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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES HELD  
AT THE  
CENTRE DURING THE MONTH OF  
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**Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre  
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Events of May 2018 with photographic impressions**

**2 May–Hindi Book Launch**

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo supported the publication and release of the first ever Hindi translation of a Sinhala novel W.A.Silva's Kele Handa to Won ka Chand by Ms.Sarasi Ranasinghe, a young talented Sri Lankan Hindi scholar and visiting lecturer at University of Jayewardenepura.



## 5 & 6 May – KHS,Agra Hindi Examinations

The Hindi examinations were conducted by the Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Agra and the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo on 5<sup>th</sup>& 6<sup>th</sup> May. Three examiners from KHS, Agra conducted a week long seminars at the Centre from 29<sup>th</sup> April to 4<sup>th</sup> May to prepare the students for the examinations. 275 students sat for the examinations in 2018.





## 7 May – Bharatha Natyam recital by Himanshu Srivastava

Himanshu Srivastava captivated the audience with his brilliant performance including a Rabindra Sangeet held on 7<sup>th</sup> May at the Centre as a part of Tagore Jayanti celebrations. Himanshu Srivastava is a Delhi based established Bharatanatyam dancer and an accomplished painter. He is a senior disciple of guru Dr. Saroja Vaidyanathan and guru Smt. Rama Vaidyanathan. He is also trained in Odissi under Guru Chitrangada Jain.





## 8 May – Tagore Jayanti

To commemorate 157th Birth Anniversary of Nobel Laureate Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore garlanding of the bust of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore by His Excellency ShriTaranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India was held at the Main Library of University of Colombo in the presence of Senior Professor Sri LakshmanDissanayake, Vice Chancellor of University of Colombo, other faculty members and Tagore aficionados. The event was organized by the Centre for Contemporary Indian Studies, University of Colombo in collaboration with the Indian Cultural Centre, Colombo.

















## 16 May – BharathaNatyam Recital by Divya Ravi

Renowned Bharatha Natyam exponent Divya Ravi presented a captivating recital at the Centre. Her mastery in the art form was visible in her presentations and kept the audience spellbound.

Divya Ravi was initiated into Bharatanatyam at a very tender age and ably trained for 20 years under the guidance of Guru Dr. Soundarya Srivathsa. She had the privilege of being trained in her formative years under Gurus Karnataka Kalashree, Sri Kiran Subramanyam and Smt Sandhya Kiran as well. She has performed in many major national and international festivals



## 25 – 30 May – Colombo International Theatre Festival workshops

Colombo International theatre Festival conducted 5 days workshop at the Cultural Centre. Experts from India, Georgia, Italy and Germany conducted the workshops. The festival was organized by the Inter act art Black Box Theatre House. Various theatre groups as well as upcoming dramatists took part in the workshops held at the Centre.





## 25 May – ICC students performed at the Award ceremony of Bandaranaike Centre for international Studies

The Bharatha Natyam students of the Centre performed at the Award ceremony of Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies. They presented a Bhangara and classical Bharatha Natyam performance.



## 28 May – ICC students performed at the Sri Lanka handicraft award Ceremony – Shilpa Abhimani

The Bharatha Natyam students of the Centre performed at the Sri Lanka handicraft award ceremony – Shilpa Abhimani. They presented a traditional Bharatha Natyam repertoire. His Excellency Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka graced the occasion as Chief Guest.





## 28 May – Kathak Recital

Dr. Tina Tambe and her disciples mesmerized the audience with their brilliant Kathak performance held at the Centre on 28<sup>th</sup> May. The nuances of Kathak were beautifully expressed with their performances.

Dr. Tina Tambe, one of the most accomplished Kathak dancer from India, holds Nritya Alankar in Kathak from AkhilBhartiyaGandharvaMahavidyalayaMandal, Mumbai and Masters degree from Devi Ahilya University. She has also been conferred with Ph.D in dance.

