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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD
AT THE
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF
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Events of September 2018 with photographic impressions**

7 September Film screening – Aravindante Athidhikal

Malayalam film title Aravindante Athidhikal was screened at SVCC on 7th September organized by Kerala Samaj, Colombo. *Aravindante Athidhikal* (English: *Aravindan's Guests*) is a 2018 Indian Malayalam-language drama film directed by M. Mohanan and produced by Pradeep Kumar Pathiyara and co-produced by Noble Babu Thomas under the studios Pathiyara Entertainments and Big Bang Entertainments, respectively. The film stars Vineeth Sreenivasan, Sreenivasan and Nikhila Vimal in the lead roles. Shaan Rahman composed the music and Swaroop Philip was the cinematographer. Urvashi and Shanthi Krishna play other important roles.



**12 September BharathaNatyam performance by SVCC students at
Shilpa Abhimani - 2018**

The students of SVCC performed at the opening ceremony of ShilpaAbhimani – International handicraft exhibition 2018 on 12 September held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference organized by National Crafts Council, Govt of Sri Lanka where number of artisans from India participated. The dancers presented few BharathaNatyam items and were trained by Ms. ThivyaSujen. The exhibition was inaugurated by H.E. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High commissioner of India, Hon. Rishad Bahiuddin, Minister and several dignitaries attended the event. The performance were very well received and appreciated.



14 September Hindi Diwas - 2018
Hindi Pakhwada from 31st August to 14th September

Hindi Pakhwada was held at SVCC which included solo singing, group singing competition on 31st August, Slogan making on 1st September, Kavita Paath on 5th September and on 12th September Fancy dress, mono acting and Dhoha recitation competitions for children. Hindi Divas 2018 was celebrated on 14th September with great fanfare with Kendriya Hindi Sansthan certificate distribution, prize distribution to the winners of competitions and performances by Hindi students of the centre. The Deputy High Commissioner of India Dr. Shilpak Ambule graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.



14 September Yoga programme for Staff members of the General Hospital in Hambantota

Yoga for wellbeing--SVCC,Colombo conducted a Yoga programme for the staff members of the General Hospital Hambantota in collaboration with Consulate General,Hambantota and Ashtanka Yoga Mandhir.



16 September Folk & Kathak performance by SVCC students at ShilpaAbhimani – 2018

Kathak students of the Indian Cultural Centre performed folk and Bollywood dances at the closing ceremony of Shilpa Abhimani – International handicraft exhibition 2018 on 15th September held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference organized by National Crafts Council, Govt of Sri Lanka where the artisans were awarded for their participation in the exhibition. The dancers were trained by ICC teacher Ms. Moksha Samarasooriya. The performances were very well received and appreciated.



21 September Friday Matinee – Chak de India

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, High Commission of India, Colombo screened "Chak de India" a Shah Rukh Khan starrer sports action Hindi film (with English subtitles) on Friday 21st September at SVCC .

"Chak De India" is a 2007 Indian sports film, directed by Shimit Amin and produced by Aditya Chopra with a screenplay written by Jaideep Sahni, sports scenes choreographed by Rob Miller, and music by Salim–Sulaiman. It tells a fictional story about the Indian women's national field-hockey team which was inspired by the team's win at the 2002 Commonwealth Games. The film has bagged many awards including Filmfare Award for Best Actor, National Film Awards for Best Popular Film, IIFA Award for best film and many more. The film was also screened as a part of Independence Day Film festival in 2016 commemorating 70th Independence Day of India.



28 September **NarthanaVandhana – BharathaNatyam Recital**

The students of Dr. Subashini Pathmanathan presented an evening of Bharatanatyam recital at the Centre. The programme which lasted an hour and half enjoyed by all. Subashini Pathmanathan graduated from the Government College for Women in Chandigarh, India and received her master's degree from the Punjab University. She has completed two diplomas in Bharatanatyam from Vazhuvoorar Classical BharataNatya Centre, Chennai and from Bharathidasan University Thiruchirapalli respectively. She joined the Indian Cultural Centre Colombo as the first Bharatanatyam teacher since its inauguration in 1998. Around 75 guests attended the performance



29 September Cultural Performance by ICCR scholars and SVCC students at Hon. Speaker of Sri Lanka's official residence

Students and teachers of SVCC and ICCR scholars presented a cultural show including Kathak, folk dances, bollywood dances and semi classical songs for the handicap soldiers of Sri Lankan Army at the invitation from Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, speaker of SL parliament.



**5th, 12th, 19th
& 26th September Yoga programme for cancer patients at Maharagama**

SVCC, Colombo in collaboration with Astanka Yoga Mandhir conducted a special yoga programme for the cancer patients and staff members of the Maharagama Cancer Hospital "Äpksha" coordinated by Apekshya Cancer Trust. This programme helps in spreading the essence of Yoga which combines physical movements with our breathing and our thoughts. The instructors from SVCC and AYM are making patients aware of the fact that regular practice of Yoga results in multiple benefits and has been used in cancer management around the world and that evidence shows that yoga can be used in the management of pain and fatigue during cancer treatment.

