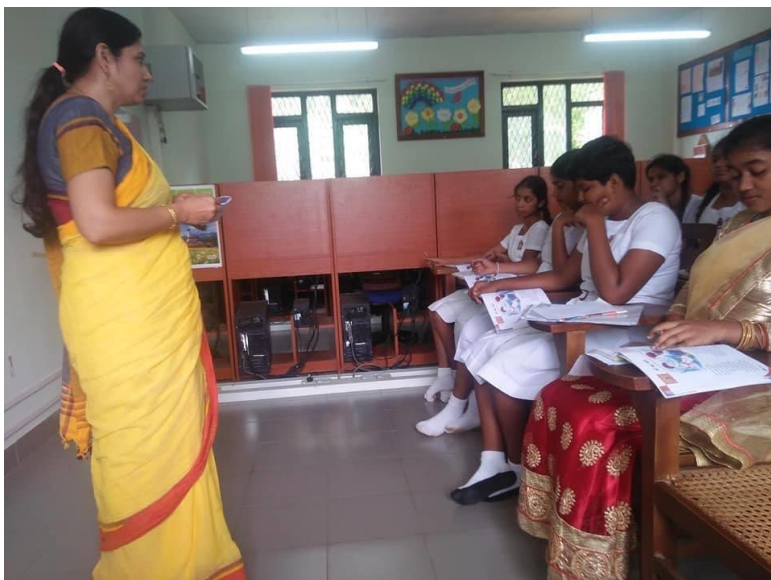
*at 3.00 p.m.
On Friday 9th November 2018
at Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre
16/2, Gregory's road, Colombo 07
(Duration – 2 hrs 37 mins)*

Free entry..All are cordially invited

Hindi Outreach activities

11 November

SVCC, Colombo Hindi Chair Dr Monica Sharma conducted one day workshop at Swarna Jayanti Maha Vidyalaya, Kegalle in Sabaragamuwa province of Sri Lanka for the Hindi students of the school as a part of our outreach activity and presented Hindi books to the students.



18 November Sadbhavna Walk at Kurunegala organized by Hindi Sansthan Kurunagala



15-22 November Bhasa Sadbhavana Divas with spoken Hindi Students



17 November at Shankar's International Children's Competition-2019

More than 500 young artistes from all over Sri Lanka expressed their talent beautifully through their art work and essays at the Shankar's International Competition organized by High Commission of India at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on 17th November. As we celebrate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who demonstrated, propagated and insisted on cleanliness for individual and community throughout his life, children painted and wrote essays on the topic "**Cleanliness is Godliness**" giving a clear message for a clean and healthy environment.

H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and interacted with the young talented artistes at this prestigious annual Shankar Art Competition. High Commissioner Sandhu expressed his happiness to see large participation in this annual event which is being organized by the Indian Cultural Centre since last 20 years. H.E. Sandhu requested teachers and parents to encourage their children to take part in such events in coming years which strengthens people to people contact between our countries and sent his best wishes for the people of Sri Lanka.







22 Guru Nanak Jayanti – 550th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji

The High Commission of India commemorated 550th Birth Anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji with a talk, documentary screening and soulful rendition of Kirtan/Ardas by Gyaniji from Sri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara, Colombo at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. His excellency Shri Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and several members of local Sikh community took part in this event. Mrs. Artika Aurora Bakshi delivered a talk on Guru Nanak ji



Yoga in Sri Lanka

4 November

SVCC conducted rejuvenating yoga & pranayama session at the Badulla Central College in Central Province attended by school students and staff with great enthusiasm organized by radio NethFM as a part as a part of You're a Leader Program. It is a CSR project.



7, 14, 21 & 28 November

SVCC, Colombo and Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital Āpksha. 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.



27 November

A special yoga programme was conducted by SVCC, Colombo at Gampaha Cancer Society at Green garden Hotel, Gampaha .

